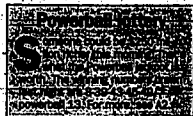


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Summer's fading fast: The first days of school in south-central Idaho are about three weeks away. Are you ready?

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy with chance of showers, high 96, low 57.

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Stay out: A water-contamination warning is posted at Rock Creek Park.

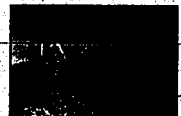
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On top again: Twin Falls pro Mike Hamblin leads the pack at Jackpot Golf Course just as he did in last year's Idaho Open.

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TOP EAGLE



Kevin Jones, new head basketball coach at the College of Southern Idaho, talks about his new job during a press conference Wednesday with CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer and former coach Jim Thrash, left, who has accepted a coaching position at Purdue University.

Thrash leaves for Purdue

By Daman Clow
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the third time in five years, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will start the season with a new head coach.

Jim Thrash, who followed up an 18-12 rookie season with a 28-4 campaign and a Summit West Athletic Conference title, is headed to Purdue University to assist his longtime friend, Rollmaker head coach Gene Keady.

Kevin Jones, who has spent nearly a decade at CSI assisting coaches Fred Trenkle, Steve Irons and Thrash, will become the team's new coach, CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer said in a Wednesday morning news conference.

"Two years ago when I took this job, I thought it would be a



Assistant Kevin Jones takes over CSI basketball job

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"tremendous opportunity," Thrash said. "Today, I think it was probably even a greater opportunity than I realized... I think the Magic Valley is the best-kept secret in the United States, and I'll try not to let that out to the Midwest."

Thrash will join Keady at Purdue Sept. 1, and will have another friendly face in West Lafayette, Ind., in Greg McQuay, CSI's star center during Thrash's

two years as head coach. McQuay will play on the team as a freshman with his brother, Gary.

Keady has been named National Coach of the Year five times and is Purdue's all-time winningest basketball coach, with more than 400 wins in 20 years. The Rollmakers have been to the postseason in all but one year under his tutelage and have won six Big 10 titles, including three titles in a row from

1994 to 1996.

Thrash replaced Irons, who coached the team for three years after the Trenkle's departure.

Since his arrival with Trenkle nine years ago, Jones has been a part of a program which has posted a record of 264-48, and has been to the national tournament five times.

"Working under Jim has made me a better coach and a better person. I feel that from my heart," Jones said. "With a product like the College of Southern Idaho, it's impossible not to sell. I know we can keep this thing going."

The college has not named an assistant to Jones, who will have a one-year contract.

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Crossroads idea could fly, jobs analyst says

By Mark Holcz
 Times-News writer

JEROME — There's room in the Magic Valley for the 2,500 or so new jobs Crossroads Ranch developers claim they can bring here, but only if the project's done right, a local job market expert and others said Wednesday.

"I think it's very feasible," said Lon McDonald, job market analyst at the Twin Falls Job Service.

"Obviously, it's predicated on

whether the jobs come."

And it would take time, he said. "It would come in lumps. You might get a 200- to 300-worker thing at a time, or you might get a 50-worker thing," McDonald said.

Slow, controlled development is what Crossroads backers say they have in mind for their 400-plus acres near the U.S. Highway 93-Interstate 84 interchange, said Jerome Chamber of Commerce President Rick Bersen.

Developers — who held a closed

meeting Tuesday with chamber leaders — are looking at a timetable of at least five years, or more than 10 years, Bersen said.

The property is owned primarily by Utah developer and Jerome native Arlen Crouch.

Crossroads Ranch Manager Steve Thorson declined comment Wednesday, but Bersen revealed more of what was presented by Thorson and others Tuesday.

Backers talked of centering the development on an industrial

park, most likely for high-tech manufacturing businesses, Bersen said. The development might also include motels and a convention center.

The development would be built in stages, and probably no one business would require more than 300 employees, Bersen said.

By contrast, several employers in the Magic Valley, including Lamb Weston, Magic Valley

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Clinton will testify

President to speak on videotape about coverup allegations

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton agreed Wednesday to provide videotaped testimony at the White House Aug. 17 about whether he tried to illegally cover up a sexual relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky, making him the nation's first chief executive to face questioning under oath in a grand jury investigation of his actions.

Clinton, who has denied any improper relations with Lewinsky, reached a deal with independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr to testify after six months of resistance

and just as the Starr secured the cooperation of Lewinsky, who agreed to testify Tuesday to tell the grand jury that she had an affair with the president and that they discussed ways of keeping it hidden in the Paula Jones case.

As part of the pact granting her immunity from prosecution, sources close to the case said Wednesday, Lewinsky agreed to turn over to Starr physical evidence that could help establish a close relationship with Clinton, including telephone message recordings with his voice on them and a dress she allegedly wore while with Clinton that could be tested for identifying DNA material. Lewinsky met with Starr's prosecutors Wednesday to begin preparing for testimony that could come as early as next week.

The report that Lewinsky secretly withheld a dress from Starr's investigators despite their search of her Watergate apartment revives perhaps the most sensational allegation in the case — one that the White House had dismissed as discredited long ago.

It also raises the possibility that the investigation may turn on more than the simple, he-said-she-said disagreement portrayed by Clinton advisers.

On a day of fast-paced drama reminiscent of the investigation's early days, another of the saga's chapters unfolded: a spike out before television cameras Wednesday for the first time, Linda R. Tripp, whose surreptitious tape recordings of conversations with Clinton, sometime friend and Pentagon colleague Lewinsky, sparked the Starr probe in

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Lawmaker opposes Indian image on coin

Delaware Republican pushes for Statue of Liberty as 'greatest symbol of freedom'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The face on the new dollar coin will be that of Liberty, but with features "inspired by Sacajawea," the famous Indian guide, the Treasury Department said Wednesday.

The choice won praise for widely differing reasons, but Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., said he will fight it in favor of the Statue of Liberty — "the greater and most recognizable symbol of freedom worldwide."

He has introduced a bill that would overturn Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin's approval of a citizens advisory panel's 6-1 recommendation last month in favor of the Liberty-Sacajawea theme.

"Naturally, we're pleased," said John Pappas, secretary manager

for the Three Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota. "It's good recognition and it allows the natives to share in our national history."

Sacajawea was the young Shoshone woman who joined the expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in 1804 and with a baby in her arms, helped guide the explorers to the Pacific Ocean.

Historian Brian Hosmer, professor of American Indian studies at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, said Sacajawea "is revered on the Wind River Reservation for her generosity and courage."

"If there's any cause to do with who chooses Indian history, it's Sacajawea."

"Sacajawea was certainly a significant figure, but she's known mostly for things she did for the non-Indian community,"

THE REGION

Camas Profile

High: 85 Low: 45
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Friday, high 78.

Treasure Valley

High: 96 Low: 64
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Mostly sunny Friday, high 88.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 86 Low: 46
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Mostly sunny Friday, high 79.

Eastern Idaho

High: 88 Low: 56
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Friday, high 80.

Northern Idaho

High: 92 Low: 61
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Mostly sunny Friday, high 86.

Northern Utah

High: 92 Low: 61
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Friday, high 92.

Northern Nevada

High: 97 Low: 57
Partly cloudy today and tonight with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Friday, high 90.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 96 Low: 57
Partly cloudy with chance of showers.

Friday

High: 88 Low: 54
Sunny, early, then developing clouds.

Saturday

High: 90 Low: 60
Partly cloudy with chance of showers.

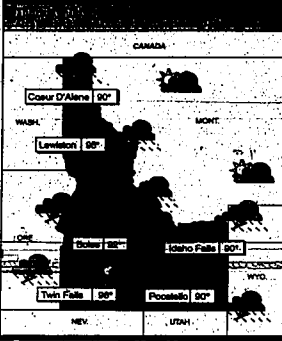
Sunday

High: 90 Low: 50
Partly cloudy with chance of showers.

Monday

High: 90 Low: 50
Mostly sunny and cool.

IDAHO Weather



UV INDEX

Index: 8
(High)
Burn time:
20 minutes

FIRE DANGER

Forest lands: moderate.
Range lands: high.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 9:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:29 a.m.
Summer phase: First quarter, July 31; full, Aug. 8; last quarter, Aug. 14; new, Aug. 22.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, July 26, 1996.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls

Yesterday: 91°-57°
Last year: 85°-59°
Normal: 82°-55°

Precipitation

Yesterday: 0.07
Month to date: 2.8
Normal month to date: 2.8
Normal year to date: 9.23

Idaho

Max: 100°
Min: 74°
Fairfield: 91°
Hagerman: 85°
Idaho Falls: 86°
Jerome: 90°
Lewiston: 102°
Malad: 88°
Mesa: 85°
Pocatello: 88°
Salmon: 82°
Stanley: 78°
Sun Valley: 81°

Highs/Lows

Idaho High: 102°
Idaho Low: 74°
Fairfield: 91°
Hagerman: 85°
Idaho Falls: 86°
Jerome: 90°
Lewiston: 102°
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The Nation

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Justice Thomas takes on critics

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Declaring his independence from other prominent black, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas told critics Wednesday he intends to continue opposing affirmative action and hold fast to other conservative views.

"I make no apologies... nor do I intend to do so in the future," Thomas told nearly 1,000 black lawyers and judges at the National Bar Association convention.

For years defended by minority-rights groups, Thomas has decided to attend the convention even after some members sought to rescind his invitation and keep him away.

"I come here today not in anger or to anger... not to defend my view, but to assert my right to think for myself," Thomas said. He told his critics to stop telling him "I have no right to think the way I do because I'm black."

His comments drew little applause and some scattered boos. A threatened walkout did not materialize, however.

GM-UAW deal ends strike; problems remain

FLINT, Mich. — General Motors Corp. workers started returning to their jobs Wednesday after ratifying a strike settlement that left the automaker with some temporary labor peace and allowed the United Auto Workers to retain some good-paying jobs.

But long-term problems between the company and its biggest union remain unresolved. GM is still the least efficient of the major automakers, the UAW still faces losing jobs to lower-cost suppliers and promises of a new relationship have been made before.

The nearly two-month standoff cost an incredibly high price for GM: an estimated \$2.6 billion in lost profits.

Workers overwhelmingly ratified the deal Wednesday, ending walkouts that began June 5 and 11 at two aging plants in Flint. The first workers returned to their jobs in the afternoon.

Despite news, school shootings decline

WASHINGTON — The intense media attention given several recent sensational school shootings has given the impression that such fatal attacks are on the rise when the actual number is less than five years ago, a new study said Wednesday.

That perception of increased school dangers could lead to "counterproductive" new laws and an excessive focus on dangers at school when every day in every public school is a bigger threat to children, said the study called "School House Hypothesis."

"There is a big problem of kids being killed in America," said Vincent Schiraldi, director of the Justice Policy Institute. The criminal justice research group, which advocates increasing crime prevention for juveniles rather than punishment, conducted the study. "If politicians spend all of the next year trying to come up with solutions for the 'school killing' problem, they could miss the real problem."

The study, paid for by the Annie E. Casey Foundation that supports many juvenile justice efforts, collected data on fatal school shootings from several federal agencies and the National School Safety Center at Pepperdine University.

It found there were 55 school shooting deaths in the 1992-93 school year; 51 in 1993-94; 25 in 1994-95; 25 in 1995-96; and 40 in 1996-97.

Compiled from wire reports

Lottery total nears \$300 million

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Giddily eyeing a record \$292 million Powerball jackpot, a nation of optimists coped with computer glitches and hours-long lines Wednesday on the tiny chance that six randomly picked numbers would change their lives.

"If I win, I'll have a fight with my husband," said Lisa Youngblut of Indianapolis as she purchased a ticket for herself and 20 for relatives in Florida.

"I want to invest it all, and he wants to invest it in playing every golf course in America."

The winning numbers drawn Wednesday night were: 8-28-42-45-49 and Powerball 13. Officials didn't expect to know if there was a winning ticket or tickets until early this morning.

Crossroads

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Regional Medical Center, and Cactus Pete's casino, each employ more than 800 people.

Crossroads owners say their development might boost local tourism, Bensen said. Although no major tourist attraction is planned, it is hoped the project would help draw more travelers off the highways and get them interested in the Snake River Canyon and other area attractions.

Companies setting up on the property probably could find much of their work force in the Magic Valley, McDonald said.

Many workers are "underemployed," working at low-paying jobs that don't allow them to reach their full potential, he said. One of region's biggest untapped labor forces is on the north side of the canyon, in Jerome and Gooding.

But because the Magic Valley doesn't have much of the large-scale electronics manufacturing Crossroads backers hope to attract, most local workers would have to be trained, he said.

That could be done through the College of Southern Idaho, and perhaps by the companies, McDonald said.

"Any business that comes in is going to bring some of its own people," he said.

Still, the local labor force has a reputation for being hard-working and motivated, he said.

"Micron has come here and solicited — for employees,"

Julianne

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the malfunctioning of the other organs. Her family searched for help until they found physicians in Miami willing to try a rare multi-organ transplant on the young patient.

Julianne received a new stomach, pancreas, liver, duodenum and intestines in a 12-hour operation 16 months ago but began suffering bouts of pneumonia and was hospitalized repeatedly.

She left her Caldwell home for the last time in early May. To return to the hospital yet again.

In June, she underwent more than 16 hours of surgery so her digestive juices would not wash back into her esophagus and lungs, making her vulnerable to respiratory infections.

She had made enough progress to spend a weekend at a hotel with her family father's day weekend, but her pneumonia would not subside.

"She had been battling pneu-

Clinton

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January, defended herself and her aides after completing her eighth and final day before the grand jury.

In deciding to testify, Clinton overruled the advice of some lawyers and political advisers who had counseled her to do nothing to gain by answering questions and nothing to lose by standing up to Starr, according to sources familiar with the deliberations. But Clinton in the end agreed with other political advisers who argued that refusing to testify would be potentially explosive and the president maintained she had nothing to hide, advisers said.

As part of the agreement, Starr withdrew his unprecedented subpoena of a sitting president, which senior administration officials confirmed Wednesday was issued secretly

monia for more than two months which had been treated aggressively with antibiotics and steroids.

This past week she was very alert, playing video games brought to her bedside by hospital staff, Montejo said.

Last Thursday, Julianne agreed to her family that she wanted her ventilator tube which prevented her from speaking taken out. "Over the weekend, the doctor (began working) to help her breathe easier in hopes of also removing the ventilator," Montejo said.

But Tuesday night, Julianne became very ill. The time, she was unable to pull out of it.

Family members had been taking turns flying from Idaho to be with Julianne in the hospital.

Cook, a paramedic, and her teen-age sisters Jennifer and Jessica Vasquez, visited last week. "We were all touched by the devotion displayed by the family," Montejo said.

On July 17, The White House wanted the subpoena withdrawn so Clinton could say it was trying voluntarily and preserve the future right of a president to challenge the authority of a special prosecutor to force his testimony, said a White House official.

David E. Kendall, the president's private attorney, announced the deal after leaving a White House meeting with Clinton Wednesday afternoon.

Clinton and his lawyers had wanted to delay any testimony until mid-September, with some advisers suggesting that the goal was to put off Starr reports to Congress on potentially impeachable offenses until after the elections, and asked Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson in a closed hearing Tuesday for a postponement.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

Congratulations to Shaina Pflaum of West Valley City, Utah, who won a whopping \$100,000 on Powerball. He won his prize by matching all five numbers but not the Powerball. His winning ticket was purchased at — Kwik Stop in Meridian.

Two other lucky players from Chaska and Mounds, scored \$5,000 each. Powerball by matching four out of five numbers and the Powerball. They purchased their winning tickets at Valley Junction in Chaska and Tracy's Texaco in Mounds.

Check your winning numbers on our website at www.idaholottery.com

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 NUMBERS

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POWERBALL 13

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 NUMBERS

2 16 23 31 32 35

POWERBALL 13

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 NUMBERS

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POWERBALL 13

Choreography master Robbins dies at 79

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerome Robbins, choreographer and director whose career carried him between the Broadway of "West Side Story" and ballet classics like "Fancy Free," died Wednesday. He was 79.

He died at his Manhattan home after having suffered a stroke Saturday, said Steve Miller, a spokesman for the New York City Ballet.

Robbins was a giant in both worlds, equally at home in the City Ballet, where he created more than 50 ballets, and in the musical theater where he choreographed and/or directed such diverse works as "Gypsy," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The King and I," "The Panama Game" and "Peter Pan."

Robbins had a reputation as a perfectionist who never accepted second-best from anyone.

"I'm enormously demanding," he once said. "I ask for a great deal, but no more than I give myself."

His first great success came in 1944 with his first ballet — "Fancy Free," which had music by a young composer named



Jerome Robbins' career carried him between the Broadway of "West Side Story" and ballet classics like "Fancy Free." He died Wednesday.

Leonard Bernstein. The wartime tale of three sailors on a 24-hour leave in Manhattan was embraced by both the critics and audiences.

Republicans withdraw plan to end marriage penalty tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans withdrew their amendment Wednesday aimed at ending the "marriage penalty" tax moments after it narrowly cleared a procedural hurdle. Democratic senators accused them of forcing Democrats to cast a vote that could be used against them in this November's elections.

The Senate voted 51-48 to keep the proposal alive, mostly along party lines. But the sponsors, Sens. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.,

and John Ashcroft, R-Mo., immediately withdrew it, acknowledging that the amendment would have died when sent to the House because it put the Senate in the position of originating a tax bill, which is unconstitutional.

The proposal was sure to die anyway, because Democrats were prepared to force another parliamentary vote that would have required 60 votes to keep it alive. But Republicans would like to use the vote against Democratic candidates this fall.

Cronkite will cover Glenn's launch

ATLANTA (AP) — When Sen. John Glenn returns to space in October, Walter Cronkite will be back in the studio to help cover the event in a reunion of sorts for the two.

Cronkite was in the anchor's chair for CBS in 1962 when Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

Cronkite, 81, will join CNN reporter John Holliman at

Kennedy Space Center on Oct. 29 as the 77-year-old Glenn, one of the seven original Mercury astronauts, begins a nine-day mission aboard the space shuttle as the central subject in an aging study.

"I'm thrilled at the opportunity to be live again," Cronkite said in Wednesday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It will carry me back about as far as it carries Glenn back."

Clinton fights GOP over program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton accused House Republicans Wednesday of "mocking" the American work ethic by moving to kill a summer-jobs program. Without the money, his secretary of labor said, she would recommend that Clinton veto a \$296-billion health and labor spending bill.

Republicans replied they were doing their best to provide funds to programs that they believe are most effective.

His own education agenda floundering, Clinton was angered by legislation approved in the GOP-controlled House Appropriations Committee and ready for a vote by the full House as early as next week. The bill would end Clinton's highest priority.

"This is something that has to be lifted above political partisanship," the president said. "This is something that ought to be beyond all debate."

He responded most bitterly to committee votes denying him the \$871 million he requested for a Labor Department summer jobs initiative that, Clinton said, "has helped millions of our most disadvantaged young people appreciate the responsibility of a regular job and the rewards of a regular paycheck."

"Eliminating summer jobs would mock the very values we Americans cherish most — hard work, responsibility, opportunity," Clinton said.

Bill aims to protect cable users

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local cable systems could face continued rate regulation if their communities determine that they are not offering a sufficient variety of programming packages and prices. A bill, announced Wednesday by Reps. Billy Tauzin, R-La., and Edward Markey, D-Mass., aims to

give the nation's 67 million cable customers some protection from price gouging when federal rate regulations expire next spring. The bill faces a long and uncertain journey to enactment, but both lawmakers predict support will build as the deregulation deadline closes in.

Under the bill, cable systems would be deregulated as scheduled on March 31, 1999, unless a city or other local cable franchising authority certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that the system is not offering an adequate variety of programming packages and prices.

Pentagon releases new policy on adultery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adultery would remain a crime, but only prosecuted in cases that discredit or disrupt the military, while close friendships and sexual relations between commanders and troops will be prohibited under Pentagon rules released Wednesday.

The guidelines, aimed at fixing a military justice system that critics said gave officers special treatment while punishing those in lower ranks, ended a yearlong

review following several high-profile cases that highlighted alleged unfairness.

"Branches of good order and discipline in the all volunteer force are not widespread," Defense Secretary William Cohen said in a statement. "But perceived and actual inconsistencies in policies and practices addressing those breaches must be remedied."

The guidelines could in effect limit prosecutions in cases of

adultery, a crime in the military and half the states, but would require stricter policing military-wide of fraternization — any improper relationship between a superior and a subordinate.

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IN A CLOUD OF DUST



O.J. Simpson's former estate, in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles, is bulldozed Wednesday. Neighbors applauded the scene while Simpson shrugged off the demolition, saying, "It's not my house and I could care less. It's part of my past." Simpson was evicted from the mansion last year after defaulting on his mortgage payments.

Disparities open wide among economic classes

WASHINGTON (AP) — From cradle to grave, when it comes to health, money matters. People with less money and less education die younger and suffer more from virtually every health problem than well-off Americans, the government reports.

They are more likely to have underweight babies, who were less likely to be vaccinated; they're likely to smoke and less likely to exercise; more likely to need help with routine care in old age and less likely to see a doctor.

While some of the problems are well-known, this compilation of data from the last few years shows how pervasive the disparities are.

"We were all somewhat sur-

prised by the strength and the persistency of the findings," said Elsie Panula, a health researcher with the National Center for Health Statistics and co-author of the report being released Thursday.

The trends continued across the spectrum of income and education, with the wealthiest and best-educated doing better than those in the middle, who in turn did better than those at the bottom. Meanwhile, the annual report had good news for the nation as a whole: Infant mortality fell to a record low of 7.3 deaths per 1,000 births in 1996, and life expectancy reached an all-time high of 76.1 years.

Study: Women at risk

Heart bypass surgery takes toll

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women are significantly more likely to die after heart bypass surgery than men even if the men are just as old and sick when they go under the knife, says a massive study released Wednesday.

Concluding for the first time that gender alone is a risk — not just that women are in worse health by the time they reach surgery — doctors now must figure out why.

"I don't know the answer and I don't think anyone does," said study author Dr. Fred Edwards, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the University of Florida who is preparing to research just what kills these women so that perhaps it can be prevented.

The risk of death from bypass surgery is very low for both men and women, so the study should not scare anyone away from what often is a lifesaving operation.

Bypass women

The risk of death from bypass surgery is very low for both men and women, yet women are more likely to die.

The percentage of the 24,827 patients who died after surgery

First operation, selective procedures

Less than 70 years of age

First operation, selective procedures

Over 70 years of age

Reoperation, nonselective procedures

Over 70 years of age

Reoperation, nonselective procedures

Over 70 years of age

Source: Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Reviewed by: Brad Swartz, Smith, president of the American Heart Association

Jury awards \$345,000 in Brawley defamation case


POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton and two other advisers to Tawana Brawley were ordered Wednesday to pay \$345,000 for defaming a former prosecutor they claimed raped the teen-ager in 1987.

The jury award to Steven Pagones ended an often bitterly contested eight-month trial centering on accusations Sharpton, Alton Maddox and C. Vernon Mason made in the

racially-polarizing case a decade ago.

Pagones had initially been seeking \$395 million in damages for 22 accusations made by the three. After the jury's verdict, he was still seeking \$150 million for 10 statements they deemed defamatory.

Pagones sued the men for claiming he was among a group of white men who abducted and raped the black teen-ager in November 1987.

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Spectators look to the sky

GOODING - The Gooding Airport Flyers Association 1998 Gooding Airport Open House and Fly-In Breakfast was declared a "complete success." More than 40 planes flew in for breakfast and GAFA served more than 900 morning meals.

On display at the show were several cars belonging to racers from the Magic Valley Speedway, go-carts, a 1929 Beech Travel-Air, Piper Cubs and Cessnas.

GAFA pilots donated more than 30 hours of flying time giving rides. The National Guard flew in an AH Apache Helicopter from Boise and the crew opened the cockpit for the public to get a pilot's-eye view.

Receiving special awards were Fred Brimball of Huntsville, Utah, Best of Show for his Cessna 195-A; Grant Gunning from Ogden, Utah, Best Homebuilt; Bart Sonner from Buhl, Best Tail Dragger; the Club 6000 from Hagerman for its 1929 Beech Travel-Air, Oldest Plane; and Herb Robbins of Los Gatos, Calif., certificate for traveling the most distance.

Rod Thomas gave an aerial



Spectators enjoy a morning at the Airport Flyers Association 1998 Gooding Airport Open House and Fly-In Breakfast.

spraying demonstration in his Sikorsky Helicopter.

During the open house, there was a medical emergency that brought in life flight from Boise. All pre-made emergency plans

and routes worked smoothly, giving the audience the feel that it was just part of the show.

GAFA would like to say thank you to the community for its support.

clocks in the winter. Edith's sewing machine embroidery won many blue ribbons at the county fairs. Their joy of flowers can still be seen as color abounds from spring to late fall around their home. The Raugusts are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Edith is a member of the Barmore Civic Club. In nearly 70 years of marriage, their greatest gift has been family and friends.

No gifts, please.

Hagerman Senior Center plans sale

HAGERMAN - A bake sale and indoor yard sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Senior Center, 1402 Lake St.

For more information, call 837-6120.

Haircuts raise money for club

TWIN FALLS - Great Clips for Hair has planned a charity cut day for noon to 5 p.m. Sunday at the salon, 799 Cheney Drive, Suite G (in the Warehouse shopping center).

Cuts will be \$7 for children under 10 and seniors over age 65; other adults are \$9 each. All proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Hot dogs and sodas will be available.

For more information, call Marlene Cowell at 735-1200 or stop by the shop.

August Classic Horseshoes set

HAGERMAN - The Sportsman's River Resort has planned its August Classic Horseshoes event for 1 p.m. Sunday at the dock of the resort, located five miles south of Hagerman on Highway 30.

An entry fee is required. For more information, call 837-6364.

Pioneer descendants learn about history

TWIN FALLS - July 24 was a time to honor the men and women who came to Utah in 1847. They are called the Utah Pioneers.

Anyone who has ancestry who either came to Utah or was born there before 1869 are descendants of the Utah Pioneers and are encouraged to join the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers organization. DUP clubs study the histories, sing the songs and preserve the relics of the Utah Pioneers.

Two DUP camps, Lo-Em-Bo-Cal and Magic Memories, currently meet in Twin Falls. Captains are Beverly McClellan and Ruth Bryson. For meeting times and dates, call McClellan at 734-2902 or Bryson at 734-6388.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Pool project 1 step closer to set goal

We would like to express our appreciation to the community for your support and donations to the "Cover the Pool" garage sale that

was held May 29 and 30. We were so pleased to raise approximately \$5,000, which will be presented to Stephanie Crumrine, the chairperson for Cover the Pool.

Special thanks to Jack Bishop, Magic Valley Storage, First Security Bank, Barry Rental, Intermountain Chair and Table Rental, Sid Lezamis, D&B, St. Edward's School for the bake sale, United Methodist Church, PSI, Snake River POC for cash donations, Standard Printing and the Idaho Youth Ranch for after-hours pickup service.

Thanks to the following individuals who volunteered endlessly hours to this event: Julie Duncan, Randy Clark, Mark Fischer, Stephanie Crumrine, Bryan Hayhurst, Sharon Theener, Kathy Ream and Junior Club members.

We appreciate all the effort and time that people put into this great project.

Thanks again!
DIANE FISCHER
LORI CLARK
Project Co-Chairmen
Twin Falls

Gooding neighbors offer helping hand

The Gooding Chamber of Commerce has completed the three homes selected for this year's neighbor-helping-neighbor community project. People were most generous with their time, money and donations, and we thank them all very much.

Linda Alsas, David Anderson, Bank of America, Carl Beisner, Dale Butler, Catholic Women's League, Duke/Sue Cheney, Linda Cheney, Commercial Tire, Dairy Queen, First Security Bank, Gooding Auto Brokers, Gooding Chamber of Commerce directors, Gooding Grange, Gooding Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Valdo/Valma, Gray, Lita Harbaugh, Goshpi/Hardy, Jim Henslie, LOOF, Mr./Mrs. Jones, King's, Lincoln Inn, Fred/Allice Locke, Dale/Phyllis - Loism, Rebekah Lodge, Mavrick, Elmer Meyer, Lynn/Kelly Nebeker, Vivian/Clive Pope, PSI, Ann Richey, Bryon Richey, Ridley's, S&N Car Service, Claude Scamion, Sharon Selfert, Stanley/Sharon Shupe, Skaggs, Steve's Quick Stop, Steve Swannell, Western Auto, Adam Wolf, Wood River Inn, John Woods and Crystal Young.

JULIE EGGERSDORF
Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Gooding

Burley library parking made easy

New parking at the Burley Public Library is complete, thanks to the hard work of many.

The Library Board and I extend our thanks to Leon Beddy and the city streets crew for preparing the site and finishing the asphalt work after the concrete was poured. The city street sweeper then spent a lot of time "spiffing" it all up!

It turned out that the main line for the sprinkling system was under the parking lot, which was cut out for the parking. The parks department crew, headed by Dennis Peterson, worked long and hard to re-lay the line and re-concrete the entire area.

We are grateful to everyone for their efforts. The positive response

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Blue Lakes Rotary Club
Meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls. For more information, call President Robert J. Mogensen at 733-2740 or Participant Elect Mike Morgan at 734-4187.

Buhl Rotary Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at Melina's Restaurant, downtown Buhl. For more information, call President George Nye at 543-9239 or Secretary Robert E. Bailey at 543-5506.

Burley Lions Club
Meets at noon Fridays at Prince's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. For more information, call Secretary Larry Osterhout at (208) 678-3653 or President Sam Yoshida at 678-4783.

Burley Rotary Club
Meets at noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center. For more information, call President Dave Westfall at 678-0466 or Secretary John Anderson at 678-0339.

Civil Air Patrol
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at FAA Building at the Burley Airport. Anyone age 12 and older is invited to join. For more information, call Pete Schultz at 677-2559 or James Fletcher at 436-6861.

Kiwanis Club of Buhl
Meets at noon Wednesdays at Acapulco Restaurant, 111 Broadway Ave. S. For more information, call President Tom Gannon at (208) 543-2330 or Vice-President Steve Kaatz at 543-8576.

Kiwanis Club of Filer
Meets at noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church. For more information, call Secretary Shirley Galey at (208) 326-4530, business phone or home at (208) 326-4051.

Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch. For more information, call Mark Melni, president, at 736-4276 or Marvin Berlan, secretary at 734-4244.

Society for Creative Ancestry
The Shire of Twine Limes meets at 3 p.m. on Sundays in the city across from the library. For more information, call Jeff at 326-4425.

Twin Falls Lions Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Mainline Hotel. For more information, call Brian Welch, president, at 736-1438, or Ray Strubberg, membership chairman, at 734-6644.

Twin Falls Optimist Club
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Mandarin House. For more information, call Wayne Bohm, president, or Archie Goodman, membership chairman, at 733-2049.

Twin Falls Rotary Club
Meets at noon Wednesdays at the Turf-Club-In-Twin-Falls. For more information, call Roger Burdick, president, at 736-4029 or H. Richard Cook, secretary, at 734-6249.

Wendell Optimist Club
Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Wendell. For more information, call Lee Coleman at 536-6477.

Writers Support Group
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 (bookstore in Halley) 120 N. Main. For more information, call Joan at (208) 788-4403.

Gooding Business and Professional Women
Meets at noon Monday at the Lincoln Inn. For more information, call Karen Uria at 934-8452 or 934-8205.

MUSICAL

Magdalen's Barbershop Chorus
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Methodist Church in the basement, corner of Shoshone and Fourth Street, Twin Falls.

Snake River Elks
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K. St. in Rupert. For more information, call Jim Rodgers at 436-6047 or David Sprier at 438-8148.

Green Antelope Chorus
Meets from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays for rehearsal night at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. All women age 15 to 70+ are invited to accept six weeks free membership. For more information, call Elsie at 734-6654.

from our patrons tells us that it is a real well worth all the effort. We would appreciate your feedback parking that space is available on the south side of the building.

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CLUB CALENDAR

tion, call 733-9060 or 733-6238.

HOBBIES

Bingo
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the War Memorial Hall in Gooding. Cost is \$1.25. Participants must be over 18.

Bridge
Meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave. W. Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

Empty Pockets Coin Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new Paul Fire Hall, 109 E. Idaho. New members are welcome.

Friends in Recreation
Opportunities Group
The group meets to bowl from 10 to 11 p.m. at Magic Bowl, 34 Second Ave. E. in Twin Falls. For more information on FROG, call Line at 733-1712.

Magic Valley Chess Club
Meets from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturdays at Barnes and Noble bookstore in Twin Falls. For more information, call Barry Eacker at 733-6186.

Magic Valley Pinch Club
Meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls. Open to the public. \$2 donation. Prizes.

Valley-Vista Retirement Center Pinch Club
Meets Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. and there is a .50 cents charge per person. For more information, call Donna Baird at 733-5531.

Weight Loss
Burley TOPS ID No. 256 (a weight loss support group)
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, with weigh in at 5:30 p.m. at the Heyburn School lunch room.

Gooding TOPS Chapter No. 251 (a non-profit organization)
Meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Gooding-Senior-Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information, call 834-4638.

Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48
Meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library. For more information, call 324-7426.

Twin Falls TOPS Club ID No. 3
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (corner of Heyburn and Maurice). For more information, call Mike at 736-9292 or Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 301.

Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 301
Meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Caswell Ave. W. in the recreation room. For more information, call 734-5132 or 736-3291.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at First Baptist Church, on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 10 a.m. Saturdays at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. (enter at the Ninth Avenue entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.

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For more information, call 733-8300.

AA (for College of Southern Idaho students)
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Center for New Directions in Room 118. For more information, call Keith at 733-9554 Ext. 2680.

Al-Anon (for relatives and close friends of problem drinkers)
For more information on meeting times and places, call the Al-Anon Hotline at 733-3555.

Alateen
Meets from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays at Waite Center Outreach, 246 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The meeting is for young people affected by someone else's drinking. For more information, call Elsa at 734-6654.

Alcoholics Anonymous
For more information, call 736-8446, 734-0590 or 733-7897.

Easy Club & Magic Valley Brethren Club of Idaho (a group for people with lung disease and their family and friends).
For more information, call 345-5864.

Christian 12-Step Support Group
For more information, call Susan at 734-7201.

Cocaine Anonymous
For more information, call 732-5317.

DivorceCare
Meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Burley United Methodist Church library, 450 E. 27th St. For more information, call 678-2184.

DivorceCare
Will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Church of Christ, 1321 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Bill or Patty Arrington at 733-0539.

Grandmothers in Touch
Meets from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Tuesday. For more information, call Lori Lawson at 825-9604.

Help to Quit Smoking
Will meet at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the College of Southern Idaho Shields Building, room 112. For more information, call Barbara at 734-7467.

Herpes HSV-1 and HSV-2
For more information call Shar at 733-9276, leave message.

Idaho Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service
For more information, call Cassandra Blackley at (208) 326-0824 or Sonia Blackley-Heuer at 733-0821.

Moms in Touch
Meets at various times throughout the week. MIT is a group of Christian moms who meet one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For more information, call Lori at 825-9604.

Narcotics Anonymous
For more information, call: Southside Region 736-1160 or 1 (800) 328-5257.

New Life Fellowship (a 12-step recovery group and bible study)
Meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Shoshone. For more information, call Mike at 736-9292 or 734-6714.

Overcomers Outreach Christian
Meets at 12:30 p.m. Mondays (for addictive and compulsive behavior)
Meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Street (between Farmington, call Mitch or Rita at (208) 368-3678.

Parents of Down Syndrome Children
For more information, call Danielle Groves at 733-8869, or leave a message.

Post Pledge Support Group
For more information, call Nancy Boswell at 678-2571.

Single Parents
Meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at the Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Dr. N., south-wing. Free child care provided. For more information, call 326-5273.

Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.)
For more information, call (208) 436-9460.

Women in Recovery
Meets at noon Thursdays at the Episcopal Church. For more information, call Connie at 733-0457.

Mental Health Support Group
Meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital conference room. For more information, call 1-800-572-9940.

This public service column is designed to publicize Magic Valley clubs and organizations. To have your meeting listed or to update your meeting information, send notice with name of the organization, day and week(s), and time of the meeting with a telephone number and name of a contact person to Sherri Weinbaum at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, attention Club Calendar. The deadline is noon Tuesday.

was so interesting and well written. Thank you for the extra copies you sent to me. I have been to send to some of my ardent pals. I hope your summer has been very rewarding to you. Thank you again. ANNE JOHNSON Twin Falls

Story attracts attention from pals
To Becky Turner:
I'm sorry I am late in thanking you for the extra copies of "Cover the Pool" that you sent me on May 28. Becky and I went, people stopped me and said the article

EDITORIAL

Let dollar coin honor a heroic woman of the West

Be careful about the company you keep. Sacajawea, a nearicon of Western U.S. history, is in danger of being snubbed because of her involuntary association with liberals.

A citizens advisory committee voted last month to put Lewis and Clark's female Indian guide on the new dollar coin. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin endorsed that choice on Wednesday.

A dollar coin will be minted in 1999. It catches on. Our last attempt at one, the Susan B. Anthony dollar, failed dismally because it looked too much like a quarter — and because the public felt no enthusiasm for an obscure 19th-century feminist.

The next coin should have a better chance. It will be gold in color, with a distinctive edge to distinguish it from the quarter.

And who better to put on the coin than the heroic Sacajawea? Carrying a baby in her arms, this exceptional teen-moon-gal, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark through the wilderness from the High Plains to the Rockies. The celebrated expedition that opened the way West could easily have failed without her help.

The expedition's 2004 bicentennial makes Sacajawea even more appropriate. The coin will be a tribute to the West, to discovery, and of course to the woman herself.

But here come politics to ruin things.

Sacajawea has long captured the imaginations of America's schoolchildren. Alas, she also has become a darling of the 1990s left: a female "person of color" to stand as a politically correct counterpart to the dead white men currently infesting our coinage.

Support from the PC lobby may be Sacajawea's undoing.

Castle is right, of course. Coins shouldn't be instruments of social propaganda. A person depicted on a coin should be someone whose story uplifts and whose life helped shape our nation.

"The design of our circulating money should not be the result of a compromise among interest groups, it should not be political in any way and it should not be an attempt to right some wrong or appease a segment of the population."

Nobody fits that job description better than Sacajawea. She's perfect for the coin. Not because of the politics that suddenly surround her, but in spite of them.

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LETTERS

Don't miss the farmers' market

I would like to add my voice to Michael Hofferber's letter published on Sunday. He has managed to put in words the essence of a farmers' market. His words explain why I hear all the time from vendors and customers that they are upset when they have to miss the market.

A farmers' market experience is more than buying eggplant for dinner. It's learning an interesting fact that I didn't know about eggplant. It's discovering that the lady who sold you the eggplant has a daughter who went to school with your son. It's running into "Bob," whom you haven't seen for months, and spending 20 minutes talking in the middle of the market.

A farmers' market is a completely different experience from a big, sterile supermarket. You won't find five brands of paper towels at the market, and you'll probably have to go to the store to buy masking tape and TV dinners. But at a market, you might find seven varieties of tomatoes, two or three of which you've never heard of. So you'll have to ask someone, thereby gaining a few new recipes and possibly a new friend (which is all part of building community).

A farmers' market is an experience to be missed.

ROSE GARBBER
Manager, Farmers' Market
Twin Falls

User fee report was accurate

The July 22 letter in which The Times-News was chastised for an "inaccurate and inflammatory report" was in itself off base. Since I too was at the hearing in Ketchum on Tuesday, July 14, regarding the Forest Service Recreation User Fee, I feel that The Times-News was very accurate at de-

scribing the mood and opinions of the majority of those present.

A spokesperson for the Idaho Conservation League did voice opposition to the fee, but those who spoke in opposition to the fee, as reported by The Times-News, did greatly outnumber those who may have held the same opinion as the ICL.

As for the show of hands being only half the room, I saw considerably more than half of those present raise their hands in a show of disapproval of the user fee.

The user fee is not the solution to the problems facing the Forest Service. Someone mentioned at the meeting that America is supposed to be the "land of freedom." If we cannot freely walk in our forests, then where can we walk?

Idahoans need to continue to voice disapproval to the user fee and stop this plan. Presently, the user test fee is minimal and, as was pointed out at the meeting, cannot possibly cover the costs of the Forest Service's expenses. A mention was made that to date no fines for non-compliance have been issued and no additional manpower for enforcing this fee has been hired.

Do Idahoans want to have our forests loved to death by encouraging more people to use more of the forest? Think about it; if passed, what will the fee become, and how many extra personnel will be hired to enforce this as a law? Once passed and made into a law, it will be too late to protest the user fee.

When The Times-News reported that the "Crowd vociferously opposes fees," its report was correct. Idahoans must continue to make a loud outcry against this proposal.

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Coming down the home stretch...



Tobacco attack assaults personal responsibility

Before the tobacco bill was blown to rags and atoms by its supporters' overreaching, they substituted rationing for reason. But then, for years now the debate about smoking has been distorted by vehement people who rarely suffer even temporary lapses into logic.

A new reason for skepticism about the evidence and more of the anti-tobacco crusaders comes in a ruling by a federal judge in North Carolina concerning a 1993 report by the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA said secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen that causes 3,000 lung cancer deaths per year. The judge said:

"EPA publicly committed to a conclusion before research had begun; excluded industry by violating the (1986 Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research) Act's procedural requirements; adjusted established procedure and scientific norms to validate the Agency's public conclusion; and aggressively utilized the Act's authority to disseminate findings to establish a de facto regulatory scheme intended to restrict Plaintiffs' products and to influence public opinion."

The judge charges EPA not just with bias but with bad faith — with having "cherry picked its data." Granted, this is just one judge's opinion; EPA demurs. The litigation, already five years old, will churn on. Still, what disinterested person considers the judge's conclusions implausible?

EPA's report came in 1993, when the infant Clinton administration was preparing to micromanage the nation's health, and once behavior. Furthermore, do not all bureaucracies tend to try to maximize their missions? EPA's mission is to reduce environmental hazards. What kind of people are apt to be attracted to work in EPA? Those prone to acute anxieties about hazards. Is an agency apt to get in-



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creased appropriations and media attention by moderate assessments of hazards? What is the evidentiary value of the EPA defenders' assertion, in response to the judge, that in California (where smoking has been banned even in bars) the state EPA agrees that secondhand smoke is a serious carcinogen?

The anti-tobacco crusade was a money grab by government which, had the grab succeeded, would have acquired a dependence on a continuous high level of smoking to fund programs paid for by exactions from a legal industry selling a legal product to free people making foolish choices. The crusade's rationale was three-fold: Secondhand smoke is deadly to nonsmokers; people start smoking because they, poor things, are putty in the hands of advertisers; smokers cannot stop because nicotine is too addictive.

The last rationale is inconvenient by the fact that there are almost as many American ex-smokers as smokers. The assertion of the irresistible power of advertising is so condescending toward the supposedly malleable masses (notice, the people who assert the power of advertising never include themselves among the susceptible), the anti-tobacco crusade had to become a children's crusade. Hence the reiterated assertion that almost as many 6-year-olds — 90 percent of them — recognize Joe Camel as recognize Mickey Mouse. This assertion, akin to EPA's "science," was based entirely on interviews with 23 Atlanta preschoolers. There has been no demonstration that advertising

by tobacco brands increases tobacco consumption (rather than particular brands' market share).

One mechanism of the money grab was to be a tax increase of up to \$1.50 per pack. However, John E. Calfee of The American Enterprise Institute, writing in The Weekly Standard, notes that in the late 1970s, when teen-age smoking declined nearly one-third, cigarette prices were declining about 15 percent. Given that teen-age smokers smoke an average of only eight cigarettes a day, adding even a dime per smoke (\$2 per pack) would not deter them.

The 40 percent decline in smoking between 1975 and 1993 coincided with a public health campaign emphasizing individual responsibility for choices. Then came the Clinton administration, and the ascendancy of victimology. Wicked corporations preying upon helpless individuals are responsible for individuals' behavior. Calfee says per capita cigarette consumption has barely declined since 1993.

Also in The Weekly Standard, Dennis Prager, a theologian and talk-show host, notes that the full spectrum of the modern state has been mobilized for "the largest public relations campaign in history teaches Americans that if you smoke, you are in no way responsible for what happens to you. You are entirely a victim."

This assault on the idea of personal responsibility, Prager writes, further polices "a country that regularly teaches its citizens to blame others — government, ads, parents, schools, movies, genes, sugar, tobacco, alcohol, sexism, racism — for their poor decisions and problems." This assault, a result of the politics produced by a culture of irresponsibility, is an emblematic fruit of Clintonism.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

LETTERS

'Fiddler' exceeds expectations
I attended the JUMP Co.'s production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and was impressed by its ability to perform this play.

I have just returned from a five-month stay in the Holy Land and was fortunate to see Topol (the Teyve) perform "Fiddler on the Roof" in Jerusalem. Because the members of JUMP Co. had probably never seen the everyday lives of Jewish non-experienced Jewish traditions with Orthodox Jewish families, I came to the performance with few expectations. I was so impressed that they performed "Fiddler on the Roof" as well as they did. Aaron Todd filled the role of Teyve quite well.

Thank you for bringing back all of my memories of the Holy Land. I was moved to tears. I wish I would have known about the performance sooner. Many of the things I brought back with me from the Holy Land would have been fantastic props, and I would have gladly allowed the JUMP Co. to use them.

SHARAVYN DUFFIN
Shoshone

Inadequate care causes tragedies
An open letter to national and state legislators and the FBI:

In looking to the news reports on the Capitol shootings, I find myself outraged at the death of two police officers. What

a tragedy!

However, I am also outraged at what I have heard about the gunman. It is said that Mr. Weston has a long history of mental illness and that the FBI was aware that this man might be dangerous. If this is true, then I hold the FBI accountable along with the man who pulled the trigger for the deaths of these fine officers.

Why was Mr. Weston not in treatment? Too often, people turn their backs on these individuals. They do not receive the services needed to make them productive citizens. Most mentally ill persons are not dangerous; but occasionally left untreated, you have a Mr. Weston, a Unabomber, etc.

This man's neighbors knew that he was delusional. Did they inform mental health officials of his actions or did they ignore the signs? Did they possibly bring this to the attention of the police or the mental health department and he still was not given services?

Persons with a severe mental illness become delusional, paranoid, and they hear voices that tell them to do things. They honestly believe that the CIA and FBI are out to hurt them.

Had someone cared enough to provide services and treatment, these deaths and many others could be prevented. We need more services; we need more money for the state departments of mental health; we need crisis houses for individ-

uals going through crisis. One in every five families is touched by mental illness.

It has been proven that mental illness is a biological disease the same as diabetes, heart ailment, cancer, etc., and that it needs to be treated the same. We still have many states, Idaho for one, that will not let a bill for parity insurance even get out of committee. There are several reasons for this, one being that the insurance companies romance the legislators by taking them to dinner providing them with campaign money and crying poverty.

As long as we have inadequate services and people like Mr. Weston are not treated and followed with services to make sure that they are compliant with taking their medications, we are going to continue to have tragedies such as this.

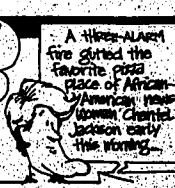
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Correction

A sentence in the letter from Scott W. Larson on July 23 was typed incorrectly. The sentence should have read: "Love thy enemy lest they rise and consume you."

The Times-News regrets the error.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

Lotteries hurt the poor, government

Lotteries are bad public policy. Amid the publicity of this week's quarter of a billion dollar Powerball drawing, you'll hear a lot about the winners. But you won't hear about the losers: poor people and minorities.

State and local governments have begun to rely on income from lotteries to replace lost tax revenue. This new "tax system" is highly regressive, taking the lion's share from the lower classes.

Lotteries are big business. They operate in 37 states and the District of Columbia. Total sales in 1996 surpassed \$40 billion. Net revenues topped \$14 billion.

States have spent nearly half a billion dollars on ad campaigns and have begun to develop gimmicks that will attract the most bettors. They are targeting people of color and the poor. In the largely black Anacostia neighborhood of Washington, D.C., lottery outlets abound, with total sales of \$2 million a year. There isn't a single lottery vendor in the commercial center of the posh Montgomery County suburb of Potomac.

State-sponsored studies have shown that blacks spend significantly more of their income on lottery tickets than whites. In Maryland, 61 percent of African-American lottery players are heavy spenders, compared to 31 percent of whites. Virginia's studies also show that blacks are the majority of big spenders.

Underlying the racial dimension is the fact that the biggest money makers tend to be games modeled after the numbers racket, like Pick 3 and Lucky Number.

As one observer put it, "For people with little hope of investing in mutual funds or ending the year with five-figure bonuses, spending on lottery tickets is seen as the only way out." A cafeteria worker who budgets \$70 per week for lottery tickets says, "Most people don't need to gamble because they already got the money."

By promoting lotteries, states

CHESTER HARTMAN

are fostering problem gambling — a pathological form of addiction the American Psychiatric Association now categorizes as a treatable mental illness. New York State estimates it has half a million problem gamblers, and they most frequently play the lottery. Addictive gambling can lead to theft, insurance fraud, bankruptcies, domestic violence, job loss, broken families, and increased social service costs.

A study by the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute estimates that each problem gambler costs the state \$9,500 a year in off-budget social services and business loss, a total of \$307 million each year. Another study by the same organization reported that nearly one in four problem gamblers had attempted suicide. And lotteries depend upon these binge gamblers: In Chicago, 15 percent of lottery players account for 70-80 percent of sales.

State and local governments have no business pushing this dangerous, ill-conceived gaming policy. It's a bad bet for individuals and a worse bet for good government.

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LONDON — Britain has sometimes fancied itself behind the United States in some important categories. These have included empire, which they lost; fashion, which they never had until Diana; and food, which remains terrible. But the British are working hard to surpass the United States in the matter of sex in high places. Prime Minister Tony Blair's cabinet shake-up has elevated a woman whose sexual history rivals President Clinton's for daring and lack of concern for others.

Margaret Callaghan, the new leader of the House of Lords, has also been named to Blair's cabinet as minister for women. She might have been better suited as minister for men, which person she has far more experience.

The 58-year-old Baroness Jay, as she is known because of her one-time marriage to Peter Jay, the former British ambassador to Washington, was the subject of a Hollywood film called "Heartburn," starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson. The movie was based on a book by Nora Ephron, who was once married to the Washington Post's editorial page editor, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger.

The Express newspaper called that affair "adulterous and scandalous," "refreshing language, indeed, in an era when anything goes and opinion polls long ago replaced Mosaic or any other law. While in Washington and romping with Bernstein, Margaret insisted on being called "co-ambassador" (this was before Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived and started acting as co-president). Predictably, the affair led in the breakup of her 25-year marriage to Peter Jay, who realigned by having his own affair with the nanny the couple employed to look after their three children.

Ephron cuttily referred to her rival as a "fairly tall person with a



CAL THOMAS

neck as long as an arm and a nose as long as a thumb and you should see her legs! Spencer mind her feet, which are tops of spayed."

Margaret eventually was through with married men. One account has it that married women "cover" when she walks into a room.

Four years ago, Margaret married Prof. Michael Adler, chairman of the National Aids Trust. He, too, was married with children when their "relationship" began. Elizabeth Neild recalls one exchange with Margaret. Jay, Neild said to her: "I have my children to think about." Margaret Jay is said to have replied: "I have myself to think about."

Anyone who believes the economy is all that matters and that what leaders do in their private moments should be of no public concern may wish to consider whether this type of thinking leads to a leadership style that leadership says that fidelity and infidelity are morally equivalent. That sends a message to the next

generation that broken homes are no worse than intact ones, which social scientists and common sense tell us is not the case. While some think only of themselves, other lives are shattered and large numbers of children grow up without the unified family and role models they deserve.

Doesn't this private behavior, then, ultimately impact public life? In this area, the British are attempting to bypass America. But, President Clinton is doing what he can to narrow the sex gap. Worse, he apparently has lied about it under oath, assuaging Americans may care about even more than infidelity. As Clinton's own role model, John Kennedy, said in another context, "We can do better."

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The car carrying opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi is seen stopped at a government checkpoint near Yangon, Myanmar, formerly Burma, Tuesday. In this photo off video.

Roadblock stymies Suu Kyi

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Myanmar's government refused a request by Western countries that foreign diplomats be allowed to see Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who was spending a sixth night Wednesday in her Toyota

sedan behind a military roadblock.

Suu Kyi is said by her supporters to be ill and running low on food, although the military regime told diplomats in Yangon that the democracy leader had no health problems.

Summer of shame

Internet child porn scandal disgusts Dutch

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — This is Holland's summer of shame.

The discovery of a Netherlands-based ring that trafficked in the most shocking kinds of child — even infant — pornography on the Internet has unleashed a lurid scandal, which gained momentum with the firing of a Justice Ministry official who allegedly downloaded child porn for personal use.

With ties to Germany, Italy and the United States, the case has brought calls for the revival of anti-porn vice squads and a more aggressive approach to electronic smut.

The public outrage stands in contrast to the generally tolerant attitude toward personal vice in the Netherlands, where prostitution and use of "soft" drugs like marijuana are legal.

Zandvoort and the scandal broke.

The apartment owner, convicted German pedophile Gerrie Ulich, 49, was shot to death in Pisa, Italy, in June, allegedly by a rival gang member. Dutch authorities are seeking extradition of the slaying suspect, Robert van der Planken, 24, of Belgium.

The seized materials include digital photos and video that depict children as young as 12 months old being raped and sodomized. Among the films is one titled "Oh Daddy," in which balding, middle-aged men have intercourse with 5-year-old and 8-year-old girls, one of whom appears to have been so heavily drugged that some experts fear she may have been dead.

This week, the scandal took a startling new turn. A top employee of the Justice Ministry, which is leading the investigation, was ousted for downloading child pornography from his office computer for personal use.

The case has shattered the tranquility of the summer holidays

and erased lingering exuberance over the national soccer team's ascent to the World Cup semifinals. Newspapers blame the latest developments, feeding a national obsession for details.

It echoes the uproar in Belgium over apparent police ineptitude that let a serial child rapist and killer, Marc Dutroux, prey on young girls for years, and even escape briefly in April.

Now the Dutch, many of whom were openly smug about their neighbors' troubles, are trying to come to terms with the hard-core child porn being traded in their country, even at the highest levels of law and order.

"The Internet is a place where anything can happen, and a lot of people like this stuff," said Christine Kaargan, a mother of two who runs an Amsterdam child pornography hotline. "I'm afraid this is just the tip of the iceberg."

"Sometimes what you see makes you sick. Sometimes I can't sleep at night," she said Wednesday.

12 found guilty

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A former Cabinet minister and 11 others were convicted Wednesday of kidnapping a French businessman, concluding a trial that exposed the former government's role in death squads that targeted Basque separatists.

The Supreme Court found Jose Luis Barrionuevo, the minister in charge of internal security from 1982 to 1988, guilty of kidnapping Segundo Mares in 1983.



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Rescued miner recalls 9 days in dark

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — When a mudslide trapped miner Georg Hainzl 200 feet under ground, he had time to call his father and brothers and smoke a last cigarette before he was cut off from the outside world, slipping into a dark and timeless nightmare.

Nine days later, rescuers hauled the 24-year-old miner alive from the calc mine in the village of Lassing, where he was buried July 17 in a landslide triggered by heavy rains.

They are still searching for 10 other miners, who were sent to rescue Hainzl but were themselves buried in a larger landslide a short time later.

Hainzl told his story for the first time Wednesday from his hospital bed in Graz, where doctors said he was in relatively good condition. He taped answers to questions submitted by reporters, who were given copies of the tape by hospital authorities.

Hainzl said he was working about 200 feet below the surface when water from the landslide came rushing into the shaft at the mine, about 120 miles southwest of Vienna.

"The water came in, it was two, three meters (yards) high," he said. "It nearly knocked me over."

Hainzl rushed to an underground chamber where miners normally ate their meals because he knew the chamber had a heavy wooden table and emergency oxygen tanks. The room was also lit and included a telephone.

"I called my father and my brothers," Hainzl said. "They gave me courage and told me to hang on."

But the electricity and telephone cables snapped — leaving him alone and in the dark.

Hainzl counted the first hour as it passed, smoked his last cigarette, then slipped into a "state of trance" and lost track of time. His mind began to play tricks on him.

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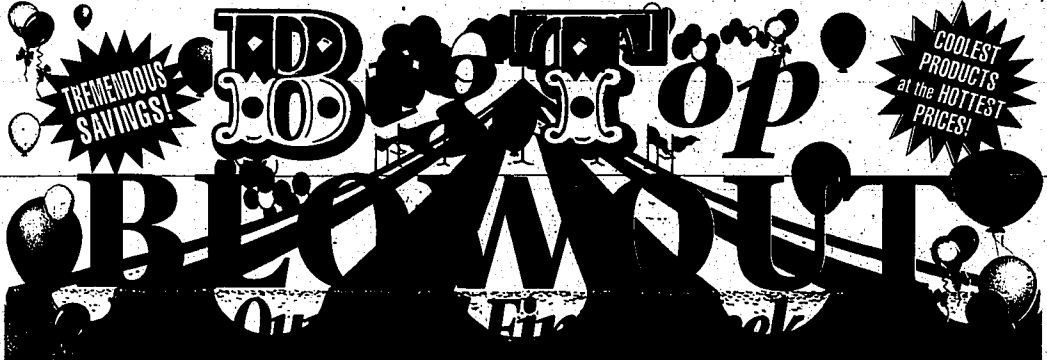


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IN BRIEF

Californians battle for Americas Cup lead

FRESNO, Calif. — Wendra Liang of San Francisco fired her second straight 5-over-par 78 Wednesday to keep Northern California tied with rival Southern California going into today’s final round of the 21st annual Girls Junior Americas Cup golf tournament at Sunnyside Country Club.

The two California teams are tied at 470 with defending champion Mexico and Colorado just two shots back. Fifth is San Diego at 478.

Idaho is currently 14th out of the 18 teams, at 513. Laura Skianer leads the team with a 166 (tied for 28th overall), followed by Megan Milam’s 173, Lindsey Reed’s 177 and Katie Olliphant’s 179.

Last year’s medalist, Mexico’s Lorena Ochoa, is leading the 72-person individual scoring by seven strokes over Becky Lucif of San Diego and Hanna Kim of Southern California.

Mile swim, triathlon set for Aug. 8 in Twin Falls area

TWIN FALLS — The Dierkes Lake Mile Swim and Twin Falls Triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Dierkes Lake.

Race-day registration is at 7:30 a.m. for the swim and 8:30 a.m. for the triathlon. There will be a pancake breakfast for the swimmers and a lunch for the triathletes. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

Twin Falls High swim team begins practice in August

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School swim team will begin practicing for the 1998 season at 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17 at the city pool.

Any students in grades 9-12 interested in high school competition or just improving technique for a more effective workout is encouraged to participate.

For more information, call J.C. Burdick at 736-8142 or Stephanie Crumrine at 734-3660.

Vandals announce 1999, 2000 football schedules

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho’s 1999 and 2000 football schedules reflect the Vandals’ move to NCAA Division I-A football, which means fans will see the renewal of some longtime rivalries.

Back in 2000 for the first time since the 1970s are former Pacific Coast Conference rivals Washington and Oregon, while in 1999 the Vandals are headed to Auburn and Kansas State.

Head coach Chris Tormey likes the regional flavor of the new schedules.

“We’ve stepped up to Division I and our schedule reflects this,” Tormey said. “Games like Washington, Oregon, Washington State make a lot more sense for us because they’re in our fan and recruiting base.”

Idaho Steelheads hockey team unveils schedule

NAMPA — The Idaho Steelheads of the West Coast Hockey League announced their 1998-99 schedule this week.

The Steelheads open at home Oct. 16 against Tacoma and remain home Oct. 17 to host Fresno. The Steelheads play 70 games, up six games from last year, including 35 home games at the Bank of America Centre.

Idaho closes out the season with four straight home games, hosting San Diego March 23-24 and Fresno March 26-27.

Season and group tickets are available by telephone at (208) 424-2200. The on-sale date for individual game tickets, as well as tickets for the inaugural WCHL All-Star Game Jan. 15, will be announced later.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

CSI gets its basketball Jones

College names new coach

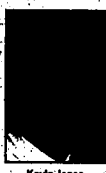
By Darren Closs
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For the past nine years, Kevin Jones has been in a shadow. There were four years with the legendary Fred Trenkle, then three years with Steve Irons, and two years with Jim Thrash.

On Wednesday, the toughest job in Twin Falls became his and his alone. Jones sat across the table from Thrash in the President’s Board Room at College of Southern Idaho President Gerald Meyerhoeffer named Jones Thrash’s successor as men’s head basketball coach for the 1998-99 season.



Jim Thrash



Kevin Jones

“It’s sure nice to see you all here,” Meyerhoeffer said, addressing the media, staff and boosters at the press conference. “I told the people this morning that this subject has been

about as much of a secret as Christmas.”

Rumors that Thrash would be departing to Purdue University were circulating during the days before the announcement. The elements seemed right — Thrash and Boilermakers coach Gene Keady have been friends for 23 years, former Golden Eagle Greg McQuay signed with Purdue earlier this year, and the Thrash home would be void of children for the first time in 25 years when youngest son Mark went to college in California this fall.

“Coach Keady has offered me a position on three, four, five different occasions,” Thrash said. “Each time I reluctantly turned him down. I felt I had to be a father and husband first, and a

coach-third, probably.”

Priorities of CSI fans, meanwhile, haven’t changed much in 20 years.

“There’s a lot of boosters and fans that want to go back to Hutch,” Jones said, referring to Hutchinson, Kan., the site of the NJCAA basketball tournament. “So that’s my goal.”

As an assistant to Keady in the then-Arkansas Razorbacks assistant was recruiting one of Thrash’s players at Manzanero High School in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Making amends?

Hamblin takes 1st-day lead at Idaho Open

By Francis Davis
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. — Mike Hamblin remembers what happened last year at the Idaho Open, when he led the entire way only to lose the tournament on the last two holes.

It’s safe to say Hamblin is interested in making amends.

Hamblin fired an 8-under-par 64 at the Jackpot Golf Club in opening-round action at the Idaho Open Wednesday. He nailed eight birdies, including six on the last eight holes, to take a one-shot lead over Jim Empey of Boise and Nick Klassen of St. George, Utah.

“I’ve always played good at Jackpot,” said Hamblin, who owns the Jackpot-course record with a 62 and is the professional at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, site of the tournament’s final round.

“I hit the ball good and straight today. You can’t win the tournament on the first day, but you can sure put yourself behind the 8-ball.”

Hamblin took control on the back nine, after missing some nubbable birdies to start. He took the lead on the last hole while a gusty storm blew in and as players rushed to finish their rounds.

The tournament was a shotgun start, so Hamblin’s foursome finished on the 510-yard hole No. 1. After a strong drive, Hamblin hit within two feet of the green with a 5-iron and was able to birdie the par-5 hole as the wind increased.

Defending champion Kim Thompson of American Fork, Utah, who beat Hamblin last year with a wickedly hot 22 on the back nine of the twin hole course, shot a first-day 5-under-par 67. Thompson was one of five players who finished the day three shots off the pace.

Six players finished within two shots of Hamblin in a first-round which saw 62 of the 122 professionals shoot par or better. Aside from the late storm, the weather was great for golf, with sunny skies, moderate temperatures and slight wind ruling the day.

Aaron Curtis of Twin Falls and Preston Haff of Kimberly led the amateurs with rounds of 68 in the

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Brady Stanger of Murtaugh used a little body English on his putt but just misses the cup Wednesday on the 18th green at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. Stanger finished the first round of the Idaho Open with a 5-over-par 73 and is currently tied for sixth place in the amateur first flight.

It was a wild ride at the district tournament

Sitting in the stands next to colorful Marsh Valley coach Jim Chandler during last Tuesday’s epic American Legion A-Division Region III playoff battle between Buhl and Burley was not only amusing, but also prophetic.

Chandler offered me running commentary on the various players as they dug in at the plate, but the one player who drew his highest praise was Bobcats first baseman/catcher Jesse Smith.

“This guy’s a pure hitter, a great athlete,” the coach said. “If he’s on my team, I want him at the plate with the game on the line.”

Smith was slated to hit eighth for Burley in the seventh inning, with the Bobcats trailing Buhl by four runs. Things looked dim for the Burley faithful, but Chandler stood up and announced to a large contingent of Burley fans that the Bobcats would be fine if they could just find a way to get Smith to the plate with the game on the line.



ABOUT THE GAME
Francis Davis

It turns out the Bobcats wouldn’t need Smith’s heroics as the rest of the team rose up without their big gun and had already taken control of the game by the time Smith hit a weak grounder back to the pitcher for the second out.

Though Smith played no part in Burley’s big rally, it turns out Chandler’s prediction was right on — just a day early.

On Friday, Burley faced Chandler’s Eagles with a tournament berth on the line and the Bobcats again went into their last at-bat behind.

Again things looked dim for the Burley faithful. The Bobcats trailed by

one against pitcher Reese Howell and they were down to their final out when Smith stepped to the plate with Plotts at first base.

Quicker than you could say Mohammed, Smith fulfilled Chandler’s prophecy by jacking one over the left-field fence to send Burley to the state tournament for the second year in a row.

“I don’t mind losing a game like that,” Chandler said. “That’s what baseball is all about.”

On Saturday, when the Eagles met Burley for the second time, Smith was on the bench. The Burley sub played liked regulars and went into the final frame leading before the Eagles Reggie Jackson won it with another seventh-inning home run.

Marsh Valley and Burley decided to forego a Sunday afternoon tie breaker and let Lady Luck decide the district championship.

In a tournament that featured three nail-biters between three of the best teams in the state, it was ironic that the district championship was decided by the flip of a coin for better baseball than they saw last week in Twin Falls, all they have to hope for is a seventh-inning with Jesse Smith due to bat and no Reggie Jacksons sitting on the opposing team’s bench.

Marsh Valley won the flip and took home the bigger trophy, but Burley must have gotten the better of the deal because the Region III second seed is slotted in an easier bracket than the No. 1 seed.

The Bobcats now head to state hungry for a state title, and though fans would be sitting a lot for better baseball than they saw last week in Twin Falls, all they have to hope for is a seventh-inning with Jesse Smith due to bat and no Reggie Jacksons sitting on the opposing team’s bench.

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SPORTS

Hoiles homers twice for O's

Baltimore crushes Detroit, 14-2

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Hoiles hit a pair of two-run homers and drove in six runs, and Cal Ripken Jr. hit his first triple in almost two years Wednesday night as the Baltimore Orioles routed the Detroit Tigers 14-2.

Brady Anderson homered and scored three runs and B.J. Surhoff had three RBIs for the Orioles, who are 16-3 since the All-Star break.

Hoiles homered in the fifth and sixth innings and just missed a grand slam in the seventh when he hit a bases-loaded ground-rule double. It was the third time he's had six RBIs in a game.

Anderson's three-run homer came in the sixth inning, giving him six hits in six innings. Doug Johns pitched the last three innings for his first save.

Rangers 9, Blue Jays 6

TORONTO — Ivan Rodriguez drove in three runs and Darren Oliver averaged two early-season losses to Toronto as the Texas Rangers scored a four-game losing streak.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4 with a double, triple and walk. His bases-loaded double in the third off Toronto starter Chris Lyle (5-5) gave the Rangers a 4-3 lead, putting them ahead for good.

Texas slugger Juan Gonzalez, leading the majors with 116 RBIs, missed his second straight game.



Cleveland Indian lead-off batter Kevyn Lofton dives back to first base in an effort to elude the tag in the contest between the Seattle Mariners Wednesday. Lofton was called out on the play.

with tightness in his right hamstring. Rangers manager Johnny Damon expects him to be back in five more games.

Oliver (5-7) gave up two earned runs on six hits and four walks with two strikeouts. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 26th save.

Twins 5, Royals 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Milton took a no-hitter into the sixth inning as the Minnesota Twins won their fifth straight.

Milton (5-7) had a no-hitter until Terry Pendleton singled with one out in the sixth. Mike Sweeney then hit a three-run homer to chase Milton, who had walked Dean Palmer to lead off the inning.

Sweeney's homer broke a 19-inning scoreless streak for Kansas City, which lost its third straight game.

Milton struck out three, walked five and had three batters reach on errors in a no-hitter that was perfect ninth for his 26th save.

Devil Rays 7, White Sox 2

CHICAGO — Bubba Trammell had three hits, including a solo homer, and Randy Winn hit his first major league home run as Tampa Bay won for the sixth time in seven games.

Trammell singled in the second, hit a two-run double in the sixth and added his fifth home run with one out in the eighth.

Tony Saunders (3-9) won his second straight start, giving up two runs on four hits and walks over 6-23 innings. Jim Parque (2-4) took the loss, giving up five runs and eight hits over 5-23 innings.

Albert Belle, who has 15 homers in July and 32 this season, went 0-for-4 for Chicago.

Then Grote set a games record in the 100 freestyle and captured the 200 by more than three seconds.

The race that turned the meet was the 200. Davis won an Olympic gold medal in the event, but this time he lost by 23 seconds to Michael Kiedel, who also swam anchor on the Germans' winning freestyle relay.

The victory in the 200 individual medley by Karnaugh, from Maplewood, N.J., was a sweet highlight. Karnaugh set a games record of 2:02.18.

"I needed to win my race to make the final score come down to the last relay," Karnaugh said. "I'm happy with my race and my time. Unfortunately, we couldn't win the relay."

In the other men's dual meet, the World All-Star defeated Russia 66-56 behind games records in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly by Denis Syantsev of Ukraine. Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands set a U.S. open record of 1:47.34 in the 200 freestyle for the world team.

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Atlanta Braves rally after ejections to manager, pitcher

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Atlanta Braves rallied after starter John Smoltz and manager Bobby Cox were ejected Wednesday night, battling around in the next two innings and hitting three homers for an 11-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The NL East leaders by ejection, the turning point by piling up four runs with two outs in the fifth — off Steve Parris (3-0). They then pulled away with three

homers: Tony Graffanino's three-run shot and two-run homers by Andre Jones and Jay Lopez. Rudy Seanez (3-0) took over after Smoltz's ejection, threw a pitchout on his first delivery to get the Braves' lead.

The Reds wound up with their 11th loss in 13 games. The Braves are 6-2 on a road trip that wraps up Thursday against the Reds.

Expos 6, Giants 0

MONTREAL — Hot-hitting Vladimir Guerrero hit his 24th home run and scored three times, and Dustin Hermanson and Mike Maddux combined on a five-hitter as Montreal beat San Francisco.

Brad Fullmer drove in three runs for the Expos, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Guerrero hit a two-run shot off Danny Darwin (6-9) in the first, his 10th homer of the month. He also scored on Fullmer's single in the fourth and Fullmer's two-run triple in the fifth.

Hermanson (8-9) allowed five

hits, struck out six and walked one over seven innings.

Phillies 8, Dodgers 3

PHILADELPHIA — Doug Glavine and Greg Jefferies had three hits apiece and Philadelphia dealt Dave Miltz his first loss since being traded to the Dodgers.

Glavine scored three runs and had two RBIs, and Rico Brogna also drove in two runs as Philadelphia piled up 13 hits to win for the fourth time in six games.

Miltz (5-5), who went to Los Angeles on June 4 in the trade with New York for Hideo Nomo, allowed seven hits and four earned runs in his first loss since June 1 — a span of 10 starts.

Phillies rookie Carlton Loefer (5-3) pitched 6-23 innings, surrendering three runs and striking out two with no walks for his first win since July 12.

Astros 10, Marlins 0

HOUSTON — Moises Alou hit his fourth homer in as many games and Craig Biggio and Derek Bell had three hits apiece to lead Houston over Florida.

The Astros, beating the Marlins for the fifth time in as many meetings this season, sent Florida to its 14th loss in 16 games.

Bell drove in two runs and Biggio one in Houston's 14th attack.

The Astros overcame a four-RBI performance by Derek Lee, who had a three-run double and solo homer to extend his hit streak to a career-high nine games.

Pete Schourek (7-6) got the victory and Andy Larkin (2-0) took the loss.

Mets 7, Padres 6

NEW YORK — Luis Lopez drove into two runs, including a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, as New York beat San Diego to win for the eighth time in 10

games. Mel Rojas (4-2) got the win despite falling to lead a three-run lead. John Franco pitched 1-13 innings for his 21st save.

Lopez, making just his 10th start of the season as a replacement for injured Raul Mondesi, hit a sacrifice fly of Donnie Wall (4-3) in the seventh to score Carlos Baerga and break a 6-6 tie.

Mike Piazza homered for New York and Wally Joyner hit one for the Padres.

Brewers 2, Cardinals 1

ST. LOUIS — Steve Woodard struck out a season-high 11 batters and Jeff Cirillo hit a two-run homer to lead Milwaukee over St. Louis.

The Cardinals scored their only run without the assistance of Mark McGwire, who was 1-for-4 with a strikeout and a single.

Woodard (8-5) struck out the first five batters he faced and didn't allow a run in six innings.

Cirillo singled with one out in the third. Woodard gave up six hits with no walks in 6-13 innings. He has allowed only one walk in his last 27-30 innings.

Bob Wickman worked the ninth for his 17th save, retiring Royce Clayton on a groundout with the bases loaded to end the game.

Pirates 12, Rockies 1

DENVER — Al Martin had four RBIs, Jose Guillen drove in three runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates pounded 19 hits to rout the Colorado Rockies.

Chris Peters (5-8) pitched a five-hitter and struck out seven for the first complete game of his career.

Guillen had three doubles and Tony Womack, Kevin Young and Jeff Blashoff each had three hits apiece to help the Pirates build a 9-1 lead off Darrell Kile (7-13), who continued to struggle at home.

Germany outduels U.S. swimmers

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — The diagnosis, according to Ron Karnaugh, M.D.: We just don't work hard enough anymore.

Karnaugh, a medical doctor and a swimmer on national teams since 1986, said that's why a rare U.S. loss in the 400-meter freestyle relay gave the Americans a dual-meet loss against Germany at the Goodwill Games Wednesday.

"There's no shortcut to success in swimming," and some of our kids don't work as hard as we did," said Karnaugh, 32, who won the 200 individual medley just before the freestyle-relay defeat that allowed Germany to win 65-53.

"I believe they can get by just on talent," Karnaugh added. "But you get out of it what you put in it."

The United States led by three points going into the final relay. But the relays are worth seven points for the winner and none for the loser, and the Germans' time of 3 minutes, 21.45 seconds — 1.25 ahead of the Americans — decided the outcome. U.S. men have never lost an Olympic 400 freestyle relay.

"We've always had great freestyle sprinters, but now it's a new generation, and we lost Gary Hall Jr. to drug circumstances," Karnaugh said, referring to Hall's suspension for marijuana use.

Almo Heilmann had a body-length lead over Josh Davis, a Olympic gold medalist in the 1996 Olympics, after the first leg, and the other three U.S. swimmers couldn't catch up.

Davis, of San Antonio, also finished last in the 100 freestyle and second in the 200.

"The Americans led most of the meet thanks to breaststroke specialist Kurt Grote.

Grote, of Palo Alto, Calif., won both the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke and the breaststroke leg on the winning U.S. medley relay.

"I was hoping it wouldn't be this close up until the (freestyle) relay," Grote said. "I have confidence in our relay team, but it would have been better to have had a bigger lead going into it."

Even Grote's desperately needed 10 points were not enough as the Germans kept it close all night.

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RIDERS REBEL FOR 2ND TIME Protest rocks Tour de France

AIX-LES-BAINS, France (AP) — Angry Tour de France riders crossed the finish line holding hands in symbolic victory, only to be told their entire day of racing through the Alps would not count.

In another jarring day for cycling's showcase event, the Tour de France was again hit with a protest Wednesday, over a drug investigation.

It was the second such protest by the riders, who have grown increasingly indignant since the race began July 11. Organizers nullified the 17th stage after riders either dropped out or slowed in protest.

The Dutch team TVM, implicated in the drug scandal, led the pack across the line holding hands. The stage ended more than two hours later than scheduled.

Seventeen riders from three teams — ONCE, Banesto, Riso Scotti — dropped out of the leg altogether.

Riders, fearing further police action, stopped for 15 minutes early in the race and cruised slowly through more than three-quarters of the leg.

Many of the 133 riders stripped off their race numbers and briefly stopped at the 20th mile of the leg from Albertville to Aix-les-Bains.

The tour has become vulnerable in the face of the growing police inquiry into the use of per-

LE TOUR DE FRANCE 98
July 30 - Stage 18
Aix-les-Bains - Neuchâtel

Rider	Time
Brilliant	1,033 ft.
La Grande	1,700 ft.
Cote de Valtay	4,291 ft.
Cote de Corbion	1,181 ft.
Aix-les-Bains	0 ft.
Neuchâtel	2,700 ft.
Ornans	1,212 ft.
Ornans	400 ft.

SOURCE: Tour de France Society

formance-enhancing drugs. The riders had been expected, and at least five other teams have come under suspicion.

Tour judge Joel Menard announced that the stage was annulled. He said only the 13 riders who crossed the line could continue riding today.

That put star French rider Laurent Jalabert of ONCE off of the competition, which is scheduled to end Sunday in Paris.

"We're not animals. Everyone, including police, should treat us like normal people," said Bjorne Riis, winner of the 1996 race.

"What we did today was to save the tour, save cycling, because it's our life."

Former champion Stephen Roche, speaking on the Eurosport network, said he spoke to Jalabert before he withdrew.

"Jalabert was crying," he said. "He said, 'I cannot ride a bike in these conditions. I prefer to work in a factory and be a normal person than be treated like this.'"

Some fans along the route applauded the riders as they went past. Others made hostile gestures, jeering and whistling.

Quite an earful: Tyson loses temper in front of boxing board

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Mike Tyson gave boxing regulators quite an earful.

Tyson lost his temper and cursed in front of the board that will decide whether he can return to the ring, a year after he was banned from boxing for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in their title fight.

Wednesday's hearing before the New Jersey Athletic Control Board began well for the former heavyweight champ, as he was praised by supporters in three hours of testimony.

Tyson even choked back tears as he apologized for biting Holyfield during their June 28, 1997, title fight in Las Vegas.

At the end of his 35 minutes of testimony, however, his mood seemed to sour after being continually questioned about the bite. His lawyer, Anthony Fusco Jr., said Tyson would read a closing statement, but the fighter suddenly shook his head.

"I don't want to say it now, because I'm angry," he said.

Sensing Tyson's mood, Fusco hurried to finish his closing statement.

"What he did was wrong."



Booze Mike Tyson arrives Wednesday for his hearing before the New Jersey Athletic Control Board.

How many times does one individual have to be asked "Are you sorry for what you did?" Fusco said.

"You know what I mean, man?" Tyson said, interrupting his lawyer. He then uttered an expletive and hit his fist on the table.

Whether Tyson's temper will cost him the title he needs

most — a license to resume his career — is up to the three-member board, which has 45 days to decide whether he has the "good character, honesty, integrity and responsibility" to box in New Jersey.

It will meet Aug. 6 to consider Tyson's application, but won't rule then, according to Roger Shatzkin, a spokesman for state Attorney General Peter Verrino.

After Tyson hit both of Holyfield's ears — taking a chunk out of the right one — Nevada regulators revoked his license and fined him \$3 million, leaving him eligible to apply for reinstatement after one year.

But he resplined for a license in New Jersey instead, hoping for a return to the ring in Atlantic City.

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The Twin Falls Baseball All Stars Nationals finished their 40-game season by winning the Twin Falls All Star Tournament July 23-25.



Rupert's girls 12-and-under All-Star team proudly display their bronze medals won at the recent First Security Games in Pocatello. They are pictured left to right: Rachel Roberts, Rebecca Roberts, Courtney Bridgewater, Courtney Bridgewater and Rebecca Roberts; second row: Amy Johnson, Courtney Bridgewater and Laura Bodenstein; and back row: Kimberly Liljenquist, Courtney Bridgewater, Courtney Bridgewater, Courtney Bridgewater and Courtney Bridgewater.



Girls from the Rupert All-Star team pose for a picture after playing in the First Security Games in Pocatello. From left to right, they are, front, Jennifer Bodenstein and Courtney Roberts; back row: Rachel Roberts, Rebecca Roberts, Courtney Bridgewater, Courtney Bridgewater and Courtney Bridgewater.

TF All Stars Nationals notch tournament win

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Baseball All Stars Nationals took home the first-place trophy at the Twin Falls All Star Tournament held at Harmon Park and Frontier Field July 23-25. Thirty teams from Idaho and Utah participated in two age groups.

The Nationals beat Filler 19-3, Eagle 11-4 and Rupert 4-3 before losing 9-2 to Southcentral Boise. The Nationals then beat the Twin Falls Americans 6-3 and beat Southcentral Boise twice, 9-1 and 7-6.

Players with the top batting averages for the tournament were John Nunez and Steve Turner (.500), A.J. Stone (.478) and Luke Hawkins (.435).

Pitchers at the tournament were Nunez, Turner, Hawkins, Tim Menzer, Kyle Robinson, Toller Latham and Darin Musser.

Players who hit doubles, triples or home runs were Stone, Mealer, Turner, Hawkins, Nunez, Robinson, Latham, Musser, Todd Cook, Adam Palmer, Brandon Christiansen and Scott Kirkdorfer. Coaches are Kurt Mealer and Revis Turner and batboy is Grayson Stone.

The Nationals ended their season with 31 wins and nine losses. In seven tournaments — Hailey, Jerome, Rexburg, Caldwell, Fruitland/Ontario/Ore., Rupert and Twin Falls — the team won two first-place trophies, two second-place trophies and one third-place trophy.

Rupert softball squad competes at Games

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Rupert All-Star Softball teams recently played at the 10th Annual First Security Games in Pocatello. Rain threatened the games on Friday.

The 14-and-under age group lost to Pocatello in their second game but played on to victory

winning a rematch on Sunday against Pocatello.

All-Stars on the 16 and under team demonstrated several home-run-plays-but-were edged out of the competition on the second day.

Rupert's 12 and under team received third place status after successfully challenging many other teams.

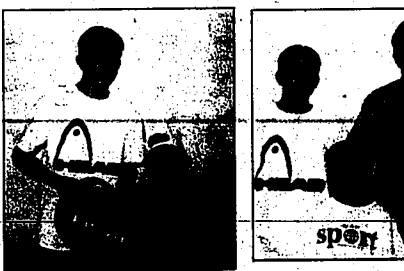


Robin Turner with the Rupert 16 and under Girls All-Star team hit one of several home runs during the recent First Security Games in Pocatello.

TOURNEY WINNERS



The Braves recently won the 1998 Minidoka Babe Ruth Tournament beating last year's champions, the Royals, twice in the final at Warburton field. Coach Fennell utilized six pitchers during the tournament. Josh Bartleson, John Fennell, Chuck Fleming, Derrick Grant, Lari Bohon and Nick Kaur. The team is pictured left to right, back row: Fleming, Kaur, Bartleson, Ryan Rucker, Fennell, and Mike Fleming and John Fennell, coaches; front row: Kyle Moon, Ryan Hopworth, Skyler Worthington, Marcos Vega, Grant, Bohon and Nick Kaur.



Staring Broadhead, left, presented Trent Hansen a Head racket as the winner of the raffle fund raiser to send local racquetball players to Junior Nationals in Portland, Ore. The raffle was held at the Racquetball and Fitness Club.



Local racquetball players, clockwise from front, Nathan Broadhead, Staring Broadhead and Sam Lewis, recently competed at Junior Nationals in Portland, Ore. Staring placed fourth in the white division. The three young men play regularly at the Racquetball and Fitness Club in Burley.



Harshman to attend Grace

KIMBERLY — Brian Harshman will attend Grace College in Winona, Minn., on a track scholarship. Harshman is a 1998 graduate of Kimberly High School, where he played football, basketball and track.

In track, Harshman was the Canyon Conference and district short put champion in 1997 and 1998.

Harshman was also named Kimberly's MVP Track athlete in 1997 and 1998, as well as the Kimberly Athlete of the Year in 1998.

In football, Harshman was an all-conference kicker and a Shrine 1998 All-Star.

Harshman was also a member of the 1998 state runner up basketball squad at Kimberly.



Brian Harshman

YOURSCORES AND STATS

TENNIS

USTA championship
BOYS — The USTA A&J League Tennis District Championships concluded Saturday in Boise. 1998 winners are the results of the tournament and were held at the USTA. These teams will advance to the USTA National Championships in San Diego, Calif. July 26-28.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

2-car accident leaves Gooding man dead

BLISS - One man died and four people were injured in a two-car accident on Hill City Road Tuesday evening.

Martin Javier Lejardi, 29, was killed when the truck he was riding in collided with another truck two miles north of Bliss, the Idaho State Police said.

The driver of the truck Lejardi was in, Ellis Boyer, 20, was in stable condition Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. State police found beer in the second truck, Cpl. Salena Mink said.

The driver of the second truck, Michael Mathews, 19, has been charged with vehicular manslaughter, Mink said. He was treated and released from Magic Valley Regional.

Two passengers in Mathews' truck also were sent to the hospital. Julie Ann Darling, 14, was treated and released. Lisa Darling, 18, was at Magic Valley Regional giving birth.

The drivers were moving back and forth between lanes when they collided, and no one was wearing a seat belt, Mink said.

Habitat for Humanity breaks ground in TF



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Habitat for Humanity here broke ground Wednesday for its fourth house.

The site is at Blake Street and Leelan Avenue in Twin Falls. Materials, funds and

volunteer help go into construction of the homes for families who reside in substandard housing. Eligible families must be able to repay the mortgage, which goes into the building of more homes. Families also must supply labor toward the building of the home.

Idaho Attorney General Al Lance broke ground at the site. He also presented representatives of the organization a check for \$8,000. The money is the result of a consumer-protection settlement from a company required to pay a total of \$2,000 to Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Twin Falls, Coeur d'Alene and Boise.

Bring your 'crazy hat' to City Park for free concert

TWIN FALLS - "Crazy Hat Night" is the theme of the free concert today in City Park, and the audience is encouraged to follow suit.

The Twin Falls Municipal Band will strike up at 8 p.m.

On the program is a "crazy" combination of Irish folk music, improvised jazz, polkas, Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and a march that is a favorite of band director Ted Hadley, organizers said.

TF police charge suspect with attempted murder

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man suspected in the July 11 shooting of Trevor Thompson was charged with attempted first-degree murder Wednesday.

Richard Ely Martinez, 19, could get up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Martinez told police he was one of several people who drove to Thompson's home on the 100 block of Seventh Avenue North to get revenge for an earlier fight, according to a police statement.

Thompson was sitting in his truck when the minivan pulled up. Three shots were fired. One went through Thompson's seat and hit him in the back, but the bullet was slowed down and left only bruises, police reports said.

Thompson sped off, and the minivan followed until the 700 block of Washington Street North, where another shot was fired, the reports said.

Gilbert Adams, 17, who police say drove the minivan, and two unnamed teenagers were arrested earlier and face charges of aiding and abetting attempted first-degree murder.

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Troubled waters

Signs warn of impurities

By Pat Marcantono
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Stay out of the water.

That's the warning on signs posted in Rock Creek Park Wednesday after tests showed fecal contamination 12 times above recommended levels. Any contact with the water in and around the popular creek could be dangerous and is discouraged until further notice, the South Central District Health Department said.

"This is a precautionary measure and we're concerned with the public health," said Bill Beck, environmental health specialist with the health department in Twin Falls.

No illnesses have been reported, however.

The suspected source of the bacteria is animal waste carried in water. That water could be coming from pastures and stockyards flowing into the creek between the South Hills and the park, he said.

People are warned against all water sports, including fishing. "The risk lies in getting water on the hands, eyes and face and ingesting the raw water," Beck said.

Eating fish from the creek should be safe because bacteria will be killed during cooking. If contaminated water is ingested, symptoms could include diarrhea, fever and a headache.

What particular organism poses the largest threat has yet

to be identified, Beck said. The tests indicate different types of organisms, and that may include the potentially fatal E. coli bacteria.

The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality found fecal bacteria contamination of 6,000 parts per million, Beck said. The state maximum allowed for water sports is 500 parts per million.

Testing was initiated after reports of a rash among swimmers at Dierkes Lake near Shoshone Falls, said Mike McMasters with DEQ in Twin Falls. The mid-July tests showed no problems at the lake, but staffers decided also to test Rock Creek.

"We know this time of year it's pretty heavily used for tourists and locals for swimming and tubing," he said.

With all the agricultural activity along the creek, pinpointing the source may be difficult, McMasters said.

"It may be a cumulative thing," he said. Because of the recent hot temperatures, farmers may be running more water for cattle, and this water drains into the creek, Beck said.

"(Contamination) is quite common in the irrigation season and in high water," he said.

More water samples were collected Wednesday and test results should be ready Friday to determine if the warning signs will remain.

The health district, which

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Water flowing through Rock Creek Park was tested recently and found to have 12 times the safe amount of fecal matter.

Panel OKs DOE nominee; Craig protests

By Sean Gorman
Staff News Service

WASHINGTON - A Senate panel Wednesday gave U.N. Ambassador Bill Richardson the nod to head the Department of Energy, without the support of Sen. Larry Craig.

Richardson's nomination faced no opposition from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, with 18 senators agreeing to send the former congressman's nomination to the full Senate.

But Craig, R-Idaho, and Sen.

Rod Grams, R-Minn., simply voted "present."

Craig has said he would oppose any nominee to head DOE until that person is provided full negotiating power on behalf of the Clinton administration to resolve the issue of removing waste from the country's commercial nuclear reactors.

"I do not oppose Bill Richardson, I oppose the administration," Craig said after the vote. "I believe Bill Richardson has acted on good faith with me."



Larry Craig

Bill Richardson

Craig has been one of the most outspoken proponents of opening a temporary site near Yucca Mountain, Nev., to house the country's nuclear waste. The

administration is conducting tests to determine if Yucca Mountain is suitable as a permanent storage site, and opposes temporary storage there.

Craig has asked for a letter from the administration giving Richardson full negotiating power in the nuclear waste issue.

Craig has been informed a letter is coming to him from the White House, but its contents are unclear, said Michael Frandsen, a Craig spokesman.

Richardson promised the letter to Craig in a prior meeting. "It should be on the way,"

Frandsen said. If the letter does not give Richardson sufficient authority to deal with Congress, Craig said he will oppose Richardson's nomination.

Just receiving a letter from White House stationery head on it does not solve this problem," Craig said. "It has to be substantive. I believe at this moment...satisfying this request is critically important to Mr. Richardson's timely nomination."

It is unclear when Richardson's nomination could come up on the Senate floor.

Attorney general joins skeptics

Lance questions pig facility plan

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Attorney General Al Lance became the latest in a string of state officials and political candidates to

express concern over a proposed swine operation in Owyhee County.

Citing environmental, transportation and water issues in a meeting with *The Times-News* editorial board, Lance said he didn't have all the facts about the 250,000-head facility, but "it doesn't seem reasonable to me at that scale."

State officials including Gov.

Phil Batt and Controller J.D. Williams have raised questions over the availability of water in the desert county, as have candidates such as Robert Hunley and Marilyn Howard. But Lance's words have been among the strongest to come from the state Land Board, which controls the 4,700 acres the developers hope to use.

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Jim Henshield, custodian for St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, stands in a puddle in the Knights of Columbus meeting room at the church. Henshield has had to pump water out of the room daily to keep water levels from rising.

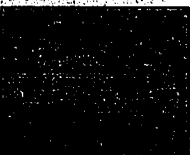
Underground water rises; Rupert basements flood

The Times-News

RUPERT - The basements of several homes and buildings here have been flooded out due to high underground water levels.

The water - a combination of rain from earlier this summer and snowmelt from winter - during times of high head - is seeping through cracks in basement walls of affected buildings (include the St. Nicholas Catholic Church and the Community Oasis Outreach homeless shelter and soup kitchen).

Several residents also reported flooding in their homes, said



Dennis Andrew, Rupert water superintendent.

The reason is a layer of clay about 20 to 35 feet below ground, Andrew said. Water cannot

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Castleford offers all-day kindergarten

By Leandra Reubke
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Parents here will have a new option for the 1998-99 school year: all-day kindergarten.

In previous years parents could send their children to morning or afternoon sessions. This year, in response to parents' requests, Castleford's school board voted to give parents an all-day option.

The school can offer the all-day program at no additional cost, because class sizes are relatively small, said Kelly Murphey, Castleford's school superintendent. The 30-year average is 28 students, and 25 students are expected in this year's kindergarten class, said principal Andy Weisman.

"The teaching schedule will stay the same, with a morning and afternoon teacher. Students who stay for the afternoon session will get a 'double dose' of topics, Murphey said. Seven students are signed up

for the all-day program, and 10 students could be signed up by the time the school year opens.

By the end of last year, four students were attending kindergarten all day at their parents' special request. That worked fine, said Jana Rodgers, who teaches the morning session, and she hopes the all-day program will provide extra help for the students who need it.

Murphey said more students are coming to school unprepared. By offering the all-day program, Murphey hopes teachers will have time to pull children from class when they need extra help.

Studies have shown that students who attend all-day programs tend to do better academically, he said. "It's also an opportunity to help some families," said Murphey, who sees the lack of available child care in Castleford as a problem.

For some children, she said, the day is just too long for them and they can't handle it.

Murphey said staffers are willing to work with parents on scheduling as long as it's consistent, and staffers always know where the students are. If the student can't handle being at school all day, the parent could pick up a child earlier.

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Zoo at home

Local boy fills bedroom with exotic animals

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Don't be surprised to see a snake crawling around in Robby Olsen's bedroom.

As a matter of fact don't be surprised to see almost anything in there. His latest pet is Speeka, a three-year-old Burmese python.

Tarantulas are quite popular, said Chris Park, owner of Park Pet Palace in Burley, who said he sells about three every month along with 1000 crickets, the main food for tarantulas.

But Speeka isn't Olsen's only pet. He also keeps a 5-year-old iguana named Gester in the family bath tub. Gester from Olsen's sister's school in California.

"The science teacher died and they sold all the animals," said



Burley resident Robby Olsen holds Gester, his pet iguana, one of many exotic animals the boy owns. He also keeps snakes and a tarantula.

Olsen, who will be a sixth grader this fall at White Pine Elementary.

Cadberry, Olsen's big rabbit, was found behind a shop where his father worked, he said.

"I got him on Easter five years ago," he said.

The 15-pound rabbit is a cross between a lop ear and something else, Olsen said. Buster, the boy's smaller rabbit, was found on his family's porch a few days ago.

Dogs, cats and fish are also part of Olsen's repertoire; he has been collecting pets since he was two.

Although he does not have any snakes, Olsen said, he has had a bull snake and a Pacific coast gopher snake.

"Once we found an owl with a broken wing," he said.

He cared for it until the owl was picked up by a local veterinarian.

Robby has learned about the care and feeding of pets on his own and in science classes at school.

In the future he plans to stay scientific; he wants to study sharks when he grows up.

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oversees public health, has the authority to close down a business, but that wasn't deemed necessary in this case, Beck said.

In 1981, state and federal agencies started a 10-year, multimillion dollar project to improve

Rock Creek water quality by encouraging farmers and property owners to reduce sediment and waste.

The sediment load was cut by 75 percent, but environmental experts say solving the water quality problem hasn't been as successful.

A similar contamination warning was posted two years ago at the creek, which flows into the Snake River.

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Jerome will close part of Golf Course Road

JEROME — A section of Golf Course Road south of Jerome will be closed for 10 to 14 days starting today, said a press release from OK Paving Co. of Twin Falls.

Paving work will shut the road down one mile east and one mile north from the intersection of Golf Course Road and South Lincoln Road.

Jerome gets \$500,000 for town facilities

JEROME — Gov. Phil Batt Wednesday awarded Jerome a \$500,000 community development block grant to help pay for improvements to the city's infrastructure.

The grant will be added to \$905,566 from local and private sources and \$1.3 million from the Idaho Transportation Department, said an Idaho Department of Commerce press release.

The money will be spent on sewer and water lines, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street improvements, landscaping and street lights.

Gooding County will host meeting today

GOODING — Gooding County commissioners will start today's public meeting by meeting with a judge for budget discussions at 10 a.m. Other on commissioners' morning agenda are executive sessions on indigent matters, and a planning and zoning discussion.

Their afternoon agenda includes more budget discussions with department heads, and an executive session on a legal matter. Other business for throughout the day includes a decision on an appellate defense fund, an E911 amended agreement, and discussion regarding jail visitors.

Compiled from wire reports

Minidoka fire district looks for new leader

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Minidoka Fire Protection District is looking for another commissioner. Doyle Price in subdistrict 2 has resigned, leaving that position open. Commissioners from subdistricts 1 and 3 will appoint someone to fill the vacant seat for the next 18 months.

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penetrate that layer of clay, so the sand above it absorbs the water to the point of saturation. The water perched above the clay is called "perch water," Andrew said, and above-average rainfall in June contributed to the problem.

Any open space beneath the saturation point will fill with perched water, Andrew said. That includes ditches or basements with cracks, which is the case with Rupert basements.

The Community Oasis basement has had water up to 6 inches deep, said assistant director Robert Lagerwall. After pumping out the water, he pulled back the soaked carpet to find several cracks and holes where water came in. Tables and chairs have been stacked on top of each other in the basement.

The problem has been going on for about three weeks, and the basement is the dining area for the Oasis, said director Dee Ann Brower. Oasis has had to serve meals outside. It serves a daily dinner for homeless people and three meals a day for its residents. Normally, the shelter can pro-

Burley seeks to buy substation

City believes ownership will save money

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It's starting all over again. The city of Burley wants to buy the west Burley electrical substation only a few months after it closed a deal

to sell the substation to the Bonneville Power Administration to buy the bigger north Burley substation for more than \$500,000.

The city shares the west substation with United Electric Coop. Both power users decided to enter into negotiations with Bonneville Power and submitted the \$5,000 nonrefundable application fee to start the process.

City Administrator Mark Mitton said the decision to try to buy the electrical station was based on economics.

"We still have a load on that substation which BPA charges us for," he said. "Owning and maintaining it ourselves would save us some money."

Just how much money will be saved is yet to be figured, Burley

Electrical Superintendent Dile Monson said.

Because United Electric and Burley both use the station, its value will take some time to figure, accurately. But Monson said during regular operations the city uses the station more than United. That means Burley could own more than half of the station and be responsible for a bigger chunk of its cost.

Bonneville's initial asking price is \$465,000 for the second substation, but Ralph Williams, United Electric's general manager, said that's too much.

"If we complete negotiations, we'll be surprised," he said.

—Dile Monson, Burley electrical superintendent

process is how long it will take to pay off the substation with the savings both users collect for not paying delivery charges to Bonneville Power, Williams said. Monson said official negotiation for the west Burley substation will start in about six months but didn't think anything would be resolved until 1999.

"If we complete negotiations this year, I will be very surprised," he said.

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Lance said he's taking a "wait and see" attitude about the proposal, though. And if done properly, the farm could gain the support of the agricultural community and be effectively managed by state agencies, he said.

"I think he's on the right track," said Britt Groom Wednesday evening. "I've agreed with the stance the board's taken."

Groom, Lance's Democratic challenger, said the state can't summarily refuse operations such as this one because it needs to examine the issues they raise. Discussion in this case, though, may be centering on the wrong question, he said.

"The water issue will almost take care of itself," he said. "There's either enough water or there isn't."

Boise financial consultant Doug Dorn, who has been working with Sawtooth Farms Limited Liability

company, said the idea, as presented, is "a bad idea, aggressive."

"The burden of proof is on the group," he said. "And we know that."

The group is running a tight ship and has enlisted Boise law firm Hawley, Troxel, Ennis and Healey to secure the water needed for the project, Dorn said. But he didn't expect any answers for at least six weeks.

Despite what seems like a general sense of pessimism, Dorn said, he has fielded phone calls from ranchers looking to sell water rights and to buy effluent.

"I don't think it's as glum as it looks," he said. If the developers can convince the board that the water is there and the environmental effect is minimal, Dorn said, the money the project could bring to the state could be an effective selling point.

"The revenue, compared to 30 cents an acre for grazing," he said, "is an extremely compelling economic argument."

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I believe the most important thing a parent can show a child is how to love. Children who do not observe this while growing up are deprived of something that is irreplaceable. Parents who are unhappy with their spouse often lack warmth. This lack of warmth is felt by their children, and affects them in a negative way.

I would have much preferred that my parents had separated. They did me no favor by showing me that married life could be miserable. They were distant and cold, and that hurt me worse than a divorce ever could have.

I hope parents who are truly unhappy in their marriages will spare their children the agony of living in such an environment. Parents who do decide to stay together owe it to their children to take measures such as family counseling to improve



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Manufacturing-plant proposal in Shoshone generates support at hearing

The Times-Herald

SHOSHONE — No real opposition to a proposed manufacturing plant surfaced at a public hearing in Shoshone Tuesday — unlike the plant's reception in other proposed locations.

Most of the people attending the Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission hearing on Leading Edge Earth Products' conditional-use-permit application wanted to know more about the company, plans for development and projected wages.

No objections to the 90,000-square-foot plant were voiced by the more than two dozen area residents who attended.

Residents wanted to know whether the plant would create noise or smoke or have a major effect on Shoshone city's sewer and water systems. Some wanted to know whether trucks would create

noise or traffic problems.

Gale Smoot of Twin Falls, the project's building contractor and consultant, told the hearing the process used to manufacture "LEEP" panels is clean, does not make noise that can be heard outside the plant, and does not create smoke.

"It's a clean little industry — no smoke, stack, no toxic smoke, no noise," he said. LEEP's chief executive officer, Grant Record, told the hearing the only water the plant will use is for employee restrooms and drinking fountains. He also said those facilities will be the only use the company has for sewer.

Smoot said the project initially would employ 35 people on a single eight- to 10-hour shift, and the company anticipates 15 to 20 semitractor-trailer trucks will enter and exit the plant from U.S. Highway 93 several feet east of its intersection with state Highway 75.

The intersection is in the center of Shoshone, and while the site is already zoned "light industrial," some residents near the proposed plant entrance asked how much noise — especially at night — would be created. And they asked: Would diesel engines be allowed to idle, especially in cold weather?

Smoot told the hearing there would be some truck-traffic noise and diesel engines idling. But he expected, at least in the initial phase, most traffic would be during daylight. Mike Aoi, commission chairman, said the hearing was "informational only" and no decision would be made. He asked speakers to confine discussion to matters affecting the conditional-use permit.

However, residents continued to ask about the manufacturing process and how the plant would affect the area's economy. Aoi allowed the company to respond.

Record said LEEP wanted to come to Shoshone because of the railroad access that will be used to bring materials into the plant. The site also has excellent highway access for truck transport of the finished material to purchasers, he said.

The facility would be a "pilot plant," he said, used to mass-produce a metal-sided, foam-core building panel that is strong enough to be a structural element for homes, industrial facilities and other buildings. He said LEEP has taken existing building-panel technology and re-engineered it to produce the first-of-its-kind panel which can be used as load-bearing walls and roof systems without additional steel or wooden supports.

Record outlined the company's development plans, which include the initial 90,000-square-foot plant. The next step would be to add two 35-employee shifts to operate 24 hours a day, year-round.

The second phase is a planned 90,000-square-foot addition for assembling the product, and then in three years, still another 90,000-square-foot plant to house a second laminating machine. The plan's final phase calls for a second 90,000-square-foot assembly plant.

The company plans to pay "better-than-average wages," Smoot said, and will offer benefits and incentives to stay with the company. "It takes three to nine months to properly train people to do the work correctly, and we don't want a lot of turnover," he said.

Record echoed that sentiment, saying the company could bring \$650,000 to \$1 million annually to the local economy, and LEEP wants to be a good employer and a good neighbor.

"The jobs are not difficult, but they are specialized and we don't want a lot of employee changes," he said.



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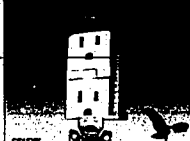
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Peanuts
HOW DOES THIS SOUND?
"IN FARMERS' FIELDS
THE POPPIES BLOW"

DID YOU SAY "FARMERS"
OR "FLANDERS"?

I SAID
"FARMERS"
WHY WOULD
I SAY
"FLANDERS"?

I DON'T
KNOW, IT
WAS JUST A
THOUGHT.

By Charles M. Schulz

I HAVE NO USEFUL
SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE.
I COMPENSATE BY
"RAISING ISSUES."

OUR SALESPERSONS
HAVEN'T BEEN
TRAINED FOR THE
NEW PRODUCT!!

SOMEONE
SHOULD
HAVE A
MEETING
ABOUT THAT

WOW, I
CAN ACTUALLY
HEAR OXYGEN
BEING
WASTED.

By Scott Adams

FIRE GIVES HEAT
AND FIRE GIVES LIGHT.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT
FIRES ARE ABOUT.

BUT MY FAVORITE THING
THAT A FIRE CAN DO

IS WHEN IT GETS TROUBLE
IT JUST BURNS ITSELF OUT.

By Johnny Hart

GARFIELD GET
THE PAPER PLEASE

HERMAN
STINKS!

YOU NEED TO HAVE A WORD
WITH THAT MOUSE
ACROSS THE STREET

By Jim Davis

WOW! SOMEBODY
PAID \$12,000
FOR A BARBIE
DOLL AT AN
AUCTION.

REMEMBER THAT
DOLL YOU BROKE
THE HEAD OFF OF?

YOU OWE ME
\$12,000.

By Chance Browne

YOUR
LAWYER IS
HERE

SO ARE MOST
OF HIS CLIENTS

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HAGAR, SO FAR TODAY
YOU'VE CLIMBED UP
AND LOOKED AT THE
HUGE HOLE IN THE
ROOF. WHAT DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE DOING
NOW?

RECOVERING

By Chris Browne

COME IN CLOSER.
TAKE OUR PICTURE
FROM THE WAIST UP

WHY?

SO YOU CAN
SEE OUR FACES
BETTER

LOOK
WALKER

By Mort Walker

YEAH, BUT IT'S
BETTER THAN HAVING
THEM CRAWLING
AROUND IN YOUR
BRANCHES.

By Bob Thaves

LOOK AT THE PHYSIQUE
ON THAT GUY! HIS
MEASUREMENTS MUST
BE 48-28-30!

WHY DON'T
I LOOK
LIKE THAT?

YOU'RE JUST
UPSIDE DOWN!

BUT YOU DO DEAR...

By Art Sansom & Chip

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

WANKS FOR EVERY-
THING, CHASE HIM
DOWN!

I'LL CALL YOU WHEN I
GET HOME, BIG

SAVING GOODBYE
IS A LOT
EASIER FOR BIG
PEOPLE!

By Lynn Johnston

BABY, THERE'S A MOSQUITO
IN MY ROOM THAT WON'T
LET ME GO TO SLEEP!

OH, SORRY I GOT RID
OF HIM

WELL, CHASE HIM
OUT OF THERE!

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

OR NO! MUFFIN'S
MOTHER! SHE
WANTS HIM TO
GET OUT OF THE
WINDOW

WHAT SHOULD
WE DO? WHAT
SHOULD WE DO?

OKAY, DON'T PANIC.
THE FIRST THING
TO DO IS LOCK ALL THE
DOORS AND WINDOWS

BUT WHAT
GUY WILL
THAT
DO?

KEEP
YOUR
EYES
FROM
COMING
BACK

By Brian Crane

Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane

THE VERY BEST KIND ARE
PEANUT BUTTERFLIES.

By Jim Davis

Czechs played bagpipes too

Early swimmers used the breaststroke only under water. In fact, the first swimmer to beat a minute in the 100 breaststroke did it entirely under water.

A queen bee controls whether her baby bees are male or female.

Q. What's the only Caribbean island with a native population that's mostly blind?

A. Saba. In the Netherlands Antilles.

Q. Can an insect actually capture a bird?

A. Happens, however infrequently. One large praying mantis was seen to clutch into control one small hummingbird.

Theodore Isaac Rubin, M.D., stated: "Television deprives children of their imaginations."

The bagpipe is also native to the Czechs.

To grill a salmon, the Canadians say, measure its thickness at its thickest part, then give it 10 minutes per inch over the coals.

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

The wife ran away. The husband advertised in the local paper to find her. She put in an ad to say the left on purpose and it wasn't her fault. He then ran an ad to say he was sorry, please come back. She ran a line or two to reply that he was in colonial times. Our Love and War man says the newspaper business owes at least a little something to early matrimonial squabbles.

Q. When did Blingo first show up in the United States?

A. In 1929 at an Atlanta Carnival. Then called Beano, it was played with cards covered by beans.

Q. Why do most all comets, coming or going, look as though their heading toward the sun?

A. Because their tails, coming or going, generally point away from the sun.

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

IF JULY 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, creative, affectionate, possess intellectual curiosity that involves cooking and astrology. Gemini, Sagittarius persons are fascinated by you and play major roles in your life. Some of these people will have their birthdays, initials in names: C, L, U.

Current cycle relates to independence, originality, fresh start in different direction, new kind of love. During August, you could be on precipice of torrid romance. Fame and fortune.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Attention revolves around how you relate to the public; emphasis also on cooperation with one whose ideas clash with your own. Questions concerning marriage loom large.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You receive commendation for getting job done in unique, entertaining manner. Refuse to be stymied by one buried in the past. Be innovative, adhere to individual style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Individual once blocked your way will now welcome you with open arms. You'll be musing, "Could it be the clothes I wear or the cologne?" Key is not to ask too many questions. Scorpio involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reading and writing will fill in blank spaces. You'll face tests, written and verbal. Spotlight will be on home, selecting quality material, obtaining it at bargain prices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Venus blends with your sun, indicating a representative hot love. Attention revolves around home, family relationships, marital status. Taurus. Love persons lend spice to your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Blend of Mercury and Neptune collides with telling stories. You are entertaining, creative, talented, especially when it comes to tall tales. Pious and another Virgo dominate scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People are not accustomed to seeing you such confidence, power. Enjoy their wonderment. Cycle continues high. Designate where the action will be. Cancer. Cancer persons will play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Completion of a project, ceremony, brings invitations to social affairs. You are right up there with the high and mighty. Cycle on sea. Judgment. Involve his bull's eye.

You're wanted. People desire your company - special member of opposite sex says, "I want you, man. You will make me, I still don't understand where all this popularity is coming from."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enjoy clash of ideas; Cancer, scorpions involved, will help you socially, professionally. Don't get political. Judgment on marriage, friendship, finances involving marriage claim priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on fashion, arranging entertainment, participating in political-charitable activities. Leo. Cancer. Cancer person verifies beliefs; move ahead, don't stop now. Gemini involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Breakthrough. You overcome distance, language obstacles. Taurus, Scorpio persons lead the way. Love relationship could be hazardous. Soon you get picture of what's going on.

7-30

ACROSS:

1. Sly occupant
2. Elderly toad
3. Morte with spots
4. Top trump
5. Tibetan monk
6. Cream-filled treat
7. Noisy distance
8. Computer image
9. Olympic official
10. Lincoln supporters
11. List-reading abhor
12. Meeting plan
13. Santor's org.
14. Torrid
15. Shocking fish
16. Italian auto maker
17. Race female
18. Church singers
19. Bear berries
20. Bear
21. Involving active participation
22. Vicinity
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24. Vicinity
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DOWN:

1. Italian city
2. Cake topping
3. Wish granter
4. Vision restrictors
5. Ethnic
6. Joe-Chachach separator
7. That
8. Moles
9. Answer affirmatively
10. Storyline
11. Trainers' board game
12. Fakehood
13. Go entry
14. Title of the frolic
15. Concomitancy
16. No Chi Mch
17. Chk. once
18. Speak roughly
19. Possessed
20. Opposed
21. Comes before
22. Small carpet
23. One of
24. Groovy brothers
25. Search for food
26. High points
27. Hangman's
28. Brushed
29. Inverness
30. Pi follower
31. Lower
32. Lonesome
33. You

Changes in tax law will affect estate planning

Instead, what appears to be happening is that regional Bell companies are band-

time consumers will see increased competition for telephone business, the average consumer will be left dealing with a

Please see **MERGER** Pa

Another problem critics had with the family-owned business provision was that it was tied into the regular estate tax exemption equivalent (\$625,000) in

"The upshot of it is that people with family-owned businesses will be able to save more taxes than they would have under the original 1997 provision," says McBroom. "On the down side, their tax return will be more complicated."

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CLOSING FUTURES

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Selected world gold prices, Wednesday
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 London morning fixing: \$281.00 up \$0.40
 London afternoon: \$281.00 up \$0.15
 Paris late: \$289.95 flat
 London afternoon fixing: \$285.75 up \$8.04
 London afternoon: \$285.10 up \$0.15
 Zurich late afternoon: \$286.90 up \$0.85
 NY Mandy & Harman: \$289.50 up \$0.15
 NY Mandy & Harman: \$289.50 up \$0.15
 NY Englehard: \$291.89 up \$0.15
 NY Englehard fabricated: \$308.49 up \$0.16
 NY Englehard gold spot month close: \$289.90 off \$1.70
 NY Republic National Bank 4 p.m. Wed: \$289.90 off \$1.80

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the NY Merc

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NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar futures trading on the New							
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HOME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association
 erve reports the following prices from the livestock
 held Tuesday, July 28

steers, 1,200	
steers, no load	
steers, full calves	\$5.535 per head
steers, half calves	\$5.140 per head
steers, full and steer calves	\$5.220 per head
steers, half calves	\$5.530 per head

MUTUAL FUNDS

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Dow slips 20 points as Wall Street calms

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell modestly Wednesday, steadying from the wild gyrations of recent days, but extending a sharp retreat from the record highs reached less than two weeks ago.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19.82 to 8,914.96, the lowest finish in more than a month and 423 points below the closing record of 9,337.97 set July 17.

While the Dow did falter in an early 66-point foray above 9,000, Wednesday's mood swings were much mellowed than those seen in three of the past four sessions. On Tuesday, for example, the Dow twice plunged to a loss of almost 212 points before finishing 93 points lower.

that Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern, had been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for testimony in Kenneth Starr's investigation of her relationship with President Clinton.

Already burdened with signs of slower economic growth and last week's profit warnings by several big companies, investors bristled at the added notion of uncertainty from

On the economic front, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday that factory orders for big-ticket items fell 0.2 percent in June — the fourth drop this year — as

The data — which also showed that May's decline was 3.3 percent, even steeper than a prior estimate of 2.7 percent —

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Merger

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Bell and has a pending merger with Ameritech, the Midwestern Bell. If the merger succeeds, SBC would control local phone

And if BellAtlantic buys GTE,

It will extend its monopoly to 40 new metro areas around the country. Plus, it will get access to GTE's lucrative long-distance and Internet business. Regulators specifically prohibit the Bells from selling long-dis-

The combined company would actually be bigger than AT&T, with \$53 billion in annual revenue, compared with \$51 billion

Because the Bells control the telephone lines that connect to

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Source: Dow Jones

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Canadian canoe voyage brings thrills, frothing waves

ON-THE-SEAL RIVER, MANITOBA — I'm sitting in camp along the Seal River, reading. We've made 20 miles today beating into the wind, in fog that gave way to sunshine.

We've had our dinner, and now the six of us have gone off to our own pursuits. For some reason, I feel up on my reading and take stock of my surroundings. A cool wind blows across the river, and I can feel it touch on my right cheek. Two mosquitoes whine as they contemplate landing in the lee of my head, near my left ear. The sun is still well above the horizon at 8:50 p.m. We can read in our tents until 11 each night.

The sun is casting its rich rays across our camp on this esker, the gravel deposits of a river that flowed beneath a glacier. The scene around me is part of its beauty — open areas of sand and gravel, some of it covered by mosses and sub-arctic plants I can't identify, some of it covered by the lichen that the Kananaskis caribou herd relies on during its winters here. The caribou are gone now, north, having their calves.

The esker park is bordered and occasionally interspersed by clusters of spruce, the tallest of them 30 feet. This is the beginning of the country the natives call "The Land of Little Sticks."

OUTDOORS Sam Cook

Beyond the spruce, I can hear the rapids that two of our three canoes will run in the morning. They sound soft and whispery, belying the intensity of turbulence we discovered upon arriving at camp. My partner, Dave Spencer, and I have already run our canoe down through the rapids. After scouting the run, Spencer, an excellent reader of whitewater, found a route.

"Here's what we'll do," he said. "See those three rocks there?" He pointed the shaft of his paddle at a triangle of dark rocks poking clear of the water.

"We'll go just right of those, then come back left to avoid the big stuff and that hole."

The big stuff was a frothing series of standing waves. The hole was a confusion of foam about the size of a compact car. Just this side of the waves and the foam — to my eyes, a rather narrow slot of fast, dark water. Just enough for a canoe. I saw the slot. It made my mouth a little dry.

"OK," I said. Spencer, who can read me as well as he can read whitewater, knew what was going on in my head. He heard the silence that followed my "OK."

"You want to run it right now instead of waiting until morning?" he asked.

I did. The run went just as he had described it. Outside the three rocks. Inside the big stuff. Down through the slot. Done. Bingo. No problems.

We left the canoe below the rapids and would haul our gear down to it in the morning.

Now, I close my eyes and listen to the murmur of the rapids. A bird is "cheeping in the spruce."

A gull is clucking over the river, possibly in thanks for the scraps of arctic graying we left on the rocks.

I took a second. This is probably one of the 10 most beautiful camps I've ever spent a night at. It looks like a sub-arctic golf course, with lichen and moss for fairways, spruces in the rough, plenty of sand traps. And unlike most camps in the bush, the esker here allows nearly unlimited walking possibilities.

This is our fourth night at an esker camp, and each has been spectacular. Like the rivers they once were, the gravel ridges of the eskers beg you to round one more bend, find one more caribou antler, examine one more set of wolf prints.

On one esker, Spencer went for a 5-mile run, barefooted. On another, I found what must have been a big bone and several "vorn" — vibrates from a caribou kill. Several of us saw a black bear in the distance below another esker, and a fox at close range. Wolves den in these eskers, but we never heard enough to come upon more than their tracks.

Some of the eskers rise 50 or 60 feet above river level, affording 360-degree views of the river, other lakes, intertwining caribou trails and the distant ranges of spruce.

As Dave Baumgarten put it, "It's incredible up there."

One by one, my partners return from the river, the beach, the rapids and crawl into tents. I put away my book and take one last walk around the golf course.

It's going to be a cool night. The sleeping bag will feel good.

Sam Cook writes an outdoors column for the *Edmonton Journal*, *News Tribune*.

Single trackin' in the SOUTH HILLS

HANSEN — The South Hills are a gold mine of opportunity if you're a Magic Valley resident with a mountain bike.

A spider's web of single-track trails and quiet backwoods roads crisscross the region. Of the many single-track trails available, the Wahlistrom Hollow Trail is hours of hard uphill pedaling and most sustained incline in the South Hills.

The trail has something for everyone, with a tire-kidding, brake-squealing descent, a couple of tricky creek crossings, and plenty of loose rock. Stir in a couple miles of hard uphill pedaling and you've got the recipe for a white-knuckle adrenaline adventure.

While there are several places to get onto the Wahlistrom Hollow trail, one of the most convenient is the single-track that departs from the southeast end of the Diamondfield Jack parking area. From this point, a typical ride should take about two to four hours.

Most folks leave a second car at the Third Fork trailhead, which is where the Wahlistrom Hollow trail eventually winds up.

If you're really serious, skip the shuttle vehicle and do an

enough elevation gain to let you feel you've earned your downhill fun.

At first, the trail cuts through stands of aspen and evergreen trees, then winds its way up to

ridge that drops off of Pikes Peak Mountain.

Along the way, riders pass sage-covered slopes splashed with colorful wildflowers such as lupine,

arrowleaf balsam root, and blue bells.

Once on the ridge, cyclists can look forward to sweeping panoramas and a serious aerobic workout — not to mention

a heinous burn in the old quad muscles.

The steep uphill sections can be grueling, but fortunately they are followed by sections where the trail levels

out or runs downhill briefly. By the time most riders work their way onto 7,700

Pike Mountain, they are glad to turn right and follow another single-track downhill and into the shady refuge of a pine and fir forest.

From there, the trail drops fast and furious until it reaches a saddle at the Trail Canyon junction. After that, another short section of ridge riding leads to more trees and down

hill.

Steady as she goes! Weber picks her way through a tricky bit along the Wahlistrom Hollow Trail.

How to get there

Rock Creek Road is the main artery into the South Hills.

Go to Hansen, then turn south and follow signs. The road is paved and climbs to more than 6000 feet in elevation — providing easy access and a quick escape from the summer heat. Maps are available at the Forest Service Office on Kimberly Road 733-3200.



Hansen resident Tracey Weber swoops through a patch of arrowleaf balsam root while navigating the Wahlistrom Hollow Trail in the South Hills. Single-track trails and quiet backwoods roads crisscross the area.

Shortly afterward, the trail begins to lose elevation quickly and riders can expect several hundred yards of banking and swooping through a cool forest. Veer left when the trail crosses an old double-track road, then make a quick right on the next single-track.

This trail leads into the actual Wahlistrom Hollow, where a sage-covered hillside gives

way to leafy aspens and evergreens and tranquil beaver ponds.

Just past the beaver ponds, the valley necks down and the trail drops away with a vengeance. From here on out, the ride is a real white-knuckle affair.

ACHTUNG! In many places, the trail is narrow and loose and a few sections are framed

by small cliffs on either side. The landscape swooshes past in a blur, and before you know it, most of the ride is already a memory.

Near the end, the trail crosses a small bridge over the Third Fork of Rock Creek, where riders hang a left and glide the final few hundred yards to the lower trailhead.

Rising generation ignores waterfowl hunting

Idaho scraps effort to set aside land for youth hunting

The Associated Press

MILES CITY, Mont. — Waterfowl hunting may be nothing but history in 15 years, if hunters don't start recruiting kids into the sport they now enjoy, says a noted shotgun expert.

Kids make up less than 4 percent of active (waterfowl) hunters, said Tom Roster, a ballistics consultant and author. "It's an old man's game, and if you want it to last, you've got to change that."

Roster believes new duck hunters have not been replacing those who quit hunting, and in 15 years, most current hunters will have reached quitting age. When hunters are few, and hunters will move in, and with few active supporters of the sport, the public will be convinced easily that waterfowl hunting should be prohibited, he predicts.

Roster was in Miles City in July, conducting a shotgun seminar for the Cooperative North American Shotgunning Education Program. Its participants include wildlife agencies in about 40 states and a few corporations, plus some federal involvement. The program promotes research and education.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has sponsored Roster's seminars twice a year since 1986.

Roster outlined the typical waterfowl hunter in the 1940s and 1950s, based on



Tom Roster, a ballistics consultant, demonstrates the technique of subduing for a class of young shooters and gun safety instructors at a meeting of the Custer Road and Gun Club near Miles City, Mont., in July. Subduing allows shooters to judge if a bird is in range.

statistics. The 1955 hunter was male, white, 29 years old and used a pump or automatic shotgun to hunt almost exclusively for mallards.

Today that hunter still is white, still male, but he's about 20 years older, 42.5 years. His pump shotgun is becoming rare in the blinds, because he has traded up to more expensive double-barreled guns. And he has discovered goose hunting, although ducks still make up 87 percent of his bag.

The problem with that picture, Roster said, is another statistic that says most duck hunters quit after age 60. There are now 13 million waterfowl hunters, compared with 2 million at their peak in 1970.

In the last four years, the trend has been upward, but Roster argues those are mostly former waterfowl hunters who, after hearing about record numbers of ducks, have come back to see if the rumors are true.

Roster, who talks to about 100,000

hunters a year, said that in his typical audience it is "rare to see anyone under 40, very few women, and you could hardly find a kid." He praised the presence of the handful of boys in the room, but offered a warning.

"By the time you get old enough to get serious about it, waterfowl hunting will be over."

"Most waterfowl hunters quit after their 50th birthday. So if you are in the wildlife management business and need license revenues, this is a very serious problem. If you are a young person in this room, this is a very serious problem."

"Once the population is down, then the forces in this country that want to outlaw hunting will be able to outlaw waterfowl hunting, even if other forms of hunting may survive longer."

"The problem is recruitment," he said. "Historically ... we do not have a Little League for hunters," Roster said.

In some ways, hunters are their own worst enemies. Fewer hunters means less competition for birds and hunting sites, and mentoring young people takes time away from hunting with old buddies.

"But if you have plans to keep hunting more than 15 years, then you'd better do something."

Roster cited an Idaho effort in which certain areas were set aside for youth hunting at the start of the season. But adult hunters who came into those areas after the restriction was lifted found that their success rate dropped, and they protested.

Idaho's program was scrapped this summer, Roster said.

"So if we're going to be that near-sighted, we don't need to learn about ballistics and non-toxic shot and how to shoot better and how to improve our sport, because it's gone," he said.

OUTDOORS

Because it was there

Rifle Mountain strains climbers from all over

RIFLE, Colo. (AP) — Amy Lange clings to a tiny piece of limestone, 30 feet up a rugged, vertical section of Rifle Mountain Park, searching for her next hand hold.

"Way to go Amy, you're doing great," the voice of her belayer, Martin Budding, echoes below her. Lange makes her decision and moves up, but her hand slips and she lets out an agonizing groan. The former Boulder resident falls a few feet and stops where her rope has been clipped to a bolt. Budding keeps the rope tight at the base of the cliff and shouts again: "You almost had it Amy."

For Lange, the challenge of climbing the bloody cliffs of Rifle Mountain Park is why she and her husband pulled up roots in Carbondale and moved to

"We were coming here every weekend anyway, so we decided to just move here," Lange, 31, said.

Rifle Mountain Park is located 12 miles north of Rifle along Rifle Creek. It was given to the city of Rifle in 1922, and has long been a favorite place of hikers, campers and picnickers. It's also a popular route to the Flat Tops region through Little Box Canyon.

Today Rifle Mountain Park is to climbing what Moab, Utah, is to mountain biking and skiing is to Aspen: World class.

It wasn't until around 1990 that climbers, or a breed known as sport-climbers to be more precise, discovered Rifle Mountain Park. Prior to that, a few elite climbers visited the park in the winter and spring.

The jagged limestone cliffs on the canyon like a rudimentary sculpture that is far from complete.

"It's just for rock climbers from around the world, this sculpture is complete, and it's close to perfect. Climbers literally from around the world flock to Rifle to climb the 200-plus climbing routes that have been established."

Earlier this month, climbers from Yugoslavia, Japan, Mexico and England, to name a few countries, were doing the park. But why Rifle?

"The climbs are great and steep. There are a lot of holds that offer a lot of variety," says Peggs, 42, from the United Kingdom.

The variety is what makes Rifle Mountain so attractive. The chiseled features of the rock create a multitude of climbing routes.

The steepness is what makes it difficult. The straight-up pitches and occasional overhangs challenge most of the climbers and clear show that these climbs are not for the beginner.

"I find it difficult. It's definitely an area for high-level climbers,"

Ben Foster said with a chuckle. As the 22-year-old Virginian feeds rope through his belay device — which is attached around his waist — to his climbing partner, he confessed as an intermediate climber that the park may be a little out of his league.

The non-climbers who come to the park oftentimes stop and gawk at a lone climber or a pair of hearty souls climbing to the side of the cliff, 50, 60 or 100 feet above the canyon floor.

For the climbers this is no big deal, another day at the office, if you will. And although being more than 50 feet from the ground is risky, it's relatively safe. The climbers are always extremely conscious of their equipment and never climb without having someone double check it. They also never climb alone.

According to Rifle Police Chief Daryl Meisner, there's only been one accident that he can remember. That was a woman who suffered a broken ankle when she was on the ground.

One other incident that Meisner alluded to was a perfect example that climbing is for the experts and shouldn't be attempted without training and equipment.

There was some guy who thought it looked cool, and made like Spiderman and climbed up and couldn't get down," Meisner said.

For the climbers, the upward mobility they display is second nature. For the uninitiated, a brief description may help describe the climbing techniques.

Every route at the park is already bolted with camouflaged, non-shiny hardware that makes it unnoticeable from a distance. Each bolt is positioned about 10 feet apart. The climbers will climb from bolt to bolt and clip their rope in the bolt when they arrive at that point. The rope is fastened around the climber's waist to a harness. While this is happening, the person on the ground, called the belayer, will feed rope through the belay — a pulley-like device — to the climber when needed.

If the climber falls, the bolt is strong enough to hold him and the belayer will clamp down on the rope to hold him in place. They then plan on pulling up, buying climbing gear and pulling themselves toward the sky, it will cost in the neighborhood of \$700.

"It doesn't matter where a climber is from or what language they speak, the climbing at Rifle is world famous. If you climb, you must be a climber," said Nenad Savic from Yugoslavia.

Another feature of the park that makes it attractive is the number



Diana Bailey, top, from Denver and Shari Topping from Dillon, Colo., climb in Rifle Mountain Park near Rifle, Colo., in June.

of routes and their easy access.

Dave Peggs works for Climbing magazine, which is based in Carbondale, and penned the premier guidebook of Rifle Mountain Park, "Bite The Bullet," published in June 1997.

"That's one of the good things about Rifle. It's compact and the accessibility to the routes is very easy," said Peggs, who is a senior associate editor at Climbing magazine.

The climbing area in the park is only two miles long, but that two miles is packed to the brim with awesome climbing.

"With so many climbs, it gives a real wide spectrum," the English native added.

With the park being so narrow, climbers can enjoy one route, pack up and move to another in

only a few minutes.

Peggs too is one of the area residents that moved here to be close to Rifle. If it wasn't for the climbing at Rifle Mountain Park he wouldn't have taken the job at Climbing magazine.

He still remembers the first time he came to Rifle in 1985. "Fantastic. It was a really beautiful place and the climbing is world class."

There is no doubt that the beauty of the park is an added attraction. The steep canyon walls provide ample shade and relief from the heat of the day; the meandering creek, countless trees and numerous caves add to the experience at Rifle Mountain Park. Throw in the occasional marmot scurrying on the ground, eagles gliding overhead and the

rainbow trout drifting in Rifle Creek and it makes for an exquisite area to enjoy.

Peggs said that the park's high point was 1993, and the numbers have started to plateau in the past year. As in other places, climbers just move on.

"Where it was first discovered, it was the honey pot of climbing, but people are always finding new places to climb," Peggs explained.

Whether people are moving on or not, Rifle Mountain Park remains one of the prime sport climbing areas in the United States and the world. That means that there will always be plenty of people sampling the limestone honey that is best described by many climbers in one word: awesome.

New Mexico trails deliver total isolation

By John Keith
Los Cruces Sun-News

SILVER CITY, N.M. — The ultimate goal for hikers is to walk without meeting anybody else on the trail. Day or night. Weekday or weekend.

Ever. Dodging traffic takes precedence over all. Pine scents, cool wind, the risk of being alone, all rank high in priority.

Psychiatrists say there's nothing wrong with that. Good catharsis.

For southwest New Mexico residents seeking identical bliss, may we suggest Gila National Forest. It's a drive depending on your destination in the region.

And, thanks to us all living in southern New Mexico, Albuquerque sits too far away to clutter the landscape. Hikers there — most of them anyway — choose more publicized trails in the northern part of the state. May they continue that practice.

El Paso poses no threat, either. Folks there retreat to Cloudcroft or Ruidoso for outdoor recreation mostly. Could we ask for more?

Probably not. There is, however, one problem for those choosing to hike in the Gila for the first time. Approximately 1,600 miles of trails lie inside its boundaries, about half of them carved out in wilderness areas.

Good luck narrowing your choice.

Tom Dwyer, who works as regional program director for this vast national expanse, says there are several hundred trail heads in the Gila. Each trail has a name and number. "Most of the trails network and interconnect so much it's hard to pin them all down," he said.

Well spoken. A drive through the Gila reveals the high number of starting points, so many that the best solution might be to stop if you like the scenery, park the car and begin.

There have been no reports of an ugly hiking trail within the 3.3 million acres of the Gila National Forest. Tough ones? Yes. Ugly? No.

Hiking is one of the latest escapes from civilization that's closing fast on southern New Mexico. Walking as opposed to jogging, is easy on the limbs. It offers a minimum challenge to the cardiovascular system, but that's all most of us need. And what, pray tell, is the matter with that?

If you like short hikes, the Gila has 'em. Masochists who enjoy two or three-day journeys or longer also find satisfaction.

For the uninitiated but curious, the "Catwalk Trail," might be the best selection. There's plenty to see without much exertion, which probably explains its heavy use. The trail begins near Glenwood, off of State Highway 180.

"It features a short, three-mile section but you can see so much within the first mile," Dwyer says. "If you name it, this can be an easy hike or you can keep going and make it tougher."

At Trail No. 79, which begins at the top of Ensenada Pass, nine miles west of Hillsboro on Highway 152, hikers usually choose to either walk south along the crest, or north into the Aldo Leopold Wilderness. The trail goes both ways.

Both of these routes are lightly used, Dwyer says. "With the budget I'm on here, we're simply unable to maintain all the trails. We concentrate our maintenance to the highly traveled ones, about 400 to 500 miles of them."



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Interactive hunting games bring in big 'bucks'

PLYMOUTH, Minn. (AP) — Like any hunter, when Chris Boxmeyer sounds his elk call, he hopes to hear an elk bugle in response.

And like other hunters, Boxmeyer knows something is wrong if elk are answering but don't answer a call. But Boxmeyer can do something about it.

Boxmeyer is the resident hunter at GT Interactive Software Valley Forge, a computer company that has refined and expanded on its highly successful "Deer Hunter" interactive computer game with a new offering called "Rocky Mountain Trophy Hunter."

To create those games, the Plymouth-based division of GT Interactive Software Corp. went to Sunstorm Interactive in Indiana with a broad concept and Sunstorm put together the game.

"From that, we give feedback, let them know the elk isn't bugling back. We're the idea, refinement people," Boxmeyer explained.

"I like to go overboard on realism," said Boxmeyer, who holds the title of product coordinator but tucks on "hunting guru" when asked.

If a hunter is playing the game and finds the elk cow call is

attracting bear or moose rather than bull elk, the buck stops at Boxmeyer's desk.

"We know what it's like to get the calls so we try our best to have good products right out of the chute," said Boxmeyer, a former nature research biologist who switched from bites to bytes.

"Rocky Mountain Trophy Hunter" takes the concept of "Deer Hunter" — in which cyber-hunters use a scoped hunting rifle, shotgun or bow and arrow to bring down game — to a more challenging level. Graphics are improved, weather conditions (snow, rain, thunder and lightning) have been added and hunters have to track the blood trail of wounded animals.

Trophy Hunter is set in the

Colorado Rockies, has two additional weapons (muzzle loader and sixshot revolver) and offers hunting for big horn sheep, bear, elk and moose.

The computer simulated animals and scenery are close to video quality — elk bounce as they run away when spooked by the hunter, and bear lumber among the pines unless the hunter wanders downwind and the bear picks up the human scent.

Like a true hunting situation, there are only so many animals, they roam a 7-square-mile area and the hunter has to find them using the tracks, rubbings, droppings, paths and bedding areas incorporated into the game. Each time a new hunt is started, the clues are in different locations.

But realism only goes so far. Once the hunter has bagged an animal, it goes directly to the trophy room. No field dressing. No getting winded dragging out the carcass and hoisting it atop the car.

"That's the beauty of virtual hunting. You can have the experience without all the mess," said Paul Rinde, senior vice president of product acquisitions and development.

While the games won't teach an experienced hunter anything new, Kinde said they give people who haven't hunted an idea of what it's all about.

The games — priced at around \$20 — have caught on. "Deer Hunter" was released in October and immediately jumped to the

top of the PC Data retail sales charts for PC games, where it stayed for months. About 1 million games have been sold. Sales of the \$10 add-on "Deer Hunter's Extended Season" have topped 200,000. "Deer Hunter Companion," another add-on, recently hit the shelves.

"Rocky Mountain" debuted in late April in the No. 8 spot and was ranked No. 6, two spots behind "Deer Hunter," in late June.

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SNAKE RIVER OUTFITTERS

Resort town hails ban of personal water craft

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. (AP) — The straits around the San Juan Islands are big enough for tall sailboats, big luxury cabin cruisers and high-speed cigarette boats. But not those pesky little Jet Skis.

San Juan County's stand against waterjet-powered personal watercraft came to a head July 9 when the state Supreme Court affirmed local authority to ban the machines from the county's vast waterways northwest of Seattle.

The court's 7-2 ruling came just two days after the National Park Service proposed rules that would ban personal watercraft from many parks nationwide. And one Florida county has imposed restrictions.

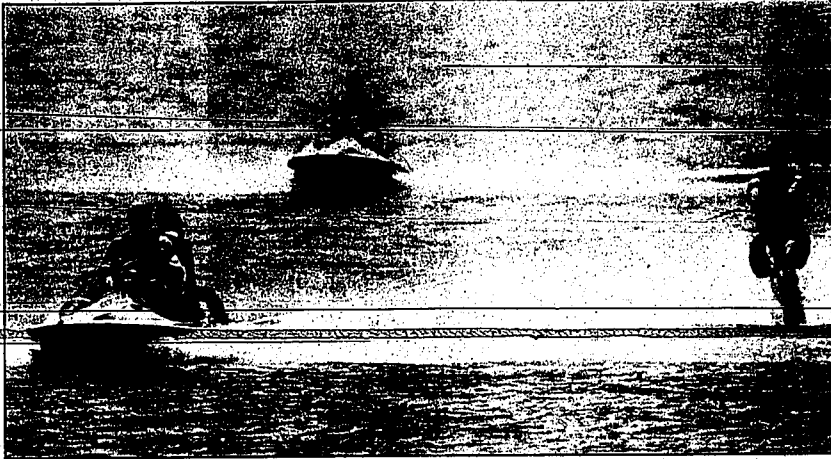
The county approved the ban in 1996 in response to complaints that cited noise and safety concerns as well as potential damage to the fragile marine environment.

"I don't view the right to ride an obnoxious machine in circles in front of someone's house as a constitutional right," said Brian Calvert, a yacht salesman and legislative candidate who lives on a boat in the Friday Harbor marina.

"The only asset we have left is the frail, remote, pristine and quiet environment," added Steve Simpson, the resort town's port director. "If we lose that, we've lost a major economic asset and some of the spirit of the San Juans."

Personal watercraft, which resemble snowmobiles, use water jets created by high-speed pumps, which are powered by often noisy gasoline engines. They can hit speeds up to 60 mph and are agile enough for tight turns and jumps across the water created by other boats. Although made by several companies, they're commonly known by Kawasaki's brand name of Jet Ski.

The industry estimates there are 3 million personal watercraft, also known as water bikes or scooters, in use nationwide, including 20,000 registered in Washington state.



John Hille and Marissa Poutton use their personal watercraft to tow water skier Dan Pace across Jordanese Reservoir east of Park City, Utah on July 23, as Dan White tags behind. The tide of public opinion and government policy is turning against users of off-highway vehicles and personal watercraft.

Utah restrictions take fun out of water play

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The West was once their playground, but the tide of public opinion and government policy is turning against users of off-highway vehicles and personal watercraft.

Environmentalists, safety advocates and federal land managers have won a number of recent fights to keep the machines out of traditional recreation areas and established wilderness alike.

Off-roader and watercraft riders are furious at the latest limitations on their freedom to roam. "It seems like every week there's another closure," Utah

Trail Machine Association executive director Brian Louw said. "The government doesn't care (that) the outdoors are for everyone."

Anti-machine activists say the recent spate of closures may signal a change in a traditional Western outlook that honors individualism over the herd. They plan to continue challenging the machines throughout Utah and the West.

"It's going to be a fight to the death," Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance attorney Heidi Macintosh said.

In the last eight months, three high-profile Utah recreation areas have been partially or completely closed to off-road traffic. Depending on the outcome of negotiations over new wilderness designations in Utah, many more trails could be closed.

"There is definitely (a trend)," Macintosh said. "OHVs are becoming so prevalent now that you really can't go anywhere without seeing the scars."

"You're talking about damaging the environment for the sake of a thrill. I think some people are starting to wake up."

Dustin Sweetin is an off-highway vehicle and Jet Ski dealer in Lindon who also sits on the state's nine-member OHV Advisory Council. He said "apathy" and a lack of understanding of the issues on the part of riders are the primary reasons for the recent closures.

"I think you've got an environmental community that's fewer in number but larger in support," Sweetin said. "The (OHV and personal watercraft) users are out being active ... but they're not organized to protect their interests."

Colorado's Vallecito Lake offers solitude, fishing—and hot-night life

VALLECITO, Colo. (AP) — Some destinations have great scenery. Others offer quality fishing. A few places provide peace and solitude. And then there is the city, with the restaurants, night spots and entertainment.

Vallecito Lake has it all. "It's a large body of water in a beautiful setting," said Kate Shepherd of the U.S. Forest Service's Columbine Ranger District.

"There's mountains all around it. With all the country charm an area can have, Vallecito Lake (vallecito, in Spanish, means little valley) caters to a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts."

Whether your goal is to hit the trail with a backpack and lose the crowds, or sit in a hot tub with a group of people sipping refreshments, you can reach your goal as well as enjoy the wide variety of activities available.

Even a sleeping pad on bare ground to big-dollar lodges, and from hot dogs charred over an open flame to a gourmet picnic at the end of a helicopter ride, activities abound.

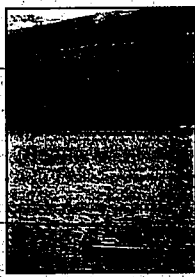
Just 15 miles northeast of Durango, Colo., Vallecito Lake is a beautiful body of water surrounded by the San Juan Mountains.

Both the Forest Service's Columbine Ranger District in Bayfield and the Vallecito Chamber of Commerce can guide visitors toward lodging, food, entertainment, services and amenities.

The fact there are plenty of civilized places to hang out around the lake draws many people who aren't really interested in sleeping with the bears. But for those who prefer to rough it a bit, there are local opportunities.

The biggest draw, other than the new beauty, is the cooler summer temperatures and the lake. Large enough for water skiers and personal watercraft, the lake is a popular summer destination. It's also one of the biggest draws.

Anglers cast for trophy-sized northern pike, kokanee salmon and trout.



A portion boat cruises across the calm waters of Vallecito Lake about 15 miles northeast of Durango, Colo.

Vallecito Creek. Those with enough leg and lung can head up the Pine River trail to Emerald Lake.

The Pine River Trail and the Vallecito Creek Trail are the most popular ways to hoof it out of the area, but many other trails can be found along the road leading from Bayfield to the lake.

Among the other destinations are three nontechnical 14,000-foot peaks, which are about two trail days away on foot.

Horsepackers also use the trails, with the Pine River Trail being more popular with equestrians. Care has to be taken, because there is a lot of private land along the trail, and three miles of the Pine River Trail.

Four-wheel-drive and mountain biking enthusiasts won't find the number of quality trails that can be found north of Durango.

The close proximity to the wilderness area, where mechanized travel is prohibited, limits those activities.

Middle Mountain Road winds 12 miles up to an old mining site, and there are plenty of people who make the drive.

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The Times-News

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The clinics will be offered Tuesday in Hailey, Wednesday in Twin Falls and Thursday, Aug. 6, in Burley. Cost is \$5, which includes the use of guns, ammo and clay birds.

The clinics are aimed at women and girls over the age of 11 who are interested in bird hunting.

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Leticia Martinez of Burley checks the fit of a new pair of pants for her stepdaughter Syerra Nava, 6, who will need new clothes as she goes back to school this fall.

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With August comes the annual back-to-school advertising hype.

And local families try ways to keep cool heads when dealing with the anxious moments to prepare for D-Day — the first day of school.

Leticia Martinez and her husband Roberto Nava, of Burley, have four daughters to outfit for school.

"We're out looking for sales, trying to get the best buys," Martinez said.

Durable clothing, not something that will fall apart after the first wash, is considered the better buy, she said.

Penny O'Keefe, mother of Leslie, 17, and Sean, 13, said sometimes she'll look at thrift stores for fashion fads.

A couple of years ago bowling shirts were "in" as were any sort of work shirt that had someone's name embroidered across the pocket, no matter whether it read "Frank" or "Joe."

O'Keefe, of Filer, acts on the advice of a friend who said it requires hitting thrift stores once a week to find treasures. And it's worth her time, because she looks for collectibles and items needed for community theatre. And thrift shopping saves her money.

"I've always been a sales shopper, and it's really the ultimate sale," she said.

Laure Corder of Twin Falls said she scouts all summer long for basic school and clothing items.

"We don't do this big, gigantic shopping spree. We try to spread it out," she said.

The Corders try to think about what pieces of their children's wardrobe need updating, rather than buying everything brand new.

And some things can't be bought too far in advance, such

shop 'til you drop

Should you buy it?

as Levi's for her 13-year-old son, Corder said. He is growing so quickly, she'll need to wait to buy them right before school starts. And a complete list of school supplies won't be

available until teachers send them home with their students. Corder gives her children a budget and lets them choose items for themselves. If it's something pricey, it's usually up to them to save their money and pay for it.

Gayle Thompson of Twin Falls puts her older children ages 17 and 15 on a budget and lets them shop on their own. They like to wait and see what other students are wearing at school before they buy too much. Often times they don't buy those things.

"My giving them a budget teaches them they're responsible for their own choices and makes them more careful about what they buy," Thompson said.

She does the shopping for her younger sons, ages 11 and 13.

Back-to-school hype presents an interesting scenario for families who home school.

Shirley Blakeslee, of Twin Falls, experienced it for the first time last year when she began to home school four of her five children. It was a problem, and she asked other families how they cope.

They said the end of summer provides a good excuse to buy new clothes for cold weather, anyway. And some families who continue to study through the summer save new school supplies — even if they're just paper and pencils — for fall to mark the beginning of a new school year. Others start new curriculum and host their own back-to-school celebration.

Molly Brock, to be a senior at Twin Falls High School, is looking to update her wardrobe after cleaning out her closet this summer at a garage sale.

"The rest of it, ironically, I donated to St. Vincent's," she said.

It's ironic because Brock, who is responsible for buying her own clothes, makes her dollars stretch at thrift shops.

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School starting dates

The Times-News

- Aug. 19: Richfield, Castleford, Valley
- Aug. 20: Hagerman, District
- Aug. 24: Buhl, the College of Southern Idaho
- Aug. 25: Cassia County, Twin Falls Christian Academy
- Aug. 26: Blaine County, Jerome

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- Aug. 27: Twin Falls, Immanuel Lutheran, St. Edward's Catholic School, Wendell, Mountain View
- Aug. 31: Blaine County, Asago Christian School
- Sept. 1: Lighthouse Christian
- Sept. 8: Filer, Shoshone, Acorn Learning Center, Clover, Trinity Lutheran

Learning should incorporate morality

I started teaching school in the '60s. Even in those times, when the student rebellion was starting, and people were questioning our part in the Vietnam War, I could still totally embarrass a student I taught cheating.

They almost always apologized and had an explanation for what they had done. But as the years passed, I found more and more, to my dismay, that cheating was becoming a method of getting through



AFTER CLASS
Gay Peterson

school for many students, and only the "stupidity" of being "caught" made them embarrassed. It seemed that society, in

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BACK TO SCHOOL

WHAT THEY'RE WEARING



Above left, uniform dressing doesn't mean drab—the girl's red Drifter cardigan with a school crest coordinates with a plaid skirt, both from Lands' End.

Above right, classic khaki shorts and long-sleeve oxford shirt form Dickies Boyswear are a smart choice for early fall school days.

Left, Elmo, one of the Sesame Street Pea Clip Ons from Tyco, rides a student backpack. He giggles and talks when his nose is pressed.

Get with it! Learn the education jargon

Good Housekeeping

To understand what's going on in your child's classroom, you need to learn the lingo. Here's a complete guide to the phrases educators use today:

- **Outcome-based education:** Rather than simply covering topics in a predetermined time frame, regardless of how well students understand the material, this approach uses a curriculum that changes as students demonstrate that they've learned something.

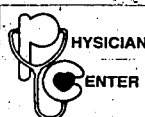
- **Multi-age classroom groupings:** Students who are socially or cognitively at the same level, regardless of age, are assigned to one classroom to allow for the fact that children mature and learn at varying rates.

- **Curriculum integration:** Teachers in various disciplines coordinate their lessons around a single theme, to give students a sense of how everything is related, and make the facts and ideas they're learning more meaningful. Each teacher tackles the theme from the angle of his or her discipline. If the topic is the Civil War, for instance, students might read literature from that time period in English class, research the way people dressed in Social Studies, and discuss

their medical capabilities in a science lesson.

- **Cooperative learning:** This teaching style takes a team approach by grouping together children with differing abilities for them to master a subject or solve a problem, such as working on a big math puzzle. The goal is to allow each student to find his or her strengths within the group. For instance, top-level students can practice leadership skills, while those who have more difficulty with a subject learn from the others and are encouraged to contribute to the group project in their own ways.

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Parents, get involved in learning

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

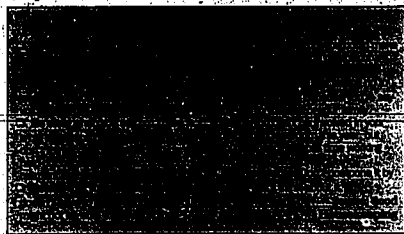
TWIN FALLS — Every association of professional educators and virtually every teacher in the country will tell you that public schools fall short because parents don't get involved.

OK, what help do they need, exactly?

"Any kind of parental participation counts," wrote Angela Scalpello in Good Housekeeping magazine. "Any amount" of involvement matters. And it matters on a number of levels.

The most important thing parents can volunteer, according to child development specialist Jane Healey, is information about what's going on in their child's lives.

It's the school's job to understand teaching methods and curriculum, but administrators listen to parents, whether they admit it or not, says Healey in "Your Child's Growing Mind" (Doubleday, \$13.95).



According to a survey by the National PTA, time is the No. 1 obstacle to parents' involvement with schools, but Healey believes there are other reasons.

One is fear of meddling. "Children older than age nine are mortified if their parents hang around school, and they should beware of fighting their

battles for them," Healey says. "Nevertheless a teacher with a large class will sometimes welcome specific offers of help. In one school, volunteer parents developed a reading club and led small book-discussion groups. Field trips and theater and museum visits can be initiated by parents, as can career talks by adults

in different vocations."

"(But) the issue of parent involvement in schools is a sensitive one; the child's need for autonomy is just as important as his need for intellectual stimulation."

Still, most teachers insist they'd rather see more aid not less of parents.

"At the minimum, a parent can maintain a telephone relationship to let the teacher know she is interested," Scalpello said.

"What's most important for parents is to be a model for your children," Elana Katz, a family therapist at the Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy in New York, told Good Housekeeping. "Your involvement dispels the idea that things that affect their lives are mysteriously decided somewhere, away from their families."

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Peer pressure can work to advantage

Hangin' with the homeboys isn't the worst thing that can happen to your child.

"The most well brought-up child must take his values out in the world and test them with his peers," says William Damon, director of the Center for Human Development at Brown University and author of "Great Expectations: Overcoming the Culture of Indulgence in America's Homes and Schools."

And there are ways to help your child develop positive peer pressure:

- Make groups accessible from sources outside school, such as camp, a religious youth group, or a community sports

team. Your child will feel more secure and be less likely to succumb to negative influences if she knows she has alternatives.

- Get to know the parents of your child's friends, whenever possible, and try to coordinate similar group rules.

- Suspend judgement when your child does confide in you about his peers.

- Choose your battles. If you allow a child the small, harmless freedoms, you can draw firm boundaries when it comes to the big ones.

— Source: Good Housekeeping

Don't know much about history ...

The following history habits will enrich your life experience and your children's:

- Share family history with your kids, particularly your memories. Help your parents and other relatives relate your children and talk with them about family stories.
- Participate in your community by voting and helping to make changes in areas that interest you. Encourage your children to vote in school elections, to present themselves as candidates, and gain knowledge of history in the values and behaviors that are the basis of their citizenship.
- Read newspapers and news magazines, watch TV news pro-

grams to maintain an informed judgment about the world. Talk about current events and your ideas about them with your children and other adults, and explore different points of view. Check the encyclopedia of your local library for additional historical information.

- Watch TV programs about important historical topics with your family, and encourage conversation about the program as you watch. Get library books on the same topic and learn more about it. Check to see if the books and television programs include significant issues, and discuss their differences.

— Source: U.S. Department of Education

Good television habits

Here are some tips to help children develop good television viewing habits:

- Keep a record of how many hours of TV your kids watch, and what they watch. Generally, it's good to limit the amount to two hours or less a day, although you can make exceptions for special programs.

- Learn about current TV programs and videos and select good ones. As parents, you know your children best. So choose TV programs and videos that are meaningful to your family. Parents who would like help in finding good TV programs for children can subscribe to Parents' Choice, a quarterly review of children's media that includes television programs and home video materials. Write to Parents Choice Foundation, P.O. Box 185,

Newton, Mass. 02168. A subscription is \$18 a year, and a sample copy is \$2.

- Plan with your children, starting at age 3, what programs to watch. After choosing programs appropriate for your kids, help them decide which ones to watch. Turn the TV on when these shows start, and turn the set off when they are over.

- Watch TV with your children so you can answer questions and talk about what they see. Pay special attention to how they respond so you can help them understand what they're seeing. If that's needed.

— Source: U.S. Department of Education

Preschoolers need social skills

Q. My friends and I both have 3-year-old boys who will enter 4-year-old kindergarten this fall. I'm concerned because her son knows how to write his name and can identify lots of colors and even — get this! — all 50 states. His parents are now working with him on the names of the state capitals, which he's picking up on fairly quickly. My son can't write his name yet and shows no interest at all in memorizing anything. Do I have cause to worry?

A. Worry about what? You have something to worry about if your son:

- Can't converse fairly well and clearly.
- Shows no interest in playing with other children.
- Regularly messes himself.
- Can't occupy himself independently and creatively.
- Sits for long periods of time staring at the wall.

Throws wild tantrums during which he bangs his head on hard objects.

But the fact that he doesn't write his name and perform mnemonic tricks on command is no cause whatsoever for concern. With due respect to your well-intentioned friends, who are probably convinced their pet minivan is gifted, any 3-year-old possessing average intelligence and whose parents invest the time can be taught to write his name, correctly identify all 50 states, and so on. A young child's mind, uncluttered as it is, can



PARENTING
John Rosemond

absorb all sorts of irrelevant junk.

It's truly too bad — pathetic even — that some parents are so eager to be seen (and to see themselves) as superior to the rest of us that they waste their young children's precious time in these ways.

The fourth year of life is for learning how to play with others, proper manners, and for spending independent time inquiring, imagining, and creating. To force upon a 3-year-old tedious and completely irrelevant memory drills is brain abuse, pure and simple, even if these exercises are conducted as "games."

Let me assure you, when both of these children — yours and your friends' — are in their teens, no one will be able to tell which one knew the names of all 50 states when he was 3. I might, however, venture to predict that your son will be the happier of the two.

I asked a recent audience, "How many of you entered first grade not able to correctly identify all 26 letters of the alphabet?"

Lots of hands went up, and let me assure the reader that this

audience had not been bused in from a local rehabilitation center for adult illiterates. It was, in fact, composed entirely of people who worked for a large high-tech corporation.

Later, several managers told me the best potential employee was not necessarily one who I made the best grades in school, but rather one who was creative, resourceful, industrious and required little direct supervision. Those attributes are learned during the third and fourth years of life.

Evidence suggests, furthermore, that occupying this age child's time with rote exercises — even teaching this age child to read — may be counterproductive. One study, for example, found that teaching a child to read during his preschool years increased the likelihood he wouldn't enjoy reading as a teen.

So, if you've been obsessing about the possibility that your son is behind the preschool performance curve, you can stop. By showing no interest in memory drills, he's telling you he's a happy, well-adjusted 3-year-old who's not the least bit interested in performing at dinner parties. In this case, the child knows best.

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The honest truth about cheating

Your child was caught cheating at school. She did it, but denies it. What should you do?

Tell her to own up — she already did one thing that was dishonest; lying about it will only double the mistake. Explain to her that the teacher will be far more able to forgive and trust her again if she admits

she did it, and why.

"I was afraid I'd do badly," or "I wanted to be sure I had the right answer so I checked Jane's paper and then I got worried I was wrong" are honest, from-the-heart responses. Your child may have to take an F, but she'll walk away from the incident knowing it's behind her. Then be sure to have a talk with her

about what each of you expects from her performance. One or both of you may need to adjust the picture.

You can't expect A's all the time. Be certain she knows that if she's made her best effort, you'll support her no matter what.

— Source: Good Housekeeping

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Tuition program lets parents invest in tomorrow's education

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Sending a kid off to private college these days is enough to curl the edges of most parents' checkbooks.

Imagine what it will cost in 10 or 15 years. For those who, fear rising college costs, some relief might be in sight: Dozens of private colleges are organizing a savings program that would allow families to pay lower tuition rates now for an education later.

Tuition Plan Inc. is a nonprofit consortium of 56 schools from around the nation, and it's growing. Like the programs offered by many states for public universities, Tuition Plan Inc. would allow people to buy tuition vouchers that could be used at any of the member schools when the recipient reaches college age. Organizers predict the program will grow to include close to 500 private colleges and universities.

"That gives the purchasers incredible choices," said Richard Libby, president of Tuition Plan Inc. "This is the most down-to-earth, practical approach" for saving for an education.

Program officials are putting final touches on the plan and are waiting for federal approval that would make the vouchers tax-free. They could be offered as early next spring and would probably be sold in multiples of \$1,000.

The vouchers don't guarantee admission to a member school.

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The student would have to apply and be admitted. And if the student decided to attend a university not on the plan, the vouchers could be transferred to another person or a refund could be issued.

At least 16 states, including Texas, run similar tuition prepayment programs for public schools. The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows families to purchase a four-year public tuition plan that can be used at any state college.

Unlike the plan for public schools, Tuition Plan Inc. does not allow participants to lock in today's tuition rates. Instead, the member schools will calculate what the tuition would be in any given year, based on inflation and the interest they would earn by investing the money.

"From the institution's perspective, we'll need to make certain assumptions about investment returns and about what our own pricing will do over the next 10, 15 years," said Liz Williams, vice president for business and finance and treasurer at Southern Methodist University.

Depending on how long the vouchers are able to collect interest before they are "cashed in," families actually might be able to pay less for an education years

down the road than what it costs today.

The colleges will invest the money and hope those earnings will outpace tuition increases, said George Rowland, vice president of business affairs at Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Tuition is rising about three percent a year at most colleges, said Tom Mortenson, director of the Center for Opportunities in Higher Education.

"I don't think anyone knows how to guess what (tuition rates) will be down the road," he said.

The average annual tuition at private U.S. colleges was about \$13,500 for the 1997-98 school year, according to data compiled by The College Board. That doesn't include room, board and other living expenses, which can cost thousands more.

And tuition can vary. At Princeton, it was \$22,920 last year.

Under the plan, the family of an 8-year-old could buy vouchers that would cover up to 100 percent of the cost of Princeton University, a Tuition Plan member, starting 10 years from now.

If Princeton isn't in the child's future, the vouchers could be used at another school. They would be worth more at schools that have lower tuitions.

"We want many, many schools involved because we think it's pretty hard to tell when a kid is six months old what kind of school is going to be the answer," Williams said.

There are certain things you should expect from math class

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics recently endorsed ambitious standards by which math should be taught in the elementary and middle school years.

These standards make some assumptions about the way math should be taught and what parents might see when visiting the classroom. Here are some examples:

- Children should be engaged in discovering mathematics, not just doing many problems in a book.

- Kids must have a chance to explore, investigate, estimate, question, predict and test their ideas about math.

- Children should explore and develop understanding for math concepts using materials they can touch and feel, either natural or manufactured.

- The teacher should guide students' learning, not dictate how it should be done.

- Children should have many opportunities to look at math in terms of daily life and to see the connections among math topics such as geometry and numbers.

- Kids should be active involved in using calculators and computers to solve math problems.

— Source: U.S. Department of Education

Evaluating progress

- Pay attention to the material the teacher sends home, and ask to see your child's corrected homework and in-class assignments and tests.

- Attend open houses and other events where teachers are available to talk about individual students.

- If you think your child should be doing better, schedule a meeting with the teacher.

- If you believe your child needs extra help, a good starting point is the College of Southern Idaho. Your teacher can also recommend private tutors.

- Consider having your child tested for a learning disability or a physical problem that makes it difficult for him to learn.

— Source: U.S. Department of Education

Homework isn't what it used to be

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Homework doesn't exactly mean sitting at the kitchen table diagramming sentences and doing long division anymore.

Fact is, if your child has a computer and that computer is hooked up to the Internet, he or she has access to roughly 100,000 times more information than was contained in your junior high school library.

But homework, meaning that Mom or Dad have to make sure it's meaningful — and gets done.

"Supervising schoolwork at home puts parents on a tightrope over two fearsome chasms," says Jane Healey, a learning specialist at the Vail Mountain School in Colorado and author of "Your Child's Growing Mind" (Doubleday, \$13.95). "On one side lies the danger of making a child overly dependent, negative or downright defiant; on the other — school failure. What a choice!"

But homework can't be micromanaged, Healey adds, and it absolutely can't be done for the child, no matter how well-meaning the parent.

She offers eight rules:

- Wait to be asked. "Trying to force a child to work with you may short-circuit his desire to come to you in the future," Healey writes. "If you sense trouble, make an appointment with the school for advice. Remember that schoolwork is the territory of the child."

- Be available. "If a TV program is more important to you than his need to practice multiplication tables, don't be surprised if he agrees," Healey says.

- Focus on process, not product. Getting the right answer isn't as important as learning how to get the right answer.

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• You can't rescue your child from bad grades. Don't correct

homework; "you won't get invited to go along to college or a job," Healey says.

• Kids are resilient. If your child seems overburdened with schoolwork, how much time is she spending watching TV or on the phone?

- Provide the necessary tools, foremost of which is a television set tuned to the "off" position.

- You don't have to be smarter than the kid. So you never took calculus? No big deal; your role is to help the kid find out how to get the answers.

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—Arthur Guiterman

Today's West was one of those "delightful" partners who always have ready explanations for poor results. He would play, listen to West's excuse, and then pass judgment. Did he blunder, or did he make a bad guess?

South took dummy's diamond ace and passed dummy's trump five to West's queen. Seeing no future in leading another diamond, West debated his next play. Should he switch to hearts or switch to clubs? Unfortunately he switched to hearts. South won his ace and cashed the diamond jack and two more diamonds, allowing him to discard his club deuce. South conceded the trick, claiming his 10 tricks and his game.

West's explanation? He claimed he made the better theoretical play for a trump lead. To win two tricks in hearts, all East needed was the heart ace. To win two tricks in clubs, East had to hold not only the ace, but the king.

Do you buy his reasoning? You shouldn't. South's jump to four spades marked him with a six-card suit. Therefore, West had a simple way to enlist East's cooperation in the defense. All he had to do was cash his trump ace and await a signal from East. (West knew East had a singleton diamond.) On the trump lead, he would have played an emphatic club nine, and the club switch would have netted two club winners and a one-trick set.

WEST
♥ Q J 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 8 5 4

EAST
♥ A 3
♦ 10 9 8 5 4
♣ A Q 9 7 6

SOUTH
♥ K J 9 6 4 2
♦ A 7
♣ J 4 3
♦ 10 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 4 ♦ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♥ A Q J 3 2
♦ 10 9 8 7
♣ 8 5 4

North South
NT

ANSWER: Two clubs. Check on a possible 4-4 heart fit. If it is found, bid four hearts. If it isn't, bid five clubs. Play the hand depending on North's range and the caliber of his dummy play.

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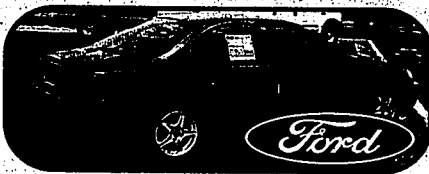
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