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LIGHTS AND RIGHTS

Plan strikes a nerve with dairy farmers

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local dairy operators say a proposed lighting ordinance could put a big dent in their budgets.

While county leaders consider a proposed ordinance that would require industrial, commercial and confined animal operations to have a lighting designer set up their operations' lighting systems, local dairy operators are concerned about the time and money it would take for them to conform to the ordinance.

"All I know is that I can tell you when our employees go out and run the cows, it's not funny," said Mary Nunes, who owns and manages a Buhl dairy with her husband John. "I have OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) on my back. I have a bunch of laws I have to follow. When you're out in the country and you have a neighbor that has open ground, there is going to be light."

Nunes said she sees the same sentiment developing in Twin Falls County that drove her and her family out of central California.

"First of all I'm a dairyman and second a human being," Nunes said. "It seems like the retired people in this community have nothing else to do except get on the environmental bandwagon. Every dairy has had to change. We have had no choice." Tina Petter, who also owns and manages a dairy farm near Buhl with her husband Jack, echoed Nunes' thoughts.

"We're not opposed to rules and regulations at all. We know we have to be good neighbors and we try to be," Petter said. "But we have to protect the animals and have safety for our employees."

Nunes and Petter join a growing number of dairy owners and operators who are speaking out against what they call the county's Big Brother tactics of more rules and regulations against dairies.

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Mary and John Nunes and their son Jeff run a dairy south of Buhl. They say the proposed lighting ordinance would cost them thousands of dollars for extra lights they would have to install.

Military faces grim task of recovering remains

The Associated Press

UNADILLA, Ga. - Military crews battled slick, muddy conditions Sunday as they tried to recover the remains of 21 National Guard members killed when their twin-engine C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in heavy rain.

Officials weren't sure how long the recovery would take because of deep mud in the area, which has had nearly 4 inches of rain over the weekend.

"It's a quagmire," said Lt. Col. Deborah Bertz, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins that had tracked the plane.

Although the rain had stopped, winds were expected to force crash site crews to halt work overnight, said Faye Williams, a spokeswoman at Robins Air Force Base. "You're trying to get big flat beds, heavy equipment in and out," she said. "You don't want to have a problem with stabilization."

Three Florida Army National Guard personnel and 18 Virginia Air National Guard members were killed when the transport plane crashed Saturday morning south of Macon and burst into flame.

Officials said there were two debris fields: one 400-feet-by-400-feet and a smaller one about a



Mike Bryant talks about seeing the Saturday crash of a military transport plane that killed all 21 aboard, Sunday, at his home near Unadilla, Ga.

quarter-mile away. On Sunday, skies were overcast and winds were strong as about 150 workers searched slowly through the wreckage.

"They're far more concerned with safety at this point, than speed," said Maj. Randy Noller, spokesman for the National

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Cheney says Bush won't tolerate higher spending

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush will veto any annual spending bill that costs more than he wants, Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday, warning Republicans not to stray from the administration's budget priorities.

Only days ago, budget writers in the House and Senate questioned whether they could stay within the budget levels Bush has proposed - a 4 percent increase for discretionary programs, which constitute everything the

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government does, except automatically paid benefits like Medicaid.

"If, in fact, bills come down with items in it that he thinks are inappropriate or excessive in terms of the total amount, I don't think he will be bashful about using his veto," Cheney said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"I think we'll come to something very close to what the president has recommended."

Economists play down job cuts

They say many cuts will occur overseas, or over several years

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - While announcements of job cuts, layoffs and corporate belt-tightening have shaken consumer confidence, economists say all the news does not spell gloom and doom.

Not convinced, they contend, is that many cuts will occur overseas or will come through attrition and retirement - even over several years.

"The implication is you can go tomorrow and find these people walking the streets, and that doesn't necessarily happen," said Lewis Siegel, a senior economist

specializing in layoffs for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Layoff notices rose to 142,208 in January - the highest total in the past eight years, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a private Chicago placement firm.

Appliance maker Whirlpool Corp. plans to make most of its announced 6,000 layoffs in Latin America, Europe and Asia. Most of the 300 North American jobs it wants to cut will be eliminated through voluntary retirement.

DaimlerChrysler's plan to shed 26,000 jobs will occur over the next three years and much of it through retirement programs, attrition and some

Ethanol research kicks in

TF commissioners look into feasibility

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's all about fuel - a different kind of fuel. Twin Falls County commissioners are looking at the feasibility of setting up an ethanol plant in Twin Falls.

Ethanol is a colorless, odorless fuel that can be extracted from various agricultural products, including corn, grain, potatoes or sugar beets and can be used in gasoline.

Commissioners began seriously looking at setting up a plant recently because of the impending energy crisis, Commissioner Bill Brockman said.

Federal government money could be available to help pay for a new county

ethanol plant - which could cost as much as \$40 million. But how much money has not been determined. Brockman said, "We're trying to research to find out to access some of that money. We just think it's a way we can develop dependable power for the community and a dependable market for our agricultural resources in this area," Brockman said.

The commissioners recently toured the J.R. Simplot Co. ethanol plant in Heyburn. That plant produces ethanol, which is then sold to Stinker Gas Station stores. The commissioners plan to meet with officials from Minnesota this week to discuss ethanol use in their state.

According to a news release, the chairman from the ethanol farmer cooperative from Minnesota, Dave Kolsrud, will be at the workshop to "explain how the development of the ethanol production was organized and the impact it had on the state's agricultural economy."

Officials from Wyoming Ethanol and Simplot will also be at the meeting.

Minnesota has 17 plants that produce ethanol, which is used in gasoline, Brockman said.

"Ethanol has many advantages," Brockman said.

"We can turn ethanol into electricity," he said. "We can hook onto Idaho Power and ship it to California."

Also, the dehydrated products, such as corn, are high in proteins - which can be used as feed.

"We thought it was interesting when we talked to the people in Minnesota, 90 percent of the feed they produce after extracting ethanol is shipped to Idaho," Brockman said.

Some of those 142,208 announced cuts in January, overall payrolls increased that month by 268,000 new jobs, according to the

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Ethanol meeting
Twin Falls County commissioners will meet with officials from Minnesota, Wyoming Ethanol and J.R. Simplot Co. and the Idaho Department of Agriculture to discuss setting up an ethanol plant in Twin Falls. Ethanol can be used as a fuel. The meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday at the Shilo Inn conference room in Twin Falls, Calif. Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman's office from more information at 736-4067.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Yesterday: High 55° Low 15°
Cascades 48/35
Missoula 46/30
Pocatello 54/38
Twin Falls 52/34

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS
TODAY: Rather cloudy; a couple of showers. High 52° Low 34°
TONIGHT: On the cloudy side. High 51° Low 34°
TUESDAY: Clouds for the most part; maybe a shower. High 54° Low 32°
WEDNESDAY: Clouds and limited sunshine. High 50° Low 32°
THURSDAY: Times of clouds and sunshine. High 54° Low 32°
FRIDAY: Periods of clouds and sun. High 52° Low 32°

CANADIAN CITIES
Today: HI LO W HI LO W
Calgary 45 27 40 38 21 17
Edmonton 42 24 18 33 17 12
Vancouver 53 40 32 40 26 16
Toronto 54 39 31 46 32 22

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Rather cloudy today with some rain likely. Snow levels 5,500 feet. Rather cloudy tonight. Clouds for the most part tomorrow, but perhaps some afternoon sunning.
Northern Nevada: Rather cloudy today with rain and mountain snow. Snow may accumulate several inches above 6,500 feet.

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Lights

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"If the lights are bothering you when you are driving down the road, call the highway department or the Idaho State Police," Nunes said. "These people don't know anything about farming. They want to live the city life."

Crash

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Guard Bureau in Washington. "Slippery mud makes it a relatively dangerous site."
The bodies will be taken to an Air Force casualty center in Dover, Del.

A National Guard aircraft crashed in the mountains of Georgia on March 21.
Map showing crash site in Georgia, near Atlanta and Savannah.

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Other crew members were members of the Florida Battalion.
"Military service involves great danger, in times of peace as well as war, and this incident provides stark proof of that," Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sunday in a statement.

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The flight engineer, Staff Sgt. Robert Ward, 35, of Lakeland, Fla., was an active guard in the reserve. Harrison said the other pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Eric Larson, 34, of Land-O-Lakes, Fla., was a traditional guardman who worked in the guard when called to duty but otherwise was a civilian.

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All 18 of passengers were members of a Virginia-based military construction and engineering crew on a routine training mission. The plane's pilot and two

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Aide: Clinton might accept offer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former President Clinton is considering an offer to be questioned in private by senators, an aide said Sunday.

The Republican leading the Senate's pardons investigation said he thinks Clinton "may be inclined" to accept the offer, while the former president's spokeswoman said it was too early to say what might happen.

Senate leaders, reading together the president's testimony about his 176 last-minute pardons and commutations, have suggested a



Bill Clinton

meeting with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Democrat as a way of "getting to the basic facts," Specter said.

Clinton's spokeswoman, Julia Payne, responded: "With all due respect to Senator Specter, it is very premature to talk about what the president may or may not do." She said Clinton had no time frame for

making a decision about the proposal.

Specter, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee's investigation, said he discussed the option with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., as well as the committee chairman, Republican Orrin Hatch of Utah, and other Senate leaders. He detailed the proposal in a letter to Clinton last week.

Specter also said he had an "informal conversation" with Clinton's chief of staff, Karen Trumantano, and was told Clinton "is thinking about it." Payne said Trumantano had wanted more

information about the offer.

"I think as the facts build up, the president is evaluating it and may be inclined to come in," Specter said on ABC's "This Week."

Committees in both the House and Senate are investigating whether the pardons, including one granted to fugitive financier Marc Rich, were linked to political contributions.

Specter said he suggested "very professional questioning by me with another Democrat, if the president chooses, in an office, his office if he would like, getting to the basic facts."

Families remember sub collision victims

HONOLULU (AP) - As the Navy prepared to convene a rare court of inquiry into the collision between a nuclear attack submarine and a Japanese fishing boat, the families of some of the nine men and boys lost at sea gathered Sunday to bid farewell to their loved ones.

Relatives of five of the victims watched a native Hawaiian group offer traditional prayers and songs during the oceanside memorial. As one musician played an original composition, a mother sobbed and clutched a handkerchief to her face as she grieved a lot of lavender flowers.

Families members later sailed to the scene of the accident to scatter flowers across the waters.

Hirohisa Ishibashi, mayor of Uwajima, the boat's home town, said when he first got word of the Feb. 2 accident, "I wished so hard that it was a bad dream."

"We really need to be told what happened in the submarine," he said. "We have to do everything we can to prevent anything like this from happening again."

On Monday, family members are expected to attend a formal investigative hearing by the Navy that seeks to explain why the USS Greeneville rammed the Ehime Maru while demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for 16 civilian onlookers.

The ship, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach teen-agers how to become commercial fishermen when the Greeneville plowed through its hull while surfacing. Four high school students, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

The hearing will examine the actions of the Greeneville's top officers: Cmdr. Scott Waddle, his second-in-command, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, and the officer of the deck, Lt. Michael Coen.

Three Navy admirals will preside over the court and recommend whether the officers should face disciplinary action ranging from a reprimand to court-martial. Their findings will be forwarded to Adm. Michael Mullen, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, for final action. The admirals also could suggest changes to Navy policies on civilian participation in military operations.

A Japanese maritime official was denied an adviser to the court but is not allowed to vote.



Keori Kuoha, left, and Sam Gon III, right, carry flower offerings for the crew members lost at sea in the Ehime Maru collision Sunday in Muanalua, Hawaii.

Magazine reports on donations

Lawyers gave most

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Lawyers and their firms gave \$12.5 million in the 2000 presidential campaign, with more than half of the contributions going to the winner, President Bush, the American Lawyer reported this weekend.

Bush received \$6.6 million from the legal profession and former Vice President Al Gore got \$5.9 million, according to Federal Election Commission data compiled for the magazine by the Center for Responsive Politics.

Counting the contributions they made to congressional campaigns and political parties, including "soft money," lawyers and law firms gave a total of \$106.4 million, more than any other group, to Democratic and Republican causes in the 1999-2000 election cycle, according to the center's latest rundown.

"They're number one, no matter how you look at it," said Larry Noble, the center's executive director. "They're at the top of all groups."

Aside from their tilt in the presidential race, lawyers heavily favored Democrats, giving them \$74.5 million, or 70 percent, while donating \$31.9 million, or 30 percent, to Republicans.

However, Noble said, Republicans are the clear favorite of the next biggest group: retirees. They gave \$103 million in the 2000 campaign, with 68 percent of their money, or \$70 million, going to GOP causes and 30 percent, or \$30.9 million, going to Democrats.

Members of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America gave \$3 million to federal campaigns, with 88 percent of that going to Democrats, the American Lawyer reported.

Napster fans wait and see

Service keeps running Sunday

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Copyright music flowed freely on the Napster tune-swapping service Sunday night as users waited to see if the company would fulfill a promise to block pirated songs sometime over the weekend using a new screening system.

All the top 100 songs listed on the Billboard Hot 100 list were available on the company's servers, including the No. 1 "Smarter" by Jay featuring Mystikal. Songs by longtime Napster foe Metallica also showed up in searches.

The company will not comment on the screening plan until it begins, spokeswoman Karen DeMarco said Sunday. She would not say when that would be.

With the service facing imminent change, usage was soaring. More than 11,000 people shared a total of 2.2 million files Sunday afternoon on just one of dozens of servers used by Napster.

"I am kind of watching it and trying to get my last efforts in quickly," said Thor Nelson, a user from St. Paul, Minn.

During a federal court hearing



Chavella Wiseman, 16, plays a song that she downloaded from the song-swapping service Napster to her boyfriend Todd Stangel, 16, in her room in Palo Alto, Calif., Sunday.

Friday, Napster attorney David Boies said the service would deploy the screening system over the weekend. He did not provide a specific time.

On its Web site, Napster said the process of screening out file names, song titles and artists would be easy.

"It has involved a significant investment of time and resources," a statement said. "However, we believe it is superior

to shutting the service down and disbanding the community during the transition period to the new membership-based service."

The software to be installed on Napster's servers will block access to 1 million music files, Boies said. Because it will block variations on each song's title and artist's name, the actual number of tunes screened out will be smaller.

Officials say Hanssen unveiled secret tunnel

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Accused FBI spy Robert Hanssen tipped off the KGB to the existence of a secret tunnel beneath the Soviet Embassy here that was built by the FBI and the National Security Agency for electronic eavesdropping, present and former U.S. officials said Sunday.

The FBI-NSA tunnel, one of the most sensitive spy operations of the Cold War, remains shrouded in mystery. It is unclear when it became operational or when it was shut down. But former U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the operation say that planning began in the late 1970s, with

design and construction probably costing hundreds of millions of dollars.

In 1995, long after the tunnel stopped providing useful intelligence, the federal government was still spending large amounts of money on maintenance and security, one former official said.

The former official said the tunnel was hidden in a townhouse near the Soviet compound, now the Embassy of the Russian Federation, which is on Mount Alto, a hilltop between Wisconsin Avenue and Tunlaw Road NW that is one of the highest sites in Washington.

In the late 1970s "the Soviets were building a new complex

there, and this was our only chance," said another former official. "NSA really thought they could do something with it. The technology came from NSA."

But the tunnel, which was first reported in Sunday's editions of the New York Times, was plagued from the onset by engineering problems, the officials said. These ranged from technologically simple - how to remove all the dirt without attracting attention - to complex questions of how to align laser beams that were directed upward into the embassy building through steel support beams, one official said, declining to elaborate on how the exotic listening devices worked.

Senators could expunge rules on ergonomics

Knigh Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - A group of Republican senators are about to engage a never-before-used law to erase new regulations on work-related conditions.

The fight is over federal ergonomic standards that will require businesses to improve workplace situations that lead to physical injuries, such as slipped disks and carpal tunnel syndrome.

The ergonomics rules were issued in November by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and went into effect in January.

But opponents are preparing to call up the untried Congressional Review Act in the next few days. If the act is invoked in this case, there will be no hearings, the floor debate will be limited and amendments and filibusters will be prohibited.

The law known as, passed in 1996, gives Congress the power to open the door on decisions by federal agencies, even roll back executive orders issued by the president.

Layoffs

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Bureau of Labor Statistics. The unemployment rate rose only slightly in January to 4.2 percent from 4 percent in December - the latest figures available.

Theoretically, laid-off workers have employment opportunities in the new jobs still being created.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis said 81,000 jobs in January, and hospitals and doctors' offices reported solid gains. So did construction, real estate firms and mortgage banks.

Many companies still have "help wanted" signs posted. A survey of second-quarter hiring plans by temporary staffing agency Manpower Inc. showed that 28 percent will need additional staff in the second quarter, while 8 percent plan cutbacks.

The report, based on a survey of 16,000 businesses nationwide, showed that some 59 percent expected their work forces to be unchanged, and 4 percent were uncertain.

A year ago, 32 percent said they would hire staff, while 6 percent predicted cuts. Some 58 percent expected no change and 4 percent were uncertain.

Despite the failure of many dot-coms, technology companies

still are hiring and expanding.

"The industry continues to grow, but just a lot more slowly," said Mark M. Zandi, chief economist for consulting firm Sonoma.com. "There were so many open positions going begging before the current problems, and now they're being filled."

Manufacturing in particular is seeing tough times. The sector was the hardest-hit in January, losing 65,000 jobs - the largest decline in five months and bringing total factory losses to a quarter-million since June.

Many of the layoffs being announced are in manufacturing. The gloom tends to get cast over the entire economy, but much of the bad news is relegated to one sector, said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

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Fever	Sometimes	NO	Sometimes
Headache	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes
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Bad Breath	Sometimes	NO	NO
Coughing	Sometimes	Sometimes	YES
Nasal Congestion	YES	Sometimes	YES
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Students play in Boise for school music month

BOISE - Local schools will be among the 30 student bands, choirs and orchestras from throughout Idaho who will perform in State Capitol Rotunda Concerts this week for Music in Our Schools Month.

"Students enjoy performing in this beautiful setting. Students and music directors consider it an honor to perform for their legislators," said Peggy Wenner, fine arts specialist for the Idaho Department of Education.

Choirs and orchestras will perform on the second floor of the Statehouse Rotunda, and bands will play on the main steps of the Capitol. Local groups and performance times follow:

- Glenns Ferry Elementary School Third Grade Chorus at noon Monday.
- Wood River Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade advanced band at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Kimberly High School Concert Choir at 1 p.m. Wednesday.
- Fourth- through sixth-grade Honor Choir from Twin Falls' Oregon Trail and Morningside elementary schools at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Kimberly High School Concert Band at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.
- Sixth-grade Songsters Choir from Central Elementary School in Jerome at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.
- Eighth- and ninth-grade Bel Canto Choir from Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls at noon Thursday.
- CastleRockers from Castleford School at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.
- Third- and fifth-grade Honor Choir from Buhl's Popplewell Elementary School at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Advisory board changes location of meeting

TWIN FALLS - The advisory committee considering nonprofit status for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has changed the location of Monday's meeting. The committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at Obenchain Insurance Co., 264 N.W. 5th St.

The committee is considering whether to convert the county-owned hospital to a 501(c), a nonprofit status recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. The committee will make a recommendation to the hospital board, who will then pass the recommendation on to the Twin Falls County Commissioners.

Blaine commissioners to discuss road dedication

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will decide today whether to dedicate a 40-foot strip of roadway near Valley Christian Fellowship to become part of an 80-foot right-of-way in conjunction with the proposed North Hailey Plaza.

The county Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the commission not accept the dedication, preferring that it be annexed by the city of Hailey instead. The hearing will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the old County Courthouse. At 4 p.m., commissioners will hold a hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the adjustment of the liability budget to be funded by an unappropriated reserve. People may attend and provide comments and/or testimony. The meeting is open to the public.

Monthly Community Watch meeting opens to public

TWIN FALLS - Kathy Meyer of MECCA, Messengers to End Crimes of Children and Abuse, will speak at the Monthly Community Watch meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the community room at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and should enter the Courthouse through the north entrance. The evening will also include a short business meeting to discuss current court cases.

Those interested in finding out more about Community Watch can call Barbara Powers at 734-4014 or Deb Kelley 733-3947.

Compiled from staff reports

Council to discuss turn lane

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The council will discuss a plan to install a left-turn lane on Eastland Drive at its meeting tonight - a turn lane that would affect eight nearby property owners.

Letters were sent to property owners along Eastland informing them about the city's idea. The letter contained information about the proposed left-turn lane

More information
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall, 356 Third Avenue E. The council will meet in an executive session immediately following the meeting to conduct labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency.

plan and parking removal, a city staff report says.

The left-turn lane would allow easier access onto Crest Avenue off Eastland, Rancho Vista Drive and Stadium Boulevard.

Eight residences would be affected by the left-turn lane, said City Engineer Gary Young.

Eastland would have to be widened to allow the turn lane. The city will take public comment on the plan at tonight's meeting.

The city will also discuss construction of the Thomsen Park

irrigation project and will decide whether or not to award \$49,667.60 contract to FMF, Inc. The city wants to build a pump station and piping to provide pressurized irrigation water from the Twin Falls Canal Co. to Thomsen Park.

Also tonight, the council will consider the final plans of the North Pointe Ranch Subdivision No. 4 and the Proost Subdivision. The North Pointe Ranch Subdivision would be 43 single-

family residential lots when developed on 12 acres north of North College Road and east of Wendell Street in the city's area of impact. The Proost Subdivision would be two residential lots on 57 acres south of 11th Avenue East and west of Morningside Drive in Twin Falls.

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MOOSE ON THE LOOSE



Ketchum sculptor Chuck Christopher's latest creation is a giant moose standing more than 10 feet tall from the tip of its antlers to its roller blade skates. Christopher said he plans to truck the moose to Seattle where an arts dealer may sell it for as much as \$60,000.

Ketchum sculptor creates iron animals

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Nowhere in Chuck Christopher's backyard is there any hint that he had artistic talent or ever tried to be artistic.

Yet, with the same hands that he once used to help his father build cabinets in Payette, Idaho, and later as a carpenter to build homes, Christopher, 42, launched a career as a sculptor - and a unique sculptor, at that.

"I got frustrated building homes," Christopher said. "I'm a lot better off working by myself at this."

At a home he shares with his significant other on a large picturesque wooded plot near the Big Wood River in west Ketchum, Christopher has transformed part of a large high-

ceilinged garage into a work studio, where he piles his art - from under a welder's helmet.

Using a welding torch and hundreds of precut welding steel slivers, Christopher literally builds giant animal and human figures that weigh in at least 600 pounds when completed.

His workplace is more reminiscent of an automotive repair shop rather than the studio of a creative artist. Christopher's animal sculpture handwork, which he began about four years ago, is showing up throughout the Ketchum area - a horse, an elk, an oversized salmon.

His latest creation is a giant moose standing more than 10 feet tall from the tip of its antlers to its roller blade skates.

Roller blades? Yep, as a touch of whimsy, Christopher fashioned skates

out of grocery cart wheels and steel shoes to create a skating moose. But in all other respects, the steel moose statue is impeccably accurate in detail. As with all of his figures, Christopher says the moose was pieced together from hundreds of small pieces of steel that he cuts with a foot-operated shearing machine, then welded together like overlapping leaves over steel mesh and a frame. Christopher said it took him three months to finish the moose.

To give the moose and his other figures a rust-like color, Christopher uses a special muriatic acid wash on the gun metal gray steel as a final touch.

In a few weeks, Christopher said he plans to truck the moose to Seattle on a flatbed trailer - the moose lying on its side and

antlers detached - where he says an arts dealer may sell the moose for as much as \$60,000.

Meanwhile, to the "ooohs" and "aahs" of people in Ketchum, Christopher has been displaying the moose by parking it on his trailer around town for a few hours at a time.

Now Christopher is welding together a new creation - a giant helmeted and armored sentinel more than eight feet tall, spear in hand, the statue's skirt made of stucco and adorned with dozens of triangular steel shards.

The statue is being modeled after a small knick-knack doll less than a foot high, with some added imagination by Christopher thrown in.

Times-News correspondent Pat Murphy can be reached in Ketchum at 726-6423.

'Once Upon A Mattress' opens in Oakley

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley Arts Council is gearing up for a new performance, starting Thursday.

The council will perform "Once Upon A Mattress," a play originally written for Carol Burnett, at Howell's Opera House.

"This is a fun show, a great show," said Catherine Evensen, who plays Winnifred, the role originated by Burnett. The story is a modernized interpretation of the ancient children's fable, "The Princess and The Pea."

Prince Dauntless, played by Adam Fenstermaker, wants a wife, but his overbearing queen mother, played by Gail Gillette, can't let him go.

She agrees to advertise throughout the kingdoms, but with an unpopular stipulation: No one else can marry until Dauntless does.



Coreen Hart/The Times-News
In the midst of Dauntless' despair, Sir Harry, played by Kyle Hale, locates a princess in the swamp kingdom.

The queen, Gail Gillette, assures her son, Prince Dauntless, played by Adam Fenstermaker, that he can have a wife - someday. The Oakley Valley Arts Council's latest offering, "Once Upon A Mattress," opens Thursday at Howell's Opera House in Oakley.

About the show
Show dates are Thursday, Friday and March 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24. Curtain is at 7:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8. Call 677-2787 for reservations.

Sir Harry has an urgent need of his own, since his sweetheart - Lady Larkin, played by Staci Collett - has said "my time is at a premium, for soon the world will see me a maternal bride-to-be."

The play features about 20 cast members, and includes appearances by Scott Bowen, who plays the minstrel and narrates as the action unfolds; Jerry Hale as the wizard; Jeremy Hartwell as the jester and Kent Evensen as the mute king, Sextimus.

Kent Severe is the play's director, with Jan Hartwell assisting. Other crew members are Jim Hartwell, Jim McBride, Kenneth Hale, Peg Presbsa and Nicki Michelsen.

Shuttle bus could start up in May

By Karen Bosstick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Teen-agers in Hailey and Bellevue hope to have an activity bus up and running by May.

The bus will get a trial period of four Fridays. Officials will then evaluate whether to extend it.

"We'd love to start it up sooner but we need to get insurance for the KART buses to leave the Ketchum/Sun Valley area," said Angie McCleary, an Americorps Promise Fellow who works with Wood River Medical Center.

The bus would leave Bellevue and Hailey at about 6:30 p.m. and arrive in Ketchum in time to catch a movie at the Magic Lantern Cinema. It would depart Ketchum at 9:30 p.m.

Cost would be \$1 each way. The bus is designed for teenagers, but adults would be welcome to hitch a ride.

Blaine County Teen Advisory Council members have been studying the feasibility of a special events bus in conjunction with a study conducted by Otak, a Carbondale, Colo., consulting firm.

McCleary said it would cost about \$6,000 to run the bus. The KART board, which runs free bus shuttles in Ketchum and Sun Valley, has gotten several sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the trial period. They include the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce and

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Variety show comes to the Burley area

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - In a span of 90 minutes, nearly every artistic talent under the rainbow will play here tonight.

In its fourth year, and going strong, tonight is the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation's annual gala - a feast of music and dancing for the whole family.

"We have everything, from classical down to pop," said Alan Hale, a foundation board member. "It's not only the foundation's fundraisers, said foundation president Denny Byington. It's a way to bring arts and culture into Burley."

"If we don't do it, who will?" Byington said. "It's a show filled with 'specialty picked talent,'" Hale said. Local talent includes singer Rob Newman, as well as Danian Rodriguez and Sai Carranza playing Spanish music. A tap-dance group and the singing trio "Golden Moment," will visit from Twin Falls.

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Interested?

Mount Harrison Heritage Arts Foundation variety show gala
When: 7:30 tonight
Where: King Fine Arts Center
Cost: \$5.
Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Book Store & Office Supply in Rupert, the Book Plaza in Burley, Welch Music in Burley and The Times-News' Burley office.

Homeowners ask for buffer zone

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County Commissioners have approved tighter restrictions on all phone tower construction as the demand for communications grows in northern Idaho.

Towers taller than 60 feet cannot be located within two miles of one another and the maximum height for any tower is 150 feet.

The new guidelines also require that towers be built to allow at least four providers to install their antennas at various

heights, a rule that has caused some providers to balk.

But, none of the changes applies to the five tower proposals pending before county authorities. AT&T Wireless has three requests before commissioners, VoiceStream Wireless has one and another tower construction company has one.

That upsets homeowners Howard and Debbie Biggs, who are trying to convince the county to create a tower-free buffer zone around Coeur d'Alene

Lake. AT&T Wireless proposes to build a 300-foot tower close to their rural home. They say the structure will hurt property values.

"There's really no need to be on the perimeter of the lake, creating a permanent eye sore for everyone to see," Howard Biggs said.

The couple have sent mailings to neighbors warning of the RKT protest, formed a nonprofit group, Citizens for Appropriate Cell Tower Siting, and gathered

about 200 signatures supporting the buffer zone around the lake.

Kootenai County's Senior Planner Rand Wichman said Howard and Debbie Biggs' buffer zone idea has merit and will be considered when commissioners update cell tower guidelines.

The issue comes as wireless service providers are flooding northern Idaho with requests to build towers.

"We're being overrun here," Commissioner Ron Rankin said.

License plate proceeds support bicentennial.

BOISE (AP) — Proceeds from the newly announced Sacajawea license plate will go to communities and non-profit organizations that are preparing for the 2003-2006 Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration.

The plate depicts a characterization of the Indian woman, because her actual appearance is unknown. Sacajawea was the young Lemhi Shoshoni born in what is now Idaho who accompanied Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery on their journey to and from the Pacific Ocean.

The Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee developed the Sacajawea plate, which is available at all county assessor auto licensing offices. The design marks the first time a woman has adorned Idaho license plates.

The plates cost \$35 in addition to regular fees. Personalization costs another \$25 for the first year and \$15 each following year. The car can also purchase sample plates for \$30, \$20 of which goes to the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee.

Air Force base in Utah reviews civilian policies

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — Local policies concerning civilians at Hill Air Force Base are being reviewed in the aftermath of a Navy submarine accident that killed nine Japanese fishermen.

The U.S. Air Force has declared a moratorium on civilians operating military equipment they are not trained to use.

The moratorium, which complies with a larger Department of Defense directive, was delivered Feb. 27 to bases across the country.

Hill spokeswoman Fran Kosakowsky says the accident

has led to greater scrutiny for all service branches.

The Air Force, given the price tags on its jets, has generally not allowed as much interaction as other armed forces, but base leaders are still being cautious.

"When something like this is sent out, we don't mess around. We follow orders," she said.

One specific program now under review is the "courtesy flight," which allows citizens to ride in the second seat of a fighter jet on a pilot flying.

Kosakowsky called the flight a "gray area" since it is not

known how much control individual pilots give to their backseat passengers, who could, presumably, help fly the aircraft from co-pilot controls.

The moratorium comes just weeks after a Navy submarine collided with a Japanese fishing boat nine miles off Honolulu Harbor.

Navy officials have acknowledged the possibility that 15 civilians aboard the U.S. attack submarine, that sank a Japanese fishing vessel could have distracted the crew.

Two civilians were at control

positions when the collision occurred during an emergency surfacing drill.

The Navy has since banned civilians from control stations and won't allow civilians on board during emergency surfacing drills.

The Air Force will continue to allow citizens to fly in training simulators and ride as passengers during non-emergency flights in jets and bombing planes.

However, Air Force personnel will ensure that those citizens ride hands-off, Kosakowsky said.

Idaho shows rise in adult protection prosecutions

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Commission on Aging reports that prosecutions of adult protection cases increased over the past two years from 10 in 1999 to 370 last year.

National statistics indicate that only 1 in 14 such cases ever reaches state or local authorities.

"When we identify those who are having difficulties taking care of themselves or are being abused, we step in with programs to help," said Omar Valverde, Idaho's Adult Protection

Coordinator. "That may include everything from restraining orders to seeing that the senior citizen receives home-delivered meals."

State investigators look into allegations of financial exploitation, self-neglect, abandonment and physical abuse of vulnerable adults 18 years or older.

Aging Commission Director Lupe Wisel attributed the rise in prosecutions to more stringent policies under Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Group says execution will tarnish Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — With the Olympics less than a year away, Eloy Tilman's upcoming execution is being used by Amnesty International as an opportunity to focus international attention on the death penalty.

Tilman, 65, was sentenced to die in 1983 for murdering Mark Schoenfeld, 27. His appeals exhausted after nearly two decades on death row, he is scheduled to appear in court April 25, when a judge is expected to sign his death warrant.

Tilman's execution "might affect the way people feel about coming to Utah, especially among Europeans," said Elyane Drakopoulos, spokeswoman for Amnesty International, a human rights organization opposed to the death penalty.

Even death-penalty supporters agree the execution has the

potential to sully Utah's image, particularly among European countries. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story.

"The press in France and Germany are especially vehement against the death penalty," said Walter Berns, author of the book *For the Death Penalty* and resident scholar of the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C.

But Olympic officials say the controversy should not affect the Games.

"The Olympic Games are about a sporting event," said Caroline Shaw, spokeswoman for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

"It has to be recognized that journalists or spectators will not come because of something that happens in the judicial system."

Tourism officials are also unconcerned.

"No one has ever brought up the (death penalty) issue as a reason for not visiting the state," said Spencer Kinard, assistant director of the Utah Travel Council.

Still, on a continent where capital punishment is banned by the European Convention on Human Rights signed by 34 countries, U.S. executions often get more coverage than in the United States.

"The international press will be packed with stories," Drakopoulos predicted. "Once Utah is connected to the death penalty in the minds of people around the world, the issue will not go away."

Amnesty International will likely organize anti-death penalty demonstrations with other human-rights activists during the 17 days of Salt Lake City's Games, Drakopoulos said.

Juvenile faces adult charges

CASCADE (AP) — The young woman who drove the vehicle that rolled on Cabarton Road, fatally injuring a 7-year-old girl last July, faces charges of vehicular manslaughter and driving under the influence as an adult.

Rebecca J. Higgins, who is 18, has been charged for a March 13 preliminary hearing and Magistrate Henry Boomer set bond at \$25,000.

Higgins, who was 17 at the time of the accident, allegedly was driving while intoxicated in the early morning hours of July 7 when she missed a corner on Cabarton Road.

The vehicle rolled and Ashley Tyler was injured; she died two days later in a hospital. Two teenage boys, both 14 at the time, were critical injured, with one sustaining brain damage and the other broken vertebrae in his back and neck.

Investigators have said the teens were part of a larger roving party of youths that had stopped at several homes in Cabarton, residences where alcohol and drugs were consumed. A 25-year-old Nevada man was charged last year with procuring alcohol and marijuana for the juveniles.

In his ruling last week, Boomer said that Higgins' age, living circumstances, the seriousness of the offenses and significant restitution requirement are appropriate in waiving juvenile justice jurisdiction.

"In the event of convictions in the adult system, the District Court should have the full range of sentencing alternatives at its disposal," Boomer wrote.

Higgins is formally charged with one count of vehicular manslaughter and two counts of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Each charge carries a 10-year maximum prison sentence.

Boomer has instructed Higgins not to drive, consume alcohol or any controlled substances and has told her she must agree to alcohol testing at the request of a law enforcement officer.

Man dies in parking lot attack

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man was shot and killed in a Circuit City store parking lot Saturday night.

Police said the man was in the driver's side of the car when he was shot. A man in the passenger's seat wasn't injured in the attack.

The passenger told police that two men in a four-door gold Honda Accord shot the driver shortly before 8:18 p.m. The attackers fled in the car, disregarding the passenger, who ran inside the Salt Lake City store and yelled for employees to phone for help.

When police arrived, they found the passenger giving CPR to the victim, who police said was in his early 20s.

Neither the victim nor the passenger were identified.

Police had no motive for the shooting. Rickards said investigators had not ruled out that the incident was gang related, although they had no evidence indicating gang activity.

Investigators found a single bullet casing at the scene, but Rickards said they weren't certain only one shot was fired. Police also were uncertain where the man was shot, because they found no entry wound.

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DEATH NOTICES

Jenette L. Greisen
EMMETT—Jenette L. Greisen, 80, a resident of Emmett, Idaho, died Sunday, March 4, 2001 at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.
Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Marjorie K. Lierman
FILER—Marjorie K. Lierman, 87, of Filer passed away Sunday March 4, 2001, at the New Life Living Center.
Services are pending and will

be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lorena Evelyn Warnke
HEYBURN—Lorena Evelyn Warnke, 86-year-old Heyburn resident, died Saturday, March 3, 2001, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley.

Maria Kohtz, 81, of Eden died Saturday, March 3, 2001 at her home. Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Jeffrey Potter, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Tuesday, March 6, 2001 from 4 - 8 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m.

Admitted
Violet Brown, Twin Falls; Kelly Franson, Buhl.
Dismissed
Linda Carpenter, Gooding; Betty Graybill, Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names have been omitted at patient's request

OBITUARIES

Virgil Henry Lang
Virgil Henry Lang, 85, went home to his heavenly family at his residence in Twin Falls on Friday, March 2, 2001.

Virg was born October 7, 1915, in Canova, South Dakota to Andrew C. and Margaret McCurdy Lang. At age five, he moved with his family to Twin Falls. He attended St. Edward's Catholic Grade School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1934.

In 1932, he joined the Idaho

Army National Guard and in 1937, he enlisted in the United States Army. He served the Army in the South Pacific during World War II as a Tech Sgt. and received a Battle Distinguished Commission to Warrant Officer while in the Philippines.

Virgil served in Honolulu, New Guinea and the Philippines.

Virgil married Catherine Hicks on February 8, 1942, in Boulder City, Nevada.

He worked as a mechanic for Mountain States Implement Co. in 1951, he went to work for Mackenzie Auto Equipment as a machinist and retired from there in 1981.

He loved to golf, bowl, had a commercial pilot's license, coached baseball, had a large garden which he enjoyed tending and sharing with friends and neighbors, and spending time on the Yankee Fork. Virgil was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus.

His family remembers him as a strong, loving husband and father. He is recalled as saying, "A day that passes without learning something is a wasted day."

Virgil is survived by his wife of 59 years, Catherine, of Twin Falls, his nine children: Margaret Eder of Gresham, Ore., Frank (Betty) Lang of Gresham, Ore., Rita (Steve) Regiman of Milwaukee, Ore.,

Catherine Hoops of Denver, Colo., Patricia (Jim) Surtum of Lakewood, Colo., David (Estela) Lang of Las Vegas, Nev., Richard Lang of Twin Falls, Edward (Judy) Lang of Twin Falls, and Marsha Lang of Twin Falls; 17 grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren, six sisters, Frances Worth of Calif., Agnes (John) Zeman of Ore, Stella (Jack) Powlis of Twin Falls, Bernice Burns of Wash., Florence (John) Arns of Wash., and Marjorie (Mary) Lang of Calif.; one Brother, John (Mary) Lang of Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, two brothers and one grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Edward's Catholic Church. Burial will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Military Rites will be given by the Magic Valley Veterans & Auxiliary.

A Vigil Service will be held Monday, March 5, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children, P.O. Box 60100, Boulder, City, Nev. 89006 or Idaho Home, Health & Hospice, of Twin Falls, 83301.

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SPORTSQUOTE

"If I drive a car and get no hits, I switch cars. I will not drive a car if it doesn't have any hits in it. I won't actually get rid of it. I'll keep it in the rotation."

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. on which of his cars, four Mercedes-Benzes, a Range Rover and a Suburban, he drives to the park

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the NBA single-game record for three-point field goals?

ANSWER below

IN BRIEF

Cal Ripken league holds observation

TWIN FALLS - An observation for Cal Ripken baseball leagues will be held on Saturday at Harmon Park's No. 3 diamond. Times are noon for 9- and 10-year-olds and 3 p.m. for 11- and 12-year-olds.

Registration forms, birth certificates and a \$50 fee will be required one hour before designated observation times. Due to a limited number of teams, registration will be on a first-come basis.

For those unable to attend Saturday, a second observation day will be held March 14 at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call Kim Pullin at 734-8455, or Pete Turner at 734-7643.

Donkey basketball games set for Thursday

GOODING - Gooding High School and Dollars for Scholars are sponsoring a donkey basketball game on Thursday at 7 p.m.

The games are a fund-raiser for student scholarships. Games pit freshman vs. sophomores and juniors vs. seniors, with winners playing each other. The winning class team will then play the winners. Tickets are available at Seifert's Jewelers in downtown Gooding or at the school district offices.

For more information, call 934-4214.

Lady Bengals host Big Sky tournament

POCATELLO - The top-seeded Idaho State University women's basketball team are hosting the 2001 Big Sky Women's Basketball Tournament, which runs Thursday through Saturday. The Lady Bengals received a first-round bye and will face the lowest remaining seed on Friday at 8:05 p.m.

The championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

Meanwhile, the third-seeded ISU men's team, No. 6 Weber State University on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Big Sky Men's Tournament in Northridge, Calif.

Buhl plans father vs. daughter hoop game

BUHL - The Buhl Lady Indians will hold their annual Father/Daughter Basketball Game Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Buhl Middle School gym.

The game is for freshman, JV and varsity girls' basketball players to play against their fathers.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Parents are asked to bring a dessert for a post-game social. For more information, contact Joe Shepard at 543-8292.

Compiled from staff reports

M-C hoops touney honors veterans

More than 1,200 participants expected to descend on area

By Aaron Brock Times-News writer

BURLEY - Honoring veterans from around the state, the 10th annual Andrew Moller basketball tournament kicks off this week.

Opening ceremonies are this Friday, with basketball games Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The teams are mostly church-affiliated squads from around the state and a few from Oregon, said tournament chairman Steve Mani.

This year, there are roughly 1,200 participants, said Mani,

Interested?

What: The 10th annual Andrew Moller Tournament opening ceremonies. When: 8 a.m. Friday. Where: King Fine Arts Center, Burley. Who: The public is invited, and admission to the ceremony is free.

who is a Mindoka County animal control officer. The tournament, open to high school students, has over 30 teams this year, he said, and there are also many teams who will compete in the alumni tournament - set up for teams who competed in previous Andrew Moller competitions.

Moller was a Rupert resident who died while serving in the Gulf War, and the tournament is designed to honor him as well as

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Mindoka County animal control officer Steve Mani is chairman of the Andrew Moller Tournament, a non-school affiliated basketball tournament that has been a part of Mini-Cassia for the past 10 years. This year, more than 30 teams are competing, Mani said.

Eagles outlast Lane

CSI now prepares for SWAC play

By Joe Sonnen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It was a game the College of Southern Idaho baseball team wanted to win.

From the first pitch to the last out, the Eagles hustled, hit and played solid defense to beat Lane Community College 6-4 Sunday at Frontier Field in their last game before scenic West Athletic Conference play begins.

The win pushed the Eagles' record to 8-8 and helped erase some of the disappointment of a seventh-place finish at their McDonald's Slugout Tournament.

"It's always good to win," CSI coach Jim Walker said. "We were able to score early and we had some pretty good consistency" in our history because we scored runs. Lane wanted the experience and we wanted to win. That's what it's all about."

It was the second victory in three days for the Eagles over the Eugene, Ore. school. CSI beat the Titans in the second round of the McDonald's tournament 12-11. It was also the second time CSI beat Lane pitcher Troy Grimmer.

Freshman Jeff Gill went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and Josh Wolfram finished 1-for-2 with two RBIs to lead the Eagles. Sophomore Ed Dillahaay picked up the win despite lasting only two innings and giving up four walks.

CSI jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI double by sophomore Toby Barnett, an error and a bases-loaded walk. The Eagles collected two hits and three runs in the inning but left three runners stranded when Chris Westburg, tied out with the bases loaded. Grimmer, a 34th round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals out of high school, issued three walks in the inning.

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Bjorn tops Woods at Dubai

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Tiger Woods missed a chance for his first victory of the season when he double-bogeyed the final hole to give Thomas Bjorn the title in the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday.

Woods was even with Bjorn as they went to the 54-yard par-5 18th, but had trouble off the tee and put his third shot in the water in front of the green.

Bjorn parred the hole to finish with a 3-under 69 for a 22-under total of 266. Woods finished with an even-par 72 for a 20-under 268 and a second-place tie with Padraig Harrington of Ireland (69).

It was only the fourth time Woods has failed to win when leading going into the final round. Mathias Gronberg was four back after a 4-under 68, tied with Ian Woosnam, who had a 69.

Durant earns trip to Masters at Glenlyon

MAMI - Joe Durant closed with a 7-under 65 in fierce winds and a few showers to win the

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NASCAR's next king

Gordon takes Las Vegas 400

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - This was the Jeff Gordon that everyone remembers, working with his team to perfect his car and blowing away the field in the end.

Gordon, NASCAR's biggest star now that Dale Earnhardt is gone, came up with the right combination late in Sunday's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, the lead with 20 laps remaining and drove off to an easy victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"It was a little frustrating at the beginning," Gordon said. "The car was real, real tight in traffic and we were just struggling."

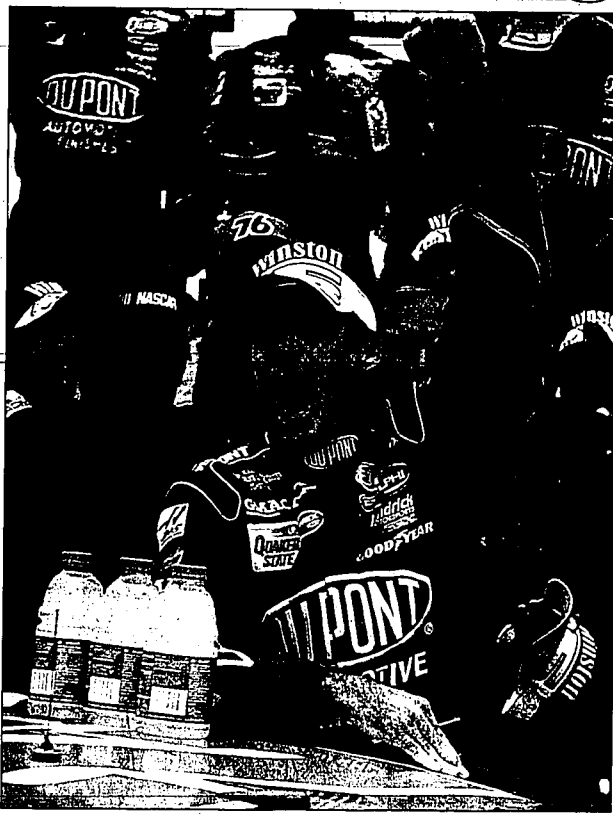
Gordon's team, led by crew chief Robbie Loomis, kept working on the balky handling in his No. 24 Chevrolet and a two-tire stop late in the 267-lap race on the 1.5-mile oval was the key.

"That freed the car up quite a lot and all of a sudden it came to life," Gordon said, beaming at Loomis - the man who had the difficult job of replacing longtime Gordon crew chief and mentor Ray Evernham. "I was going by guys that had four (new) tires and just walking away from them after that."

All the leaders pitted on lap 179 during the last of six caution periods of the race, and, with the two-tire stop, Gordon, who went into the pits sixth, came out third behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jerry Nadeau and the Dodge of Sterling Marlin.

Marlin took the lead on lap 202, and Gordon got by Nadeau for second on the next lap. Gordon stalked Marlin, cutting steadily into his lead before charging past on lap 225 to become the 12th different leader in the race.

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Jeff Gordon celebrates as he climbs out of his car in victory lane after winning the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway Sunday.

Duke avenges loss to North Carolina

Blue Devils claim fifth straight ACC regular-season title

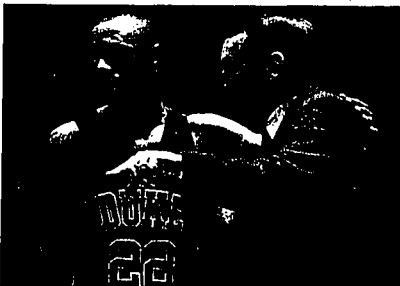
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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - No. 2 Duke hasn't dominated the ACC the past five seasons by backing down from a challenge. The Blue Devils were determined not to give ground

More college hoops - A9 against their biggest rival Sunday.

Duke (26-4, 13-3), playing at a breakneck offensive pace with its top inside threat, made Atlantic Coast Conference history by winning or tying for their fifth straight regular-season title with a 95-81 victory over No. 4 North Carolina.

"This is the result of coming to work every single day with the dedication needed to be a champion," said Duke's Shane



Duke's Jason Williams (22) confers with coach Mike Krzyzewski in the second half of their game against North Carolina Sunday. Williams scored a game-high 33 points as Duke won, 95-81.

Battier, who was spectacular in his final regular-season ACC game. "Not once, but five times. That will be something to look back on."

Duke lost by two points to the Tar Heels (23-5, 13-3) in Durham a month ago, missing 14 of 27 free throws, but remained alive for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA

tournament with a dominating offensive show in the Smith Center.

"We're Duke, this is a freshman-ship program," freshman Chris Duhon said. "We're not going to lay down and lose for anybody. We just came together as a team and showed why we are still pretty good."

"We came into this game not worrying about Xs and Os," added Duhon, who scored 15 points and had four assists in his first career start. "This game was more about heart and desire and a will to win."

Duke's two stars were the heroes in the Tobacco Road rematch as the Blue Devils were 14-for-38 from 3-point range without center Carlos Boozer, who watched from the bench with a broken bone in his right foot.

Jason Williams scored 33 points and Battier added 25 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks as Duke won its third straight in Chapel Hill for the first time since the early 1960s.



Thomas Bjorn

Golf

Dupay leads Gators to share of SEC title

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Teddy Dupay matched his career high with 20 points Sunday to help No. 6 Florida earn a share of the Southeastern Conference title with a 94-86 victory over co-champion Kentucky.

Collegiate basketball Georgetown (23-6, 10-6) made 10 of 12 free throws from the final 7:17 and earned a first-round bye in this week's Big East tournament.

Dayton 65, No. 25 Xavier 62 DAYTON, Ohio — Yunta Holland scored eight points in a closing 15:4 spurt as the Flyers rallied for the win.

No. 4 Duke 72, Florida State 56 GREENSBORO, N.C. — Georgia Schweitzer scored 23 points, leading Duke into the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.



Florida's Teddy Dupay drives past Kentucky's Gerald Fitch during their game on Sunday. Dupay scored 20 points as No. 6 Florida beat No. 15 Kentucky 94-86.

No. 10 Kansas 75, Missouri 59 LAWRENCE, Kan. — Drew Gooden scored 19 points and sparked a 21-7 second-half run that led the Jayhawks, who averaged a 76-66 loss in January.

No. 19 Syracuse 93, St. John's 91, 2 OT NEW YORK — Senior point guard Allen Griffin scored 17 of his career-high 31 points in the two overtimes and Syracuse used an impressive performance at the free-throw line to snap St. John's 15-game winning streak over Big East opponents at Madison Square Garden.

No. 5 Illinois 67, Minnesota 59 MINNEAPOLIS — Frank Williams had 15 points to lead Illinois to a share of its second Big Ten Conference title in four seasons.

No. 12 Xavier 80, Dayton 71 PHILADELPHIA — Taru Tuukkanen scored 22 points as Xavier advanced to its third straight Atlantic 10 Conference championship game.

Diana Taurasi scored 22 points as Connecticut advanced to the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

hit a running 15-foot jumper with 0.8 seconds left as Georgia won its first Southeastern Conference tournament title since 1986.

No. 21 Georgetown 79, No. 13 Notre Dame 72 — SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Mike Sweetney scored 19 points and Ruben Boumtje Boumtje added 16 as the Hoyas dominated inside.

No. 23 Wake Forest 76, N.C. State 58 RALEIGH, N.C. — Darius Sogard scored 21 points and Ronald Lee led the Demon Deacons (19-9, 8-8), who finished .500 or above in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the first time in four years.

Women's Top 25 No. 2 Notre Dame 89, Georgetown 33 STORRS, Conn. — Niele Ivey scored 14 of her 16 points in the first half to lead No. 2 Notre Dame to an 89-33 victory Sunday over Georgetown in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

No. 3 Connecticut 96, Boston College 53 STORRS, Conn. — Freshman

No. 6 Vanderbilt 60, Memphis 51

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OTHER VIEWS

Preserving Idaho's proud heritage of intolerance

From the Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Idaho has shown the promise of embracing diversity. The impetus was the resounding defeat of the Aryan Nations. In the last few weeks, however, lawmakers have thrown the ship of state into full reverse back to the 20th century - make that the 19th century.

As the Legislature prepared to meet in January, constituent groups throughout the state - in particular Idaho's five American Indian tribes - asked the state to take a look at changing place names containing the term "squaw."

Indians and others say the term is offensive and degrading, despite arguments simply means "women" or "wife." Translation of similar sounding Indian words range from "whore" to "female genitalia."

We agree if it is perceived as being offensive it is, in fact, offensive. There is considerable history of equally questionable terms to back up the argument. Offensive words like nigger, gago, doko, kike and spic are used to hurt and malign.

At one time these words were part of everyday language. So it was reasonable to ask the Legislature to look at the 93 place names in Idaho with squaw in them. The Senate had no problem passing a joint resolution creating a committee to develop a plan to change the names. The House was a different matter. The resolution never made it out of committee. It was voted down 10-9.

So much for understanding and respect. It couldn't be a matter of money.

The committee's cost was minor and easily absorbed by current appropriations. Apparently it was the righteous indignation felt by 10 Republican members of the House Affairs Committee.

"Our history books are being rewritten to be politically correct," Rep. Twila Hornbeck, R-Grangeville, whined. "Our dictionaries are being rewritten to be politically correct and I find this offensive."

With such an apples and oranges attitude, we find Hornbeck and her ilk equally as offensive.

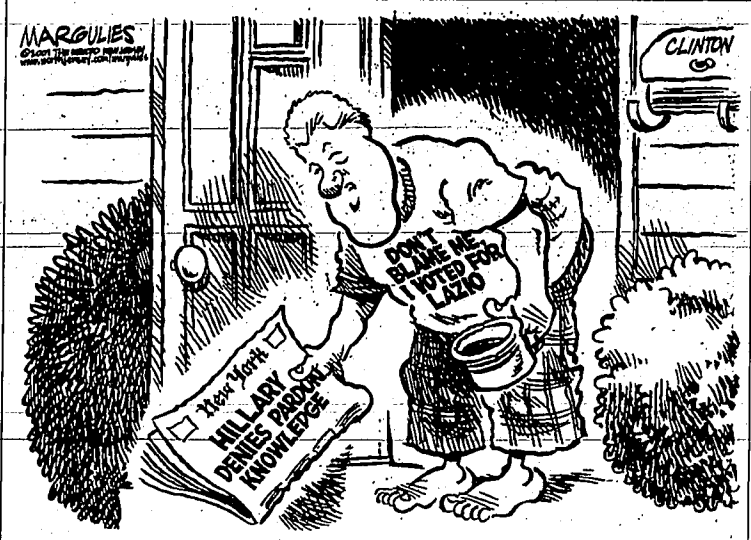
Of course history books, dictionaries and resource books are being rewritten. Our collective experiences are expanding and changing. If they didn't, we'd teach the world is flat, as texts once stated.

Fellow committee member Rep. Dick Harwood, R-St. Maries, spent the Monday after the vote backpedaling in an attempt to explain his use of the term "Jew 'em down" about negotiations on another bill.

"The Jewish people are sharp bargainers, aren't they, and they take pride in that," he said about the remark. No wonder he finds nothing offensive with "squaw."

If should come as no surprise the little spark Idaho showed has been stifled by 10 unenlightened representatives.

Once again, Idaho's reluctance to embrace the simpler concepts of diversity will relegate the Gem State to the same status as those still trying to fly the Stars and Bars over statehouses.



Will we accept 'Hillary for President?'

JOAN SILVERMAN

I am not now, nor have I ever been, a Republican. Nor am I a New Yorker or a Hillary-hater. But I've long thought "Hillary for President" to be one of the more bizarre notions floated in the public arena. It seems about as likely as, say, "Survivor" Susan Hawk for president.

Like Hawk, Hillary knows first-hand about snakes and rats and surviving in the wilderness. But the presidency?

The buzz now, after a month of post-presidential impositions, is that Hillary's candidacy will have to wait. "Her people," as they say, have supposedly ruled out 2004 anyway. The junior senator from New York will serve out her six-year term.

Then, bet-r-seasoned, she can defer her presidential bid to 2008. Who runs, these oddball calculations? A mere mouth out of the White House, Sen. Clinton hasn't had the most auspicious start.

An \$8 million book deal, questionable pardons and brotherly misconduct have plagued her White House departure and Senate arrival. So too those pricey gifts and White House furnishings. If it's not one thing, it's another.

But the One Big Thing is - and always will be - Bill Clinton. The idea of Hillary for president presumes that she either

stays married, or ditches Bubba. Either scenario is rife with trouble.

At the current rate of a scandal-a-week, staying married could whittle down her voter base to whatever family members remain unimpaired.

It's questionable whether the public would vote Bill Clinton back into the White House, which a vote for Hillary would effectively do.

Granted, the Republicans were unable to oust him the first time around, but Democrats may well prevent his return. If he continues to poison the party, he'll have successfully rained on Hillary's parade, as well.

Yet Hillary without Bill poses its own set of problems. Sure, she's smart, disciplined, hardworking. But without the enormous sympathy people feel toward Hillary-the-victim, her appeal is doubtless more limited.

Not to mention her divisiveness and her general lack of her husband's charm.

Then too, it's hard to know how much Bill will want to do with the Hillary decision. For all we know, the two-for-one package the former presi-

dent once promised may be hard at work in the Senate now.

Furthermore, would the nation elect a divorcee as its first female president? Do we want to be worrying about presidential dates, or prospective mates or, escorts at state dinners? On the entertainment scale, this would be good tacky fun. But didn't we just overdose on exactly that in Clinton II?

Perhaps if the Clintons had receded from public view for even a short time after leaving the White House, a certain nostalgia might have developed.

But no - Hillary's senatorial ambitions wouldn't wait, nor could the most powerful man in the free world wait to start his new life as the Most Public private citizen on the planet.

At this stage, we're way beyond "Clinton fatigue." The country has never witnessed an ongoing spectacle like the Clinton Follies.

Yet it's entirely possible the singular strength of either Clinton may derive; in great part, from the team they form together.

They may be stuck with each other, but we don't have to stick with, or by, either of them.

Joan Silverman wrote this commentary for BridgeNews.

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LETTERS

Don't misinterpret basic tenets

It is sad to see members of the Idaho Hispanic Commission misinterpreting the basic tenets of America in order to advance Hispanic-Latino-Mexican nationalism in Idaho (Welcoming Hispanics, Feb. 18).

In her letter, Gladys Esquibel contends that she and her fellow Latino immigrants who "chose to remain connected to their heritage" are a "celebration" of what has made America great. She is incorrect. What made America great were immigrants from all over the world of countless backgrounds who came to their new country and left their old one behind in order to embrace the unique and distinct culture of America. Their adopted America was always first, but it seems this is no longer the case. Setting up commissions or groups with the intent to separate people based on their race and/or ethnicity and then allocate tax dollars to their activities is absurd - and divisive.

Idahoans need to understand that Mexicans are allowed to hold dual citizenship - they may vote here and in Mexico. Currently, there is discussion in the U.S. Senate of granting full amnesty to approximately 8 million illegals. This raises serious questions about America's sovereignty and her future. Well Esquibel and Idaho Hispanic leaders encourage immigrants to give up their allegiance to Mexico and embrace America as loyal citizens?

One need only look at California to see the disastrous results of preferential treatment of select groups of people based on their race: taxpayers in the Golden State shell out \$7 billion a year for the care,

education, food, housing, health care and hospitalization of immigrants.

I hope all our "leaders" (self-appointed or otherwise) will bear in mind that preferential treatment of any group of people based on their race undermines our country's basic principles and is just plain un-American. Latino activists should commit themselves to helping legal immigrants assimilate, as this will secure their social, economic and political success.

Let's not celebrate our differences as Esquibel demands - let's celebrate our similarities, our common heritage and history as Americans, without hypnoses and without clinging to nationalist tendencies to countries of origin.

That is the glue which holds America together - at least it did at one time...
ANGEL PATTERSON
Twin Falls

Thank you for the article, T-N

To Steve Crump:
It was with a great deal of pleasure that I took the article from The Times-News about "3 Hits and a Miss" to the concert and gave it to the group. It was a wonderful article and picture. They enjoyed it. The concert was great. We sold more at-the-door tickets than ever before. I am positive that lots of people read The Times-News.

Thanks for a great article on our concert.
DAVE NELSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Dave Nelson is a member of the Magic Valley Community Concert Association.)

New economy really does seem different

HERBERT LONDON

For several months now it has been apparent that America's high-octane economy once attributed to the policies of President Clinton is losing steam.

Whether there is a soft landing, a fall and modest recovery, a mild recession or a deep recession remains to be seen. However, on one point both the signs and prognostications are clear: The economy is going south.

What is not clear is whether this downturn is different from those in the past and the corollary question: Whether America truly has a new economy insulいた from the gyrations in its history.

Surely much has changed. Almost every American family is in the investor class through Keogh plans, IRAs and mutual funds. The stock market has, for better or worse, become the economy.

From 1989 to 1998, the number of Americans owning stocks rose from 52 million to 84 million. Moreover, the Internet and computerization have fostered productivity and reduced inefficiency through instant sharing of information.

Some things haven't changed. A herd psychology still influences market trends. Fear is a powerful tool in the hands of "bears." Dot-com companies selling little more than an interesting story have had to face the demands of dispassionate market conditions. Despite all the claims about potential, earnings still count.

On balance, there is still good reason to be sanguine about the future and believe that market conditions have changed per-

manently. Because of information technology, economic adjustments occur with rapidity.

The Federal Reserve no longer has the luxury of cogitating over interest rate hikes or decreases. Similarly, corporate executives are obliged to respond to market signals quickly.

In this era, "think before you leap" has been replaced by "leap before you're left behind." The "wealth effect" has engendered a belief that the market is not anywhere near its height.

With a range of broadband activities, nanotechnology, robotic assistance and artificial intelligence on the near horizon, new companies and enhanced market value will probably result.

Computerization has boosted labor productivity while holding down costs. High productivity with flat expenses has resulted in controlled inflation. While it was once argued computerization would trigger a high unemployment rate, the opposite has been the case.

In large part this is a function of the wealth effect. Great wealth often leads to a flourishing of services and new jobs. Rather than destroying labor opportunities, the computer age has ushered in a period in which jobs outstrip the labor force's ability to meet employment needs.

Certainly "paper" wealth has declined with the downturn in the market. But the fundamentals in the economy remain sound. Should the Fed cut interest rates

again and President Bush get an across-the-board tax cut, recovery might occur sooner than pundits predict.

The primary catalyst for an economic take-off sometime in the next two years is the emergence of technologies that will achieve market maturity.

Pharmaceuticals generated from the mapping of the genome will foster a market buzz for the major drug companies, assuring the government doesn't institute controls that stifle development.

A 10-year bull market has enriched millions of Americans and has persuaded economists the economy will cool down. Surely the correction in the Nasdaq stock index suggests, that may now be the case.

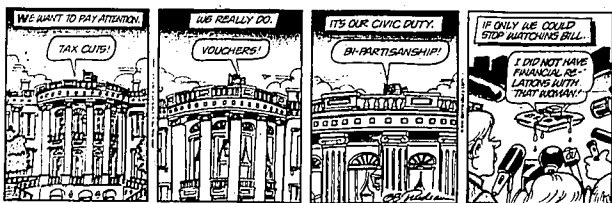
Yet I remain bullish about the American economy, and would argue the recovery will lead to an unprecedented period of wealth generation. The laws of economics have not been repealed in this new century. But it is also true that high technology has fundamentally altered market conditions.

In my judgment the rebound will be speedier than in past recessions and the uptick more robust than the post-1987 recovery. Now if I only could be precise about the timing of this rebound, my future would be secure.

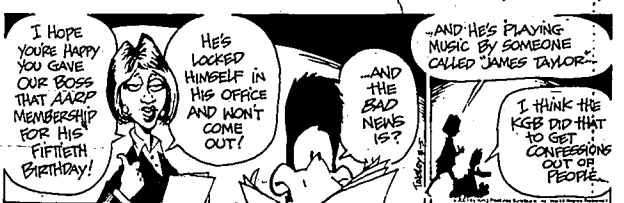
Also, that is why pundits make many predictions. At some point one may be right.

Herbert London is John M. Olin professor of Humanities at New York University and president of Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute. He wrote this commentary for BridgeNews.

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Mallard Fillmore



The death tax must die or the poor and middle-class will suffer

It's odd to hear people campaigning for a tax that's aimed at them. But it's happening. Some rich people are arguing that the government should keep the death (or estate) tax that was created decades ago to break up the holdings of the so-called robber barons.

Unfortunately, if today's megarich get their way—and President Bush essentially has asked Congress to prevent that from happening—it's the poor and middle class who hope to be rich themselves who will wind up suffering.

William Gates Sr., father of Microsoft gazillionaire Bill Gates and a wealthy man himself, recently argued in the Washington Post for keeping the death tax. He said repealing the tax, which is levied on all assets, including family homes, farms and businesses, would widen the gap between rich and poor and necessitate cuts in government programs that help children and the elderly. About 120 wealthy folks have sided with Gates,

WILLIAM BEACH

including financier George Soros and investor Warren Buffett (worth a combined \$33 billion).

But their support of the tax makes about as much sense as a flock of turkeys supporting Thanksgiving dinner. Here's why:

Go Ahead, Tax Me— Arguments that keep the tax by the rich may sound persuasive, but actually carry little weight. Let's face it: Unless the government creates a tax that soaks 99.5 percent of their incomes, changes in tax law don't affect them. They can literally afford to take any position they want.

They're also the ones least likely to wind up paying death taxes. Their armies of tax lawyers and financial consultants work to shelter every penny from the taxman. That's why you don't see second, third or fourth generation Rockefeller, Vanderbilts or Kennedys working at your local 7-11.

The rest of us don't find tax

avoidance so easy. The death tax licks in on estates worth \$675,000 and up. By 2006, it will affect estates worth \$1 million and up. Sure, that seems like a lot of money, but not if you've spent a lifetime pouring long hours, hard work and every dime available into a business you want to give to your kids. Or into a farm or lumber operation that's worth millions on paper but provides just a modest living.

Then there are the costs of dealing with the tax. The average family business spends in excess of \$125,000 on lawyers and accountants just to hang on to the business after a death. This is a major reason why seven out of 10 family businesses aren't passed to the next generation and why only one in 10 makes it to the generation after that.

The Color of Money— Another fact about the death tax you won't hear from Gates and his fellow country clubbers: Minority business owners are getting maled by it.

Take the Chicago Defender newspaper, an important voice

for the black community for nearly a century. When Defender owner John Sengstacke died recently, his granddaughter was forced to seek outside investors and even considered selling the paper to pay off the death taxes. More blacks can expect the same experience. Income levels in black households have tripled over the past 24 years, and the number of black-owned businesses more than doubled from 1987 to 1997. According to a recent survey, the death tax is the most feared federal tax by black business owners. Another survey shows that nearly seven out of 10 of minority business owners say they've had to take expensive

steps to protect their assets. Not surprisingly, they resent it. They'd rather take the money they're being forced to pour into additional life insurance and legal fees and use it to expand their businesses and leave their kids better off.

High Costs, Low Importance— Government programs won't miss the death tax much if it's repealed, because it raises slightly more than 1 percent of total tax revenues. And any benefit is outweighed by the fact that people spend more hiring lawyers and accountants to help them navigate it successfully than the tax brings in. According to one study, the \$27.8 billion the government

collected from the death tax in 1999 cost people \$36.4 billion to pay.

The death tax must die, no matter what Gates and his billionaire buddies think. It's killing the American Dream.

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LETTERS

Let's welcome Big Sky

My first letter about the proposed Big Sky hog farm was really only a vote against the project, but it stirred up a lot of interest in people that didn't agree with me. Through this, I have learned a lot more about the project and can see it in a different light. If I was a farmer about to lose my farm and home, I would be glad to accept a job helping Big Sky establish its hog farm. After the farm is established, I may still have my job but, in addition, I would be able to raise food to feed the sows and their offspring. It is going to take a lot of material and labor to set up this business and after that, a lot of food to feed the pigs, which would provide a market for our crops.

I am glad that I am not too old to accept new ideas, and I really believe this hog farm would benefit most of the people of the valley.

I think we should welcome Big Sky and give it the "go ahead" signal.

WESLEY O. WALTON
Rupert

friends with the same mentality to stay where they are.

If you don't like the cows, etc., go some other place to drive, sight-see, etc. There are billions of acres and roads that are not cluttered with what you don't like.

If you don't like being fat, don't blame the cow because of butter and cheese. The problem is more personal.

If you find yourself short of funds when you retire, do like the farmer and the dairyman—work 80 hours a week starting at 18 and ending beyond 75.

We don't need a moratorium on dairymen and farmers. We need a moratorium on those not smart enough to build in the right place.

STAN MORTENSEN
Rupert




“We'll be there... to help sick children.”

Don't pick on the dairymen

I once heard a joke about a person who had a "mental" problem. In an encounter with a "normal" person, it was clear to the one with the "problem" that the line between smart and dumb is not so clear, and he characterized the "normal" person when he said, "I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid."

The point is: If you don't like the smell, flies, roads, plastic or whatever goes with cows, etc., go back to town and advise your

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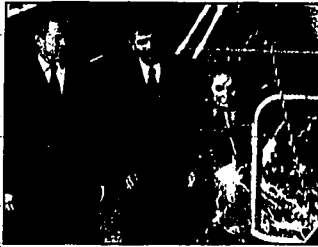
Bush dedicates ship named for Reagan

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — President Bush dedicated a \$4 billion-a-craft carrier in honor of Ronald Reagan on Sunday and pledged to pursue the 40th president's desire to "patiently build the momentum of freedom" in every corner of the world.

In the wind and rain, Bush and his wife, Laura, flanked former first lady Nancy Reagan at a christening ceremony at Newport News Shipbuilding that was attended by hundreds of military personnel and their families.

Bush praised Reagan for his commitment to building military strength, and promised to do the same in keeping with the former president's "vision of optimism, modesty and resolve."

"When we send her off to sea, it is certain the Ronald Reagan will meet with rough waters as well as smooth," Bush said. "But



Nancy Reagan christens the nuclear aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan as President Bush, left, and Newport News Shipbuilding Chief Executive Officer William Fricks watch Sunday.

she will sail tall and strong like the man we have known. ... All of us here wish the ship Ronald Reagan godspeed. And we wish Ronald Reagan God's blessings."

With Bush and shipbuilder William P. Fricks standing by, Mrs. Reagan took a ribbon-laced

champagne bottle in both hands and cracked it across a ship rail with one blow.

Mrs. Reagan, who also was celebrating her 49th wedding anniversary, stepped back a little to avoid the spray while Lee Greenwood sang "God Bless the

USA." Bush and Fricks were not splashed with champagne.

"I want to thank the Navy for giving us such a wonderful present. It's such a little thing," Mrs. Reagan joked about the massive ship. "I wish Ronnie were here. But somehow, I think he is."

The 90-year-old former president, who is battling Alzheimer's disease, was home in California recovering from a broken hip he suffered in a fall in January.

Bush said that Reagan, by setting in motion the fall of Communism, set the United States' role as a mighty peacemaker. Even though the world is no longer split into "armed camps, locked in a careful balance of terror," Bush said, there remain sufficient threats to democracy that are best addressed through Reagan's philosophies.

Coast Guard claims six-day string of cocaine seizures

SAN DIEGO (AP) — U.S. authorities unloaded 8.8 tons of cocaine Sunday that they said was smuggled on a rusty fishing boat from Mexico. It was the government's fourth-largest such seizure ever.

The Coast Guard said a Navy destroyer with a Coast Guard law enforcement unit on board seized the boat Feb. 24 about 250 miles west of Acapulco. They then towed the boat to San Diego.

The seizure, which the Coast Guard said was the government's fourth-largest, capped what the agency called one of its most productive weeks of anti-drug patrols.

In six days, the Coast Guard — from Miami to the Caribbean and in the Pacific from Mexico to Washington state — seized 28,845 pounds of cocaine, about what it captured in all of 1996.

"We've never had a week like this where our border has been assaulted all the way from the Bahamas to Seattle," said Cmdr. Jim McPherson.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta praised the anti-

drug effort.

"Those engaged in drug trafficking are attempting to penetrate all of our borders," he said near a Coast Guard pier, where the boat was hidden. Cocaine were stacked neatly in large blocks on wooden pallets.

The 10 crew members of the Belize-flagged boat, the "Forever My Friend," will face drug smuggling charges that carry a minimum 10-year sentence and a maximum of life in prison. U.S. Attorney Gregory Vega said. They were to appear in federal court in San Diego on Monday.

Eight of the men are from Nicaragua, one is from El Salvador and one from Ukraine. The cocaine was hidden in a secret compartment, buried under ice and fresh fish, authorities said.

Agents wearing surgical masks and gloves and protective white jumpsuits, spent Sunday morning unloading the large blocks of cocaine from the Forever My Friend. Federal agents with automatic weapons guarded it on the pier.

Northeast gears up for snowstorm; hoards shovels

The Associated Press

Worried shoppers grabbed groceries off store shelves and airlines started canceling flights Sunday as the Northeast prepared for a major storm that threatened to strike with coastal flooding and more than a foot of snow.

A mixture of rain, sleet and snow started moving into the region Sunday, but warm air from the ocean was expected to delay the changeover to all snow along the coast, complicating forecasts. Winter storm watches remained in effect from West Virginia to Maine, the National

Weather Service said.

Delta, Continental and other airlines canceled dozens of flights into the New York metropolitan area's LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark airports, said Ernesto Butcher, chief operating officer of the Port Authority, which runs the region's airports.

What the airlines are trying to do is prepare for the worst because it's always problematic to keep passengers stranded," Butcher said. "Rather than having people sitting in airports, around the country, they can cancel flights in advance to control the situation."

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Ex-fugitive complains of mistreatment

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Former fugitive financier Martin Frankel appeared Sunday in federal court to face racketeering and fraud charges and complained about his prison treatment, saying his only clothing was a plastic gown and he was given nothing but a plastic sheet for his bed.

Northern Correctional Institute, which houses death row inmates and violent criminals.

"I think Mr. Frankel describes this as the kind of cell that in the movies would incarcerate Hannibal Lecter," said his lawyer, Jeremiah Donovan, referring to the serial killer in the current release "Hannibal."

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Section B

Surplus crisis solved: Build bus museum

URGENT TAXPAYER BULLETIN: The Federal Budget Surplus Crisis has become so severe that there is now serious concern in Washington of letting you keep slightly more of your own money.

That is correct: The government has been taking in so much of your money that even Congress is having a hard time spending it all. Not that Congress is the problem. In recent years Congress, faced with the alarming buildup of your money, has come up with some truly creative things to spend it on. My favorite is the Greyhound Bus Museum.

I am not making the Greyhound Bus Museum up. It's located in Hibbing, Minn. ("Gateway to the Greater Hibbing Area"). As every history student should know, Hibbing is the birthplace of Greyhound, which started as a small bus company and then grew, in historic fashion, into what it is today: a large bus company.

I'm sure that every taxpayer - especially every taxpayer who has ever had to take a long bus trip sitting near the toilet - often thinks: "I hope and pray that at least some tiny portion of the tax money I worked so hard for is used to help finance a bus museum in a city that I will probably never visit unless I happen to be in a plane that crashes there!"

Well, taxpayers, your prayers have been answered, thanks to U.S. Rep. Jim "Jim" Oberstar, who represents (surprise!) Hibbing. Not only did Jim procure \$80,000 in federal money for the Greyhound museum, but he also boarded about it in a press release, which I imagine you taxpayers also paid for.

This press release states that the \$80,000 came from an act of Congress called the "Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century." The act further states that, initially, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MN/DOT) "wasn't certain" that the Greyhound museum "fit the criteria" for the Transportation Efficiency Act.

You tell 'em, Jim! Don't let those dopes at MN/DOT prevent you from spending our money as you see fit! If a bus museum doesn't epitomize Transportation Efficiency for the 21st Century, then don't know that.

Of course, the bus museum is only one of many, many examples of how Congress is working to ease the dangerous buildup of your money in Washington. Thanks to Congress, you're also paying \$15 million for summer research, and \$176,000 for the Reindeer Herders Association. No, really!

Unfortunately, we cannot put a serious dent in our dangerously high budget surplus by spending pathetic amounts like \$15 million. That is why we should be thankful to leaders such as U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., who has, over the years, spent more than 1 billion taxpayer dollars in his relentless ongoing effort to improve West Virginia by covering the entire surface of the state with a gigantic slab of federal concrete.

I could talk about many other heroic efforts by our leaders to reduce the federal budget surplus. But the tragic fact is, they have failed. The surplus has reached such alarming levels that it now appears likely that Congress may actually reduce your taxes slightly. Of course, Congress must first argue for months about exactly which of you taxpayers are worthy of being allowed to keep slightly more of your money. And no matter what Congress decides, the odds are that you, personally, won't get much tax relief.

Well, thanks to the generosity of Congress, you may just be able to afford a nicer summer vacation! The Greyhound Bus Museum is open from May 15 through the end of September.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him at The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

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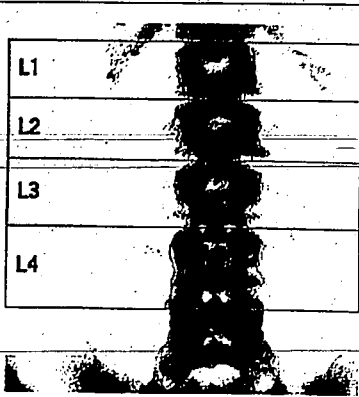
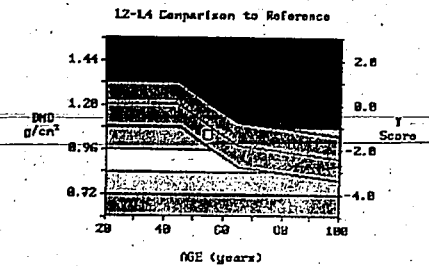


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A dexascan of the lower spine of a 55-year-old woman.

Minutes under a dexascan could help prevent a broken hip

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Older women fear breaking a hip, and with good reason: Some of them don't survive the experience - and the resulting surgery and its complications - for long.

But the risks of brittle bones may be so predictable that many women and young girls consume less than half the amount of calcium recommended to grow and maintain healthy bones. Depending on your age, an appropriate calcium intake falls between 1,000 and 1,300 mg a day. If you have difficulty getting enough calcium from the foods you eat, you may take a calcium supplement to make up the difference.

"We can get a good picture of the density of a patient's bones and thus the likelihood of problems for as long as four years in the future," said Dr. Donald Pica, a rheumatologist at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. "The dexascan is a good tool now, and with time and widespread use, I can see a lot of hip and back fractures being prevented."

"It's the gold standard for diagnosis," said Dr. David Allen, a Twin Falls obstetrician and gynecologist.

Osteoporosis is the culprit - a disease in which bones become so fragile they are more likely to break. That puts you at risk of broken hips, spine and wrists, of course, but also pain, height loss, trouble moving and possible permanent disability and death from complications. Compressed vertebrae also lead to stooping.

It's overwhelmingly a woman's disease. Men lose bone as they age too, but the loss happens at a lower rate because testosterone levels don't plummet like

Preventing osteoporosis

There are several steps you can take to prevent osteoporosis:

- **A balanced diet rich in calcium and vitamin D** appropriate. Calcium is needed for the heart, muscles and nerves to function properly and for blood to clot. Inadequate calcium is thought to contribute to the development of osteoporosis. National nutrition surveys have shown that many women and young girls consume less than half the amount of calcium recommended to grow and maintain healthy bones. Depending on your age, an appropriate calcium intake falls between 1,000 and 1,300 mg a day. If you have difficulty getting enough calcium from the foods you eat, you may take a calcium supplement to make up the difference. Vitamin D is needed for the body to absorb calcium. Without enough vitamin D, you will be unable to absorb calcium from the foods you eat, and your body will have to take calcium from your bones. Vitamin D comes from two sources: through the skin fol-

lowing direct exposure to sunlight and from the diet. Experts recommend a daily intake between 400 and 800 IU per day, which also can be obtained from fortified dairy products, egg yolks, saltwater fish and liver.

- **Weight-bearing exercise.** If you exercise regularly in childhood and adolescence, you are more likely to reach your peak bone density than those who are inactive. The best exercise for your bones is weight-bearing exercise such as walking, dancing, jogging, stair-climbing, racquet sports and hiking. If you have been sedentary for most of your adult life, be sure to check with your healthcare provider before beginning any exercise program.
- **A healthy lifestyle** with no smoking or excessive alcohol use. Although there is no cure for osteoporosis, medications are approved by the Food and Drug Administration for prevention and/or treatment of osteoporosis. Each of these medications slows or stops bone loss, increases bone den-

sity and reduces fracture risk. Estrogen replacement therapy (ERT/ERT), alendronate, raloxifene and risendronate may be prescribed to prevent osteoporosis, and ERT/ERT, calcium, alendronate, alendronate and risendronate are prescribed to treat osteoporosis.

• **Bone density testing and medications.** A Bone Mineral Density test (BMD) is the only way to diagnose osteoporosis and determine your risk for future fracture. Since osteoporosis can develop undetected for decades until a fracture occurs, early diagnosis is important. A BMD measures the density of your bones (bone mass) and is necessary to determine whether you need medication to help maintain your bone mass, prevent further bone loss and reduce fracture risk. A bone mineral density (BMD) test is a special type of test that is accurate, painless and noninvasive.

- Source: National Osteoporosis Foundation

table over which a scanning arm passes. The machine contains an invisible beam.

The patient can look over at a computer monitor and see the image of the spine and hip bone appear in sweeps of electronic brush strokes. But the real story is in the accompanying graph that measures bone mineral deposits - and thus their strength.

The dexascan compares bone density to a reference point based on age, weight, sex and ethnic background. It also compares the patient to younger adults in which bone density is at its peak. The resulting information gives a good picture of the risk of osteoporosis, Allen said.

"That's important for post-menopausal women, but it's sometimes useful for pre-menopausal women if there are risk factors for osteoporosis."

Those factors include a family history of osteoporosis and use of prescription drugs that cause bone loss, such as steroids or anti-seizure drugs. Caucasian and Asian women are more likely to develop osteoporosis.

Dexascans are also significant because a widespread treatment

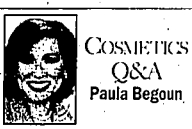
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What's the trouble with your hair?

DEAR READERS: Several of you had feedback and ideas regarding fading hair color. Here are a couple of suggestions I thought might be helpful:

DEAR PAULA: I have a suggestion for the person who had a problem with fading highlights. I used to highlight my blond hair and I too found that they faded (were not as bright as they originally were) or they turned green! I don't know if it did have anything to do with the water (somewhere I read that copper in water can turn highlights green) but I went to the drug store and bought a violet shampoo for gray, blond, or highlight hair and it really worked! Within two weeks I was getting compliments on my "new" highlights - it totally refreshed them and eliminated the green. I don't know how you feel about this but it absolutely worked for me. We've been using this kind of shampoo alternately with my regular shampoo ever since (over 10 years).

- SANDI, VIA E-MAIL



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR PAULA: I was reading your response to Mary who asked about shampoos and conditioners for color-treated hair. I have been having my hair dyed red for several years. Red fades faster than most colors but I have learned how to slow the fading significantly. I use Aveda Personal Blends Shampoo and Conditioner once or twice a week. They formulate it to match your hair color. It has been a life-saver. If I notice my color starting to fade a little, I just shampoo or condition with the Personal Blends (and my hair color is definitely refreshed. It's not the cheapest on the market, but as a product junkie, I feel it is the best and since you only have to use it once or twice

a week it last for months.

- CONNIE, LOS ANGELES

DEAR CONNIE: Thank you for your comments! Many women think Aveda's Personal Blends is just about adding fragrance, which is great for your nose and hair but could be problematic for your scalp. However, Personal Blends can also be blended with temporary dyes. The salesperson can use a chart to determine for you what would work best to add depth and color to your hair. For those thinking this is an option they would like to try over the pre-blended versions from ArTeC, Redken, Paul Mitchell, or Aussie, be sure that the salesperson you deal with has experience with this mixing procedure.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (5th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 14075 Gateway Drive, Suite 168 Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Research: Nicotine can damage part of the brain

A part of the brain involved with emotional control, sexual arousal and deep sleep can be damaged by nicotine, researchers have found. The brain's fasciculus retroflexus seems especially vulnerable to addictive drugs, said Gaylord Ellison, a professor of psychology at the University of California at Los Angeles. Ellison has done earlier research that showed the fasciculus retroflexus was damaged by such drugs as cocaine and Ecstasy. Those drugs attacked half of the fasciculus retroflexus, and nicotine damaged the other half, Ellison said.

No gain

Women with heart disease who take estrogen and progestin hormone therapy gain no benefit in preventing strokes, but they don't incur a higher risk either, a new study finds. Earlier studies had been unclear on the subject of stroke risk and post-menopausal hormone therapy. Some suggested a benefit, while

others showed no effect or even a risk. The latest study included nearly 2,800 postmenopausal women with heart disease and should provide results on the question.

The search continues

The success of the drug Viagra among men has raised the tantalizing question of whether medications might work for women with sexual disorders, too. As many as a dozen drug companies are trying to develop therapies that would improve female libido or arousal. Viagra, testosterone and a topical prostaglandin cream are among the potential treatments that the UCLA center will investigate, says Laura Berman, a sex therapist who will run the clinic with her sister, Dr. Jennifer Berman, a state-licensed nurse practitioner. — compiled from wire service reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Center offers support group

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

Childbirth class in Spanish

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered in Spanish from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday through April 3, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The sessions emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows to each class.

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

Arthritis self-help

Arthritis Foundation will offer arthritis self-help classes from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday through April 10, in the doctors' conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The fee is \$30, which includes the "Arthritis Help Book." Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call 737-2050 or the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 444-4993.

Learn childbirth

Prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through April 4, in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

C-section planning

Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in Twin Falls. Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Fee is \$15. Preregistration is not required.

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

Refresher class offered

Childbirth refresher class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. A cesarean class will be held March 15 at the same location.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows to each session.

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

First aid instruction

The American Red Cross is offering a community first aid and safety course at 8 a.m. Saturday at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The course will include adult, child and infant CPR and first-aid instruction.

Participants will learn how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, children and infants.

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

Cancer screening

Breast screening education program will be offered through the MVRMC Outpatient Services, 656 Addison Ave. W., Suite 110, Twin Falls. The free program includes facts about early detection, self breast examination and mammography. For more information or to make an appointment, call 737-2192.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83302, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Check out the smoking cessation program

By Joan Bean

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Smoking is hazardous to your health. Having said that, just try and break the habit once it's ingrained.

It's both physically and psychologically addictive - very difficult to overcome, said Josh Barron, health educator for the South Central Health District.

"It's kind of hard to quit on your own," he said. "If you're going through it with somebody or a group of people, it's easier to talk about your addiction and your cravings with people who are going through the same experiences."

The American Cancer Society's Fresh Start Smoking Cessation Program classes he facilitates at the health department are filling this important need. This has been made possible through the tobacco settlement Millennium Fund.

Barron said this area has gone without a stop-smoking program for quite a while and he is hearing from people who want to be helped.

Many of these folks have been smoking for a decade, some even 20 or 30 years. He said the addiction is different for everyone.

"There's chemical receptors in your brain that make it different," he said. "It's all in how you overcome it."

Group interaction, willpower and substitutions can help in this process.

Sugar-free suckers, gum, cinnamon mints and the like, are used in place of smoking a cigarette. He said on average a craving lasts 60 seconds. So, chewing or sucking on these, plus drinking lots of water, deep breathing and muscle relaxation exercises, help the smoke over that hurdle. He also advocates physical exercise, such as going to a gym, and fantasy exercise involving mental images of being in a pleasant place.

There is also a nutritional component to these classes, with suggestions to eat things like carrot and celery sticks with peanut butter instead of candy every time there is a craving for a cigarette. Even so, the numbers on the scale may rise.

"I think you're going to gain weight, because it's a stimulant," he said. "So any time you have a



Photo courtesy of Department of Health

Tobacco settlement money pays for programs to help people quit smoking.

stimulant and you quit, that is going to change your metabolism. It's going to slow it down a little."

Dr. David McClusky, a Twin Falls surgeon, offers the class information about the effects of smoking and advice on medications that are helpful in their effort to be smoke-free.

If the addiction itself is not enough to motivate a smoker to quit, discovering the age of his lungs might. Free pulmonary function tests are given to group members at the outset and provide this information.

Lande Lambert, director of respiratory therapy at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, performs these tests, which often have startling results. "I normally see 30-year-olds in the 60- to 70-year old lung age group, routinely," he said.

Results vary depending on what type of group he is testing. In smokers with asthma - a considerable amount of the population - there is much more damage and negative effect on the lung function.

The combination he said has a synergistic effect where two plus two don't make four - it makes

To learn more ...

Registration has begun for the next free four-week Smoking Cessation Program at the South Central District Health Department. Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday through March 22 at the district's Twin Falls office. For more information, call Josh Barron at 734-5900, Ext. 245.

Again, it is not easy to just quit permanently. He said most people quit seven or eight times before they actually stop for good.

"A lot of people say to a smoker, 'Why do you smoke? Why don't you just quit?'" he said. "It's not that easy, by no means."

For those who do, there are rewards, contrary to popular notions. People often say that since they have smoked for so long, stopping now wouldn't do them any good.

But he said there's always an improvement; that it's just a matter of to what degree. Nicotine kills out cilia by the millions, but it can actually regenerate, depending on how much damage there's been.

Lambert said with a young adult who's been smoking for a while, nicotine depresses the cilia terribly, but a huge percentage can be regained.

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BURLEY - David and Susan Beck of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kassie Beck, to John Moen, son of Gil and Marjory Moen of Basking Ridge, N.J.

Beck graduated from Burley High School and LDS Seminary in 1998 and Ricks College in 2000. She is attending Utah State University, continuing a dual major in early childhood education and elementary education with an emphasis on art.

Moen graduated from Ridge High School and LDS Seminary in New Jersey in 1995, from Ricks College in 2000 and is a junior at Utah State University, majoring in business information systems. He also served an LDS mission in the Uruguay Montevideo Mission from 1997-99.

The wedding is planned for



John Moen and Kassie Beck

Thursday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Sweetheart Manor. The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.

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for osteoporosis - estrogen - isn't used by many women who are at risk. Pica said.

"Some women start on estrogen and then stop taking it," he said, because of concerns about possible links between estrogen and heart disease and breast cancer.

Most hospitals and many large medical practices in south-central Idaho own the \$100,000 dexamethasone machines, and the cost of the 5-10-minute scans range from \$225-\$300, usually covered by health insurance.

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Sewing machines: High-tech and high-cost

Computers allow for more creative work

By Knight Ridder News Service

Frugality, make way for flamboyance. Sewing machines, once the tools of the thrifty, are becoming the toys of the affluent. Some of today's machines can sew circles — or perhaps custom-designed floral frames — around the straight-stitching of the past.

The top-of-the-line machines can cross-stitch a sampler for you, replicate your dog's likeness on a pillow or embroider Elvis' sneer on your hip pocket. "You can even make designs on toilet paper," sewing machine dealer Bob Barnes points out.

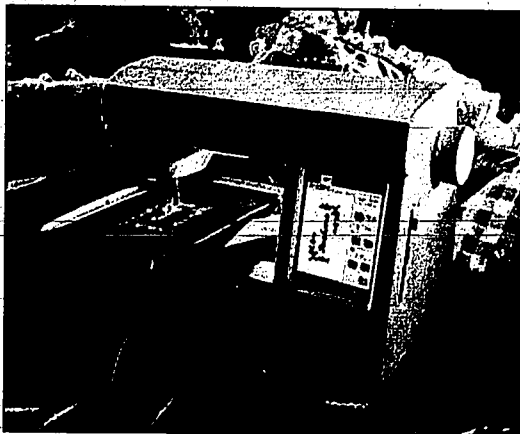
He's not kidding. A roll adorned with dainty blossoms for decorative purposes only, of course — is displayed at his Barnes Sewing Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Sewing machines have changed because sewing has changed, says Nancy Jewell, a spokeswoman for Viking Sewing Machines in Westlake, Ohio, which distributes the Husqvarna Viking and White brands.

"People are sewing today because they want to," Jewell says. Some sew for economy, but more do it for the creativity and sense of accomplishment involved. "Sewing empowers you," she says.

The range of sewing machines available nowadays is enormous, from basic machines that do little more than sew straight and zigzag stitches to computerized machines that can embroider while you're off fixing lunch for the kids. Just as enormous is the range of prices — from about \$150 to more than \$5,500.

Basically, the machines fall into



State-of-the-art sewing machines like this Viking owe as much to Bill Gates as to Isaac Singer.

three categories: mechanical machines, the unadorned workhorses; electronic machines, which contain circuit boards that power the needle more directly and allow for more stitches; and computerized machines, which use advanced technology to practically walk you through the act of sewing.

The snazziest are computerized embroidery machines, which are equipped to stitch all sorts of complex designs onto fabric with little help from the user. The machines can be teamed with an array of extras like scanners and software to allow you to turn any picture — even a photo — into an embroidered design, and they'll even do plain old straight stitching, too.

Their fancy features pack a hefty price. Embroidery machines range in price from around \$2,000 to more than \$5,500, and you can sink several more paychecks into

the peripherals. "Accessorywise, you can really start going into big bucks," says Dawn Fazzino of Akron Sewing Machine Center in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. "The machines' functions can be dazzling. By way of demonstration, Barnes recently programmed one of his newest models, the Brother Pacesetter ULT 2001, to stitch a monogram.

Barnes tapped his finger on the multicolored screen built into the machine's body, searching through a selection of designs until he found the one he wanted. More touches moved the design around on the screen, then a press of a button sent the embroidery hoop gliding beneath the raised needle, outlining the design's eventual position so Barnes could make sure it was exactly where he wanted it.

He threaded the machine with the press of a lever and set the

stitching in motion by pushing another button. As the machine sewed, a display on the screen told how much time it would take to finish the monogram and kept track of the progress — a display he could have programmed for any of 13 languages. When the machine stopped, tiny blades snipped the thread automatically.

The computerized machines typically store a variety of stitch designs, and more are available on electronic cards or floppy disks that can be inserted into the machine. Some of the newer models are designed so that their internal software can be upgraded easily, Barnes says.

Husqvarna Viking even has a Web site where users can download updates to its top-of-the-line Designer I machine. One of the recent updates was the addition of the @ symbol, which was added because of customers'

Buying a sewing machine

Don't hurry when you pick it up, she says. Critics also recommend asking about the warranty and the company's trade-in policy. Find out whether the store will service the machine, or whether it will have to be sent back to the manufacturer for service. Ask whether the store has a trade-in policy that allows you to return the machine within a certain period of time and receive credit toward a more expensive model.

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Source: Akron Beacon Journal

requests, Jewell says.

The machines have other nifty features, too — most tell you exactly the accessories and types of stitches you need for a particular purpose; some have video demonstrations you can watch; some automatically raise the presser foot, which is the mechanism that holds the fabric in place as the machine sews; and some adjust the foot's pressure to the thickness of the fabric.

Embroidery and videos are fun features, sure, but are they necessary? Not really, Fazzino says.

"You're basically spending \$4,000 to make T-shirts you can buy for \$19," she says.

Many people come looking for an embroidery machine with the intention of starting a home-based business, but Fazzino and co-worker Lora Crites say they try to steer their customers away from the idea. Home machines are too slow for business needs, they say, and the machines require too much intervention, such as changing the thread every time a design's color changes.

Working out? Breathe properly

The Orange County Register

In the 1988 Belgian film "Le Maître de Musique," a retired classical singer finds his protégé musically gifted but lacking in vocal power. The next scene finds the music teacher in a wooden boat on a river with a solution: The young man swims to develop more powerful lungs.

Breathing properly is crucial, whether we're singing, swimming or running. But many active people don't know how to maximize breathing potential. The most we'll hear in instruction is "Don't forget to breathe." We calm our nerves by breathing deeply.

But do we make the most of our breathing to improve our workouts or performance?

Like any skill, learning to breathe correctly takes practice. This is not about keeping from running out of breath but knowing how to use more than the chest for breathing.

One way we can learn to breathe properly is through yoga. In "Breathwalk" (Broadway, \$14), Gurucharan Singh Khalsa and Yogi Bhakan write: "Breath

contains the oxygen we need, but the life we feel when we breathe correctly is more than that."

Good breathing, they say, involves a sequence of movements:

- Lower or abdominal movement
- Middle or chest movement
- Upper or clavicular movement

A full deep breath goes like this: When you inhale, the abdomen pushes outward, then the chest expands and finally, the collarbone and upper chest rise.

When you exhale, the same series of events happens in reverse.

Khalsa and Bhakan show how to identify and practice of the three movements.

- Freeing the belly. Sit on a firm chair or the floor. Breathe as you normally do. Keeping your chest relaxed and still, focus on your navel. Let your belly relax and move outward. Inhale deeply through your nostrils. When the belly is as far out as it can go, slowly exhale. Pull your navel toward your spine.

• Expanding your chest: Sit straight and keep your diaphragm still. The diaphragm is made of the muscles under your chest that move up and down. Use your chest muscles to expand your rib cage. Make it grow as large as you can.

• Moving the collarbone and upper chest: Sit straight. Pull the navel in. Lift your chest and shoulders slightly without inhaling. Inhale slowly, lifting your collarbone and upper chest and slightly moving your shoulders back. Exhale. The collarbone drops, the shoulders move forward.

Now, put these movements together: Inhale with your abdomen. Add chest breathing as your belly expands. When your belly is fully extended and your chest feels expanded, add upper chest breath.

Exhale by relaxing the upper chest, then the midchest and smoothly pull in your abdomen. Start over until you develop a rhythm.

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Soda or pop? Either way, children drink it

Rising soft drink consumption worries experts

The Washington Post

Americans drink more soda pop than ever before. These popular beverages account for more than a quarter of all drinks consumed in the United States. More than 15 billion gallons were sold in 2000. That works out to at least one 12-ounce can per day for every man, woman and child.

Kids are heavy consumers of soft drinks, according to the Agriculture Department, and they are guzzling soda pop at unprecedented rates. Carbonated soda pop provides more added sugar in a typical 2-year-old toddler's diet than cookies, candies and ice cream combined. Fifty-six percent of 8 year olds down soft drinks daily and a third of teenage boys drink at least three cans of soda pop per day.

Not only are soft-drinks widely available everywhere, from fast-food restaurants to video stores, they're now sold in 60 percent of all public and private schools, and schools and high schools nationwide, according to the National Soft Drink Association. A few schools are even giving away soft drinks to students who buy school lunches.

Soda pop becomes the beverage-of-choice among the nation's young - and as soda marketers focus on brand-building among younger and younger consumers - public health officials, school boards, parents, consumer groups and the soft-drink industry are faced with nagging questions. How healthful are these beverages, which provide a lot of calories, sugars and caffeine but no significant nutritional value? And what happens if you drink a lot of them at a very young age?

Beginning this week, representatives of the soft-drink industry, concerned that public opinion and public policy may turn against them, will stage a "fly-in" to lobby Congress to maintain soft-drinks status in schools and to educate lawmakers on the "pro-industry perspective" on soft-drink use. The industry plans to counter a U.S. Department of Agriculture proposal, announced in January, that would require all foods sold in schools to meet federal nutrition standards. That would mean that snack foods and soft drinks would have to meet the same standards as school lunches.

Some state legislators are already taking steps to limit soft-drink sales to youngsters. In Maryland, a bill introduced would prohibit sales of soft drinks to other non-nutritious foods in schools until after 3 p.m. Current law says vending machines can't be turned on until after the final lunch period.

Nearly everyone by now has heard the link between the rising health effects of soft drinks: Obesity. Tooth decay. Caffeine dependence. Weakened bones. But does drinking soda pop really cause those things?

Even the staunchest critics of soda pop are saying finding the scientific bottom line on soda pop can be maddeningly tricky. "It's hard to pull out the health effects of soft drinks from the whole diet," says Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest and author of a critical report on soft drinks called "Liquid Candy: How Soft



'Drinks Are Harming America's Health.' "There are relatively few studies on sugars. And some studies don't distinguish between naturally occurring sugars and refined sugars."

To help separate fact from fiction, The Washington Post Health section reviewed the latest scientific findings and asked an array of experts on both sides of the debate to weigh in on the topic. Be forewarned, however: Compared with the data available on tobacco and even dietary fat, the scientific evidence on soft drinks is less developed. The results can be a lot like soft drinks themselves, both sweet and sticky.

Obesity

One very recent, independent, peer-reviewed study demonstrates a strong link between soda consumption and childhood obesity. One previous industry-supported, unpublished study showed no link. "Explanations of the mechanism" by which soda may lead to obesity have not yet been proved, though the evidence for them is strong.

Many people have long assumed that soda - high in calories and sugar, low in nutrients - can make kids fat. But until this month there was no solid, scientific evidence demonstrating this. Reporting in The Lancet, a British medical journal, a team of Harvard researchers presented the first evidence linking soft-drink consumption to childhood obesity. They found that 12 year olds who drank soft drinks regularly were more likely to be overweight than those who didn't. For each additional daily serving of sugar-sweetened soft drink consumed during the nearly two-year study, the risk of obesity increased 1.6 times.

Could it be that the soda-pop drinkers were simply living extremely sedentary lives? Or that they are more than the kids who don't drink soft drinks regularly? When lead author David Ludwig and his colleagues parsed the data to examine those possibilities, neither explanation panned out. Drinking soda proved to be an independent risk factor for obesity," says Ludwig. The soft-drink industry quickly

Table titled 'The choice of a new generation' showing consumption statistics by age group: 8 (56), 9 to 13 (70.73), 14 (girls) (85), 14 (boys) (85). Source: USDA.

Caffeine-rich Mountain Dew's sassy TV commercials are geared toward young males.

and a less important one in developed countries than elsewhere in the world. In the United States, cavities have decreased while soda consumption has increased.

Here's one health effect that even the soft-drink industry admits, grudgingly, has merit. In a carefully worded statement, the NSDA says that "there's no scientific evidence that consumption of sugars per se has any negative effect other than dental caries." But the association also correctly notes that soft drinks aren't the sole cause of tooth decay.

In fact, a lot of sugary foods, from fruit juices to candy and even raisins and other dried fruit, have what dentists refer to as "cariogenic properties," which is to say they can cause tooth decay. OK, so how many more cavities are caused by consumers who get compared with people who don't drink soda? This is where it gets complicated.

A federally funded study of nearly 3,200 Americans 9 to 29 years old conducted between 1974 and 1976 showed a direct link between tooth decay and soft drinks. (Numerous other studies have shown the same link throughout the world, from Sweden to Iraq.) But here's the rub: In the last 25 years, tooth decay in the United States and other developed countries has actually declined - at the same time that soft-drink use and obesity have risen dramatically.

The scientific explanation for this phenomenon appears to come from a number of studies. One of the most suggestive is a 1994 British study of tooth decay among 12 year olds in 90 countries. Conducted by statisticians at the University of Reading, the study found that throughout the world, dental decay rises proportionally with sugar consumption. But when researchers examined data from 29 industrialized nations, there was no evidence of a link between sugar and tooth decay.

Caffeine dependence The stimulant properties and dependence potential of caffeine in soda are well documented, as are their effects on children. While health advocates argue that childhood use of caffeine can lead to dependence later in life - and that regular doses of caffeine can have negative effects on brain development - there is no conclusive science to demonstrate

Tooth decay Though the soft-drink industry admits that soda contributes to tooth decay, most data suggest it is just one of several contributors.

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That may be a good idea, though it raises the question of whether soda machines in schools should be permitted to dispense caffeine beverages or at least be obligated to offer a significant proportion of caffeine-free products. It also raises the question of how one determines a product's caffeine content. Nutrition labels are not required to divulge that information. If beverage contains caffeine, it must be included in the ingredient list, but there's no way to tell how much a beverage has, and there's little logic or predictability to the way caffeine is deployed throughout a product line.

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Amy Susan Eyring, 30, 800 E. 42nd St., Burley, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

City of Twin Falls

City of Twin Falls
Ava Christine Craig, 43, 740 Center St., E. Ketchikan, Alaska, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Misdemeanor sentences

Twin Falls County
Janice Louise Sorensen, 28, 179 S. 500 E., Jerome, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

City of Twin Falls

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Wade Hollister, 27, 227 S. 2nd Street Court, Twin Falls, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Misdemeanor dismissal

Twin Falls County
Robert Anthony Wood, 41, 3830 Admiral Lane, Flor, driving without privileges. Excessive blood alcohol content.

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Boonman Daley, 56, 2100 S. 2nd, Burley, dismissed. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Juvenile arraignments

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Robert L. Kruger III, 12, 154 Locust St., Twin Falls, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Juvenile sentences

Juvenile sentences
Janika Matlock, 15, 2475 E. 2200 N., Hollister, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Civil filings

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Deborah J. and Brent Nelson vs. Allstate Insurance Company and Colette M. Winterkill, et al. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

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David J. Hales, 18, 355 W. Poplar, Oakley, one count driving without privileges. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

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Baird Bennett Smith, 59, 909 Burton Ave., Burley, one count driving without privileges. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Felony sentences

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Joshua Ross Wilkinson, 21, 1841 Normal Ave., Burley, one count driving without privileges. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

Juvenile sentencing

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Gene Nichol, 11, 1410 Miller, Burley, pleaded guilty to the influence. Excessive blood alcohol content. Excessive blood alcohol content.

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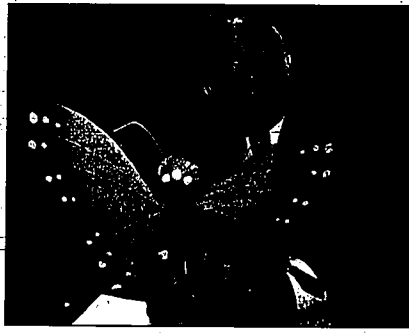
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Legislator lobbies for state butterfly

PHOENIX (AP) - A proposal to name the two-tailed swallowtail as Arizona's state butterfly has drawn grumaces, groans and giggles from many state lawmakers...



Arizona Sen. Herb Guenther, D-Tacna, displays his oversized replica of a two-tailed swallowtail butterfly at his desk in the Capitol in Phoenix, Ariz., late last month.

dots along one edge of its wings. It ranges throughout western North America, from British Columbia to central Mexico.

The bill has already passed the House. It has been assigned to three committees in the Senate, which would have to endorse the bill before it could reach a vote of the full Senate and a final decision by Gov. Jane Hull.

If it becomes the state butterfly, the two-tailed swallowtail would join a host of other official Arizona symbols, including the cactus wren, Bola tie, ridgenose rattlesnake and Arizona tree frog.

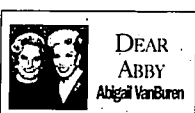
Guenther rarely misses an opportunity to plug the butterfly proposal.

During a recent hearing by the Senate Natural Resources Committee, Guenther stopped Russell Smolden, a spokesman for a Phoenix-area utility, at the end of testimony on municipal liability in parks to ask, "How are you on the butterfly?"

"I'm with you all the way," Smolden assured him.

Teen seeks out real voices for advice

DEAR ABBY: I am a teen who self-injures. I cut myself and hurt myself constantly, and I also tried to kill myself. I'm depressed all the time and so stressed it makes me sick. I hear a voice that tells me things, and it says if I tell any one about it, it will kill me. Please help me.



ly will find some degree of comfort in knowing they have averted a possible tragedy. Thank you for speaking up.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are in their 80s, in moderately good health, and live a modest lifestyle. They are active and youthful in many ways. We children and grandchildren love them, dearly and look forward to spending time with them.

Our relationship is sustained by mutual enjoyment instead of guilt. They have many old friends and constantly make new ones. What is it about my folks that draws people to them? What makes them so popular with people of all ages? Here's the answer:

• They listen more than they talk.

• They rarely complain about anything.

• They show a genuine interest in others by asking meaningful questions without being judgmental.

• They live in the present, and although they appreciate the "good old days," they don't dwell on them.

• They enjoy young people and recognize that each generation has both good and bad.

• They are fun and interesting to talk to because they are learning new things and want to share them with us.

• And finally, they can laugh at themselves. Growing old can be a real grind, but through it all, they find a little humor.

Relationships are a two-way street, and a lifelong endeavor. I hope that when I'm as old as my parents I will be like them.

- LUCKY DAUGHTER

IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your parents sound like wonderful people. However, the traits that make them sought after apply not only to seniors, but to people of all ages. So if you want to be the kind of person your parents are when you reach the age of 80, start practicing now.

Leo: See relationships, people as they really are

IF MARCH 5TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are inquisitive, business instinct, an investigative reporter. You are dynamic, creative and have natural ability as a psychologist, writer, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

Relationship serious; if you are, it is best to move on. Wish fulfilled in dramatic fashion. LUNA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You get added recognition, could be invited to visit distant city or foreign land.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You discover more spacious quarters. Don't tuck in long making decision. Focus on accelerated social activity.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Short trip part of scenario, could involve Cancer, Capricorn. Be willing to revise, reevaluate and make friendly gesture to one who misspoke.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be ready for change, travel, variety - money comes as if a bolt out of the blue. Last article recovered, don't ask too many questions. Virgo involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day: Lunar cycle high, spotlight on home, family and marital status. People want to dine and dine you. Show gratitude when being obnoxious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis on secrets, need for discretion. See people, relationships as they are, not merely as you wish they could be. Aura of desecrated present.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on organization, priorities, promotion and distribution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Highlight original thinking, toss aside preconceived notions. Don't follow others, create your own tradition. Romantic cruise stimulates creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on cooperative effort, partnership, marital status. You could locate a home "just right for you." Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be aware of legal requirements, deal with those who are regarded as "open enemies." Gain allies, make concessions but don't abandon principles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spotlight on work methods, employment and sharing interests with co-workers. Rewrite, rebuild, you are going to get "second chance." Taurus represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Emphasis on written word. Perhaps you should start a diary. Fiction gets serious, protect self in emotional clinches. Gemini, Sagittarius play "starling" roles.

Know the score? Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

Jerome 4 Cinema - Jerome: SEE SPOT RUN Daily 7:15 - 9:15. TODAY'S PULL DATED MOVIES: FINDING FORRESTER Daily 7:00 - 9:30. SAVE THE LAST DANCE Daily 7:00 - 9:30. HANNIBAL Daily 8:15 - 9:30.

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'The Mexican' sends 'Hannibal' packing

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The box office went south of the border as "The Mexican" knocked "Hannibal" from the No. 1 spot after three weeks.

Mexican" averaged a solid \$6,879 a theater playing in 2,951 cinemas, compared to \$3,840 at 2,656 locations for "See Spot Run."

Pitt plays a hapless mob errand-runner, dispatched to Mexico to pick up a priceless antique pistol. Roberts, his high-strung girlfriend, is kidnaped by Gandolfini's gay, lionhearted hit man.

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Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



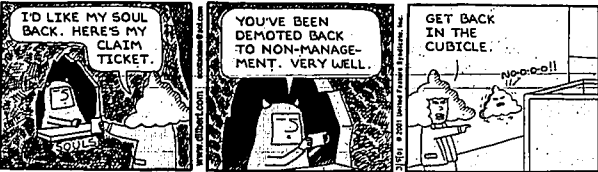
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



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By Scott Adams



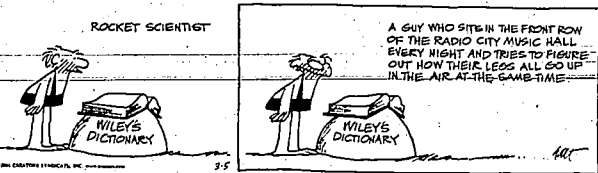
Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis

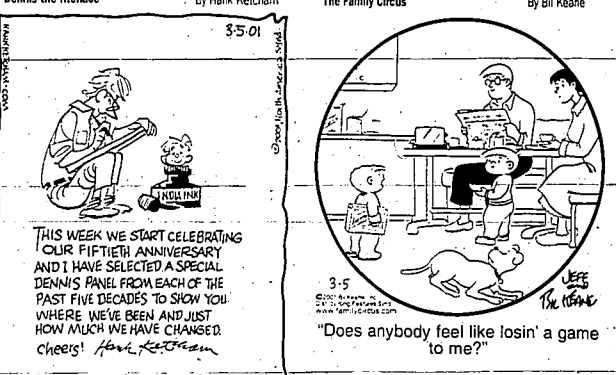


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



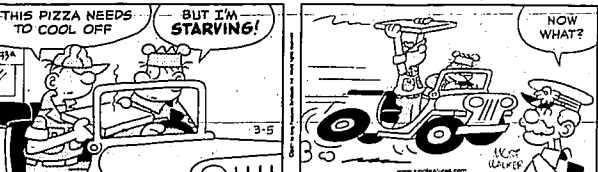
Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mont Walker



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



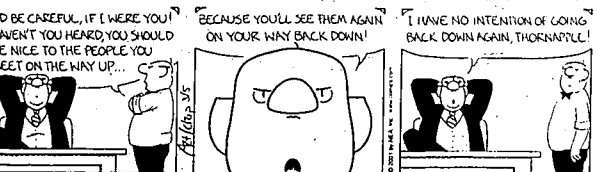
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By Greg Evans



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By Art Sansom & Chip

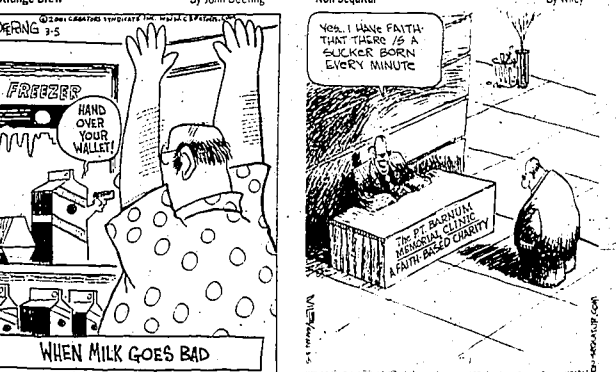


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequiter

By Wiley



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