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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Sunny and mild. Highs near 70. Tonight, clear skies.

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SCHOOL DAYS



Keeping the air cleaner: Students build biodiesel car.

IMAGE



Running with Fido: Your dog is up for a jog. Are you?

SPORTS

Mickelson wins: Lefty does it right on No. 18 at Masters.

OPINION

Are we safer?: Condi Rice's testimony in 9/11 commission doesn't offer much security, today's guest editorial says.

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Got an old car? Join the club. Tuesday In The Times-News

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Slender at a price



Shannon Stromberg, a student in the registered nurse program at the College of Southern Idaho, studies in preparation for an upcoming speech in the Student Union building at CSI. Stromberg is one of dozens of local people who have used Wyeth Laboratories, the makers of "Fen-Phen," a combination diet drug that has been shown to cause heart problems. Stromberg says she suffered heart valve damage from the drug.

Area diet drug users file suit

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—After a lifetime of battling her weight, Shannon Stromberg was finally free from the 100 excess pounds that once bound her.

Eight sizes smaller, she no longer had to shop for clothes in the large women's department. Lighter on her feet, she could do things that before she could only imagine. She kept up with two active toddlers and still had energy to spare. Exercise was no longer drudgery, but something she looked forward to. She even joined a gym.

At 25, Stromberg felt as though she had started a whole new life. With the help of a popular diet drug cocktail called "Fen-Phen," Stromberg had finally won the war.

"I felt wonderful," she said. "My whole attitude changed. I had more self-confidence. But it all came at a very high price.

When it first came out in the 1990s, "Fen-Phen," a combination of the diet drugs flurazepam — brand name Pondimin — and phentermine — and phentermine seemed to be the miracle diet drug everyone had been waiting for. Hundreds of thousands of people flocked to their doctors for prescriptions. Appetites decreased, and pounds melted away. Everywhere you looked, people were shedding pounds.

Stromberg was one of them. But one day, Stromberg, then living in Wells, Nev., went to her doctor and got a big surprise.

"They took it off the market, and my doctor told me he couldn't prescribe it anymore," Stromberg said.

On July 8, 1997, the Food and Drug Administration issued a public health advisory that revealed some unnerving findings at the Mayo Clinic. Twenty-four of the clinic's patients had developed heart valve disease after taking Fen-Phen. Five of them ended up in open-heart surgery, and eight more ended up developing pulmonary hypertension, a sometimes fatal disease of the heart and lungs.

That was just the beginning. Today, more than 100,000 former Fen-Phen users have added their names to a class-action suit against Wyeth — the Delaware-based multibillion-dollar pharmaceutical company formerly known as American Home — Products — Corp. — that made and marketed the diet drugs. They allege the pharmaceutical company failed to properly warn physicians and consumers concerning the dangers of the drugs.

Stromberg's name, as well as the names of dozens of other local people, are on that lawsuit. Stromberg first heard about the lawsuit two years ago on a TV advertisement. She went to see local attorney Bart Browning, who sent her to a local cardiologist for an echocardiogram, a non-invasive test that takes a video image of the heart and valves. The results weren't good.

"It showed some regurgitation in the mitral valve and also in the tricuspid valve," Stromberg said.

"The job of the heart valves is to regulate blood flow to and from the heart. But Stromberg's valves weren't closing properly, causing blood to flow backward."

Stromberg said she believes the pharmaceutical company was interested in one thing — dollar signs. "I think the company found something they knew would make them money and got it on the market quickly," Stromberg said. "It should have had more testing."

Class action

The Mayo findings were reported in the August 1997 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, along with an FDA letter to the editor describing additional cases. The FDA began receiving more reports of heart valve disease associated mainly with Fen-Phen.

One day after the FDA issued its advisory, the national law firm of Lief, Gabraser, Heilmann and Bernstein filed the first national lawsuit against American Home Products, now known as Wyeth, makers of the diet drugs Pondimin and Redux. The lawsuit alleged the manufacturers had failed to properly warn physicians and consumers concerning the dangers of the diet drugs.

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Twin Falls focuses on higher-paying jobs

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Is the city poised for rapid growth? According to the Idaho Department of Commerce, Twin Falls County has generated so many jobs since 2002 that it appears the place could be on the verge of significant expansion.

But what kinds of jobs have been generated? And if Twin Falls is to ignite, what kind of jobs will be coming and what objectives the city uses to achieve its goals.

"Everything we do from a policy and budget planning standpoint concentrates on these (strategic plan) objectives," City Manager Tom Courtney has said.

The list of 11 objectives includes an initiative to diversify the economic base by bringing in 300 new jobs by the end of 2005. And those are to be jobs paying 110 percent of Idaho's current living wage, which is about \$15 per hour, according to economist Greg Rogers of the Twin Falls Job Service Center. A \$15-per-hour job amounts to about \$31,000 a year. The goal also has included in this goal that those jobs are to include health insurance.

A living wage is considered to be one that would provide enough money for a family of four to pay a mortgage and a car payment as well as buy food, with some change to spare.

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Insurgents shoot down helicopter

Two crewmembers die

The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A fragile cease-fire held between Sunni insurgents and U.S. Marines on Sunday in the besieged city of Fallujah, where Iraqis killed more than 600 civilians were killed in the past week. Near Baghdad, gunmen shot down a U.S. attack helicopter, killing two crewmembers.

Also, the military suggested it is open to a negotiated truce in its showdown with a radical Shiite cleric in the south.

Most of the Iraqis killed in Fallujah in fighting that started last Monday were women, children and elderly, the director of the city hospital, Rafie al-Issawi, told The Associated Press. A U.S. Marine commander disputed the number of the kill in fighting to bury their dead in two soccer fields. One of the fields had rows of freshly dug graves, some

Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls City Council meeting begins at 5 p.m. today at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. It is open to the public.

kind of population will they bring? At the City Council's regular 5 p.m. meeting today, council members and city staffers will discuss a strategic plan for 2004-05. The plan is a map of

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Qasim Mardan Sandi reclines on a cushion in a neighbor's room and recalls how his father stabbed when he saw the footage last week of four American contractors being killed and mutilated.

Sandi talks of how excited he was when U.S. troops toppled Saddam-Hussein, and boasts that they can still patrol his neighborhood without being shot at. He welcomes a Western visitor and pledges his safety. And then he talks fulsomely about the man who taught him to respect others and forswear violence — Muqtada al-Sadr, the

volatile Shiite cleric whom occupation forces have declared public enemy No. 1. Thousands of al-Sadr's black-clad followers fought savage battles with coalition forces last week. Many Iraqis fear the fiery young cleric, an intellectual here in hidden voices call al-Sadr "a crazy man." President Bush has condemned his loyalists as "hugs and terrorists."

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Bush says memo data couldn't have stopped 9-11

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Sunday that a memo he received a month before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks did not contain enough specific threat information to prevent the hijackings and "said nothing about an attack on America."

In his most extensive public remarks about a briefing he received Aug. 6, 2001, titled "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S.," Bush said he "was satisfied that some of the matters were being looked into" by the FBI and CIA that summer and that they would have reported any "actionable intelligence" to him.

"I am satisfied that I never saw any intelligence that indicated there was going to be an attack on America — at a time and a place, an attack," Bush told reporters after Easter Sunday services in Fort Hood, Texas.

"Of course, we knew that America was hated by Osama bin Laden. That was obvious. The question was, who was going to attack us, when and where and what?" Bush added, "I am a reporter who characterized the memo as containing 'ongoing' and 'current threat information.' But he added that if the FBI or CIA "found something, they would have reported it to me. We were doing precisely what the American people expect us to do: run down every lead, look at every scintilla of intelligence and follow up on it."

Bush told reporters came a day after the White House reversed its long-standing objections and declassified the 1 1/2-page memo, part of the President's Daily Brief (PDB), in response to demands from the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks. The document has moved to the center of a continuing furor over the administration's actions during a period of unprecedented terrorism warnings in the summer of 2001 amid allegations by former counterterrorism coordinator Richard A. Clarke, who has said the Bush White House largely neglected terrorism issues until the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Commission chairman Thomas Kean, a former Republican governor of New Jersey, said in an interview this week-end that he will push for declassification of another specific PDB related to al-Qaida that was delivered to former President Bill Clinton, raising the possibility of heightened public scrutiny of the previous administration's response as well.

One Democratic commission member said. "Since the release of the August 2001 document will renew a push by some members to gain access to scores of similar intelligence memos provided to Bush and Clinton, raising the possibility of heightened public scrutiny of the previous administration's response as well.

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President Bush

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and mild. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the upper 30s to the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and mild. Highs near 70.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Jerome, Kootenai, Malheur, Blaine, Starline.

BURLEVRUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and mild. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Fair skies. Lows in the upper 30s to the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny and mild. Highs near 70.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Sunny skies and mild today through Tuesday. There will be increasing chances for showers developing by Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

BOISE Mild and fair with high pressure overhead today and Tuesday. A little cooler with an increasing chance for showers and thunderstorms Wednesday through Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Sunny skies and mild today through Tuesday. Some late afternoon showers and thunderstorms Wednesday through Friday.

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

Yesterday's State Extremes: 77 at Lowell, Low: 17 at Starline.

Weather key: s=sunny, p=partly cloudy, m=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=showers, r=rain, dr=drizzle, b=blizzard, w=wind, m=missing

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Count.

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Date, Moon Phase (Last, New, First, Full).

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: U.V. Index, Protection Level.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists weather for various national cities.

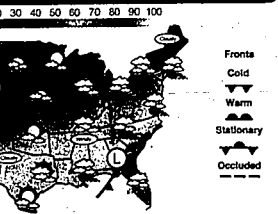
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists weather for various world cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Lists weather for various Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Council

Continued from A1. Rogers explained. The Idaho Department of Labor determines the number. The \$15 is a 2003 figure. Rogers noted it's not the kind of wage that accommodates a \$200,000 home and an SUV.
But it's not a wage suitable for the untrained or uneducated, either, he said.
In fact, it is significantly above the current average wage of the area, which is about \$10 per hour, said Dave McAlinden, the city's economic director. That amounts to about \$21,000 a year.
Rogers, who is one of many working on attracting jobs to the area, said the group has never focused on recruiting jobs for people who don't have specific skills, or at least the ability to get certain post-high school skills.
"Typically, we look at training, such as vo-tech, or if the training can be developed," Rogers said, pointing to Dell Computers. The call center came to Twin Falls a little more than two years ago.
The computer maker's first local hires joined the payroll as trainees in January 2002. On opening day, in early February 2002, Dell employed 203 people. In mid-April 2002, a few more than 300. In late September 2002, 396. In late June, about 555. The company is now up to 727.
"Dell started here with relatively low expectations," McAlinden said. Some people started out making \$8.50, though the average worker made more than \$10 per hour. But initially there were only a couple of job descriptions. But with the help of training provided by the College of Southern Idaho and a highly motivated work force Dell quickly expanded pay and opportunities at the Twin Falls center so

Diet

Continued from A1. Before long, clients across the nation hopped on board. Hundreds of Idahoans have added their names to the class-action lawsuit, while others have chosen to file individually. Browning alone is representing more than 50 clients, many of them in the Magic Valley.
Browning first got involved in the case when some prodigious clients who had taken the diet drugs asked him to represent them.
"We had some long-standing clients of the firm who had taken the drug and found out on their own they were injured," he said.
Browning placed ads inviting people who had taken the diet drugs to get free echocardiograms, his firm footing the bill. He said many people couldn't afford to spend the \$800 to \$1,200 for the test, which insurance typically wouldn't pay for because users of the drugs took them by choice.
Browning said he was surprised at the large turnout.
"I was surprised so many people took the drug," he said.
Browning said Wyeth knew the drug could cause problems.
"I think their testing and re-testing in Europe showed the drugs could be dangerous, yet they chose to market it without further testing," he said.
So why did the company go ahead and market the drugs in the United States?
"Simple. Browning said. They were a big money-maker, to the tune of \$60 million a month.
"Big corporations almost factor into the cost of doing business the damage they're doing to potential ongoing sales."
Browning said class-action suits streamline the process to gain some efficiency.
"A class action is an alternative way of solving a dispute," he said.
But with 100,000 clients nationwide, the process will take awhile.

A dangerous diet cocktail

The heart contains four major valves that regulate the flow of blood through the heart and to the lungs and general circulation. Disease may cause excessive tightness or leaflet regurgitation of the valves. In the case of valve disease associated with fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine, leafletness is the problem.
The FDA issued a public health advisory that described the Mayo findings. The Mayo findings were reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, along with an FDA letter to the editor describing additional research.
The FDA began receiving more reports of heart valve disease associated mainly with Fen-Phen. There were also reports of cases of heart valve disease in patients taking only fenfluramine or dexfenfluramine. No cases meeting the FDA's definition of a case were reported in patients taking phenentermine alone.
On July 9, 1997, the national law firm of Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann and Bernstein filed the first national lawsuit against American Home Products, now known as Wyeth, makers of the diet drugs Ponderin and Redux.
The lawsuit alleged the manufacturers had failed to properly warn physicians and consumers concerning the dangers of the diet drugs.
On Sept. 15, 1997, American Home Products Corporation, now known as Wyeth, voluntarily withdrew its diet

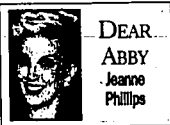
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How safe is that drug?
Browning said when it comes to drug safety, part of the problem could be the fact that pharmaceutical companies police themselves.
Contrary to what most people believe, it's the pharmaceutical companies, not the FDA, that are responsible for testing drugs and submitting evidence that
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had problems related to the drugs."
Part of the processing of the claims requires an independent auditing of all echocardiograms to assess the damage. And some clients are finding out the results of the second reading of the echocardiograms are much different from the results of the first.
"Ten doctors reading 10 echos could get 10 different opinions," Browning said. "The trust is paying a lot of claims, saying the injury isn't as bad as originally supposed. They're audited and rejected."
Following the first reading of her echocardiogram, Stromberg was told she should accept about \$300,000. But after the second reading, the number shrank to \$6,000.
The trust uses a complicated matrix system to determine the extent of damages. For instance, a patient valve must have a 20 percent leakage to qualify for compensation, Browning said.
The drug company's side
Weiner said there's greed involved, but it's not on the part of the pharmaceutical company. He blames financial motivations of lawyers and physicians.
"There are a number of questions about possible fraud in the process, with attorneys, claimants and physicians abusing the process to make more money," Weiner said. "These abuses have slowed the compensation to those with valid claims in the settlement."
Weiner said some lawyers state claims even get to court and set up what he called "echo mills."
"People were getting echos in hotel rooms next door to lawyers' offices," Weiner said.

Couple feels stifled by live-in in-law

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 years old and have been married for seven years. We have one child...



DEAR Abby Jeanne Phillips

being proactive about protecting children from verbal and physical abuse. I was slapped often by my mother in grocery stores and parking lots...

someone like "Sad and Disgusting" would simply ask, "Are you OK?" That small act might have given me the courage I couldn't muster on my own.

DEAR FREED: I am pleased you finally escaped your abuser. I hope you're no longer blame yourself for not telling anyone what was going on...

How do I tell him that we need time to ourselves without hurting his feelings?

DEAR HAD IT: You should be

Not all early primitive humans were cave dwellers

Not all that many primitives lived in caves. Too many people, not enough caves, even then. Reason scholars have made so much of the cave dwellers is the caves are where they find the evidence.



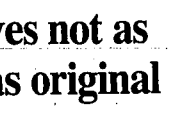
L.M. BOYD

conventional desire to buy things. Stringers of telephone cable in Germany reportedly use trained dogs to sniff out snake lines through narrow passages.

snake is a sort of cobra. According to a major leaguer, those baseball pitchers known as fast-ball specialists usually hit their top velocity in the fourth inning.

Spoof proves not as revealing as original

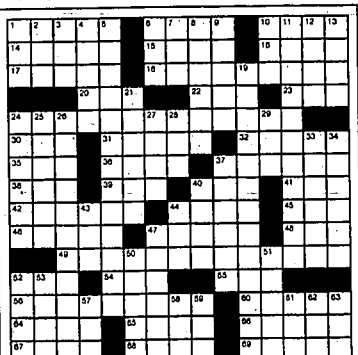
ident Dick Cheney, played by Darrell Hammond, suggesting that Rice "flashed a boob" to distract attention from the politically charged Sept. 11 hearings.



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bumps is "Judder Bars." That scholarly Dutch priest Erasmus took a definite stand on laughing: He told his students never to do it in public.

Mention this to your family spender: "Oniomania" is the



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ACROSS and DOWN crossword clues and solutions, including 47 Letter lady, 48 Mail a fly, 49 Brunch, etc.

Aries: You work hard

IF APRIL 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are lit from within by a sense of peace and tranquility and are optimistic about the future.

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To find out more, click Auctions on the Times-News website.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Hagerman car crash claims one

HAGERMAN - An early afternoon car accident six miles south of Hagerman took the life of a 12-year old boy Sunday. Tammera Gallejos, 45, of Boise, was driving a 1998 Pontiac Grand Am on U.S. Highway 30 around 1:17 p.m. She was attempting to turn into Sliger's Thousand Springs Resort when she turned into the path of an oncoming 1992 Safer motor home, according to a news release issued by Idaho State Police.

The motor home, driven by Roger C. Penney, 74, of Crowheart, Wyo., hit the Grand Am, went through a fence and struck an unoccupied vehicle in the parking lot of the resort, the release said. Cauatherma Ruiz, of Boise, was in the back seat of the Grand Am and received severe injuries. He was flown by Life Flight to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise where he died, according to the release. Gallejos and Penney were treated for minor injuries and released.

It was not immediately known if the occupants were wearing seat belts. Alcohol is not suspected as a factor in the accident, the release said.

The crash remains under investigation by ISP.

Hospital Board hears report on cardiology

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Board of Directors will hear a report on the hospital's interventional cardiology program tonight. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sage Conference Room located in the former Norco building just east of the hospital on Addison Avenue. The meeting is open to the public. Also tonight, board members will hear reports from the administrative, finance, quality, community relations and medical executive committees.

Simplot seeks revised air permit

HEYBURN - The J.R. Simplot Co. is seeking to revise its air quality permit to reflect lower emission levels from its closed Heyburn plant as most operations have ceased. The company's application involves reductions in sulfur dioxide emissions from 125 tons a year to 40 tons a year, said Bill Rogers with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in Boise. Under the revised permit, Simplot would continue to operate its covered boggos and lagos flare to dispose of the remaining potato waste at the plant. DEQ will accept public comments on Simplot's application and requests for a 30-day public comment period on the proposed permit through 5 p.m. Feb. 2004. The application is available for review at DEQ's Twin Falls office, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2. For technical information about the permit, contact Rupert at (208) 373-0292 or rwrogers@deq.state.id.us. Submit questions, comments, and requests regarding the public comment process to Joan Lechtenberg, Air Quality Division DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton Boise, ID 83706; (208) 373-0502; or jlechten@deq.state.id.us.

Family workshop begins Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A "Families Matter" training workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, 601 Pole Line Road. Admission is free. No child care will be available. "Families Matter" is a training opportunity for adults who work with or have a child with a severe emotional, mental or behavioral disorder. Participants will learn how to advocate for a child with a severe emotional disorder, about rights and responsibilities, and how to integrate families in the decision-making process. For more information or to register, call (800) 905-3436 or go to www.idfhw.org. The workshop is sponsored by the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Board looks at program plan

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A wealth of changes and career preparation opportunities could open up for Twin Falls High School students if the School Board approves a proposal to expand its professional and technical programs and increase cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho.

Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls School Board will meet at 7 p.m. today in the school administration building's board room at 201 Main Ave. W. The meeting is open to the public.

presented last month, calls for the high school to expand its offerings to create academies within the school that lead to courses at CSI. The plan is scheduled for discussion and possibly a vote at tonight's school board meeting. Classes in business, technology, finance, child-related careers, culinary arts and food service, health sciences and engineering would all be expanded on campus and given more dual-credit options there and at CSI. The information technology and finance academies already in place are

considered models for helping students get a head start on their career paths.

The proposal also calls for the revamping of the school's agricultural science and technology program. There would be an increased emphasis on academics, and students who wanted to take agriculture courses would be able to take them on CSI's campus for dual credit.

Critics of the proposal have said the removal of the agriculture program from the high school campus will price students out of it and decimate the school's dwindling chapter of the National FFA Organization. During the state FFA leadership conference, state FFA adviser Richard Ledington said he would work with the school to keep the program if it is possible.

This year the school offers semester classes in greenhouse work, where students raise and experiment with vegetable plants, and classes in metals, welding, engines and fabrication. There are about 70 students in the program out of the approximately 1,500 in the school. Declining enrollment has led administrators to re-evaluate the program. Five years ago, the agriculture program had about 360 students with offerings including zoology, forestry and wildlife, and floral design and marketing.

The school district's professional/technical education committee met Wednesday and made a few minor alterations to the

overall proposal. Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen said the changes to the proposal were minor corrections of details.

Other items on tonight's School Board agenda include:

- **ARTEC** - The board will discuss the district's continued participation in the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition and the Vocational Education Cooperative of Southern Idaho.
- **Fitness equipment** - The board will hear more information about the Leadership in Fitness Program, which could provide the high school and two junior high schools with about \$700,000 in fitness equipment. The National School Fitness Foundation collects confidential fitness data on students in return for paying for the cost of equipment. The district would have to secure a loan for the equipment, then the program would pay it back.

- **Asbestos** - The board will hear information about proposed asbestos cleanup at the high school this summer. Allen said there are no immediate health hazards. "We don't want it to get to that point," Allen said.

- **Asbestos insulation** is typically removed or sealed off to prevent health problems.

- **Alternative programs** - The board will look into revamping the district's alternative school programs and add more services, Allen said.

DUNGEON NO LONGER



Workers clear rubble from what once was known as The Dietrich Dungeon Saturday. With clearance from the Environmental Protection Agency, Dietrich High School's gym was razed Friday after fixing an asbestos problem.

Minidoka hospital will embark on remodel

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Residents of Minidoka County can expect a safer and better-equipped medical facility by the end of next summer if the \$3.3 million renovation of Minidoka Memorial Hospital goes as planned. County commissioners are expected to sign paperwork April 26 to secure a \$5.7 million, 20-year loan from Idaho Health Facilities Authority that will finance the remodeling project and pay off at a lower interest rate an existing \$2.5 million loan from IHFA. Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson said the loan will not cause the hospital's prices to increase because expansion of the medical lab and reopening

of the west wing of the nursing home should bring in substantial additional revenue. He pointed out that no tax dollars will be spent on the project. Because publicly owned buildings cannot be mortgaged, IHFA was created by the Idaho Legislature in 1972 to facilitate loans for hospitals. It has since arranged for more than a billion dollars in loans to publicly owned and nonprofit private hospitals. Executive Director Neil Moss said. Similar organizations exist throughout the country. Minidoka County will lease the hospital to IHFA as a primary lease, Moss said. "It is then leased back to the county monthly for the amount of the loan payments." The actual loan will be made

by D.L. Evans Bank, so the bank holds a lease interest in the event of a default. Moss said there has never been a default on an IHFA loan. A similar loan for the hospital was in the works with a different bank last fall, but due to a delay on the part of the bank, hospital board members sought a different loan. "We're happy to be dealing with a local bank," Hanson said. He received a letter Feb. 26 from the Rupert branch of D.L. Evans approving the loan. According to the letter, the interest rate is fixed at 4.36 percent for five years and will be adjusted every five years thereafter. "We conducted a complete review of costs and projected improvements and repairs," Moss said. Loan money can

only be used for capital improvements and equipment purchase, not for salaries or operating costs. The hospital board agreed to set aside between \$325,000 and \$470,000 of the hospital's cash reserves to help pay for the renovation. The exact amount depends on the outcome of a dispute with Medicare about reimbursement of \$150,000. So far, the hospital has spent about \$80,000 in engineering and architecture fees. The renovation of the 44-year-old facility will include replacing deteriorating foundation piers, meeting fire and safety codes, remodeling the west wing of the extended care facility and expanding the medical lab.

Irrigation oops

Rupert man wakes up to two feet of water in his home

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Dennis Bean woke up Saturday morning, swung his feet out of bed and put them down into two feet of water. He got up to find the Minidoka Irrigation District canal next to his house overflowing. The floor of his house and the entire three-acre lot surrounding it were covered with water. He called the irrigation district and within a short time a backhoe arrived and began clearing trash from the canal.

"We had a check plug up," said Minidoka Irrigation District Manager Bill Thompson. "It didn't function properly." The check is the structure that elevates the water level so diversions can be made. A spill normally would evacuate the water, but the check was plugged. The water then spilled over the bank. The irrigation district had started sending water to the canals on April 7. It arrived at the canal next to Bean's house early Saturday morning.



Garth Bean takes a look at the area that was flooded around his brother's home Saturday morning. The Minidoka Irrigation District canal was plugged with weeds when water arrived, causing the canal to overflow.

Return to Romania

Woman looks forward to working again at clinic for children

By Lorraina Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Patti Thomas made the decision to go to Romania with the Global Volunteers program last year, her family had apprehensions about the trip's timing. The war in Iraq began on the day of her scheduled flight.

Although Romania had nothing to do with a war zone, the overall uncertainties of flight after the 9/11 attack on American soil remained a looming factor.

"I was terrified," said her daughter, Robbin Genry.

But with a chance to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, her desire to go out weighed all of the family's voiced anxieties. While their concerns mattered, so did her commitment to serve as a volunteer.

Despite fears of her own about what she might encounter, her departure went off without a hitch. And for the following three weeks, Thomas, who is a retired emergency medical technician instructor, did her part to ease the suffering of at-risk babies and abandoned children at a failure-to-thrive clinic in northern Romania.

"This month - a year later - she is scheduled to return to the city of Tutova. She plans to leave Friday to work once more as a volunteer at the clinic."

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Residents share food, laughter and hope

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Chicken, beef or both? Cookies, cheesecake, pie or all three?

Not often does life present as many choices as were available to residents of Valley House on Easter Sunday. The banquet, cooked and presented by Pasquale Lanno and donated by Cactus Petres in Jackson, Nev., was a win for residents as well as for the organizers who came together and enjoy the fruits of generosity, as well as the company and laughter of each other.

"If you starve here it's your own fault," former resident Eric Gesterfeld said, digging into a pile of roasted potatoes. "There's some people out there with some pretty big hearts."

Residents William Bray and his wife Marie came to the shelter a week ago.

"We were welcomed here with open arms," William said.

William lost his job in security when the contract expired.

"I was supposed to have been grandfathered in," he said. "That didn't happen."

The Brays were happy to find a place that welcomed couples.

"This is an extremely unique program," he said. "The difference is dramatic. This gives you a leg up when all the other doors seem to close on you."

William, who says he has a degree in human services, hopes to find a job soon.

"I don't want to live off the state," he said. "I don't want welfare. Those things are all well in and of themselves, but that's not what I want."

Shelter residents learn about housing, transportation, food stamps, job services, budgeting and other skills necessary, said Eric's wife, Gail.

On Sunday, the pair came back to spend the day with old friends.

"I kind of miss the place," Eric said. "They were awfully nice to us." Before the couple moved out in March, Sharon Brennan, the director of Valley House, asked Gail if she wanted to be on the board of directors, Costelud said.

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ON THE AGENDA

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

Today Blaine County commissioners... Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley. Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 203 Broadway Ave. N. Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 501 Soldier Road, Fairfield. Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school, 610 Soldier Road, Fairfield. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland. Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E. Mountain Home. Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main. Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school, 324 Second Ave. N. Halley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley. Hansen City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 388 Main. Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 246 Main. Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 2392 Main. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N. Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B. Shoshone. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Education Center (former Norco building on Addison Avenue), Twin Falls. Malia City Council, 5 p.m., Rain River Electric Co-op conference room, 155 N. Main. Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln. Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Parks and Watershed Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W. Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W. Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, noon, City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E. Valley School Board (Eden-Hazleton) 7 p.m., media center, 882 Hazelton Road. Tuesday Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park. Glens Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 119 E. Second. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St. Income City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road. Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Wednesday Castleford City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises,

300 Main. Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main. DeMay Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert. Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 241 18th St. Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth. Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W. Payd City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 434 Second E. Thursday Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., intermediate school library, 241 Central St. W. Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., conference room, 715 G St., Rupert. Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St. Friday Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included: Misdemeanor dismissals Julie L. Ochoa, 31; one count use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Maria Ibarra, 35; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar. Terry Lee Hatch, 49; trespassing, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Misdemeanor sentences Linda M. Branson, 44; provide false information to officer, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 27 days suspended, three days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar. Alberto Garcia, 29; one count battery on correctional officer/jailer, amended to aggravated battery, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 court costs, one year determinate term, four years indeterminate term, one count resisting officers, dismissed; one count provide false information to officer, dismissed; one count possession of alcoholic beverage by minor, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 180 days probation, three counts contempt of court, one count six months probation, three counts dismissed; one count domestic battery with a child present, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Rene Nicolas Chavez, 25; failure to purchase valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff. Julio C. Garcia, 18; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, 12 months probation, 80 days in jail, 40 days suspended; 20 days credited; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.

Annelise Godfrey, 21; domestic battery, amended to battery, found guilty, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 90 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar. Wayne Joe Jensen, 39; one count provide false information to officer, pleaded guilty, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 27 days suspended, three days credited, one count use or possession of drug paraphernalia, pleaded guilty, concurrent with count one; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff. Pippy Ann Molina, 28; one count delivery of a controlled substance, \$186.50 court costs, \$369.07 restitution, five years probation, three years indeterminate term, seven years indeterminate term, penitentiary time suspended; one count conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance, dismissed; one count delivery of a controlled substance with children present, dismissed, one count probation violation, pleaded guilty, District Judge R. Barry Wood. Crystal Dawn Pena, 19; use of telephone to harass, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 144 days suspended, 36 days credited; Magistrate Judge R. Barry Wood. Rinaldo Carlos Rivera, 22; failure to purchase a valid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff. Tressyn Valdez, 37; one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$98.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 180 days in jail, 177 days suspended, three years credited, one count possession of controlled substance, treatment program; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, Michael Crabtree, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$288.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 20 days suspended, two days credited; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Felony sentences Robert T. Cutler, 30; one count delivery of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$190.50 court costs, \$75 restitution, five years probation, 90 days in jail, two years indeterminate term, four years indeterminate term, time credited, penitentiary suspended; two counts probation violation, pleaded guilty, one count retained jurisdiction, one count sentence suspended, must do Genesis Home Program; District Judge R. Barry Wood. Gregory Allen Hunter, 34; one count attempt to elude police officer, pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs, two years and six months indeterminate term, two years and six months indeterminate term, 112 days credited; one count unlawful possession of firearm by a felon, dismissed; District Judge R. Barry Wood. Withheld judgments Robert D. Guren, 45; one count driving under the influence, disposition withheld; one count carrying concealed weapon while under the influence, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael E. Crabtree. Deferred prosecutions Ricky Lee Carter, 44; insufficient funds check fraud; Magistrate Judge Michael E. Crabtree. David R. Lazerny, 22; resisting or obstructing officers, deferred prosecution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar. Kenneth Canoy, 25; no account check fraud, deferred prosecution, \$51.68 restitution; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bolzar.

Driving under the influence sentences

James George Roberts, 41; one count driving under the influence.

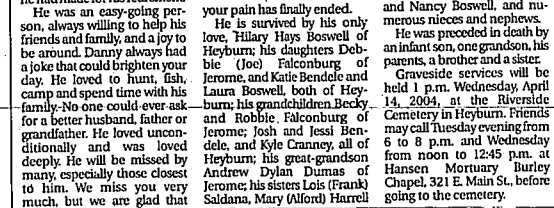
THIS WEEK AT CSI

Wednesday Veterans Administration student meetings, all day, Taylor 258. El Korah Shrine Circus, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center. Sunburst Unlimited spring concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. Radio Amateurs monthly meeting of local Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., Shields 107. Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room. Thursday "Im Going to College" program for sixth-grade students in the Student Union and Aspen buildings. CSI International Business Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Evergreen A20. Charity Anywhere Foundation monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Meyerhoff 218. Sunburst Unlimited spring concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. HVAC (heating ventilation and air conditioning) certification testing, 7 p.m., Canyon 101. CSI Chi Alpha Club weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Desert 113. Student Services meeting, 8:30 a.m., Taylor 256. Friday CSI Judo Championship, 9 a.m., CSI gym. Human Service 2004 Conference, 10:30 a.m., Fine Arts, Shields, Taylor, Aspen buildings. "Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. CSI Judo Championship, 9 a.m., CSI gym. Human Service 2004 Conference, 10:30 a.m., Fine Arts, Shields, Taylor, Aspen buildings. "Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Idaho-Virtual-Academy-IRI

9:30 a.m., Taylor 256. Hange Bears Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113. Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education aerobics room. CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Salt Lake City Community College, 1 p.m., Twin Falls. Saturday CSI Judo Championship, 9 a.m., CSI gym. United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145. Cadaver lab for Great Basin Community College, 10 a.m., Shields 216. Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center. Human Service 2004 Conference, 10:30 a.m., Fine Arts, Shields, Taylor, Aspen buildings. CSI Golden Eagle baseball vs. Salt Lake City Community College, noon, Twin Falls. Idaho Democrats regional hearing meeting, 12:30 p.m., Shields 115. Twin Falls Music Club Crusade for Strings, 1:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. "Ring World," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. "Mystery of the Missing Season" and live sky tour, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Kim Stafford Poetry Reading, 5 p.m., Evergreen C74. Zipp's Music: Maximum Volume 1: 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. Sunday Magic Valley Early Iron Car Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eldon Evans Expo Center. Church on the Rock weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104.

OBITUARY

Daniel "Danny" William Boswell, 57, of Heyburn, passed away April 9, 2004, at his home in Heyburn from a short, courageous battle with cancer. Danny was born Sep. 22, 1946, in Burley, Idaho, to Edward and Marie Boswell. He attended schools in Burley and graduated from Burley High School in 1964. He married Hillary Rosalie Hays on Nov. 16, 1987. They bought a house in Heyburn where they raised their three children. He was taken before he could enjoy the plans he had made for his retirement. He was an easy-going person, always willing to help his friends and family, and a joy to be around. Danny always had a joke that could brighten your day. He loved to hunt, fish, camp and spend time with his family. No one could ever ask for a better husband, father or grandfather. He loved unconditionally and was loved deeply. He will be missed by many, especially those closest to him. We miss you very much, but we are glad that your pain has finally ended. He is survived by his only love, Hillary Hays Boswell of Heyburn, his daughters Debbie (Joe) Falconburg of Jerome, and Kelsi Bendele and Laura Boswell, both of Heyburn; his grandchildren Becky and Robbie Falconburg of Jerome; and Josh and Jesse Bendele, and Kyle Cranney, all of Heyburn; his great-grandson Andrew, Dillon Dumas of Jerome; his sisters Lois (Frank) Saldana, Mary (Alford) Harrell and Nancy Boswell, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant son, one grandson, his parents, a brother and a sister. Graveside services will be held 11 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St., before going to the cemetery.



SERVICES

Louis Elliott "Ole" Larsen of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Buhl First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar St. (Faulner Funeral Chapel, Buhl). Benjamin Cleveland Mortern of Twin Falls, celebration of life will include burial at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at Twin Falls Reformed Church at Pole Line and Grandview, followed by a reception in the Events Center at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls). Cherrie R. Winks of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. Ronald J. Elquist of Burley, military graveside rites at 2 p.m. today at Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley; family and friends may gather shortly before service time; celebration of life from 3 to 5 p.m. today at his home, 2044 W. 16th St., Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley). Rachel A. Clifford of Fairfield, service at noon Tuesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demany Chapel in Gooding and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church. 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Manuel Valdez of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic Assembly in the Faith of Jesus Christ, 236 Quincy St., Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Earl Henderson Crouse of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Shirley LaRae Arringa of Hagerman, celebration of life from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman American Legion Hall (Denary Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

LaMont M. Kester RUPERT - LaMont M. Kester, 88, passed away Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his home in Rupert. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Elizabeth Tinsley TWIN FALLS - Elizabeth Tinsley, 87, of Twin Falls passed away April 11, 2004, at the Bridgeview Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Emilee Ruth Hankins of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Jody Najera TWIN FALLS - Jody Najera, 5, of Twin Falls, passed away April 10, 2004, near his home as the result of a tragic accident. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Cleotilde Vazquez TWIN FALLS - Cleotilde Vazquez, 46, of Twin Falls, passed away April 10, 2004, at

Gerald Lee Sloum Sr. of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Shirlley LaRae Arringa of Hagerman, celebration of life from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman American Legion Hall (Denary Funeral Home).

The family of Ila Craven wishes to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbors, and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits, memorials and all other acts of kindness that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss. They were deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Keith Wise, the Methodist Church Ladies who served a delicious dinner, the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care and Dr. Greg Boettcher. The family of Ila Craven

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Cleric

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But al-Sadr has untold thousands of other, as-yet-unidentified followers, men such as Saadi, a 31-year-old electrician. The United States faces a difficult task in pacifying the cleric without igniting Saadi and other Shiites whose patience with the Americans they once welcomed is wearing thin — and who will not brook mistreatment of a man they revere. "I do not believe in violence," said Saadi, a regular at the huge, relatively peaceful Baghdad street protests by al-Sadr over the last several weeks. "But if it is necessary for me to carry a weapon, I would."

Saadi says he is baffled at how al-Sadr has become branded a "terrorist" by Americans. "How can one call al-Sadr a terrorist?" Saadi said. "It's the same word used for Osama bin Laden."
"To Saadi, the man who can best be compared with bin Laden is deposed dictator Saddam Hussein, who is believed to have ordered the assassination of al-Sadr's father, Mohammed, in 1999.

The danger for U.S. forces is if Saadi and other moderate al-

Sadr loyalists become inflamed by the increasing conventional wisdom that the Americans are taking Saddam's place in oppressing their leader. In their minds, it has always been the duty of al-Sadr's supporters to resist such forces. In fact, Saadi said today's Baghdad feels like 1999 all over again. Once again, people driving in streets with pictures of al-Sadr — the younger this time — are stopped at armed checkpoints. Worshipers must turn down their stereos before they listen to a recording of a al-Sadr sermon so as not to draw unwelcome attention. Troops are storming Shiite neighborhoods.

And al-Sadr, in a statement Tuesday, said he expects to be killed by the new regime — a reminder to his followers of the fate of his father.

"It is the same situation as under Saddam's regime," he said. "It is the same demands, too — for freedom, (unfettered) Friday sermons."

Saadi was born to a large and devout middle-class family perched on the edge of a massive Baghdad Shiite slum. Like many Shiites, his family joined

an abortive 1991 uprising against Saddam after the Persian Gulf War. As a student, Saadi studied under Mohammed al-Sadr, then the nation's most revered Shiite cleric.

After the senior al-Sadr was assassinated, Saadi was briefly arrested and fled to Cyprus, leaving behind his wife and three young children.

Saadi only returned to Iraq in the weeks after last spring's invasion had toppled Saddam, ready to embrace America for liberating his country.

Instead, he said, "I found Iraq destroyed." Baghdad was a rubble-strewn ruin. The only job open was the extremely hazardous post of an Iraqi police officer. Saadi put aside his electrical training and started driving a taxi to make ends meet.

He said he watched as Americans appointed leaders to run Iraq who seemed ready to sell out his homeland and do little to improve the country's crime and infrastructure woes. "The United States does not want a patriotic Iraqi leader, one who loves his country," Saadi said. "They want a puppet."

He said they had not been freed by Sunday night.

The U.S. military on Sunday reported 12 more U.S. soldiers killed in fighting on Friday and Saturday — half of them in Baghdad. The deaths brought to 59 the number of American soldiers killed since the new fronts of violence erupted April 4. Nearly 900 Iraqis have been killed in the same period. At least 663 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003.

Sporadic battles in Fallujah wounded two Marines, and the bodies of 11 Iraqis were brought to a mosque being used as a clinic. A Marine spokesman said troops responding to Iraqi fire killed "a significant number" of fighters. A Cobra helicopter fired rockets and missiles after it came under ground fire, he said.

Helicopter

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marked on headstones as children or with the names of women.

The Fallujah violence spilled over to the nearby western entrance of Baghdad, where gunmen shot down an American AH-64 Apache helicopter. As a team moved in to secure the bodies of the two dead crewmen, a large force of tanks and troops pushed down the highway outside the Iraqi capital, aiming to crush insurgents.

Gunmen have run rampant in the Abu Ghraib district west of Baghdad for three days, attacking fuel convoys, killing a U.S. soldier and two American civilians and kidnapping another American.

The captors of Thomas Hamill, an American who works

for a U.S. contractor in Iraq, threatened to kill and burn him unless U.S. troops end their assault on Fallujah, west of Baghdad, by 6 a.m. Sunday. The deadline passed with no word on Hamill's fate.

The Arab TV station Al-Arabiya reported that insurgents kidnapped seven Chinese north of Fallujah on Sunday evening, citing Chinese diplomatic sources. No further details were immediately available.

Insurgents who kidnapped other foreigners this week began releasing some captives. A Briton was freed, and other kidnappers said they were freeing eight captives of various nationalities. Other insurgents who kidnapped two Japanese men and a woman said Saturday they would free their captives within

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NATION

Kerry releases 'misery index'

BOSTON - John Kerry is broadening his economic assault on President Bush with a "misery index" that suggests a combination of soaring college and health care costs and stagnant incomes have battered working families during Bush's term, campaign documents obtained Sunday showed.

Much of the Democrats' criticism of Bush is focused on job losses during his tenure, but Kerry's study argues that far broader and more ominous economic trends are at work.

Less noted, but perhaps even more important, is the fact that middle-class families are increasingly being squeezed by the rising cost of health care, college tuition and gasoline at the same time that wages and personal bankruptcies are at record levels, the campaign report said.

Kerry's presidential campaign planned a formal release Monday at coordinated events in more than a dozen electoral competitive states.

Conspiracy suspect's attorneys bolster case

McALESTER, Okla. - Lawyers for Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols have seized an early opportunity to mount their defense, using cross examination of key prosecution witnesses to try to bolster their theory of a wider bombing conspiracy.

During three weeks of testimony at Nichols' murder trial, Oklahoma prosecutors questioned 86 witnesses about evidence that Nichols helped bomber Timothy McVeigh plan and execute what was the worst act of domestic terrorism in the nation's history.

Defense attorneys have used some of those same witnesses to boost their argument that McVeigh had substantial help from unknown coconspirators in planning the bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

Their questions have raised the possibility that circumstantial evidence prosecutors say links Nichols to the plot may have other, less sinister explanations.

Child leaves legacy on his old playground

ST. LOUIS - Battling an incurable brain tumor that robbed him of his sight, 9-year-old Mak Shulist made a dying wish that had nothing to do with meeting with a celebrity, shaking a president's hand or going to Walt Disney World.

Before his death Friday, Mak got the Make-A-Wish Foundation to do something for his friends - build a rock-climbing wall on the playground of Ellisville Elementary School.

"It says a lot about the family and the type of person he was - selfless, thoughtful and caring," said Dave Knes, principal at the 600-student school in suburban Ellisville.

"We learned a lesson from a 9-year-old - that even when we're going through tough times we should be thinking of other people and not ourselves."

Mak's illness was diagnosed about a year ago, Knes said, when physical education teachers noticed him losing his balance and falling while he ran around the track.

"I thought he was going to wish that there was a medicine or something, and he just wished for that," schoolmate Will Randall told KSDK-TV. "And I was like, 'Whoa, he's nice.'"

Survey: Gas prices rise another 2.5 cents

CAMARILLO, Calif. - Gas prices climbed another 2.5 cents in the past two weeks as high crude oil prices and tight capacity contributed to record prices at the pump, a national survey said Sunday.

The nationwide average in the past two weeks that ended Friday was \$1.82 for all grades, said Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg survey, which regularly polls 6,000 stations across the United States.

- compiled from wire reports

Frank Lloyd Wright home moves to Pennsylvania

LISLE, Ill. (AP) - A prefabricated home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and intended for mass production, was fully dismantled and shipped 570 miles to Pennsylvania for reassembly.

After the home's owner died in 2002, a developer wanted the land underneath it, but not the house itself.

The developer eventually donated the 47-year-old crumbling structure to the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. The nonprofit group then gave it to a Pennsylvania man under the condition that he restore and preserve it.

The house was disassembled last week. "There hasn't been a Wright building torn down for over 30 years," said Ron Scherbel, executive director of the Chicago-based Wright Conservancy. "It would've been hard to say, 'Well, now there is one.'"

This is no free house, though. The high school teacher who's taking it, Tim Baacke, said it will cost more than \$100,000 to take the house apart and move it to Johnstown, Pa., and restoration will cost as much as three times that amount. He said corporate sponsors are helping to defray the cost.

Baacke said the house itself, a three-bedroom, single story structure, made the move possible. The building is one of


Wright's least expensive designs and was intended for mass production.

"It is a project that can be done only because of the style of Wright's design to begin with," said Baacke, a Wright enthusiast. "It really lent itself

well to be moved to Pennsylvania."

When Wright died in 1959, he was America's most-celebrated architect. The last of his buildings to be torn down was Milwaukee's Arthur Mumukwitz Apartments in 1973.

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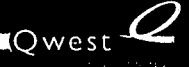
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Stop violence against pinatas!

Apparently I am the only journalist in America who is not afraid to speak out against birthday-party pinatas. Apparently all the other so-called "journalists" - and, yes, Mr. Bob Woodward, I am talking to you - are scared to take on the powerful international pinata industry.

Our daughter, who is four, has way more friends than we do. So pretty much all we do is attend birthday parties. We always take a toy, and I always feel pity for the wretched parent who will have to try to remove this toy from its packaging.



DAVE BARRY

In recent years the toy industry, after consulting its lawyers, went to the Institute of Defensive Packaging, which is the outfit that made it impossible to open an aspirin bottle without a hammer.

For toys, the Institute came up with a vicious system that involves attaching the toy to the package with dozens of nearly invisible twisted titanium wires, which are then covered with powerful adhesive tape, after which everything is encased in thick, weapons-grade plastic that, when you try to cut it with a knife it defends itself by turning into lethal shards that can slice through your arm like a machete through a Twinkie.

And of course while you're grappling with this packaging, cursing and bleeding, your child is in your ear asking, "When can I play with it when when when when when when WHEN WHEN WHEN?" Such is the power of child nagging that some parents are, incredibly, still getting through to the toys.

So the Institute of Defensive Packaging is working on a new system: Soon, toys will be imbedded inside Lucite blocks, like giant paperweights, so the child can only look at them and cry while the parent checks the Yellow Pages under "Acetylene Torch Rental." Homes will burn down; people will die. But that is the price a society pays for safe packaging.

Anyway, at the party for my daughter's friend, the theme was Cinderella. The Birthday Mom had ordered a Cinderella pinata: Four feet tall, with a shiny blond head on top of a blue-gowned body. She was too heavy to hang by a rope, so she just stood there throughout the party, looking almost like a real princess, smiling, unaware of her fate.

With small children clamoring for loot, the Birthday Mom had no choice but to hand a stick to the Birthday Girl. And thus we experienced the carnal sight of a small Cinderella whacking the bejabbers out of a larger Cinderella.

Except the bejabbers refused to come out. As I have noted, modern pinatas are built like Volvo sedans, only stronger: The pinata took several blows directly to the face from the Birthday Girl, and Cinderella kept right on smiling. So the Birthday Mom shoved Cinderella over onto the ground, thus enabling the Birthday Girl to whack straight down on her, but she still wouldn't open. Finally the Birthday Mom, growing desperate, handed the stick to a teenage boy, who raised it high over his head and brought it down on Cinderella with a mighty whomp that caused all the adults to cringe and sigh. But it worked: There was a deep dent in Cinderella, and whomp now there was a hole, and whomp it was bigger, and whomp now loot was pouring out, and children were swarming over Cinderella's mutilated body, which was nearly detached now from her head, which was still smiling happily as though she believed that at any moment her prince pinata would come.

It was awful. Even now, weeks later, I feel guilty for having watched it happen, and doing nothing. I have promised that the next time, I will not stand idly by.

Next time, I will videotape it.

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

Running with your dog



Smokee Lenesome, an 8-month-old German Shepherd enjoys a run with owner John Lloyd Saturday. The pair run about five miles together twice a week along the nearby canal.

Bowser's always up for a jog, but there are pitfalls

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

WENDELL - In case your wondering, Vt doesn't work.

"My dog got skunked, and I didn't have any tomato juice in the house," said Karla Lucas, 48, who runs with her border collie-cross. "So I poured Vt over her. It was a mess, and she still smelled of skunk."

Tomato juice is the folk remedy of choice to remove skunk odor, and skunks are just one of the perils of jogging in Idaho with Fido.

"I've learned not to go out too early in morning (in order to avoid skunks)," said Lucas, a speech therapist in the Bull School District.

But pitfalls aside, dedicated runners like Lucas and John

Lloyd of Twin Falls, love to jog with four-legged companions.

"I got much more enjoyment running with my dog than I would running alone," said Lloyd, who has run with German shepherds for 35 years.

Mostly, say dog-joggers, the fun is in having a running partner who wouldn't rather sit on the couch and watch TV.

"My dog is ready to go whenever I'm ready," said Lloyd, who's 58 and retired.

Lloyd lives south of Twin Falls, so he and his shepherd can run canal paths. The dog goes in and out of the water, but Lloyd doesn't have to worry much about traffic.

That's not the case for most running-dog owners in the Magic Valley.

"The first impulse of many

dogs is to chase cars," Lucas said. Lucas's dog, who's less than a year old, actually goes to the side of the road and sits when she hears traffic coming.

"You have to train them, absolutely."

Lucas has run with a variety of dogs and a lot of different kinds of leashes for 25 years, and says the choice comes down to how much leash it takes to control the dog in any situation.

"I've had dogs pull me off my feet when they went after rockchucks," she said. "Sometimes, I've resorted to tying the leash around my waist."

The length of the leash is important, because when you're running along the side of a road, traffic is sometimes only a few feet away," Lloyd said.

Follow these steps to safely turn man's best friend into your best exercise buddy:

• **Visit the vet**

Dogs, like humans, should be checked by a doctor before beginning an exercise program. If your dog is overweight, asthmatic, has allergies, or has any heart, lung or joint problems, jogging might not be the best idea. And although puppies display boundless energy, don't take them on runs longer than a half-mile until their skeletal and muscular system is fully developed (the vet will tell you when the time is right for your breed). Too much exercise too soon can cause joint problems and stunted growth.

• **Bones can become traumatized** by exercise early on," says Peter Shires, a vet at VAMC Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

• **Plan your route**

Pick a path that's the right distance and terrain for your pooch. Joe Wakshlag, a sled-dog racer and veterinarian at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, says you shouldn't go over a mile your first time out. Choose grass or another soft, but firm surface. Since dogs don't wear the high-tech, cushioned sneakers we do, their joints and foot pads take a beating on pavement or rocky trails. And for safety, stay away from roads with heavy car traffic.

• **Pack water**

Clean water, not a bacteria-infested creek, is as essential for dogs as it is for humans. Because dogs don't sweat like we do (they release most of their body heat through panting), exer-

cise can quickly increase their body temperature to life-threatening levels. Water is crucial for keeping them cool. Start a collapsible dog bowl and a water bottle in your fanny pack for easy rehydration during and after your run.

Don't let your pup drink its fill at once, because too much water could cause dangerous stomach bloating, says Lee Morgan, owner of Georgetown Veterinary Hospital. He suggests half a bowl every five to 10 minutes. And never run your dog in hot weather. Walking considers 65 to 70 degrees the threshold.

• **Watch for warning signs**

Your dog will usually let you know when he's tired. If he's hanging back, panting heavily, taking short, awkward strides or seems reluctant to get up after a break, stop. Examine his pads for redness, inflammation or nicks.

Keep an eye on your dog during the hours and day after exercise - note if he's stiff when getting up or sleeping more than usual. These are signs that he needs recovery time. Some dogs, however, get so excited or focused during exercise that they won't signal fatigue until it's too late.

• **Pace yourself**

Once your dog can handle the initial mile several times a week without any ill effects, feel free to start increasing your runs up to an additional mile per week. If you're going short distances, running three times per week is a healthy amount. Be judicious and consistent about your training, and you may find your dog improving faster than you are.

- Sources: Washington Post

Dogs are adept at accommodating themselves to their owners' pace, but some breeds - shepherds and labs especially - are fast running mates.

"When I lived in Montana, I was running on a road on a day that was icy," Lloyd said. "I slipped and fell, and my dog actually pulled me out of the middle of the road."

"My husband and I run half-marathon distances, so it has to be a dog with some endurance," Lucas said.

The Lucases never run with a dog when it's warmer than 80 degrees, and Karla has trained poodles to swallow squirts of water from a squeeze-bottle.

Lloyd checks his dog's feet regularly.

"Running in the country, they can pick up all kinds of things," he said. "Or they can burn their foot pads if the pavement is too hot."

Jogging long distances isn't for puppies or for senior dogs; both can wind up with serious joint problems.

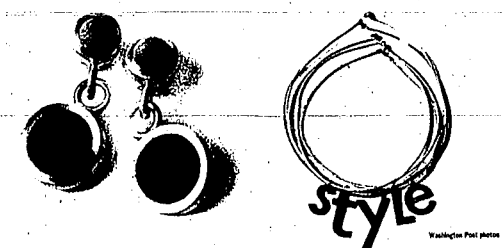
"You just have to be observant of your dog," Karla said. "It will tell you if there's something wrong."

She relishes the undistilled joy she sees whenever she laces up her sneakers: Muttis love to run. Some faster than others.

"I have a shih-tzu, and we walk - not run," Karla said. Short legs, you see.

"We're lucky to go a mile."

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Left, JanoskiNY earrings, \$120 at JanoskiNY.com or 718-367-6693. Right, Fancy Jewels monogrammed pendant, \$50 per letter at fancyjewels.com.

This year accessories spring forward with fun colors and a bold, flirty style

The Washington Post

It's time for spring bling. Slip into a pretty dress and dazzle with jewels. The bangles and danglers abound.

"Spring 2004 jewelry echoes women's fashion, with a wide variety of feminine, flirty and colorful styles-everything from bold statement jewelry to softer accessories," says Matisse Chandler's JJ Singh.

The enormously popular chandelier earring is evolving into a more linear, streamlined shape," Singh says. Pixie designer Rena Iom agrees. "Women who don't normally wear dangly earrings love these because they are light and uncomplicated," she says.

Much like the season itself, "Spring is the time for awakening and renewal, for sudden bright sunlight and warmth," says JanoskiNY's Andrea Janosik. "Accessories should reflect this spirit, and what better way to do it than with colorful, delicate ones that express optimism and more vibrant ones that are joyous and fun."

Tired of having split ends? Then cut them off

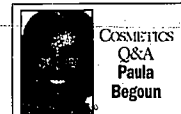
DEAR PAULA: I've read so much about all sorts of hair-care products that can repair split ends. Is there really something out there that can get rid of my raggedy looking ends, other than cutting them off?

-TERRY, NEW YORK CITY

DEAR TERRY: There are products that can help split ends look better; and if the damage isn't terrible, can actually make it look like they don't exist. However, making split ends look like they don't exist isn't the same as getting rid of them.

To eliminate the problem, the ends need to be cut off; they can't be repaired. Hair is dead and it can't be restored. Pomades are the perfect product for just this sort of problem and many of them can work brilliantly, particularly the new forms of pomade, which are less waxy and greasy and have a far lighter texture and slicker feel than some of the traditional versions.

There are many to choose from; but Go2B Playful Texturizing Creme Pomade (\$5.99 for 2 ounces) or TRESENME Hydrology Smooth & Shine Moisture Pomade (\$4.49 for 2 ounces) will get you started on the right track. The trick with pomades is to apply them after your hair is dried and styled, and then apply Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (8th edition)." Winning Press, \$27.95. Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com



To eliminate the problem, the ends need to be cut off; they can't be repaired. Hair is dead and it can't be restored.

only the tiniest, thinnest amount, just on the ends of your hair. You can always add more product if needed to get the effect you want.

IMAGE

A GENTLER OPTION

Coblation tonsil surgery lets children go home sooner

The Hartford Courant

Two days after Abigail Carney had her tonsils out, the 3-year-old ate a grilled-cheese sandwich.

Her doctor credits a new, gentler surgical technique for Abigail's comparatively speedy recovery.

Dr. Ronald Saxon, who removed Abigail's enlarged tonsils on March 18, said the newer technique can cut recovery time in half and leaves patients more comfortable with less post-surgical bleeding.

Instead of using a hot electrical wand to burn away tonsil tissue, the newer technique surrounds the tonsil area with a salt-water solution, allowing removal of tissue at a lower temperature.

The newer technique, called Coblation, is also designed to protect surrounding healthy tissue from damage.

"With the old technique, everything looked black," said Saxon, an ear, nose and throat specialist in Bloomfield and Enfield, Conn. He has used Coblation to remove the tonsils from children and adults for about a year. "In this, everything looks pink."

Since the FDA approved Coblation — short for controlled ablation — almost three years ago, some doctors have raved about its superiority. But there still has been no large head-to-head test to determine if it really is better than more traditional methods of tonsillectomy, said Dr. Scott Schoem, a pediatric ear, nose and throat surgeon at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

"It's still at the point where some people really like it, and some people say it's not really better at all," said Schoem, who still generally removes tonsils using the hot electrical wand. Special equipment makes the cost of Coblation roughly \$75 to



Abigail Carney, 3, who went home to Sutfeld, Conn., the same day that her tonsils were removed, helps her mother, Heather, prepare macaroni and cheese four days after the surgery. Abigail, who underwent a new procedure that can cut recovery time in half, was eating normally two days after her tonsillectomy.

\$100 more than that of older approaches. But Schoem and others agree that a speedier recovery could justify the higher cost.

"It is more expensive in the short term, but the question is: If kids recover more quickly, and parents can go back to work quicker, is the cost for the family less?" said Dr. Udayan Shah,

an ear, nose and throat surgeon at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"What it really needs is a good study," said Shah, who also is an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Saxon said he's convinced that Coblation is better, especially for patients such as Abigail. Abigail's

tonsils had grown so large that they blocked her airway when she slept, causing a condition called sleep apnea.

While nobody is sure exactly how many children in the United States have sleep apnea, it is the leading reason for surgical removal of the tonsils and adenoids. Each year, more than 263,000 children have tonsillectomies, according to data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

The tonsils and adenoids are part of the lymphatic system and help the body fight infection. But if they are enlarged or prone to frequent infection, they can be more trouble than they're worth.

For patients such as Abigail, whose tonsils are healthy, Coblation allows the surgeon to remove most of the enlarged tissue but leave behind a thin film, preserving deeper blood vessels and muscle, Saxon said. The entire tonsils must be removed if patients have chronic infections.

Heather Carney, Abigail's mom, said she did not research the tonsillectomy options before her daughter's surgery but was glad she wound up with a doctor who chose Coblation.

Abigail had surgery on a Thursday morning and was back at home in Sutfeld, Conn., by late afternoon. She needed a few doses of Tylenol with codeine for pain the following day, but was eating normally by Saturday.

Shah said Coblation can be a good option. But the most important factor in a good recovery from tonsillectomy or any other surgery is a skilled and experienced doctor.

"The emphasis should be on selecting the best doctor for your child, rather than on choosing a specific technique," Shah said. "You should be able to trust the person you select to use the best technique."

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Quilt historian helps reveal wartime story

At the age of 90, quilt historian Merry Silber of Southfield, Mich., shows no sign of slowing down. She and her husband own a world-renowned antique quilt collection that's been published in 14 books.

Over the years, Silber has been very active in the quilt world as a lecturer, appraiser, judge and exhibit curator.

Her current lecture, "The Quilts of Kindertransport," is the story of how she became involved in revealing an episode of history that was buried for over 60 years. "Most of us were unaware of the tragic evacuation in 1939 of 10,000 children, aged 3 to 17, from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia to foster homes in



SEWING
Barbara Gash

England," explains Silber. "Their parents knew they probably would never see them again, but recognized the growing need to send them to safety."

In fact, fewer than 100 actually reunited after the war. About seven years ago, Merry Silber learned more about this, and helped try to locate survivors. She started a unique

quilt project. She sent each survivor a 10-foot square of white muslin and asked that they illustrate their feelings about Kindertransport.

Over 100 squares have been received from an ever-growing group of survivors and kin. Their contributions comprise three large quilts, two of which are on tour. The third is at the Holocaust Museum in Washington.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 823, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compuserve@aol.com. Letters cannot be answered personally.

To many, using Ritalin looks a lot like cheating

Chicago Tribune

The controversial prescription drug Ritalin, best known as a treatment for children diagnosed with attention deficit disorder, has been co-opted by a new population: healthy people trying to boost their mental performance.

The phenomenon, which has been increasingly documented by university researchers during the last five years — and fueled by anecdotal evidence from pediatricians, guidance counselors and

heads of test preparation programs — is more than a fad. In some circles, Ritalin is known as a "cognitive performance enhancer" or the academic equivalent to doping in sports.

College students, who once relied on caffeine, cigarettes and diet pills to get through exams, call Ritalin a "study aid" and use the stimulant to stay wired for all-nighters. Pressured high schoolers take Ritalin for sharper focus and concentration before major tests like the spring's college entrance exams.

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IMAGE

NuParent will meet Tuesday

NuParent, a parenting program, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday in the Firestore room at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls.

NuParent's structure provides time in each session for a parent and child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics will include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

Cost for the eight-week class is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:20-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Parents as Teachers".

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Eating disorder support

Eating disorder and food addiction support group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Third Floor East Conference Room of the Transitional Care Unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The support group will discuss anorexia, bulimia, compulsive overeating, and compulsive diet and exercise.

For more information, call Erin Erickson at 735-2723.

Sitting becomes an occupational hazard

The Baltimore Sun

When Paul M. Ribisl needed his secretary to photocopy exams at Wake Forest University 30 years ago, she had to type the questions, walk them to a mimeograph machine, then manually crank out copies. When he needed a letter typed, she would walk to his desk, take shorthand, return to her desk to type the letter, walk it back to him to proofread, then walk back to retype it if there were corrections.

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chine collates, staples and bundles exams in minutes, and Ribisl can type letters and e-mail them to colleagues, saving his secretary all those steps.

"You can look at every part of someone's life and see that the physical drudgery has been taken out of it," said Ribisl, who now chairs the health and exercise science department at the university in North Carolina. "People are stuck at their desks more and more. Along with super-size fries and the TV remote, the workplace has become a culprit in the great American weight gain. A recent

study released in the Journal of the American Medical Association concluded that poor diet and lack of exercise could soon surpass tobacco as the leading preventable cause of premature death in the United States.

Americans on average expend about 200 to 300 fewer calories a day than they did 25 years ago — or about 2,000 fewer calories a month, he said. The change years ago from manual typewriters to computers, by one estimate, caused the average full-time secretary to gain 5 to 10 pounds a year.

To do for you

Refresher class

A childbirth refresher course will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include labor, breathing and coping skills. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class, which will be taught by a registered nurse.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Alzheimer's support

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

The support group is open to Jerome County residents with Alzheimer's disease members with Alzheimer's Disease.

For more information, call Cary Crist at 324-8524.

Spanish parenting class

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome will offer Spanish parenting classes from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through April 29, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Thursday in the Doctors' Meeting Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

CPR for babies

Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning April 21 through May 19, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents — and — children — are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. April 20 at the South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. N., located on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Those attending the meeting should use the

north entrance of the district health building.

Dr. Craig Holman will lead a discussion entitled "Risk Management: The Two Minute Diabetes Food Exam." He will discuss the risk factors and complications people with diabetes may encounter with their feet.

The meeting is open to the public, and there is no charge to attend.

For more information, call Carol Gandiaga at 733-5300 or Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning April 21 through May 19, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and the newborn, including breast-feeding and bottle-feeding. Participants also will be given a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

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WORLD

Pope calls for end to Middle-East conflict

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II celebrated Easter Mass on Sunday with calls for world leaders to resolve conflicts in Iraq, the Palestinian territories and Africa, as Christians around the world marked the holiest day on the church calendar.

John Paul delivered a message of peace on the flower-decked steps of St. Peter's Basilica, praying that hope would conquer the "inhuman" phenomenon of terrorism and urging Christians, Muslims and Jews to seek greater unity with each other.

"May the culture of life and love render vain the logic of death," he told tens of thousands of the faithful and tourists gathered in St. Peter's under tight security on an overcast day.

The 83-year-old pope delivered the message in his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" Easter address, Latin for "To the City and the World." He spoke clearly and strongly despite a grueling schedule of Holy Week ceremonies in recent days.

Easter marks the day according to the Bible, that Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified.

Report: Hezbollah uses militants to fight Israel

JERUSALEM — The Islamic group Hezbollah has become a key sponsor of Palestinian violence, funding suicide bombings that have killed dozens of Israelis in recent months, Israeli intelligence sources, Palestinian Authority officials and militants have told The Associated Press.

The Iranian-backed group, based in Lebanon, first earned a foothold in the 3.5-year-old Palestinian uprising by giving money to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, ideological allies that also seek the destruction of Israel.

In recent months, it has pulled off something akin to a hostile takeover of some of cells of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, wrenching them away from Yasser Arafat's secular Fatah movement and turning them into a proxy army.

Al Aqsa members in the West Bank city of Nablus say they speak with their Hezbollah handlers by phone almost daily. Israeli security officials say Hezbollah trains some Palestinian militants abroad, instructing them in weapons and bomb-making.

Israel ruling party sets date for referendum

JERUSALEM — Israel's ruling Likud party will vote April 29 on Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's hotly debated plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, a party spokesman said Sunday.

Seeking the vote is an enormous gamble for Sharon because his hard-line party is

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divided over the plan and approval is far from assured. Sharon has pledged to honor the outcome and could come under growing pressure to resign if he loses.

Likud spokesman Shmuel Dahan said the date was chosen at a meeting of the party's Central Election Committee. If he wins approval from Likud's 200,000 members, Sharon reportedly will seek Cabinet and parliamentary approval within days.

The decision on the date came a day before Sharon was to leave for Washington, where he will seek President Bush's endorsement of the plan in a meeting Wednesday. A vote of confidence from Bush would give Sharon an important boost.

Philippine military warns of possible jailbreak

MANILA, Philippines — In a major embarrassment for the Philippine government, the military said Sunday it had warned that suspected militants linked to al-Qaida were planning a prison escape just days before their breakout.

The escape by 53 prison inmates Saturday overwhelmed President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's claims that the government is making gains in its campaign against terrorists. She had recently met with U.S. officials to address their fears about new terror threats.

The military said the escape led by several members of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militant group — was a setback to the country's counterterrorism efforts. Eleven of the escapees from the jail on the southern island of Basilan were later recaptured and eight were

killed, provincial jail warden Jumadil Sali said.

Search for survivors of mine blast continues

OSINNIKI, Russia — The coal-blackened faces of exhausted rescuers and the red-rimmed eyes of anxious relatives told a grim story of disappearing hope Sunday, a day after a methane mine blast tore through a Siberian mine, killing at least 42 miners.

Five miners remained missing in the latest disaster to strike Russia's hard-scrabble coal country — "Most likely, they will all be corpses," said the head of a commission dealing with the disaster.

The blast occurred early Saturday about 1,840 feet down in the Yuzhina mine in a coal-rich strip of western Siberia called the Kuzbass.

On Sunday, emergency officials plotted rescue and recovery strategies at one end of the mine's Soviet-era administration building which is topped by a red star, while grieving relatives sat or milled nervously in a rundown auditorium dominated by a painting of a strong, smiling miner carrying flowers.

"They told me to wait," said Tayana Fatykhiya, 34, whose husband, Rashid, was underground when the blast occurred.

"They've pulled up some

bodies, but they haven't identified them yet."

Rescue teams search for survivors after explosion

NUEVO PROGRESO, Mexico — Rescue workers sifted through a tangled mass of steel and concrete, searching for survivors of a blast that leveled two buildings, killed at least six people and injured more than a dozen others in this Mexican border town.

Mexican soldiers and American firefighters searched debris at five spots late Saturday where search dogs had detected human scent, said Rene Alaniz, a spokesman with the McAllen, Texas, Fire Department.

"We're working as hard as we can because if there's anyone in these buildings we want to get to them as soon as possible," Alaniz said.

It was unclear how many people were still trapped in the rubble.

Mexican authorities said a gas leak Saturday triggered an explosion at about 8:30 a.m. that leveled a two-story cement building containing a restaurant and clothing stores.

Six people were killed by the explosion and fourteen more remain hospitalized; three of them in critical condition, said Raul Herrera, a Nuevo Progreso police officer.

— compiled from wire reports

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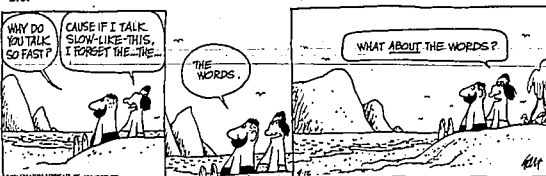
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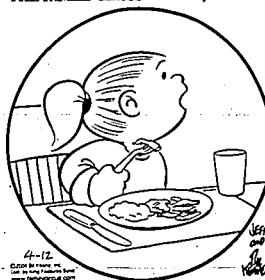
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SCHOOL DAYS

Community Editor: Pat Margantonio - 735-3288

Students show car at conference

Three pupils at Community School present biodiesel vehicle they built to association

BOISE - Three Community School students presented the biodiesel car they built at a conference sponsored by the Idaho Environmental Education Association.

The annual summit, held March 5-6, gathers environmental educators from the state and provides a forum for them to share thoughts, participate in workshops and present their ideas.

Middle school students Taylor Straley, Alisa Durkheimer and Kingsley Murphy went to the conference accompanied by seventh-grade science teacher Scott Runkel.

During the 12-week "Enrichment" at the Community School-In-Sun-Valley, 10 students successfully converted a diesel car to run on used vegetable oil. The project was three-fold: to mechanically engineer the car to run on used

vegetable oil, to design and paint the finished car and to educate area young people on alternative fuel sources and the impact of oil consumption on the environment.

After successfully driving the "veggie car" to Boise, the students presented the project to numerous organizations during the weekend conference, both informally and in several pre-arranged sessions. They explained the work they had done and their goals for the project.

Over the next few weeks, the students will travel to schools throughout Blaine County to present the car and educate the community on fuel alternatives. "Veggie car" representatives will visit at 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Hemingway Elementary. For more information, call 622-3955.



Three Community School students presented a biodiesel car they had built at a recent science conference.

Election day comes early at Buhl High School

Along the hallways vibrant posters of a wide variety caught the eye of all who passed by. Campaign slogans were displayed on the walls and a high level of intensity and competition filled the air.

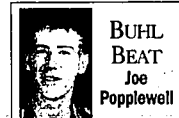
Two weeks ago was the annual campaign week for student body officers. Each day more and more posters decorated the halls, all trying to garner votes for specific candidates.

Campaign week was concluded on Friday with a school-wide assembly where all candidates presented speeches charting the future for Buhl High School.

The 2004-2005 student body officers will be President Alyssa Welch, vice president Ali Lauda, secretary/treasurer Kayla Hepworth and sergeant-at-arms Adelina Gonzalez. Congratulations to all the new officers and good luck next year.

Junior Elizabeth Woods has just received a 2004-2005 AFS Awards for Excellence Scholarship. This is a very prestigious national competition where student applications are judged upon the basis of outstanding academic achievement, community involvement and leadership activities and qualities.

Elizabeth will use the scholar-



ship to participate in an exchange program this summer. Congratulations Liz and best of luck in the future!

The BHS student council conducted a Kick Butts Day on April 7. Posters advising students about the complications and risks that come with smoking were posted in the halls. Also, small tombstones were placed around the Buhl community in ashtrays, with facts about smoking risks. It was a great health awareness day for both BHS, as well as the Buhl community.

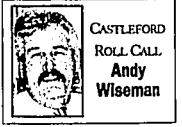
Remember to get out and support all Buhl spring athletes as they take the field of battle. If you haven't seen some great golf, baseball, softball, or track for a while, clean off that Indian gear and go support your Buhl Indians.

Joe Poppewell is the student body president at Buhl High School.

Students do well at Spanish Fair

Gorden Olsen, Castleford Schools Spanish teacher, along with the Spanish III students, attended Idaho State University's Foreign Language Fair April 6 in Pocatello. A plan made by the students placed third out of 30 entries. Students Rosko Zavala, Laura Zavala, Daniela Mayra, and Angelica Tejo all scored at the excellent level of proficiency on the advanced honor test - sufficient to earn college credit for the first two semesters of college Spanish.

Mr. Olsen said the students had the opportunity to enjoy other language booths such as Navajo, Chinese, Japanese and Russian.



Our fourth grade students traveled to Idaho Falls with teachers Kent Dahl and Sue Ambrose to visit the Lewis and Clark exhibit. This field trip ties into the fourth-grade social studies curriculum and was paid for with the Albertson incentive moneys that the students earned as third-graders by meeting the academic incentive standard on the ISAT test last April.

A good congratulation to Larissa Block, Cory Tverdy and Andrea Frey who received their State FFA Degree at the state convention on April 2. Adviser Roger Wells said that the Castleford FFA Chapter was selected first in the FFA National Chapter Award Competition.

Andy Wiseman is principal of Castleford School.

A SEUSS OF A GOOD TIME



Kody Andrew, Trel Duffin and Michael Shea O'Donnell donned in their pajamas, spend time reading during St. Nicholas School's Celebration of Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday. Students also ate green eggs and ham for lunch and made their own 'Foot Books.'

Hansen students dive into state quiz bowl

Hansen High School's INEEL team had the opportunity to go to the state quiz bowl to compete for nationals. Their captain, Chris Clugston, was voted to the all-state tournament team, an honorary position for the best and brightest students in the state.

"It's similar to eight-man football; you get someone that is so extraordinary and you can go from last place to first place." Scholastic Team coach Rick McNutlin replied when asked how this year was different from other years. He congratulated Clugston's team by saying, "And Chris had some good backup this year, too."

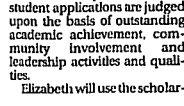
The region in which Hansen competes is the largest in Idaho, and Idaho has the largest participation of teams in the entire nation. This has made double elimination difficult because although you may have been eliminated, it could have been that you were playing the sec-

ond best team in the state, said McNutlin, who's been coaching for about 13 years.

Now the INEEL (Idaho Engineering and Environmental Laboratory) is working on a full double elimination in the consolation bracket, which is making the competition easier to reach for all of the participating teams.

"INEEL was a great experience and I wish I had gotten involved before my junior year. Winning the state's all-star team was a perfect way to end a perfect season," Chris Clugston said.

Hansen High School student Jessica Johnson initiated and publishes the school newspaper.



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Students were recognized for "Positive Behavior" at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls for the month of March. They are, left to right, front row: Dillon Jones, Brandon Blasius, Johnny Scott, Christopher Patterson and Amanda Staetz; back row: Ellen Bartlett, Damien Ray, Taylor Ingram, Enrique Ramirez and Aubrey Bennett.

O'Leary sells hanging baskets from nursery

TWIN FALLS - The O'Leary Junior High FFA is selling hanging baskets for delivery on May 6.

The 12-inch baskets from Windsor's Nursery will grow from two- to three-foot in diameter and sell for \$40. Baskets can be picked up from 9 a.m. to noon May 8 at the O'Leary parking lot near the gym, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.

Miscellaneous four-packs of annuals will also be available for \$1.50 or \$17 a fat.

Baskets can be ordered at the school or by calling Linda Watkins at 733-0985 or Kim Pullin at 734-8455.

Wendell schools hold parent conferences

WENDELL - Parents of Wendell High School and Middle School students are encouraged to pick up copies of third trimester mid-term report cards and meet with teachers on from 5-8 p.m. Thursday or 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Teachers will be their classrooms. When parents enter the school they will receive their

student's report card. Report cards not picked up by parents during the conference times will be available next week.

For more information, call 536-2100.

Dietrich School plans several events

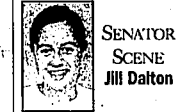
DIETRICH - Dietrich School's April students of the month and their categories are Derek Higinbotham and Vance Dill in academics, Tammy Anderson and Cody Larsen as most improved and Gabby Kermer and Chase Krupp in citizenship.

For sale are old cheerleader uniforms, sweater tops and bottoms, track tops, volleyball uniforms and T-shirts and girls and boys basketball clothing. Sets will be sold for \$5 and denim items are \$2.50. Items can be purchased in the office, 406 N. Park.

Raffle tickets are being sold for a \$1,000 eight-foot playhouse built by agriculture students. It has asphalt shingles and painted hardware siding and trim. Tickets are two for \$5 or five for \$10 and can be purchased from FFA members at Mr. Gerard. The raffle will be

Prom time comes to Gooding High School

Spring is in the air, as well as excitement for the upcoming prom. On Saturday, students will dress in their finest to attend the Gooding High School prom. This year's theme is "Hearts are Wild" and royalty candidates are: Malerie Born, Sarah Piersley, Kalynn Pereira and Ashlyn Abranowski for dances; Brad Allison, Anthony Ranallo, Cody Rogers and Matt Metcalf for duke; Shea Peterson, Katie Rice, Julie Leguineche and Katie Eames for queen; Josh Conover, Angel Aguilar, Paul Sebastian



SENATOR SCENE Jill Dalton

and Travis Echart for king. The Grand March will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the community is encouraged to attend.

In full swing this week are student body elections. Candidates will be working hard to

sell their platforms and ideas to fellow classmates. They must give petitions signed, hand posters, give speeches and do plenty of campaigning for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Voting will take place on Friday.

The GHS drama department, advised by Shane Brown, has been very busy preparing for their spring play entitled, "Arsenic and Old Lace". "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a comedy about two old ladies and their troubles with men. It will be

performed at a dinner theatre at 7 p.m. Wednesday and a regular performance on Thursday and Friday. Tickets for Wednesday's showing and dinner are \$10 and \$3 for Thursday and Friday.

GHS is pleased to announce the nominees for the April Club, Student and Teacher of the Month. Club of the month is the Hodge Club. Student of the Month is Malerie Born and Staff of the month is Bridgit Arkoosh.

Jill Dalton is student body secretary at Gooding High School.

Jerome Middle School students talk with NASA

JEROME - Jerome Middle School eighth-grade science students will be tele-conferencing with NASA scientists by utilizing the district's fiber optic network on Tuesday.

The students are studying Newton's Laws of Motion. The NASA scientists will present the history of rockets to the students. Following their presentation there will be a question and answer time between the Jerome students and NASA personnel.

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