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CSI trims budget

Staff members say they'll survive cuts

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Despite a budget crunch and the uncertainty of layoffs looming over the College of Southern Idaho, faculty members remain remarkably upbeat. Facing a more than \$2 million shortfall in its 2003 budget, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer has had to propose a variety of cost-cutting measures. Those include raising student tuition and fees, leaving empty positions vacant by retiring faculty, and as a last resort, layoffs.

"I'm trying to be optimistic

College board to meet

The College of Southern Idaho board of trustees will hold its monthly meeting today at 5:30 p.m. on campus in the Taylor Building, Room 258. On the agenda:

- An update on the latest developments of CSI's budget, including this year's hotbooks and next year's deficit. The latest enrollment figures and their implications will be available.
- An update on the Fine Arts Building expansion project, which has been placed on hold. Another proposed fac-

ility, a student union building, whose funding depends largely on CSI Foundation money, will have its preliminary drawings shown.

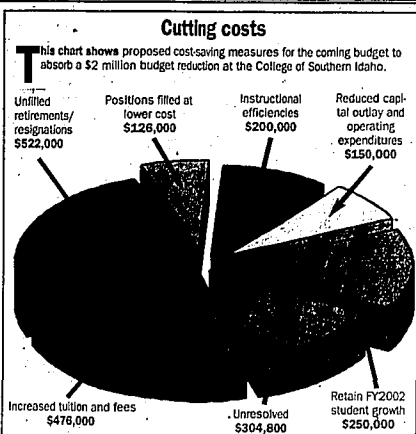
- A Dell Computer Corp. update will focus on the number of students who have completed PC training for the new facility, as well as how many have applied for and received employment by the Texas company.
- A review of CSI traffic along Falls Avenue. Studies have been made addressing safety issues.

that we're going to get through this problem," he said. "You can only do so much."

So far, he has been able to trim all but \$304,800 needed to balance the 2003 budget without

resorting to a mandatory staff reduction. Moreover, he appears to have created, in his decade-spanning tenure, an environment at CSI that fosters unity and loyalty.

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INTO THE SUNSET?



Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Cooper was hired with grants initiated by the Clinton administration — grants which will be running out soon. Even so, Cooper doesn't think his job is in jeopardy.

As grants expire, police hope to keep positions

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Though the impending sunset of a federal grant program might mean the end of his job with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, deputy Michael Cooper said the odds are still in his favor.

"We have a pretty good turnover in our department, so it's likely there will be an open position that we can roll me into," Cooper said. "They haven't given me the indication yet that my job is in danger. If they came to me and said the position would be terminated, then I guess I would have to follow other options."

Cooper — who splits his time between school resource work and patrol duty in Castleford — is one of nine deputies whose positions are funded at least partly by

grants, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey. The officers include school resource officers, narcotics detectives, crime prevention officers and patrol deputies.

And those grants will sunset in October of this year, he said.

Even so, that doesn't mean the department will lose all — or perhaps even any — of those deputies, he said.

"That's because he hopes he can split the remaining funds between positions or roll deputies into tax-funded slots that are now empty. The city governments and school districts in Murtaugh and

Castleford also help pay for patrol officers there," he said.

The COPS grant program — intended to put 100,000 more officers on America's streets — was introduced by President Clinton in the early 1990s. Like many federal grant programs, COPS was designed to pay the entire costs of the new positions for at least the first year. The funds would then gradually be cut back, with the idea that local departments could absorb the costs over time.

But according to some national reports, many small departments are scrambling for money as the

grants dry up and might have to let go of some of the additional officers they hired.

It was concern over that very thing that kept Cassia County from buying very deeply into the program, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hagens.

"We knew that sooner or later, you would have to absorb those costs or let officers go," he said. "And we didn't want to put ourselves in the position of having to ask the taxpayers for more money."

The only COPS money the Cassia department used was to hire two more dispatchers several years ago, and those costs have long since been absorbed, he said.

Hagens said his department has used some full-federal grant

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"They haven't given me the indication yet that my job is in danger."

— Michael Cooper,
Twin Falls county
deputy

Sept. 11 survivor injured in bombing on Israeli street

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — He escaped death once, fleeing his 38th-floor law office at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. And before Mark Sokolow set out for downtown Jerusalem Sunday — an American tourist on his way to the most dangerous spot in the most dangerous city in one of the world's more dangerous countries — his 16-year-old daughter Lauren urged him not to tempt fate again. Sokolow decided to go anyway, thinking he'd do two quick errands and leave. The 43-year-old

Bomber was female — A12

New York attorney was with his wife Rena, Lauren, and his youngest daughter Jamie, 12, on Jaffa Street Sunday morning when a huge explosion threw them to the ground. All four were injured in the blast. They had been scheduled to fly home to New York Sunday evening after a 10-day holiday in Israel, where Sokolow's oldest daughter Ilana is a student. Please see SURVIVOR, Page A2



This is one of the photos e-mailed to The Washington Post Saturday, showing a man identified in the e-mail as Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl with a gun held to his head.

Group kidnaps reporter, wants detainees freed

Pakistani officials link kidnappers to al-Qaida

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A group claiming to have seized a Wall Street Journal reporter missing in Pakistan said he was being held in "inhuman conditions" comparable to those of suspected terrorists in U.S. custody, the newspaper reported Sunday.

An e-mail from "The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty" accused



Daniel Pearl

reporter Daniel Pearl of being a CIA officer posing as a journalist. The Journal reported Sunday on its Web site. The newspaper said the e-mail was accompanied by four photographs of Pearl, one showing him with a gun to his head, and demanded be. Please see REPORTER, Page A2

BLM loses in water rights case

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A recent state water court ruling limits the extent that the federal government can claim water rights on public livestock grazing allotments.

The ruling by 5th District Judge Roger Burdick establishes guidelines for the sorting of specific water rights claims of the federal Bureau of Land Management and of Idaho ranchers.

The ruling was needed to handle the sorting of several thousand stock watering rights, Idaho Deputy Attorney General Clyve Strong said.

Burdick presides over Snake River Basin Adjudication, the legal sorting of some 150,000 water rights claims in most of Idaho. The process determines the priority dates of individual water rights. Idaho's priority water doctrine holds that "first in time is first in right."

The judge's decision explores the colorful history of federal water rights on public lands — a legal precedent that stems from the government's desire not to allow one individual to monopolize public lands in areas where water is scarce. It's based on the reality that whomever controls the water controls the land.

The issue came before the SRBA court after the Idaho Supreme Court established in 1998 that the federal government indeed has water rights on BLM grazing allotments. The Supreme Court's ruling reversed the decision of former SRBA Judge Daniel Hurlbut.

In this case, the federal priority water right date is 1926 because that is the year the federal law establishing the rights was created. That means the BLM has rights senior to water rights established after that date. The person — or in this case, entity — that claims a water right and uses it first has priority over others in the area when water runs low.

The issue at hand came back before the SRBA court. The federal government argued that it held right to streams fed by springs and watering holes on public grazing lands set aside by the government because of their

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Afghan chief appeals to U.S. exiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghanistan leader Hamid Karzai appealed to thousands of young Afghan-Americans on Sunday to return to their homeland and apply their skills to rebuilding the war-ravaged country.

"Without your cooperation, we're not going to make it," Karzai told an enthusiastic audience that jammed into a basketball arena at Georgetown University.

"You are the future of our country," Karzai said, speaking alternately in two of Afghanistan's main languages. "Study hard, work hard, make money and bring it to Afghanistan," he added, drawing laughter from the crowd.

Karzai spoke for 45 minutes and then answered questions for an additional 30 minutes, delivering a message that was uniformly "upbeat" about Afghanistan's future.

He alluded to a conference of donor nations last week in Tokyo which pledged \$4.5 billion to Afghanistan over five years.

"Our responsibility is starting," he said. "We have to say to these people (the donors), that we are going to deliver also."

Karzai, whose remarks were translated into English by associates, made no reference to the United States or the U.S. role in making his rise to power a month ago possible.

Afghan officials said he was expected to touch on that and other issues Monday when calls on Bush at the White House to seek a continuing U.S. commit-



Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan's interim leader, center, looks up for a moment during a prayer service with members of Mustafa Mosque in Annandale, Va., Sunday. Karzai arrived in the Washington area Sunday afternoon and is scheduled to meet with President Bush today.

ment to help restore the peace in his country.

Karzai arrived here Sunday afternoon, the first Afghan leader to visit Washington in 39 years.

Before leaving for the United States, Karzai told Afghan television that he would use the trip to push for the expansion of a multinational peacekeeping

force into the rest of Afghanistan.

Afghan officials believe troops are needed in the countryside to deal with regional warlords and armed gangs. They also have indicated they want American troops to participate.

"This is the determination of the Afghan people," Karzai said. The Bush administration has

rested U.S. involvement in the 2,500-person British-led international security assistance force operating in Kabul. Thousands more troops are expected.

Karzai, 44, attended a prayer service at a mosque in suburban Virginia in the afternoon, bringing several hundred Afghan-Americans up to date on the situation in Afghanistan.



Zoo director Sheraga Omar pets Marjan the one-eyed lion at the Kabul Zoo Tuesday. Marjan, the zoo's most famous resident, died Saturday.

Kabul zoo's beloved one-eyed lion dies

Combined wire services

KABUL, Afghanistan — People from all walks of life and nationalities came Sunday to the battle-scarred Kabul Zoo to pay homage to Marjan, the ailing one-eyed lion that came to symbolize this nation's determination and endurance amid years of suffering.

Barely able to walk and malnourished, Marjan succumbed on Saturday to apparent kidney and liver failure. His age was undetermined but he was likely in his late 20s.

On Sunday, militiamen with Kalashnikovs draped on their shoulders saluted him. Mothers lifted their powder-blue veils for a peek into his cage. Kids who used to tease him cried. Foreign envoys offered condolences to zookeepers. Journalists from the London tabloids, People magazine, world news wires and major television outlets sought details to craft his obituary.

"He's finally at peace now," said Johnathan Pearce, one of several international relief workers who arrived this month to rehabilitate the zoo's sick and shell-shocked animals.

In the end, Marjan endured 23 years of starvation, bombings and beatings, and the brutal rule of the Taliban. Only recently had top veterinarians arrived to help him fight colon inflammation and infections caused by years of vitamin deprivation.

"I consider myself a pretty rough guy ... but I cried," said John Walsh, leader of aid efforts by the World Society for the Protection of Animals that raised nearly \$1 million in donations. "He outlasted the Taliban but couldn't beat old age."

With a golden mane and scraggly beard as long as some sported by Taliban men, Marjan's conflict-weary face was plastered on fundraising placards and ads distributed by zoo societies from

Australia to America. He first gained international notice in 1995 after a British television crew filmed the plight of zoo animals caught in the crossfire of war.

Two years earlier, Marjan mauled a militiaman who leaped into his cage and tried to tease him. The next day, the warrior's brother came for revenge and tossed a hand grenade at him.

Marjan, named after an Afghan jewel, lost an eye.

As the Taliban fled in November, Marjan gained international fame when zoo organizations used pictures of him to raise the \$400,000 needed to rebuild the Kabul Zoo. The campaign was so successful that it netted more two and a half times the amount needed.

"It was Marjan that did it," Walsh said. "When you looked at pictures of his sad condition, you couldn't help but give money."

When Walsh arrived two weeks ago, he found Marjan to be totally blind, arthritic, dehydrated and undernourished. Longtime Afghan caretakers said Marjan has been severely depressed and quite grumpy since his mate Chuchka died of natural causes two years ago.

Walsh changed the lion's diet by varying the kinds of meats to boost his immune system. He injected Marjan with vitamin supplements, heated his sleeping den, and installed a mat to keep him off the concrete floor. It was a real life compared to the cold winters Marjan spent without warmth for most of his life.

"He likes to lie in the sun," Walsh said, lapsing into the present tense for a moment before talking about the hopes he and his colleagues had held for Marjan.

"We had a lot of plans of rehabilitation, just to keep him ticking over, he was so symbolic" of Afghanistan, Walsh said. "Even though blind, he was a tough, brave old guy."

Rumsfeld: Detainees won't get POW status

QUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Sunday ruled out any possibility of granting prisoner of war status to the suspected terrorists held in a military prison.

"They are not POWs. They will not be determined to be POWs," Rumsfeld told reporters accompanying him on his first visit to the detention facility.

The Bush administration considers the captured fighters to be "unlawful combatants" and "detainees" because their method of terror violates internationally accepted laws and specifically targets civilians.

The distinction is significant because under the Geneva Convention, written after World War II, a POW has certain legal rights that would govern the military's interrogations of the detainees and would require that they be released when the hostil-



Donald Rumsfeld

ties in Afghanistan are over.

If there is any ambiguity about whether a captive should be considered a prisoner of war, the Geneva Convention

says a special three-person military tribunal should be convened to decide.

Rumsfeld said that is irrelevant at Guantanamo Bay.

"There is no ambiguity in this case," he said.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday that officials agree the detainees aren't prisoners of war. But administration lawyers are debating whether the Geneva Convention, which has provisions that deal with unlawful combatants, applies in this case.

Family, friends, military honor Marines who died in Afghanistan

MARDELA SPRINGS, Md. (AP) — Family members, friends and soldiers gathered in separate ceremonies on Sunday to pay their respects to Marine Staff Sgt. Walter Cohee III and Marine Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Bertrand, both casualties in the war against terrorism.

Cohee's funeral was held in the tiny town of Mardela Springs, Md. Seven days ago, Cohee's family received word that he and another marine were killed when

his helicopter crashed in mountainous terrain while on a resupply mission outside Kabul. Military officials said the cause of the crash appeared to be mechanical failure.

In Coes Bay, Ore., family and fellow Marines also gathered Sunday in a high school auditorium to remember Bertrand as a loyal friend with a talent for making the best of tough situations. A private burial service was held afterward.

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Daschle: Bush is 'Enronizing' economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a war of non-words.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle accuses the Bush administration of "Enronizing" the economy — aiding retrenchment and health funds to enrich the affluent.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott fired back with his own new verb: "Daschle-ize."

Daschle, the South Dakota Democrat, who attacked "Enronize" last week, faced questions Sunday about whether he had gone too far in comparing Enron's possibly criminal activity



Sen. Tom Daschle and Sen. Trent Lott to the administration's stewardship of the economy and budget. He didn't back down. "I don't want to see happen to

all of the country, to our retirees, what happened to employees of the Enron Corporation," he said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

The Enron collapse wiped out the retirement savings of thousands of company employees, as well as investors nationwide.

Lott, R-Miss., called Daschle's new word "very inappropriate."

"When Senator Daschle uses a term like that, I don't think that's a good way to start off the year," Lott said on CBS. "And we don't want to Daschle-ize the budget, which to me means raise taxes, increase spending and obstruct."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Shoshone man dies in crash near Boise

BOISE - Two men died Saturday when a car ran into a flatbed tow truck.

The wreck occurred around 7:25 p.m., on Interstate 84 near the East Boise Port of Entry.

Jeffrey Sage, 33, of Shoshone, had been standing on the side of I-84, watching as the driver of the tow truck loaded his car onto the flatbed.

A 1988 Honda, driven by Jerome Kerrigan, 44, of Boise, struck Sage and ran into the back of the tow truck.

Both Sage and Kerrigan, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

The flatbed, driven by Michael Harrington, 50, of Boise, had come to tow Sage's car. The car had slid off the interstate. Harrington, who was standing in the median, was not injured.

The Idaho State Police, assisted by the Ada County Sheriff's Office, investigated the crash.

Activist will request moratorium extension

TWIN FALLS - Environmental activist Bill Chisholm of Buhl will ask Twin Falls County commissioners this morning to extend the moratorium on livestock operations that expires Tuesday.

Commissioners adopted Thursday new county regulations governing confined animal feeding operations.

They will consider replacing the ordinances with alternative regulations dubbed the "matrix." The matrix is under development by a citizens' group, of which Chisholm is a member.

Chisholm said the matrix is progress but that he thinks there are still other issues that need to be resolved.

He plans to discuss with commissioners animal, human and environmental health issues related to industrial livestock operations.

Chisholm is posing the moratorium at a time when the county faces a lawsuit brought by dairy interests.

Dairy operators charge that the series of county moratoriums since July 2000 have damaged their growth potential.

And commissioners repeatedly said they wanted to have new regulations in place by the time the moratorium expires Tuesday.

Today's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on the fourth floor of the courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

District 21 legislators will hold teleconference

BOISE - Reps. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, and Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, will talk with constituents through a teleconference on Tuesday.

They will be in Boise communicating through a PBS/College of Southern Idaho hookup at the Statehouse.

The District 21 legislators will talk with Gooding residents from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. at the Round Building at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. For more information, call Elaine Bryant at 934-8678.

They also will visit with Hailey residents from 4:15 to 5 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fox Building, 115 S. Main, Suite B, in Hailey.

For more information, call Joan Davies at 788-2038.

Stennett said the delegation has communicated with constituents in this fashion for the last eight years, and they have found it to be effective.

All constituents are invited to attend in either location and are encouraged to have plenty of questions ready for the legislators.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels	
Watershed	% of Average*
Big and Little Wood	104%
Big and Little Lost	94%
Henrys Fork	92%
Upper Snake River	84%

Committee seeks volunteers

By Carol Stephens
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The community's Western Days celebration has grown to the point that it can no longer be handled by a few volunteers, organizers say.

"We need a paid coordinator, but we don't have the funds for one - not even a part-time one," said Bonnie Lezamis, who chairs the Western Days committee.

So the group has issued a call for more volunteers, hoping that an infusion of new blood will help the three-day celebration in June - which this year marks its 20th anniversary - continue to thrive.

How to help

People interested in helping with Twin Falls' Western Days celebration should...

- Call 326-9378 (326WEST) and leave a voice message.
- Or simply attend a special meeting Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Hepworth, Lezamis & Janz located at 133 Shoshone St. N., just off Main Avenue.

"The last three to four years, it's hard to get volunteers. People are not willing to commit," Lezamis said. "But once you get

involved and see how much can be done, the benefit to the community, you want to see it grow. If people get involved, they'll find it's really fun."

Western Days includes street dances, bands, a parade, arts and crafts, activities for children, bull riding and the Heart of the West run. The organizing committee has just attained 501 (C)4 status as a non-profit organization.

"Western Days is more important than bringing in customers - it's a community event that celebrates our heritage," said Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's not a downtown event, a Magic

Valley Mall event or a Lynwood Mall event. It is a community event," said Historic Old Towne merchant Jim Vickers.

As a result, it takes a dedicated group of community volunteers to keep Western Days running.

"All of our volunteers have regular jobs," Lezamis said, so the work needs to be spread among more volunteers.

One option she is considering is soliciting help from businesses, whereby each business would assign a person, perhaps a marketing person, to the committee.

"Two or three businesses have men-

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MELTING ARTWORK



Sculpture artist Mark Sheehan shapes part of the famous ice sculpture found in front of the Sun Valley Lodge which Sheehan has created for years.

Bellevue man keeps creating ice sculpture

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Mark Sheehan's artwork has ended up in more photo scrapbooks than picture frames.

And the pictures people take are the only lasting reminders of his artistry.

Sheehan sculpts the signature Sun Valley sun out of ice and slush in front of the Sun Valley Lodge each winter.

He's done it since 1986.

This year, with Sun Valley's bumper crop of snow, he's also fashioned a quartet of polar bears outside Pete Lane's on the Sun Valley Mall. And outside the Sun Valley Lodge he made a replica of Union Pacific's Challenger train that used to ferry skiers to the resort.

"People love it," said Sheehan, who lives in Bellevue.

"One time Barbra Streisand

Ice sculpture tips

You won't win points for being a fashion plate when fashioning an ice sculpture. The job requires Sorel boots, a warm ski parka and thick rubber kitchen gloves.

Here are some tips for building your own:

- Create a vague outline of what you hope to build and slop on additional slush to add detail and enlarge the sculpture.
- Poke holes in the sculpture to

allow air to circulate so the insides don't get mushy and cave in.

- If you're making legs, make your cuts as early as possible into the building of the sculpture so they will have a chance to harden before you begin your detail work.
- Work from the top down so you don't get wet.
- And work north to south since the north-facing side will hold the longest.

if they live in snow country. I just threw what I learned in college sculpture classes into the mix," he said.

Serious snow sculptors have an array of tools they work with, including sickles, machetes, flat hoes, pancake turners, mixing spoons, crosscut saws, barbed wire, cheese graters and even branding irons.

But Sheehan uses only a chain saw, adze and a giant small chisel.

Sun Valley's grounds crew builds a wooden box each year, which they fill with snow. Then they water the snow for several days, letting it solidify into ice. Sheehan cuts out a rough outline with a chain saw and then slopes on detail with five-gallon buckets of slush.

What took him five days in the beginning now takes one.

"Slush is a wonderful medi-

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Minico dance team heads to Las Vegas

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Hard work could pay off as the Minico High School Spartan Dance Force heads to competition in Las Vegas in March.

A videotaped audition landed the team a spot at the international competition, where the girls will perform four dances for the judges, said dance coach Sandee Nelson.

"The competition is nothing new for the troupe, which earned four gold awards two years ago. Dance Force was amazed by the level of competition it saw," Nelson said.

At the competition, judges

look for showmanship, synchronization and technique, Nelson said.

"Choreography is a big deal," she said.

At the same time the girls are preparing for competition, they still perform at athletic events once or twice a week.

"I demand a lot of them," Nelson said. But while Nelson talks of marathon practices and multiple routines to learn, team members talk about a love for dance.

Co-captain Connie Remsburg said she has danced since she was young. After watching an older sister on Dance Force, she made it a goal to be on the team.

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Campground nears construction

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

ALMO - A proposed campground near the City of Rocks National Reserve is one step closer to construction.

Located close to the east entrance of the park near Almo, the campground is designed to accommodate recreational vehicles and provide overflow sites for crowded summer weekends, said Venna Ward, City of Rocks assistant manager. The park itself has very few campsites that have enough flat space for an RV and no RV sites with access to electric, water or sewer lines.

The design for the 120-acre parcel includes 89 camping units, 76 of which will feature full RV service. A 100-seat amphitheater, two bathroom facilities with showers and two

Comments

People who want to comment on the proposed campground may visit the Burley district office of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management at 200 S. Idaho Highway 27, or call BLM Realty Specialist Scott Barker at 678-5514. The BLM will accept comments through Feb. 10.

septic systems are also included.

Planners included the campground in the park's comprehensive management plan when the area became a national reserve in 1988, Ward said.

The proposed campground is outside the park, on property owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The BLM has gone through an extensive process to lease the land to the

National Park Service, said BLM Realty Specialist Scott Barker. Though the pending land-use agreement between the BLM and the Park Service is technically a lease, the BLM will charge no fee.

BLM officials conducted an environmental assessment and sought public comments on the plan, Barker said. The BLM will accept comments through Feb. 10.

Tentative plans for the campground and the findings of the environmental assessment are available at the BLM office in Burley.

"I'd even send that information to someone if they called and asked for it," Barker said.

Unless major problems become apparent, BLM officials say they will approve the lease.

The BLM reviewed the plans

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“You don't give a guy \$100 million if you don't think he can be a championship quarterback. Nobody on our sideline was celebrating when Brady went out.”

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—Pittsburgh safety Lee Flowers referring to Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe who stepped in for Tom Brady after Brady left with the AFC championship game with an ankle injury

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3A District Four Tournament
No. 6 Gooding at No. 1 Declo, 7 p.m.
No. 5 Filer at No. 2 Buhl, 7 p.m.
No. 4 Kimberly at No. 3 Wood River, 7 p.m.
2A District Four Tournament
No. 3 Wendell at No. 2 Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Northeast conference
Tournament at Carey HS
No. 3 Camas County vs.
No. 4 Carey, 7 p.m., loser out
Magic Valley Conference
Tournament at Murtaugh HS
No. 7 Magic Valley Christian vs. No. 6 Castelford, 4:30 p.m., loser out
No. 3 Hagerman vs. No. 2 Raft River, 6 p.m.
No. 5 Oakley vs. No. 1 Hansen, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Utah's Wright a knockout artist

TWIN FALLS — For the second straight year Utah's John Wright won the fastest knockout award at the 26th annual College of Southern Idaho Rocky Mountain Regional Boxing Smoker late Saturday night.
Wright knocked out Matt Owens of Twin Falls in the final fight of the 16-bout card. The heavy-hitting Utahn's fight was also named best match of the smoker.
Southern Utah University's Josh Mackelprang was named best fighter of the smoker.

Compiled from staff reports



SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

11 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The torch tours Montana's Big Sky country all day, starting in Bozeman and reaching Big Timber and Columbus before settling in for the night in Billings.

TRIVIA ANSWER: The 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, .816 (31-7).

Spartans, Bruins to tango again

Minico enters Region III Tournament with history on its side

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minico Spartans girls basketball team is hoping for *deja vu* all over again, while the Twin Falls Bruins are looking for anything but a repeat of history as the teams meet at the Girls Region III Tournament Tuesday at Minico.

A year ago, it was the Spartans who ended the Bruins' season, and coach Clint Straatman's Spartans are again peaking at tournament time like they did a year ago when they rode a wave

of momentum to the state tournament. The second-seeded Spartans (13-7, 4-2 Region III) enter the tournament having won five games in a row and six of their last seven.

But Bruin coach Lawrence Pfeifferle said revenge is not on his team's mind. "This is a brand-new team," he said. "We're just focusing on the positive things we're doing."

Minico also swept the regular-season series with the Bruins (10-10, 2-4) but both games went down to the wire.

The Spartans held off the Bruins from the free-throw line in the teams' second meeting Jan. 16, downing Twin Falls 60-55 after the game was tied at 55-55 with a 1:24 remaining. The Spartans won the first meeting 59-51 Dec. 7.

Minico senior guard Clare Bodensteiner had 26 points the first

Girls Region III Tournament

Tuesday's First Round
No. 3 Twin Falls (10-10)
at No. 2 Minico (13-7), 8 p.m.

No. 4 Pocatello (8-12)
at No. 1 Highland (13-7)

time around and 24 in the second meeting.

"It's hard to beat any team a third time," Minico coach Clint Straatman said. "But I think we're up to it. We'll need to play good defense and execute our offense. Twin is a good team and they have really improved, but I think we match up well."

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Twin Falls' Amanda Hoyov has her shot blocked by Highland's Rebecca Adamson in this file photo from Dec. 20. The Bruins enter Tuesday's Region III girls basketball tournament as the No. 3 seed and will meet No. 2 Minico. Top-seeded Highland faces Pocatello.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Rams 29, Eagles 24

FULL SPEED AHEAD

Rams off to second Super Bowl in three years

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — They call themselves "The Greatest Show on Earth." While the St. Louis Rams aren't always great, they were certainly too much for the NFC to handle.

Now let's see if the New England Patriots can stop them in the Super Bowl.

Marshall Faulk rushed for a career playoff-high 159 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Rams to a 29-24 victory over the gritty Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game Sunday.

"I couldn't ask for anything better than to go back to New Orleans and play in front of my friends and family," said Faulk, the NFL's Offensive Player of the Year three straight seasons and a native of the Big Easy.

It wasn't easy for the Patriots to slow Faulk, who became the focal point for the Rams (16-2) in the second half — when he delivered his two 1-yard scoring runs.

"We felt to win this game, we had to get that ball to Marshall," coach Mike Martz said. "I think what everybody thinks — he is just a great player." He took over the ballgame in certain situations.

As did league MVP Kurt Warner, Isaac Bruce and a defense that has developed a knack for big plays. When they all came alive in the second half, the Rams earned their second trip to the Super Bowl in three years. Two years ago, St. Louis beat Tennessee for its first Super Bowl title.

The trip south didn't look likely early in the game as the Eagles' stingy defense kept the Rams off-balance and Philadelphia took a 17-13 lead at halftime. But in the second half, Warner,

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St. Louis running back Marshall Faulk runs up the middle against the Philadelphia Eagles defense during the second quarter of the NFC Championship game in St. Louis, Sunday. The Rams won 29-24 to set up a meeting with New England in the Super Bowl on Feb. 3.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Patriots 24, Steelers 17

Drew's the man

Bledsoe, Patriots stun Steelers

By Michael Rosenberg
Knight Ridder News Service

PITTSBURGH — They weren't supposed to win their division. They weren't supposed to be one of the last four teams standing. And they sure weren't supposed to make the Super Bowl.

Now that the New England Patriots have done all that, they kindly request that you continue to insult them.

The Patriots used two quarterbacks and two touchdowns by their special teams to beat the favored Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-17, in Sunday's AFC Championship game. The Patriots are going to Super Bowl XXXVII. An eager nation expects the St. Louis Rams to beat them

by 14 touchdowns.

Drew Bledsoe subbed in for an injured Tom Brady and threw for 102 yards and a touchdown. Brady had taken over for an injured Bledsoe three months ago. Patriots coach Bill Belichick said he would wait until later in the week to name a Super Bowl starter.

Brady had only a slight limp after the game, and obviously he and Bledsoe would both like to play. They agree on one thing, though: Whoever plays quarterback is lucky to have Troy Brown on his team.

Brown, a 5-foot-10 receiver, stood above everybody else on the field. He caught eight passes for 121 yards, returned a punt for

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New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe throws a pass during the second quarter against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Championship game Sunday. Bledsoe came into the game after an injury to starter Tom Brady.

Almost perfect season

Declo heads to districts as top seed

By Joe Sonnen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One win from perfection.

The Declo girls basketball team can thank Buhl for any extra motivation they might have entering the 3A girls District Four Basketball Tournament today.

The Hornets (19-1, 9-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) wrapped up the top seed to the tournament with a win at Buhl on Jan. 22 to cap a nearly flawless regular season; but think again if that wasn't more important than just seeding.

"I think beating Buhl really helped us," Declo coach Kim Johnson said. "We were a little down after they beat us at home and to get that win going into the district tournament was important. I think there was a little doubt in my mind about beating Buhl before that."

Declo opens with No. 6 Gooding (8-18, 1-9) in Declo today and would take a bye into the second round should it win. The six Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference teams will be playing for two automatic berths to the 3A state tournament instead of the usual 1.5.

With a bye going to the highest-seeded winner, the Hornets will need just two wins to grab a state spot.

"You still want to win districts," Johnson said. "But there's a little pressure off. You can still finish second because you know you're still going to state."

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Street still has chance at super-G

The Associated Press

It turns out Picabo Street still has a chance — albeit a slim one — of defending her super-G Olympic gold medal.

Street, the only American to win an Alpine skiing medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, officially finds out today whether she'll be on the U.S. super-G team at the Feb. 8-24 Salt Lake City Games.

Street had such poor super-G results during the World Cup season that she failed to clinch an automatic berth on the U.S. team.



Picabo Street

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SPORTS

Johansson is at the top of tennis world Down Under

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Maybe this was fitting. In a tournament that set records for early exits by top stars, Thomas Johansson wound up as one unlikely Grand Slam champion. The 26-year-old Swede was supposed to be a bit player at the Australian Open. Instead, he walks away with the title. Johansson, seeded 16th, beat the more established Marat Safin 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (4) late Sunday in a final lasting nearly 3 hours. "These two weeks have been the best two weeks of my life," he said. "Today was just a dream come true. It was unbelievable. I don't have the words to say how happy I am."

How unexpected was Johansson's triumph? In 27 previous Grand Slam tournaments, he never had advanced beyond the quarterfinals (1998, 2000 U.S. Opens). He came into the Australian Open with a total of six career titles since turning pro in 1994. In his final warmup event before the Australian Open, at Sydney, Johansson lost in the first round to Julien Boutter, who's not even ranked in the top 50. Johansson made a point last week of acknowledging that he's not the most dynamic personality in the game. "Look at me, I'm not that interesting," he after his quarterfinal win over countryman Jonas Bjorkman. "If you color your hair red and you act a little bit different, then you're interesting."

Johansson finished 2001 ranked 18th — making him Sweden's top player — after winning two tournaments. Still, he knew he wasn't about to draw crowds. And so, all in all, Johansson was an all-too-appropriate champion of the 2002 Australian Open. This was a tournament in which the top five seeded men were eliminated halfway through the second round, something that had never happened before at a Grand Slam event. From the field as Bozoo had a fastbreak layup and a slam, while Dahnyng Jones scored on two follow shots. Duke did go 18-for-23 from the foul line, but shot 53.7 percent, made only four 3-pointers and turned it over nine times as Virginia had hope it would win in Cameron for the first time since 1995.

Berezin makes fast first impression with Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — The newest member of the Montreal Canadiens quickly found a place in the team's history. Sergei Berezin scored the 10,000th home goal in Canadiens franchise history early in the third period, helping Montreal beat the San Jose Sharks 3-1 Sunday. The Canadiens scored the milestone in their 2,675th regular season home game. Berezin, 21, is playing in his second game for Montreal after he was acquired from Phoenix on Friday. Berezin wasn't aware of the milestone until after he had scored his eighth goal of the season on a power play 1:10 into the third period to make it 2-1. "I found out during the game when they asked for my stick," said Berezin, who reluctantly surrendered it. "I wanted to keep the stick. I don't have many of them because I just got caught, so every stick is important."

Berezin took a cross-ice pass from Yanic Perreault in the neutral zone and carried the puck to the top of the right faceoff circle before driving a low slap shot to goalie Evgeni Nabokov. Nabokov right-skate and through his legs into the net. The crowd of 20,817 rose to its feet for a sustained ovation as the scoreboard flashed "10,000 goal!" Sabres 3, Capitals 2 OT WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals had not been beaten in overtime this season. Then Stu Barnes came to town. Barnes tipped Alexei Zhitnik's shot past Washington goalie Olof Kolzig with 3:30 left in overtime Sunday to give the Buffalo Sabres a 3-2 victory over the Capitals.

Williams leads top-ranked Duke past Virginia

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jason Williams scored 27 points, Carlos Boozer added 25 and No. 1 Duke sloshed 60 percent in the second half to rout No. 7 Virginia 94-81 Sunday night. The Blue Devils (18-1, 6-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their sixth straight — all by double digits — since losing by one point to Florida State on Jan. 6. Duke kept pace with No. 3 Maryland atop the ACC standings nearing the halfway point of the league season, while the Cavaliers (14-4, 4-3) fell into a fourth-place tie with Wake Forest. North Carolina State is third at 5-2. Williams notched his 11th 20-point game of the season, while Boozer has six in a row as the Blue Devils improved to 18-4 in their last 22 matchups with Top Ten teams and snapped Virginia's five-game winning streak. The Cavaliers battled foul trouble all night and was led by Roger Mason Jr.'s 15 points. The score was tied 42-42 at halftime, but Duke took control in the opening five minutes of the second half. The Blue Devils went 7-of-9

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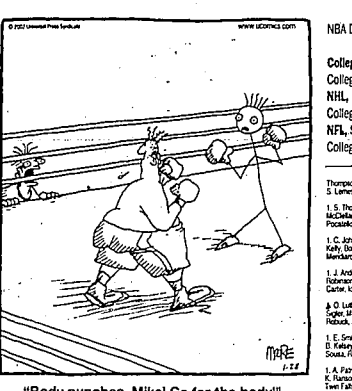
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IN THE BLEACHERS



"Body punches, Mikel Go for the body!"

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WESTING RANKINGS, Westing Rankings

OTHER VIEWS

Congress shouldn't give defense a blank check

The Los Angeles Times

President Bush has proposed spending more than \$1 billion a day on defense next year. He will probably get what he wants, considering the circumstances. Even so, Congress should resist issuing blank checks.

Pay raises and better housing for personnel are fully warranted. But any number of weapons programs, from the Marines' troubled Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft to the Army's bulky Crusader artillery system, ought to get a very hard look -- not be rubber-stamped by generals defending their turf and members of Congress funneling dollars to their home districts.

Bush and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld came into office pledging a transformation of the military that would shed outdated equipment and tactics left over from the Cold War. The new emphasis would be on smaller, more mobile forces, able to reach a trouble zone quickly and fight in a variety of situations. The proving ground has been Afghanistan, and the combination of special operations troops on the ground, supported by carrier-launched fighter planes and by long-range bombers, has been highly effective.

Like any war, the Afghan campaign has been costly -- about \$1 billion a month. The cost will, however, fall as the bombing campaign ends and warships return home.

Bush proposes adding \$48 billion to

the current year's \$331-billion defense budget. That's a hike of 14 percent, the biggest since the defense buildup under Presidents Carter and Reagan, when the Soviets were in Afghanistan and challenging the United States around the globe. But in the last quarter-century the U.S. economy has grown greatly as well, and while the percentage of gross domestic product given to military spending in the 1980s was about 6 percent, next year's spending, if approved, will be about 4 percent of a \$10-trillion GDP.

To his credit, Rumsfeld pointed out areas of cost savings last year. He suggested cutting the fleet of B-1 bombers by one-third, still worth considering even after the plane's good showing in Afghanistan, and closing unneeded military bases. Members of Congress, too often unwilling to let bases in their own districts be closed, unfortunately refused even to consider the issue for at least two more years. Congress should appoint an independent commission, like the one that decided the last big round of closings, and vote yes or no on the entire package. That would remove the onus from individual legislators.

Sept. 11 reminded Americans lulled by the post-Cold War peace that the world remains a dangerous place and that an effective military is necessary and expensive. But in a time of shrinking surpluses and recession, the money must be spent wisely.

This editorial, reprinted from The Los Angeles Times, says Congress should take a closer look before spending on weapon programs and military bases.



Camp Guantanamo: Better than home

KATHLEEN PARKER

Dear Mom, What can I say? War is hell, but Guantanamo is fab. Temps are hovering in the low 70s, finally got rid of that rat's nest the T-bans called a beard, and am eating better than we ever did at Osama's. I've already put on 10 pounds. When I get out of here, I'll bring you a box of Fruit Loops.

When I get out of here -- now there's the question of the millennium. But, hey, who's in a hurry? Like I said, they feed us, let us shower, pray, write home. They even gave us a mattress, prayer mats and a copy of the Koran. What a bunch of wimps.

Speaking of which, have you been following the news about our maltreatment here? It's a hoot. Amnesty International and a bunch of other bleeding-heart organizations have been giving the Americans hell for being hard on us. They said that shaving our heads and beards was a human-rights violation because it humiliated us. I'm telling you, who needs Comedy Central? Me? I'm just happy to be rid of the lice, but don't tell anybody. Ha, ha.

Our self-anointed protectors also say that making us live in these open-air pens is cruel. Obviously, they've never lived in a cave. We've got a roof -- remember those? -- and plenty of shade. The soldiers watching over us are sweating like pigs in their tents while their guys still in Afghanistan would probably trade their baby sisters for a weekend in my "cell."

Anyway, all us guys are loving the attention, as well as the distraction. We're just waiting for the right moment when we can get back to business. All that training wasn't for nothing. Hannibal Lecter, eat your own heart out. One chance, that's all I need, and a Marine's aortic valve will be my breakfast. I hope it's a woman. Nah, just kidding, Ma.

Speaking of women, how's it going over there? I hear lots of mud huts have blue burqa curtains these days. Tch, how "One with the Wind." As you might have gathered, the Americans have weird ideas about women. Let me put it this way -- Christine Amanpour! The sexes are totally equal, and women act and talk just like men. If they were our women living under our laws, we'd have to shoot every last one of them.

But typical of these Western psychos, n'est-ce pas? Americans don't realize that they're their own worst enemies. They're so consumed with doing the right thing, with being sensitive (even soldiers have gender-sensitivity training, for Allah's sake) and not hurting anybody's feelings, that they're practically rocking us to sleep at night. Hey, tell Amnesty International I need cable! And while they're at it, I could use some Dasani. This local stuff is a tad cloudy.

As far as I can tell, the only American with any spine or sense is that dude

Rumsfeld. Of course, he was a soldier before John Gray started carrying on about Mars and Venus. Are Americans stupid or what? They believe that men are from Mars and women are from Venus. Yeah, right. Anyway, Rumsfeld understands that we would disembowel any American without hesitation or regret. He seems to get it -- that our whole purpose in life is to destroy America.

We don't hate freedom, Mr. Prezzy; we just hate you and all your stinking ilk. That goes for all you hyphe-nated-Americans, too. Think hard. We shoot our own mothers for stepping outside, and you think we'd hesitate to rip out a soldier's jugular when he bends down to make sure our handcuffs aren't bruising our little wristy-pooos? You gotta love 'em, Mom. We've used their naivety against them before; we'll do it again and die happy.

Well, I better go now. They just called us to prayer (die laughing here), and I'm hoping for a quick nap before dinner. Ciao for now.

Love, Muhammad Mohammed Mohamed.

P.S. That time I beat you for laughing too loud? Sorry, I didn't mean it. By the way, have you gone back to your anesthesiologist job yet?

Kathleen Parker, an Orlando Sentinel columnist, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.

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LETTERS

Community, family spur education

In response to your editorial for Friday, Jan. 18: Hoorary for educational accountability I couldn't agree with you more!

However, it's not just the educators that need to stand accountable for a child's education, it's all of us. Dr. Joyce Epstein, an educational researcher at Johns Hopkins University, states that there are overlapping spheres of influence which contribute to educational achievement. The family, school and community effort are vital to each individual student's success. No amount of government money, programs or accountability (i.e., state or federally mandated testing) will result in higher achievement. Decades of research have shown that higher academic achievement occurs only when community, family and school leaders dedicate their resources to educational efforts.

I urge all community members to become familiar with the National Network of Partnership Schools at www.partnershipschools.org. This network is committed to implementing practices of school-family-community partnerships which produce measurable results. Our Quality Schools Committee is working toward achieving a partnership community where students have an opportunity to become academic achievers, clear communicators, responsible cit-

izens, complex thinkers and quality producers. These lofty goals will not occur if our teachers are the only ones attempting to educate our children. They need our help and our support. Learning is a lifelong process, not just one that occurs within the walls of our educational institutions.

If you think \$8 million is a lot of money for implementing standards, contact your legislators and let them know that we do not want additional assessments which do not show the whole picture of educational achievement. Encourage them to investigate how partnership practices could be implemented in our schools which involve all families in purposeful ways that are linked to student learning goals.

Finally, I strongly suggest that the members of your editorial board contact Mr. Farnsworth at the district office and become employed as guest teachers for the Twin Falls School District. We are in need of people to be overworked, underpaid and underappreciated for their efforts.

CORINNE STARLEY
Twin Falls

Rethink CSI industrial arts facility

I have been following, with much interest, the proposal of school district personnel to build a new industrial arts facility on the College of Southern Idaho cam-

pus. Not long ago, Twin Falls High School had a very good industrial arts program, but the present administration has let both personnel and equipment lapse into a state of disrepair.

Why not update the facility at the high school and the ones in surrounding communities so the kids can stay at home and get what they need?

The idea for building a new shop should be scrapped for the following reasons:

1. A high school facility on the CSI campus would degrade the college. Don't let CSI become a "glorified" high school. The industrial arts center would be just the "foot-in-the-door" to degrade the college.

2. There is no such thing as a "free lunch." Existing bonds could be refinanced at a lower rate and the saved money used for the new facility. We, the taxed public, would still be paying the bill, so why not use this "saved" money to upgrade the existing industrial arts facilities. There is also talk about the economy improving considerably and more grants becoming available. This is like looking for "pie in the sky" -- it may happen and it may not. There is increased emphasis on education at the national level, but I think this is going to be on math, reading and subjects other than industrial arts.

3. Every high school student (at least every male student) should be exposed to industrial arts. Many at this time cannot figure a board foot of lumber or read a tape measure. This can be learned in industrial arts classes and especially if they can walk to their classes and spend about one hour each day.

4. Students with the desire and need can now attend industrial arts classes at CSI. As I understand it, only a few students are taking advantage of this opportunity. Would enrollment be increased if industrial arts remained as an elective? I don't think so.

5. As I understand it, the proposal now is to bus students to the new facility. How long will this arrangement last? Who will be bused? Is this now a required course? The students will soon be wanting to take their own cars or not go. When they take their own cars, the school will lose control.

JOHN L. HOUGAARD
Twin Falls

Term limits remove voter's rights

Item 1: It is amazing that for someone who thinks they are so smart, Garry Trudeau (Doonesbury) had to ask, "What did ENRON get for its \$550,000 donation to the Bush Campaign?" It is quite obvious that ENRON didn't get Al Gore.

Item 2: The first time around I voted for term limits. My thinking was it would

be a good way for Idaho to get rid of someone like Rep. George Hansen, New York Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy, etc. Hansen and Powell are both long gone and the voters at the time did it. When the times are right, the voters will act accordingly.

The problem with term limits is that someone previously has cast the deciding vote and you, the voter of today, have nothing to say about who should hold the office. It seems impossible for anyone, no matter how intelligent they are, to cast deciding votes two, four, six, six years in advance. Usually, it is tough enough to do it on election day.

DOW B. BOND
Twin Falls

Hide the kids: Tooth fairy cometh

To Tiffany Hartgen: Your letter was absolutely beautiful. Wow, if only I could have said all of that I think that is the best letter to the editor I have seen in a long time. Congratulations on a point well made and strongly agreed upon.

P.S. The tooth fairy came for my 7-year-old last night, and looks like he or she will be making a second trip tonight for my 5-year-old. What do you think will happen to us? Should I worry?

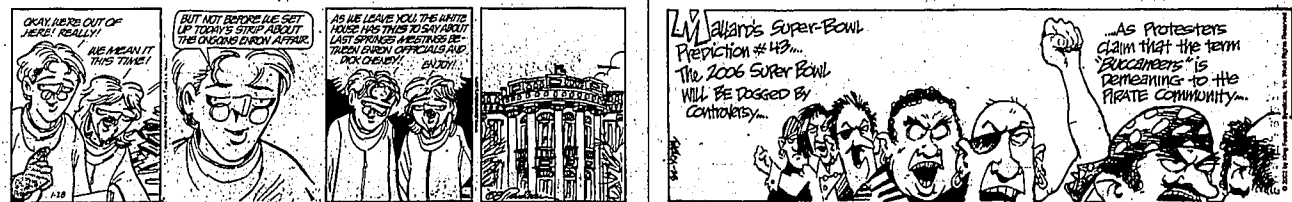
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Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Bush proves to be the right man for the times

A year ago, when George W. Bush was inaugurated as the 43rd president, doubts about him were widespread not only among Democrats but also among Republicans and independents — to say nothing of foreign leaders. He was elected by what many considered a fluke, in one of the closest presidential elections in the nation's history. He had not been a particularly impressive candidate, and even some in his own party thought he would be a weak president.

As he begins his second year as president, Bush has surprised the land. Artifacts toward him have changed radically both here and abroad, thanks almost entirely to the masterful way in which he took hold of the nation in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon last Sept. 11.

His favorable poll ratings range between 80 percent and 90 percent, despite some perceived weaknesses in his domestic agenda and determined efforts by Democratic leaders to exploit any domestic issues that arise.

Granted, most presidents are not confronted with crises of the magnitude of Sept. 11. Nevertheless, it is hard to believe that any recent president, Jimmy Carter, the first George Bush or Bill Clinton — could have risen as well to the occasion.

When Bush took office he was widely viewed as not too smart, not very tough and a "Mr. Malaprop" whose butchering of the language would have done his admirers proud. While Bush opponents continue to pick at him for his language gaffes such as "Not over my dead body will they raise taxes," Joe Public and his wife either pay no attention or find his bumbles endearing, much as they did with Ronald Reagan.

There no longer is talk by Bush's critics that he lacks "gravitas." Pundit gossip that Vice President Dick Cheney is the real president has disappeared. It is true that Bush narrowly avoided political disaster on Sept. 11 when he rejected advice not to return to Washington because of the fear of additional terrorist attacks.

In the ensuing days, however, by calming the nation, assuring the world the attacks would go unpunished and rallying America's allies to join in an unending war on terrorists, he left no doubt that he was fit to lead that war. His actions since Sept. 11 have given his political foes little room to criticize or second-guess.

Bush has not done so well on the domestic front, nor could that be expected in a situation where Democrats think that, while they must refrain from criticism of the president, they are under no such obligation domestically. But some of his problems are of Bush's own making. For one thing, he made a mistake common to presidents who have been governors in that he assumed he could deal with the Congress in the same way he dealt with the Texas legislature. Like others — Carter, Reagan, Clinton — he discovered Washington is an entirely different ballgame. It is more

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parian and interests are more varied.

It is not Bush's fault that, from the outset, he has been beset by a weakening stock market and a recession that has seen unemployment rise above the 5 percent level.

While he has managed to win most of his congressional battles in the House, where Republicans hold a majority, he has frequently been thwarted in the Senate thanks largely to the biggest political mistake of his term. This was to underestimate the toughness and savvy partisanship of the Senate Democratic leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota. Daschle became majority leader because Bush and his aides made no serious effort to persuade the liberal and nominally Republican Vermont senator, Jim Jeffords, not to become an independent and caucus with the Democrats. Jeffords' move turned control of the Senate, including its vital committee chairmanships, over to Daschle and his Democrats.

Things haven't been the same since, mainly because Daschle — who talks bipartisan cooperation — practices just the opposite. True, Bush got a tax-cut bill passed before Jeffords switched. And just last month the Senate passed a major education bill, but it was greatly changed from the original legislation he had submitted.

Future tax cuts contained in the early bill already are under fire from the Democrats, who are using that bill to blame Bush for the recession and the fact that the upcoming federal budget will not be balanced.

Democratic committee chairmen also are using their power to hold up dozens of federal judicial appointments and have left Bush no choice except to make two more recess appointments in other areas.

These days, Democrats are seeking ways to link Bush and members of his administration to the Enron bankruptcy because of their ties to former Enron boss Ken Lay. If the scandal they seek ensues, they are confident it can result in a Democratic victory this November and help them defeat Bush's re-election bid in 2004.

Without a scandal tied directly to the president, however, the popularity he has earned as a leader in a time of national crisis will make it difficult to defeat him in 2004 and could well help the Republicans this year hold the House and perhaps pick up the seat they need to regain control of the Senate.

On the other hand, Bush cannot afford to rest on his wartime laurels, as his father's experience in 1951 showed. He must act to weaken his base by moving too far left in an effort to pass legislation or mollify criticism from Democrats and moderate Republicans. His base remains the Reagan wing of the party. He will need its enthusiastic help both this year and in 2004.

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Purging evil: U.S. must tighten immigration laws

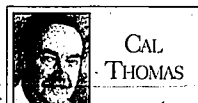
“You must purge the evil from among you.” (Deuteronomy 17:7)

President Bush believes "our enemy intends to hit us again."

If so, why are we not deporting all the illegal aliens in this country who come from nations which breed the anti-American ideology religion that threatens us?

There are an estimated 115,000 people from Middle Eastern countries currently living illegally (or with only quasi-legal status) in the United States, according to a new Census Bureau report. Included in that estimate are 24,000 people from Israel, but the rest are from Iran (31,000) and other Middle East nations, including Afghanistan (60,000).

The total number of illegal U.S. residents is estimated at nearly 8.7 million. Most are not our enemies, but a clear and present danger is posed by people from countries that not only wish us harm but have already harmed us. According to President Bush, terrorists intend to hit us again. (While nearly 4 million Mexicans live here illegally, Mexicans are not involved in terrorism against America.)



CAL THOMAS

Studies, a Washington-based advocacy group, says the Census Bureau findings, which are based on preliminary estimates of the 2000 census, are "especially troubling given the role failures in immigration control played in September's terrorist attacks." Three of the Sept. 11 airplane hijackers were illegal aliens, but a number of other terrorists have also come here illegally from Middle East nations, including: Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer, who tried to bomb the New York City subway system in 1987, and Mohammed Salameh, who took part in the 1983 attack on the World Trade Center.

The Census figures do not include illegal aliens from Pakistan. The Immigration and Naturalization Service had previously estimated that more than 40,000 Pakistanis are living illegally in the United States. Africa, including Sub-Saharan Africa, accounts for an estimated 243,000

illegal aliens, according to Census Bureau figures.

The Bush administration is scrambling to begin deportation of some people here illegally, but the Justice Department's focus on 6,000 Middle Eastern men, who already have been ordered out of the country only begins to address the problem. Even if all of them left today, as many as 58,000 non-Israeli Middle Eastern men, not including aliens from Pakistan or North African countries, would remain.

If we do not toughen immigration laws and stop granting amnesty to those who break them, we will encourage more people to come to America by any means possible. That's what occurred following previous amnesties. Inevitably, this means more terrorists will be admitted. The pre-occupation of some in the media — and of self-styled human rights groups — with the way Taliban prisoners are being treated (which is better than they have treated us) reveals that too many among us are still not willing to do what it takes to combat terror.

Steven Camarota, research director at the Center for Immigration Studies, says, "It is difficult to overstate the implica-

tions of this new (Census Bureau) report for the security of our nation. While the vast majority of illegals from the Middle East are not terrorists, the fact that tens of thousands of people from that region and millions more from the rest of the world can settle in the United States illegally means that terrorists who wish to do so face few obstacles. We can't protect ourselves from terrorism without dealing with illegal immigration."

Members of Congress from both parties have failed to provide the political and monetary support the INS needs to enforce immigration laws. There is no constitutional right to come to America. It is a privilege to be admitted. It is disgraceful, as well as harmful to our personal safety and national health, that we have allowed 9 million people to come here illegally.

If we are going to be hit again by our enemies, let's make sure we've done everything possible to protect ourselves, beginning with the deportation of everyone from nations who breed terrorists, followed quickly by those from other nations who are not entitled to be here.

Cal Thomas is a columnist with the Los Angeles Times.

Term limits endanger us

Danger! Danger! What is going to happen to us? Are we going back to the terrible pre-dairy days when we lived under sagebrush and ate dirt?

What you ask, is bringing on this calamity? Term limits, yes, term limits. If we lose the current duties who grace our political offices, doom is sure to follow. These worries have given us one of the most complicated tax codes on the planet, a fish and game department run amuck, and a number of the best and brightest mover into an open sewer.

Could we live without these folks? I don't think so. Let's ignore the law or repeal it, keep the same snouts in the trough, that's the safe way.

MARK THOMAS Jerome

Respect should go both ways

In response to Ms. Kelly's letter on Jan. 23, "Elderly deserve more respect."

Since when did respect become a one-way street? I thought that respect was a give-and-take type of relationship. I imagine that all the "young adults" and their "children" waited for seating just like you did. Also, with such a well-known speaker making an appearance, don't you think getting a little earlier start would

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have helped your seating situation? Did you ask for someone if they would be willing to give up their seat because of your "problem"? If not, did you expect these "young adults and children" to be mindreaders and just get up and kindly hand their seat over?

What I could understand from this situation is that respect was neither given nor taken. What I see is a lack of common sense. If there is a problem, the speaker making an appearance, get there really early! Seating is generally limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. As far as being "forced" to stand for two hours, I really don't think that there was some holding a gun to your head making you stand. You could have left and waited for the next appearance from this speaker. I also want to give a hand to the two managers of the facility who did

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exactly what a manager should do — nothing! It wasn't the manager's place to kick someone else out of his or her seat who got there first! Standing for two hours on your own feet will when you could have easily left and saw the speaker another day, then to boot, complaining about it, that just takes the cake. "Here's your sign!"

JASON MALONE
Aurora, Colo.
(Editor's Note: Jason Malone is a former Twin Falls resident for 20 years!)

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Female bomber kills herself, Israeli man

JERUSALEM (AP) - A Palestinian woman on Sunday became the first female to launch a bomb attack against Israel, killing herself and an 81-year-old Israeli man and wounding at least a dozen people on a busy Jerusalem street.

Israeli police said they were not sure if the woman intended to kill herself or if the bomb exploded prematurely as she walked along Jaffa Street, the main commercial strip in west Jerusalem.



An Israeli police officer yells trying to clear the area damaged when a Palestinian suicide bomber killed one bystander and injured at least 100 people on a busy commercial street in downtown Jerusalem Sunday.

In Lebanon, the Al-Manar television station run by the militant Hezbollah movement said the bomber was Shinaz Amuri, a female student at Al-Najah University in the West Bank town of Nablus.

Israel accused Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat of "encouraging terrorism" and said it was prepared to respond to the bombing - the third major attack in an Israeli city in a week.

Vice President Dick Cheney said Arafat must "make a 100 percent good-faith effort to put an end to terrorism."

The blast next to a shoe shop blew out shop windows, set a store on fire and left victims sprawled on the pavement amid shards of glass, pieces of fruit, shoes and storefront mannequins. "It sounded like half the street exploded," said Hama Gidon, a clothing store worker who was

slightly injured. "All the mannequins went flying and I did too. People were falling, glass was flying everywhere."

More than 100 people were treated on the spot or taken to hospitals, though most suffered

only from shock. Three people were seriously hurt and nine had moderate injuries, officials said.

Mark Sokolov, a U.S. citizen from Woodmere, N.Y., who survived the terrorist attack on the

World Trade Center, was slightly hurt in Sunday's explosion along with his wife and two daughters.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Sunday's attack, but Israel said it held Arafat ultimately responsible.

Wars and pollution threaten mountains

NEW YORK (AP) - Wars, pollution and logging are despoiling the world's mountain ranges - the Alps, the Rockies and the Hindu Kush are most threatened, according to a U.N. study released Sunday.

Mountains are the "water towers of the world," supplying more than half the world's population, said the report by the Tokyo-based United Nations University.

But 23 of the world's 27 current conflicts - from Afghanistan to Chechnya and Kashmir - are being fought in mountainous areas and are destroying the environment, the study said.

But nonviolent activities are scarring mountain ecology as well.

The Rockies are being hurt by new home building, skiing and other recreational activities that gobble up virgin lands, the study said. Industrial pollution from toxic mine tailings affects the Colorado Rockies, said mountain expert Jack Ives, who contributed to the U.N. document.

Canada's first national park, Banff - crown jewel of the system - faces serious danger of being overdeveloped, Ives said. The U.N. study is part of that effort.

once pristine mountain valleys of the Alps "are now a litter of cable cars, ski lifts, tourists facilities and car parks," the study said.

Climbing expeditions have made "Mount Everest the highest garbage dump in the world," Ives said in an interview.

But commercial and illegal logging and slash-and-burn farming by poor people living in mountain areas are the real mountain ravagers, destroying the forests and increasing the chances of avalanches and landslides, fires and famines, according to the report.

"Illegal logging is going on through the forest areas to an extent that is impossible to calculate," Ives said. "Poor Third World countries sell their forests because they are desperate to raise money."

The United Nations has designated 2002 the International Year of Mountains with the goal of alleviating the crippling poverty among mountain people and spotlighting the importance of mountains as the source of rich plant and animal life and more than half the world's fresh water. The U.N. study is part of that effort.

Bush pledges \$200 million for AIDS fund in budget proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush will include a \$200 million contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in his new budget proposal, the administration announced Sunday.

The money would be available in the budget-year beginning Oct. 1.

The United States donated \$200 million in the current budget year.

"This fund will have worldwide impact on the world's most devastating health threats," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said. "We must continue our

fight against these diseases, which are devastating the world's children and families."

The U.N.-endorsed fund has accumulated \$1.6 billion.

Bush's pledge will consist of \$100 million from HHS and another \$100 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The announcement comes as the fund's 18-member policy-setting board prepares to hold its first meeting Jan. 28-29 in Geneva. The agenda will include accepting new donations and adopting a framework to finalize management of the fund.

Explosions rock Nigeria's commercial capital

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - An accident at a munitions depot caused a series of large explosions Sunday night in Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, military officials said, sending fireballs and plumes of smoke into the sky.

The blasts rocked the northern part of this sprawling city, shattering windows and causing panicked residents to flee the streets.

State and military officials went on national television to assure the population that the blasts were not an indication of military unrest and to appeal for calm. They blamed an accident at the Ikeja military base.

World in brief

Election officials said about 92 percent of the country's 13.2 million voters cast ballots in the referendum, which was widely expected to pass. Results were expected Monday.

The U.S. State Department said last week it was not sending election observers because of Uzbekistan's history of rigged votes.

Its protest came despite this Central Asian nation's strong support for the U.S.-led military operation in neighboring

Afghanistan.

Karimov has allowed U.S. troops to use the Khanabad air base, and more than 1,000 U.S. troops are now based there.

Hopes grow for Japan's bad-debt cleanup

TOKYO - Fears about the amount of bad loans held by Japan's banks are leading to concerns nationally - and globally - that some financial institutions may have to be bailed out by the government and could extend the nation's recession, the third in a decade.

But some analysts say the threat of a dreaded crisis may be exactly what Japan needs to jolt it into action - and finally end the bad-debt problem, once and for all.

Japanese banks have been sitting on towering bad debts for years.

Meanwhile, the economy has taken another turn for the worst, battered by the global slump that took a further beating from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Many banks, analysts said, could learn they may have waited too long to improve their operations.

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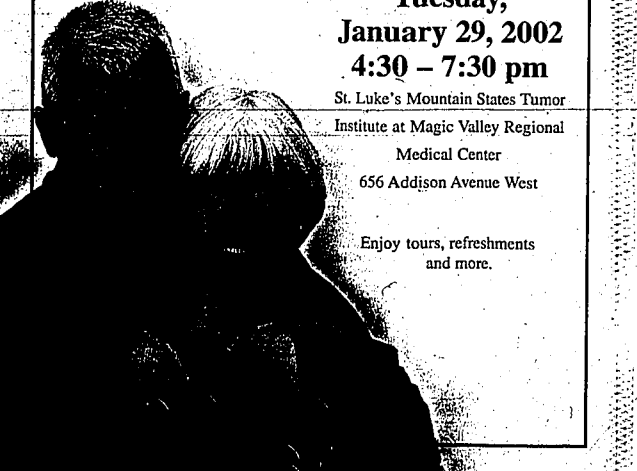

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Daughter can date in 2048

Walt Disney has taken over my daughter's brain. She's not even 2, but she's already obsessed with the Disney cartoon versions of "Snow White," "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty," all of which have the same plot: The heroine is beautiful, but sad. She's in a coma. But wait! Here comes a handsome prince! He kisses her! She's happy! Everybody's happy! Even the woodland creatures are dancing!

I have big problems with this. For one thing, if you see a squirrel dancing, you are looking at the final stages of rabies. For another thing, I don't want my daughter growing up believing that Handsome Prince Equals Lifetime Happiness, which is the basic Disney message. The alleged exception is "Beauty and the Beast," wherein the beautiful heroine falls in love with a creature who makes the Wolf Man look like Hugh Grant. The enlightened message of this story, we are led to believe, is: Appearance doesn't matter! Inner beauty is what counts! But this message goes down the toilet at the end when the spell on the beast is finally broken and he is revealed to be - you guessed it - Gary Condit.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

No, of course the beast is a handsome prince. The heroine has no trouble with the fact that she is suddenly hooked up with a guy who looks absolutely nothing like the one she fell in love with. Clearly she's thinking, "Whew! Now I won't have to shove our babies!"

My daughter speaks up the Disney stories the way a fraternity soaks up beer. Oh, I try to give her some perspective.

"Sophie!" I'll say. "Let's watch football on TV!"

Sometimes she actually will spend a few minutes watching football with me. She clearly understands the game. When the teams go to the line of scrimmage, she says, "Ready." When they start a play, she says, "Fall down." When a player is lying on the field, writhing in agony, she says, "Boo-boo." I'd like to see the TV broadcasters take the same approach.

PAT SUMMERALL: Rams ready. Bears ready. Fall down, John?

JOHN MADDEN: Yes, Pat. Fall down.

PAT SUMMERALL: OK. Rams ready again. Bears ready again. Fall down, Uh-oh.

JOHN MADDEN: Boo-boo, Pat.

The problem is that after only a few minutes, Sophie gets bored with football - if you can imagine - and wants to go back to playing Snow White, using little figurines to set out the parts. Snow White is played by Snow White. The seven dwarfs are played by six dwarfs (Sleepy is currently missing). The wicked witch is played by a Fisher-Price Little People construction worker, who wears a hard hat, as if to say, "I may be evil incarnate, but dang, I'm wearing that OSHA regulation!" The poison apple is played by a plastic apple from Sophie's play kitchen. It's roughly 10 times the size of Snow White's head; even if she didn't eat it, this thing could scare her into a coma. The handsome prince is usually played by a handsome prince, although recently he was misplaced, so Snow White was awakened from her coma by a romantic kiss from a sheep. It's from the Fisher-Price farm set, and as sheep go, it's reasonably handsome.

Over and over, in Sophie's little hands, these figurines act out the story: Snow White is put to sleep by the giant mutant apple; she is awakened by the handsome prince/sheep; everybody dances around happily, including the hard-hat witch.

But I am not happy. I am eager for Sophie to reach a more mature age - say, 3 - so that I can explain to her, as a concerned father, that men, especially handsome men, are vermin scum. I will inform her that she will not be allowed to date until she is a minimum of 47 years old, and even then her dates will have to be unattractive.

I'm just kidding, of course. I may be a protective dad, but I'm also a realistic and reasonable person. She can date at 46.

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The trouble with knees

Injuries crop up among female athletes

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When Randi Fischer blew out her knee on a soccer field last summer, they could hear the snap as far away as the sidelines.

"There wasn't any warning," said Randi, who's 12. "I was kicking the ball and the next thing I knew my knee just gave way."

Bolt-out-of-the-blue, she had joined the ranks of young women who've suffered an anterior cruciate ligament tear, sport's most baffling injury.

It's baffling not because doctors don't understand how it happens, but rather why it happens in such disproportionate numbers to female athletes in the years after puberty.

"There are any number of theories," said Ron Pfeiffer, who directs both the graduate program of the Department of Kinesiology and the Human Anatomy Laboratory at Boise State University. "Maybe it has to do with changes in hormones. Maybe it's because women have wider pelvises than men and that puts more pressure on their knees. Maybe it's for other gender-related anatomical reasons. The one thing that's clear is that female athletes are getting stronger and playing more intensely at younger ages, and these injuries are happening to them."

The ACL is an elastic ligament that connects the front of the shinbone, or tibia, to the back of the thighbone, or femur. Its primary purpose is to prevent the

How to prevent ACL tears

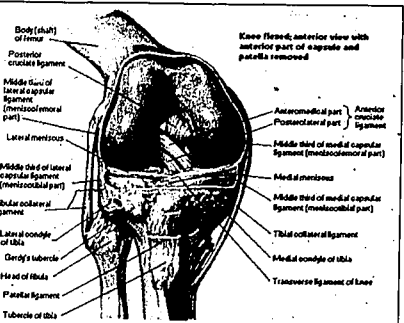
1. **Develop endurance of the legs and cardiovascular endurance.** Example: bike, run.
 2. **Strengthening.**
 - Quadriceps strength, lunges, squats.
 - Hamstring strength. Hamstring curls, multi-directional and multi-angles or many varieties of hamstring exercise. (Hamstrings should test 80 percent of the strength of the quads).
 3. **Flexibility.** Stretch all lower extremity muscles as a precaution against muscle pulls.
 4. **Balance drills.** Stand on one leg while throwing a ball; use yoga postures to stimulate balance; train on a balance equipment.
 5. **Sport-specific drills.** Practice moves that are needed in your sport for two or three months before beginning the sport. Focus on keeping the knees bent 30 to 15 degrees when landing, pivoting, jumping or side-to-side motions.
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tibia from sliding forward from the femur, and for that reason it's under tremendous pressure from torque, or twisting.

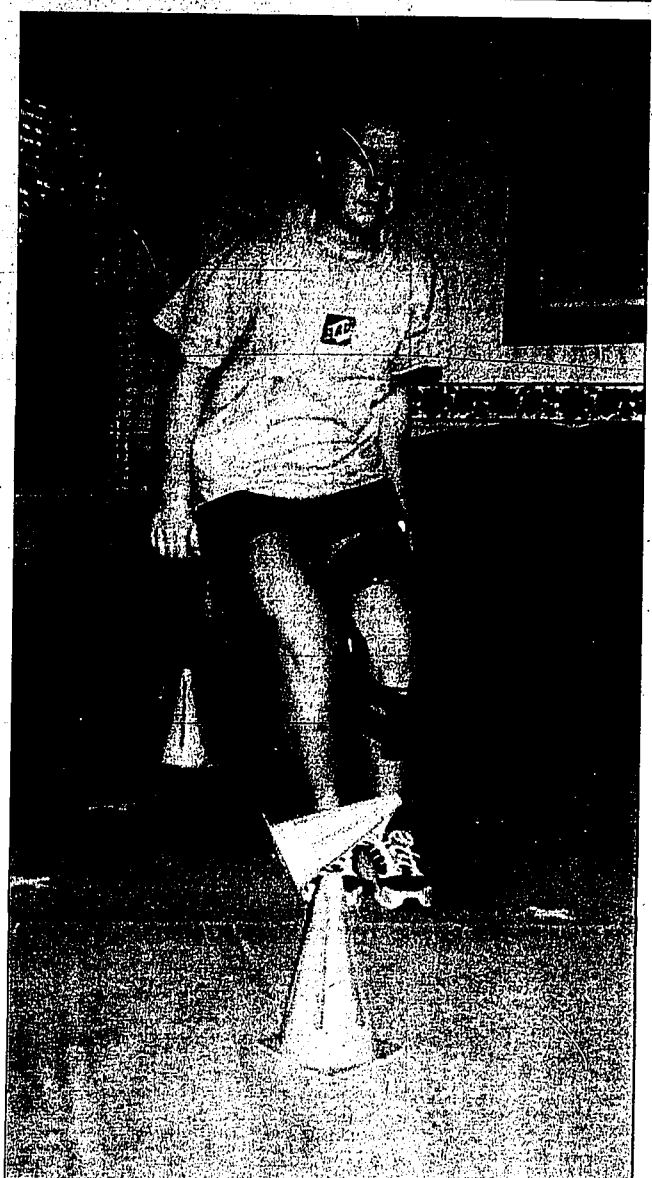
But millions of guys give their knees a pounding day after day and are never the worse for wear. By a ratio of better than 3-to-1, female athletes aren't so lucky.

"It's an area where there isn't a lot of knowledge or information for the teachers and coaches who work with these girls," said Pfeiffer.

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Graphic courtesy of the University of Oregon



Randi Fischer, who had ACL knee surgery last year, hops through a balance drill on a makeshift course she set up in the family living room as part of the process of getting back in shape for soccer and basketball.

'Cabin Fever Day' offers variety of activities

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The city Parks and Recreation Department and several local businesses will sponsor the second annual "Cabin Fever Day" on Saturday.

At various times during the day, adults and children can participate in a variety of free recreational activities, ranging from swimming to sewing.

Participation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call Parks and Rec at 736-7200.

Co-sponsors include CableOne, Costco Wholesale, Sonic America's Drive-In, Twin Falls County and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Activities will include:

- **Swimming,** Twin Falls City Pool, 756 Locust St. N. The pool will be open to everyone from 1-4 p.m. with special games and activities available.
- **Tennis,** YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., will open three indoor courts from noon to 3 p.m. and offer lessons at the top of each hour. All equipment will be provided.
- **Diving,** Dive Magic will offer introductory scuba-diving lessons at the Twin Falls City Pool, 756 Locust St. N., for anyone 8 or older from noon to 5 p.m. Parents must sign a permission slip for minors.
- **Martial arts**
 - **Intermediate Martial Arts,** 225 Main Ave. E. Learn about the program "Dealing with Bullies." The session for kids 6-10 is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ten-year-olds

and up can come between 1-2:30 p.m.

• **Diversified Martial Arts,** 1300 Kimberly Road. An introductory session for kids 10 and under will be held at 10 a.m., for kids 11-12 at 11 a.m., for youngsters 13-16 at 1 p.m. and for adults at 2 p.m.

• **American Self-Defense,** 181 Blue Lakes Blvd. will offer free lessons for kids 5-13. Sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m.

• **Kayaking,** Twin Falls City Pool, 756 Locust St. N. Instructors from the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will introduce the basics from 10 a.m. until noon, for those aged 13 and older.

• **Dance**

- **Loi Heel School of Dance,** 434 Main Ave. S. A workshop on creative movement for kids 4-6 will be held from noon to 1 p.m., while hip-hop for folks 12 and over will be taught from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- **Rocky Top Cloggers,** 220 Main Ave. N. (entrance behind Cain's Home Furnishings) An introductory mini-lesson will be offered for kids 4 and younger from 10-11 a.m., from 5-8-year-olds from 11 a.m. to noon, for 9-12-year-olds from 1-2 p.m. and for folks 12 and older from 2-3 p.m.
- **Music Valley Academy of Music,** 209 Fifth Ave. N. An open house will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with sessions on KinderMusic for children 18 months and younger from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., those 18 months to 3 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., for children 3-5 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and those 6-7 at 2:30 p.m. Group piano introductory ses-

sions will be held for early elementary school-age students and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., for elementary school kids at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and for intermediate students at 11 and 1:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

• **Musical Express,** 347 Sunrise Blvd. N., will offer an open house from 10 a.m. until noon.

• **Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley,** 999 Frontier Road, will open its gym for kids to play basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball and group games. The first session, for kindergarten through second grade, is at 11 a.m., and the second, for grades 3-6, is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **The Twin Falls Fitness-Center,** 1881 Pole Line Road E., will hold an open house from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Women's Fitness Unlimited,** 336 Main Ave. S., will offer an open house from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Curves for Women,** 778 Falls Ave. N. C3, will hold an open house from 7 a.m. until noon.

• **Art**

- **The Twin Falls Creative Arts Center,** 249 Main Ave. W., will offer drawing classes for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Class times are 10-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon.
- **Art Classes for Children,** 347 Sunrise Blvd. N., plans an open house from 1-3 p.m.

• **Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley,** 999 Frontier Road, will hold water-color classes for pre-schoolers at 10 a.m. and for children in kindergarten through sixth grade at 11 a.m.-noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Book helps sewing fans out of some tight spots

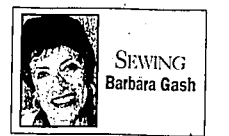
All home sewers, no matter their level of skill, have made mistakes. We learn from them and move on. But how nice to finally have a reference book that helps ease the pain by offering ways of "covering up."

Author Barbara Deckert refers to her new book "Sewing 911" (Taunton, \$24.95) as a first-aid manual for sewers. Instead of admonishing us for doing something wrong, Deckert gives practical advice on saving the project. What's more, she does it with sympathetic good humor and even shares true stories of sewing disasters to help readers know they're not alone.

One example of the problems covered in the book is holes. Deckert says it's easy to overlook a fabric flaw until a garment is cut out, or to cut an extra fold of material as you clip a seam. She says one remedy is patching with a scrap, perhaps gleaned from the inside of a pocket or a hem allowance.

Deckert also suggests darning or mending the hole, and reinforcing the patch with some fusible bonding web or lightweight interfacing.

She says you could also try to hide the hole inside a fold or a pleat or with an applique or trim. Some other problems covered in the book include:



SEWING
Barbara Gash

- Uneven hemlines
- Puckering and pulling
- Bungled buttonholes
- Mismatched plaids and patterns
- Ironing accidents
- Fabric shortages
- Some solutions are quick and easy, while others are more creative and elaborate. You choose what time allows and what you feel the garment is worth.

"Sewing 911" also lists emergency supplies to have on hand, advice for removing stains and procedures for troubleshooting your sewing machine.

The book is bound in my favorite way - a hard cover with spiral binding that lets it lay flat. This book is in fabric and sewing stores, or call Taunton at 800-926-8776, anytime, or go to <http://www.taunton.com/>

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Implant helps radio star Rush Limbaugh hear again

New York Daily News

Rush Limbaugh added one more listener to his radio show last Monday: himself.

The host of the country's top-rated national talk show said a device called the cochlear implant has restored some of the hearing he had lost over the last year as a result of an autoimmune condition.

"This is the first time in three or four months I can join you in actually hearing this program," Limbaugh told his audience, which numbers more than 15 million weekly listeners nationwide.

He did not take live phone calls and said he doesn't know "when and if" that will be possible. He said multiple sounds, such as those heard on a football telecast, are still distracting and largely indecipherable.

But he said he is able to hold a conversation on a nonstudio telephone and that he understands most of what is spoken in one-on-one situations, with little audio distortion.

"This is a very good sign," he said. "But because every case is different, the doctors tell me it could be three years before we can put a percentage on exactly how much hearing I will regain."

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Rush Limbaugh

who said he deliberately did not set any expectations and thus was pleasantly surprised. "I could hear the audiologist and my wife. I called my brother on a cell phone, and I could hear him."

After implants, one in 10 patients can hear well enough to converse without lip reading, and most can manage normal conversation if they combine the sound they hear with lip reading.

Even if hearing remains difficult, cochlear implants can help the profoundly deaf pitch their voice normally and hear telephones, doorbells or alarms.

Limbaugh said he had adjusted well to his months of near-deafness and deafness. But he was clearly delighted with even this partial restoration, saying, "There are so many things (about this experience) that have humbled me beyond my ability to express."

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The announcement stunned the radio world and launched a flurry of speculation about whether he could continue a show that is widely credited with increasing radio listenership across the country.

He insisted from day one he would do so, regardless of the state of his hearing.

In mid-December, all hearing gone, he had the cochlear implant, regarded as a last resort for people with acute hearing loss.

On Thursday, after a standard four-week healing period, doc-

Chocolate, herbs become sex fad

The Dallas Morning News

If that little blue bottle of Viagra isn't doing it for you anymore, then it's time to move on to the next sex-stimulant fad — this one sold in a solid chocolate form.

Called K Sensual, it is chocolate fortified with Chinese herbs that supposedly enhance a woman's sexual experience.

To make it work, the woman must eat the chocolate (damn). But the dose is no trifle. It's a total of four K Sensual chocolate discs: two at midday and two more at night — "after a light meal with a warm beverage or a sip of wine," as the manufacturer thoughtfully recommends.

From there, it's sit back and wait for the "romance" to set in. Designed to "stimulate blood flow," the list of herbs is one exotic mouthful: hare's ear root, tang kwei, peony root, bai zhu, white tuckahoe, mint, matrimony vine fruit, dodder seeds, horny goat weed, sau yang, fleshy broomrape, morinda, raspberry fruit, and licorice root.

The product was conceived by Dr. Roger C. Hirsch, a Beverly Hills doctor of Oriental medicine, acupuncture, and herb therapy.

The chocolates are made by K Chocolatier, a start-up from the Kron family, who once owned Kron Chocolates.

"His formula is about 1,000 years old, Hirsch says. "I changed it to address cer-

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for the lack of a better term, the male-dominant world of business into that of being relaxed, easy, flowing, supportive, mate, wife, and lover."

Wow, those must be some herbs. Would that be the "white tuckahoe" at work? Or the raspberry?

Most of the herbs help the kidney and liver — "they help the flow of blood to the pelvis," he says. "In English, this formula is called 'rambling without a destination' — it gives that kind of free flow of liver spirit."

"There is value to some of these herbs, but they haven't been examined scientifically yet, or else the science that's been done has been difficult to corroborate," says Oregon biochemist Richard Schekelbach.

tain modern things — I added and subtracted," he says. "It's a formula to help women go from,

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Fee: \$25.00
 Tuesday, February 5, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
 Doctors Meeting Room
 Saturday, February 16, 8:00 am – noon
 Doctor's Meeting Room
 Thursday, February 21, 6:00 – 10:00 pm
 Doctor's Meeting Room

Back School • Learn proper body mechanics and exercises to help prevent and/or treat common back injuries. Pre-registration is required. Contact MVRMC Physical Therapy Services at 737-2126 for more information.

Fee: \$25.00
 Wednesday, February 6, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
 MVRMC Rehabilitation Services,
 560 Shoup Ave W – Twin Falls

Monthly Board Meeting
 Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.
 Education Center – Sage Room

Volunteering is an energizing experience, providing many rewarding opportunities. Volunteer opportunities include: patient visitor, infant day-care, refreshment cart hostess/host, information desk attendant, gift shop associate, clerical support, emergency room assistant, outpatient surgery hostess, and hospice patient companion. Bilingual volunteers also needed. To volunteer, please call Volunteer Services at 737-2006.

Do you want to live independently? Lifeline gives you the confidence and freedom to live on your own because there's always someone standing by to help whenever you need it 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, at the press of a button. Call MVRMC's Community Connection at 737-2065 for information about Lifeline.

Healthy Women

Beauty: More Than Skin Deep • Learn about the newest options for skin care. Why would you have a chemical peel? What are the benefits? This education session will include a demonstration on derma planning, discussion about Botox, and teach you the basics of skin care. "Beauty: More Than Skin Deep" focuses on early intervention and prevention of skin aging. For more information or to register call Women's Health Services at 737-2685.

Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m.
 Women's Health and Imaging Services
 224 Martin Street - Twin Falls

Breast Cancer Support Group • This is an ongoing group open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer. For more information contact Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm
 Cancer Center Reception area

Free Breast Screening Education Program. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through MVRMC Women's Health and Imaging Services 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

To register for any of the classes contact, 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuniquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

Birth & Parenting

Big Kids Klub • A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To Register Call 737-2900

Fee: \$7.50/family with one child — \$10/family with two or more children
 Saturday, February 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Doctors Meeting Room

Infant CPR Class • Offered as part of the Prepared Childbirth Course, new parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend this class to learn infant CPR, and what to do if the infant should choke. Child safety and prevention of injury are also discussed. Pre-registration is not required.

Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
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Prepared Childbirth Course • A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2900.

Fee: \$40.00
 Wednesday, February 13 – March 13,
 6:30 - 9:30 pm
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Tuesday, February 26 – March 26,
 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Childbirth Refresher Course • This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required. To register call 737-2900.

Fee: \$15.00
 Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 – 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Cesarean Childbirth Class • This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming labors. Pre-registration is not required.

Fee: \$15.00
 Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

VBAC Preparation Course • Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. Set an appointment by calling 737-2901.

Healthy Kids

SAFE KIDS • Buckle Up in observance of Child Passenger Awareness Week, February 10 – 16. Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat. Purchase a new car seat and have it installed for free at SAFE KIDS. For more information call 737-2430.

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Buckle Up Event
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HEALTH & FASHION

Haute couture

High priest says goodbye; others carry on

By Suzy Patterson
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — The spring haute couture week was dominated by one event — the final show by Yves Saint Laurent, considered the greatest couturier of the 20th century.

Other designers displayed stylish, feminine clothes last week, but the 300 outfits shown at Saint Laurent's farewell retrospective Tuesday made it clear why he is such an adored and iconic figure.

From a parky sixties safari outfit with miniskirt, boots, and hip belt of metal circles worn by Claudia Schiffer to the dazzling tuxedo style worn by the likes of Jerry Hall and Naomi Campbell, the show was sheer beauty.

Why is Saint Laurent so adored? One answer: His clothes simply look gorgeous, sophisticated and contemporary — all at once.

Of course, the pants, and especially the tuxedos, changed women's lives. Nobody else made such chic trouser suits or gave women the courage to wear them back in the '60s.

But Saint Laurent didn't just put women in pants. In whatever he designed, even sportier models, he made women feel and look glamorous, and they loved him for that.

His clothes — even ready-to-wear — were so well-cut and flawlessly made that they could be worn for years and still feel fashionable.

The draped chiffon dresses created for this year's show in raspberry, magenta, mango and indigo recalled the unflattering color sense YSL always showed in evening wear.

When show weeks were over, fashion-watchers often looked to Saint Laurent for what was "in" — for the shape of jackets or skirt lengths.

But although "the king" has gone, creators are still around and showing quality clothes.

Jean-Paul Gaultier, a big fan of Saint Laurent's, has turned from fashion bad boy to fine designer. Many see him as the bright hope of haute couture.

At his own show, he pleased the audience with his saucy sailors and sexy Parisian night owls. The striped sailor sweater with its small white chiffon train and neat bell-bottomed sailor pants were worn by Ines de la Fressange, top model of the 1980s. This idea, based on Gaultier's favorite way to dress himself, is bound to be a popular look, perhaps copied for ready-to-wear.

The many witty ideas included denim evening dresses with beaded fringes, a long tunic cleverly made of silk ties over white pants, satin tailcoats cut to reveal bare midriffs and a black scooped back jumpsuit — also done often by Saint Laurent — worn by Carla Bruni dragging a barrow full of flowers.



AP photo



Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel featured a lean silhouette in red-tinged coats with softly ruffled dresses underneath. The looks were fun and young, mainly combinations of black and many shades of pink, from daytime wild short skirts right up to the fabulous sequined coats, and a powder-puff dress of tulle for the debutante set.

The Ungaro show of exotic outfits was stunning. From

sarongs and kimono styles in the most beautiful and bold silk flower prints to sexy and split silk long skirts and tunics over slim silk pants — Ball-style — the holiday wear was luscious.

An Oriental-Russian circus presentation by John Galiano for Christian Dior was rollicking entertainment, but not wearable. The brand image here is now a spectacle for TV, big top and all.

Alliance creates a men's guide

The Men's Apparel Alliance is nearly at its wits' end over casual Fridays.

"The trend of casualization has gone too far," says MAA president James Ammeen, who believes taking pride in your work requires taking pride in your appearance — and that means "Hawaiian-shirt day has got to go. To that end, the alliance has issued Dressing for Business and Beyond, a what-to-wear guide for the "downright confused" male.

Notes on fashion

Here's a look at the four acceptable levels of style and what they supposedly signify:

• Level 4: Tailored — The key elements are described as a "suit and history," and the message is one of authority, confidence, credibility and persuasiveness. You're ready to bowl over the board.

• Level 3: Softly Tailored — The key element here is the sport coat. MAA says the slightly mismatched look gives off an air of accessibility, influence, consistency and dependability. You're ready to intern for the board.

• Level 2: Casual Tailored — The key elements here are the collar on your shirt and the conspicuous absence of a jacket or tie. Those at level two are perceived as less influential, less authoritative, informal, relaxed and approachable. You're ready to bring the board its mail.

• Level 1: Untailored — Key element: no collar. While you're not in jeans and ripped T-shirt territory here, you are in weekend casual with V-neck sweaters and lighter colors. You're ready to play golf with the board.

Marshmallow for your face?

Know what your skin and Rice Krispies have in common? They both benefit from marshmallows.

From roots to flower, the marshmallow plant — officially *Althea officinalis* — is said to have soothing properties that can ease the discomfort of a cough or sore throat and soften the skin, which gives it something to do because gelatin replaced it as the main ingredient in the candy version more than a century ago.

Here are a few products with marshmallow in their ingredient lists:

- L'Occitane's Linden Foaming Bath (\$24.50 at <http://usa.loccitane.com>)
 - Zirh Soothing After Sun Cooling Gel (\$22.50 at Macys and Zirh.com)
 - Jevena Firming Eye-Cream Gel (\$36 at Sephora.com)
- By Tricia Bishop, The Baltimore Sun

Maternity designer dispels myths

The Baltimore Sun

Maternity designer Liz Lange is on a mission to dispel some fashion myths for pregnant moms. Here are some of her dressing tips:

• Wear sleeveless — As your belly grows, your arms appear thinner and V-neck halter tops and sleeveless shells take the attention from your middle.

• Wear short dresses — Your legs and calves are getting quite a workout carrying the kid, plus they look smaller beneath the baby bulge.

• Always wear fitted (this does not mean skintight) — Wearing clothes cut to your body shows off the curves you have and won't add curves you don't.

On the same note, avoid A-liners: it makes you appear larger than you are.

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BLOATING

For unknown reasons, bloating — that feeling of swelling in the abdomen — occurs most often in females. However, for some it can feel downright painful. It is not necessarily caused by too much gas. Usually bloating is a result of poor motility contractions that move food through the digestive tract. Eating fatty foods can also delay stomach emptying, leading to bloating.

Bloating is often a part of irritable bowel syndrome, a condition in which there is disorganized motility and spasms of the bowel. Sometimes bloating is caused by a disease or a disorder in the stomach or upper part of the digestive system. For this reason, the physician may perform tests, including x-rays and endoscopy.

When bloating happens frequently, medications are sometimes prescribed to stimulate contractions in the stomach and upper intestine. Usually however, bloating is not serious. It may be caused by certain foods or simply by eating too fast. So, a change in eating habits is often all that is needed to control this condition.

WHAT SHOULD I AVOID?

Pan-fried or deep-fried foods, fatty meats, rich cream sauces and gravies, pastries, and any high-fat food. Check all food labels for fat contents. Avoiding the following items may also help reduce bloating: dried beans, milk, ice cream, cheese, cabbage, radishes, onions, broccoli, cereals, breads, pastries, and all foods containing wheat and wheat products. Carbonated beverages and fizzy medication.

SUMMARY

Gas means different things to different people: It may refer to belching, abdominal bloating, or rectal gas. For some it may be simply an embarrassment, while for others it can be quite uncomfortable. However, it is rarely a serious medical problem. Working with a physician, a person suffering from gas can usually find simple solutions to significantly reduce the problem.

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For more information, consider attending one or both one-night classes offered through the CSI Community Education Center. The first is entitled *Forms of Legal Organization for Idaho Ranch, Farm & Dairy owners*. Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Date: Tue, Jan. 29, Place: CSI campus — Shields Bldg., room 203. Cost: \$25 and the second is entitled *Keeping the Farm (Ranch or Dairy) in the Family on Tue, Feb. 5*. Register by phone: 733-9534 ext. 288.
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Homeless man's sister appeals for compassion



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I have a brother, "Stan," who has been homeless for a decade. Stan is borderline schizophrenic. He goes through periods when he hears voices, believes things to be true that aren't, and does not keep himself clean. He has always had trouble dealing with people.

Although I am younger than Stan, I have taken on the responsibility of sending him money, getting him out of trouble, etc. He is often unappreciative, but I realize his problems are beyond his control.

Every day I thank my lucky stars that I am mentally healthy and can get up every morning with the resolve to work and enjoy my life and relationships with people.

I'm writing because I often hear others make comments about "the homeless" — that they are lazy, drunk, etc. People don't realize that while they're airing their distorted views, a relative of a homeless person could be in their presence.

I have struggled with Stan's mental illness and the problems it causes him, trying to get him proper treatment and shelter. For people to imply that I should let him get a job conveys nothing but ignorance. Homeless people have a disability that is not visible.

So why do people persist in believing the homeless choose their fate? Because it means they don't have to feel compassion or try to help. Please print this so

for her and one of her girlfriends. Without consulting me, Janet agreed.

Well, Heather and her friend got evicted, owing their landlord \$2,400. Janet called me and told me I should pay her for Heather's portion of the rent. I told her, "Sorry, I can't help you." Janet became very upset and now refuses to have anything to do with me.

Heather enlisted in the Army and is out of the country. Janet.

still calls and threatens me. I feel bad about this because she was a good friend. What do I do?

— A MOTHER IN FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR MOTHER: Do nothing. Janet made a bad business decision that has nothing to do with you. Also, Janet is not your friend. She conspired with your child to undermine your authority as a parent. She has learned an expensive lesson the hard way. Now please stop grieving for her.

people will open their minds before making insensitive, ignorant, black-and-white statements.

— SISTER WHO CARES IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SISTER: I'm not sure that I agree with your conclusion that people persist in believing the homeless choose their fate so they won't have to feel compassion or try to help.

I think there is an element of fear when we are confronted by the homeless. Some of them are so ill, talking to people who aren't there, that there is a fear they might become violent.

Also, many people live from paycheck to paycheck. In other words, they're only a paycheck away from being homeless themselves. And that in itself is so frightening that people want to distance themselves so they won't have to think about that terrifying reality.

DEAR ABBY: I have been friendly with "Janet," my neighbor, for 12 years. When my daughter "Heather" turned 19, she moved out. Heather, who is irresponsible and immature, then went behind my back and asked Janet to co-sign for an apartment

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Full Moon is in your Fifth House; this relates to creative endeavors and sex appeal. Avoid fooling yourself. Do not be taken in by false flattery. Pisces involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You could be part of a major financial transaction involving sale or purchase of property. Key is organization, recognition of priorities. Cancer native involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

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Look beyond the immediate. Money will be in your hands within 24 hours. Past royalties will be paid. You could receive invitation to travel to foreign land.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What you lost recently had great sentimental value; it could be recovered tonight. Be gracious, not obsequious. Recent endeavor succeeds if you utilize showmanship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Lunar position relates to personality, sales ability. Emphasis on glamour, intrigue and sex appeal. You will experience a romantic evening. That's good, but know when to say, "Enough!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Examine various aspects of

proposition. Highlight curiosity and humor. Popularity rises; people want to be with you and to wine and dine you. Sagittarian figures prominent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You win friends and influence people. You will have luck with number 4. If persistent, you win contest and major objective. Taurus, Scorpio persons play "stunning" roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on career, business and ability to "take charge." Many will rely on you for emotional and financial welfare. Pressure on — you will be up to it. Gemini featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might find that "comfortable living" is not enough. Reach beyond the immediate. Beautiful surroundings. Photograph of loved one would make wonderful gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Dig deep for information; you might learn more than you care to know. Deception involved, deliberate or otherwise. Find out where you stand; proceed accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lie low, play waiting game. Time is on your side; get "forces" organized. Relationship more serious than expected. Tension could reach breaking point — be prepared!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Don't give up on the ship! You have almost reached objective. Assignment could be completed tonight. Idyllic kind of romance will be featured. Aries, Libra play "sensational" roles.

King Melchizedek invented taxes in 1900 B.C.

Item No. 733B in our Love and War man's file of biographical footnotes records the fact that Albert Einstein didn't marry the first love of his life. She said no. Why not? he asked. She said she was leaving him for a more intelligent man.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Q. What's the only animal with retractable horns?
A. The snail.

If a lifeguard in Georgia follows the letter of the law, said savior will not show up at the beach unless dressed in a bright red bathing suit and a neck harness attached to a 200-foot rope.

The old cavalry men always carried spurs, too. Two extra horse shoes in their saddlebags. One for the front, one for the hind.

A sphincter is a ringlike muscle that opens and closes a bodily opening. Some experts say a person taking a lie detector test can defeat a polygraph by clenching the anal sphincter during every question.

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Q. In horse racing, quarter horses are faster than thoroughbreds, are they not?

A. Yea, even as sprinters are faster than milers. The straight-stretch quarter horse along a fourth of a mile will break 45

mph. The thoroughbred on the circular longer track runs between 37 and 40 mph. The harness racer hits between 25 and 30 mph.

It has to be a pretty lively volcanic eruption or we won't hear about it, evidently. Only three eruptions come to mind at the moment, but in fact, the world's 600 active volcanoes blow out an average of 30 eruptions a year.

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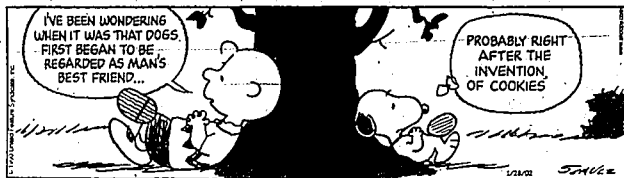
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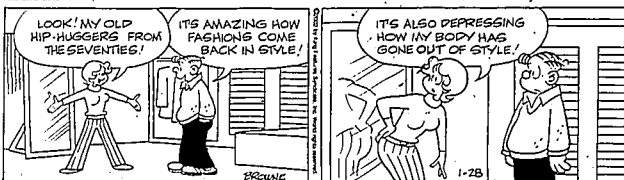
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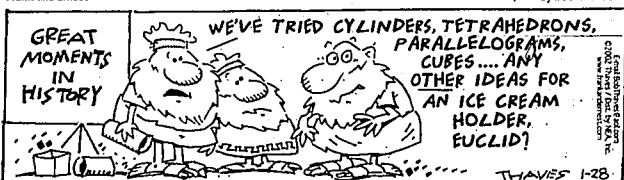
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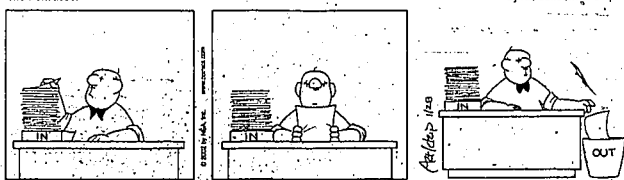
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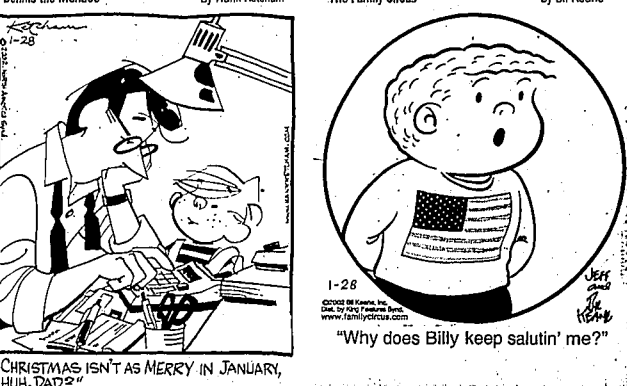


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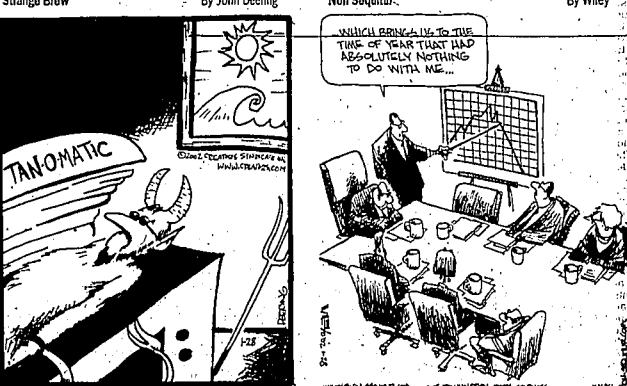


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Misdemeanor dismissals

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Bryan J. Gardner, 28, 2512 1st Drive S. E., Burley, 18-month probation...

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John Laid Valderrama, 44, 725 Hansen Ave., Burley, 18-month probation...
Marilyn Lynn Rugh, 27, 107 Lincoln, Paul, driving without proper license...

Juvenile sentencing

Acquiesce Jesus Hernandez, 17, 534 Oriental Ave., Burley, 18-month probation...
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Thomas C. Kemp, 31, 123 E. Fifth St., Burley, 18-month probation...
James M. Schaefer, 21, 2977 S. Perry Lane, Sandy, Utah, one court drug violation...

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John M. Lutz, 19, 139 E. 28 N. Elmore St., Rupert, 18-month probation...
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