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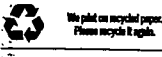
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School districts post ACT scores

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps not surprisingly, teenagers who take tough classes in high school tend to outscore their peers when college-entrance exams roll around. "The kids who take the more advanced classes perform better on these tests," said Larry Watson, test coordinator for the Twin Falls School District.

Twin Falls and other Magic Valley school districts recently reported the averages of ACT scores racked up by their 1998 graduates. The ACT is the most popular college-entrance exam among Idaho students. Good students can put college-bound scores in the running for scholarships and admission to top colleges.

Fifty-six percent of Twin Falls High School's class of '98 took the ACT. Watson said graduates who completed recommended preparatory courses — which exceed regular graduation requirements — produced an average score of 23.7.

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That compares with an overall average of 22.7 for Twin Falls students who took the test. The ACT is scored from a low of 1 to a high of 36.

ACT Inc., the company that produces the test, recommends taking four or more years of English; three or more years of math including calculus; three or more years of social studies including history, civics, economics, geography and psychology; and three or more years of science including physical science, biology, chemistry and physics.

In smaller school districts, interpreting the significance of Please see ACT, Page A2

1998 ACT results by district

District	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite	Students tested
Blairstown	23.4	22.3	23.9	22.3	23.1	42
*Bliss	20.3	18.9	22.5	20.2	20.8	13
Buhl	20.8	21.2	22.9	22	21.9	38
Camas	19	19	19	18	19	8
Castletown	22	22	24	27	23.3	8
DeWich	20.7	20.3	20.8	22.1	20.9	12
Filer	20.5	21.3	22.3	21.8	21.7	52
Glenns Ferry	19.8	18.9	19.8	20.3	18.7	27
Gooding	20.1	18.7	21.8	21.3	20.5	37
*Hansen	20.9	24.6	22.8	23.3	23	13
Jerome	20.3	20.8	23.1	21.8	22.3	113
*Kimberly	21.9	21.7	23.1	21.8	22.3	65
Mountain Home	20.3	20.4	21.6	21.6	21.1	105
Marathon	19.2	20.7	21.8	21.9	21.5	32
Richfield	18.7	18	14.5	18	17	8
Shoshone	23	21.9	24.1	22.5	22.7	21
Twin Falls	22.1	22.5	23.3	22.4	22.4	22
Valley	19.4	19.6	20.6	21.5	20.4	32
Wendell	19	20.6	20.4	21.3	20.5	42
Idaho	20.7	21	22	21.6	21.5	10,100
National	20.4	20.8	21.4	21.1	21	

*Represents districts that reported both Juniors' and seniors' scores.
Note: Comparisons of various school districts' average scores may not be valid, since districts vary in size and some districts are so small that one student's score can skew the average. Scores from Hagerman School District were not available.

Teen finishes up CSI studies

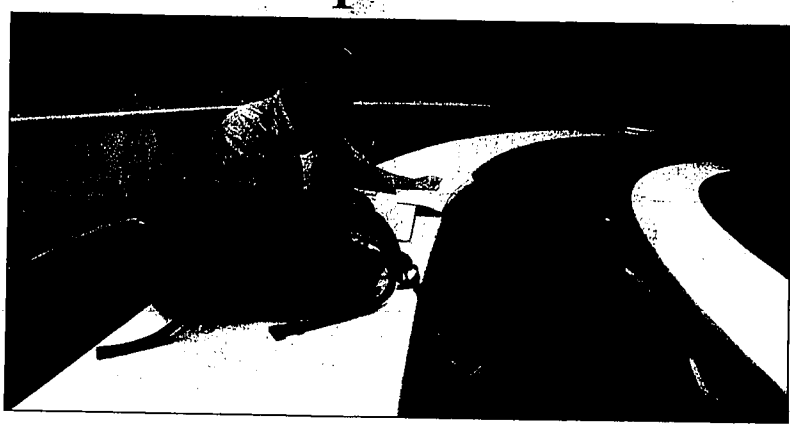
17-year-old whiz kid will earn 2 degrees by spring

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An unconventional education finds one 17-year-old working toward completion of a two-fisted college diploma this year.

Shelby Sommer of Twin Falls attends the College of Southern Idaho full time. He will earn an associate's degree in liberal arts in December and an associate's degree in physics in the spring. Sommer is a product of public, private and home schooling. He took a college entrance exam as a freshman for practice, and he scored higher than the average Idaho junior or senior did this year. He began to attend CSI part-time as a high school sophomore.

Sommer earned his high school equivalency diploma a year ago, just before he started full time at CSI. "High school was really boring. It was really easy," he said. Sommer's parents, Jim and Doris Sommer, both are certified elementary teachers. His dad is a pastor at Christian Center Four Square church, while his mom teaches English as a Second Language at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. Jim and Doris Sommer said they wanted their son to be able to reach for his potential. They approached each school year asking what would be best for his education.



Shelby Sommer catches a few quiet moments to check his answers on a chemistry test he took earlier in the day Friday. Sommer began studying at the College of Southern Idaho during his sophomore year of high school and will graduate with a high school diploma and a college degree.

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"I always recommend to people to try every possibility out there and to find what would be best. Not everything fits one particular child," Jim Sommer said. Jerry Beck, vice president of instruction at CSI, said Shelby Sommer simply is an excellent student. His accomplishment at CSI is not necessarily the mark of a trend, but it could help start one. "I think that as we have more people like this ... we will see

more students, who have the expertise and the ability to start doing college work at earlier ages," Beck said. Sommer, who plans to be an electrical engineer, said he wants to finish school as quickly as possible. His sister, Jimi, 21, who also excelled in school, inspired him to push toward his goal. He hopes to earn his master's degree by the time he is 21. "It's not easy. It's hard. You have to work," he said.

But he also makes time for social activities. He meets friends a couple of times a week, and he gets to know other teens while swimming for the Magic Valley Marlins, a private swim team. He said he didn't know what he wanted to study when he started CSI, so he took a variety of liberal arts courses that exposed him to different fields. He plans to attend either the University of Idaho or Oregon State University in the fall.

Miss America pledges diabetes aid, calls for Clinton resignation

The Associated Press
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Diabetes has a new face: Miss America's Hours after being crowned Miss America 1999, Nicole Johnson, who suffers from juvenile diabetes and wears an insulin pump 24 hours a day, promised Sunday to use her newfound fame to spotlight the disease.

"It makes me the perfect spokesperson for that issue," said the aspiring TV news anchor from Rossmore, Va. The 24-year-old native of Seminole, Fla., is a graduate of the University of South Florida and Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va., who has worked for the Christian Broadcasting Network. Seeking scholarship money, she competed twice in the Miss Florida Pageant before moving to Virginia to attend graduate school. Please see PLEDGES, Page A2



Nicole Johnson

White House prepares for release of taped testimony

Knight Ridder News Service
WASHINGTON — With much of the nation set to tune in Monday to President Clinton's grand jury testimony about Monica Lewinsky, White House officials spent Sunday trying to set the tone by offering descriptions of a remorseful man enduring a painful period in his private life.

Far from an angry president determined to evade the law, Clinton was portrayed by aides as being sorry for what he had done and concerned about the damage he had caused Lewinsky. Republicans, meanwhile, continued to paint a picture of a president who had been caught in a lie and was angry about it. The political jousting was just the latest in what has become a raucous partisan fight over the release Monday morning of Clinton's videotaped testimony to a grand jury Aug. 17, along with 2,800 pages of supporting documents. Public viewing of the videotape, a singular event in this nation's history, could be

another pivotal moment in the eight-month scandal that threatens Clinton's presidency. For the first time, Americans will see for themselves how the president reacted to prosecutors' questions about an affair he had previously denied.

At some points, Clinton will appear defensive, at times angry, said some who have viewed the more than four hours of videotape. But White House aides said Sunday Americans also will see a team of prosecutors probing unnecessarily for salacious details and will be reminded of a Republican-controlled House that chose to make graphic material about a private affair public.

"I think they'll see a painful admission that he had an inappropriate and intimate relationship, he had sexual contact with Ms. Lewinsky, and I think that will be painful to watch," said Clinton's deputy chief of staff, John Podesta. "But I think there might be a surprising reaction to that, which is that I think people may question the judgment of the people who decided to put that information and all the other

Cal Ripken Jr. takes the day off after 2,632 consecutive games

The Associated Press
BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken voluntarily ended his major league record streak of 2,632 consecutive starts by withdrawing his name from the starting lineup moments before the Orioles faced the New York Yankees.

Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played on Sept. 6, 1995. The celebration that night was planned months in advance; on this night, no one knew what was coming. The end came during a magical season that has featured the historic home run chase between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, a perfect game by David Wells and the Yankees' pursuit of the AL record for victories. "What Cal did is so unbelievable. That's one record I do think that will be around; Please see RIPKEN, Page A2



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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 63 Low: 37
Partly cloudy then mostly cloudy in the afternoon with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday with chance of afternoon showers.

Treasure Valley

High: 74 Low: 49
Partly cloudy with high chance of showers; same for Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 65 Low: 38
Mostly cloudy then mostly cloudy in the afternoon with chance of showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday with chance of afternoon showers.

Eastern Idaho

High: 66 Low: 41
Partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy with chance of afternoon showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday with chance of showers.

Northern Idaho

High: 70 Low: 39
Mostly sunny, warmer after patchy morning fog. Partly cloudy Tuesday with chance of afternoon showers.

Northern Utah

High: 68 Low: 44
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday with chance of showers.

Northern Nevada

High: 71 Low: 45
Mostly cloudy with chance of afternoon showers. Same for Tuesday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 69 Low: 44 Partly cloudy with chance of afternoon showers.	High: 70 Low: 42 Partly cloudy with chance of afternoon showers.	High: 70s Low: 40s Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers.	High: 70s Low: 40s Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers.	High: 70s Low: 40s Mostly sunny.

Idaho weather

Monday, Sept. 21
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

AccuWeather, Inc. 1998

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Sept. 21.

AccuWeather, Inc. 1998

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Level: 4
Burn time: 45 minutes

FIRE DANGER

Forest lands: No report available for today.
Range lands: No report available for today.

SEA WATCH

Sunset today 7:36 pm
Sunrise tomorrow 7:25 am
Lunar phase: New, Sept. 20; first quarter, Sept. 28; full, Oct. 5; last quarter, Oct. 12.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls

Yesterday	66	45
Last year	66	50
Normal	77	41

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.0
Last year	0.0
Normal	0.0

Idaho

City	Max	Min	PP
Boise	68	43	0.0
Burley	68	41	0.0
Chubbuck	68	41	0.0
Hagerman	68	41	0.0
Idaho Falls	68	41	0.0
Jerome	68	41	0.0
Lewiston	68	41	0.0
Malad	65	39	0.0
Malta	68	41	0.0
McCall	58	31	0.0
Post Falls	66	40	0.0
Salmon	63	45	0.0
Stanley	58	26	0.0
Sun Valley	68	41	0.0

The Nation

City	Max	Min	PP
Albuquerque	69	59	0.0
Atlanta	80	61	0.0
Boston	70	61	0.0
Chicago	63	45	0.0
Dallas	83	65	0.0
Denver	83	53	0.0
Houston	84	66	0.0
Los Angeles	80	75	0.0
Memphis	88	68	0.0
Miami Beach	88	79	0.0
Milwaukee	82	65	0.0
Minneapolis	92	59	0.0
New Orleans	75	70	0.0
New York	70	50	0.0
Oklahoma City	93	67	0.0
Omaha	84	65	0.0
Philadelphia	84	60	0.0
Portland, Ore.	88	75	0.0
Reno	74	52	0.0
St. Louis	88	72	0.0
Salt Lake City	69	52	0.0
San Francisco	76	56	0.0
Seattle	61	49	0.0
Spokane	65	49	0.0
Yuma	105	79	0.0

Tape

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information that they voted, vote by vote, to put out before the American people, and they may actually end up questioning the motivation, whether this was done just for partisan purposes, and ultimately they may question the fairness of the process that's going on on Capitol Hill."

Referring to the lascivious nature of the Clinton-Podesta relationship, Podesta said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the House Judiciary Committee "decided that rather than just going to a dump, they would go to a garbage dump on Monday, and I think people are going to wonder about that."

Podesta, who has been leading the White House effort to deny or impeach hearings, said the video will show a president who "regrets the underlying conduct and regrets that he misled the public."

While acknowledging the president was wrong to engage in a sexual relationship with Lewinsky and lie about it, Podesta denied he was involved in impeachable offense. And despite the problems facing the president, both Podesta and senior Clinton adviser Rahm Emanuel said he will not resign.

In an apparent effort to remove some of the sting from

TV broadcasts

Coverage plans of television networks for Monday's scheduled release of President Clinton's taped testimony before the grand jury. All times are EDT.

7:30 p.m. — Coverage of Clinton's taped testimony with analysis; additional excerpts throughout the day; one-hour edition of "World News Tonight" at 8:30 p.m. (one-hour edition of "Nightline" following first news (55 minutes) after end of Monday Night Football).

9 p.m. — Report with taped testimony; one-hour edition of "CBS Evening News" at 8:30 p.m.

NBC — NBC News special report when

tapes are released, special reports with excerpts of the videotape throughout the day; one-hour edition of "NBC Nightly News" at 8:30 p.m.; one-hour edition of "Dateline NBC" at 9 p.m.

9:30 p.m. — special on Clinton scandal; 9 a.m., special tape of testimony; 1:3 p.m., special on Clinton scandal; 11:30 p.m., news of testimony.

9:30 p.m. — 9 a.m., all complete tape of testimony; 11 p.m., all edited version of testimony.

9:30 p.m. — 9 a.m., all complete tape of testimony; 8 p.m., main of testimony.

the videotape, lawyers familiar with Clinton's testimony provided the Associated Press and newspapers with copies of the three-paragraph statement the president read at the start of his Aug. 17 grand jury appearance to describe the nature of his relationship with Lewinsky.

In his statement, Clinton acknowledged that he had an inappropriate relationship with the former White House intern but denied that he had perjured himself when he denied the affair during a January deposition in the Paula Jones sexual-harassment case.

According to a report by independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr, Clinton's remorse on the videotape is mixed with repeated bouts of legal haggling.

Asked, for example, about his January testimony that he could not recall being alone with Lewinsky, Clinton responded: "It depends on how you define 'alone'... There were a lot of times when we were alone, but I never really thought we were."

Rep. Bob Barr, a Republican Judiciary Committee member, said Americans will see many images of the president if they watch his testimony Monday.

Twin engine plane crashes kill 2 in California, 4 in South Carolina

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed near Myrtle Beach on Sunday, killing all four people aboard and seriously injuring a man who was walking his dog.

Also Sunday, a twin-engine plane crashed Sunday in northern Los Angeles County, Calif., killing both people aboard, authorities said.

The plane went down near Saugus, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, said Jerry Johnston, a regional operations officer with the Federal Aviation Administration.

In the South Carolina crash, the plane had taken off from Grand Strand Airport and was heading to Barefoot Landing when it started having engine

trouble, police Lt. Myron Creel said. The pilot called in a distress signal and tried to turn around and to go back to the airport.

The plane crashed between U.S. Highway 17 and the ocean, near the Ocean Creek Resort. The injured man was taken to the Medical University of South Carolina.

Hurricane Georges strikes Caribbean islands

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP) — Hurricane Georges lashed the easternmost islands of the Caribbean on Sunday, whipping up high seas as families huddled in basements and businesses piled sandbags in front of their entrances.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for the islands of the northeast Caribbean, from Dominica westward to Puerto Rico.

U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Roy Schneider imposed a curfew Sunday evening and activated the National Guard. "We must take the appropriate steps to protect life and property," he said.

Georges swelled to 150 mph winds at one point Sunday, then later weakened from a category 4 to a category 3 hurricane with 115 mph winds.

Sill, forecasters warned it could gain strength again. Hurricane Andrew, which devastated parts of southern Florida in 1992, was a category 4.

Residents of Guadeloupe and Dominica, fearing the hurricane would pull their roofs off, moved beds into basements or headed to hurricane shelters in schools and Church congregations on many islands cut short Sunday services to

convert their sanctuaries into shelters.

"We expect a full house tonight," said Priscilla Nicholas, a volunteer at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Cedar Grove, Antigua.

At 11 p.m. EDT Sunday, Georges' center was 30 miles east-southeast of Antigua. It had slowed slightly to 16 mph and was forecast to sweep west-northwest through the Lesser Antilles, threatening Puerto Rico and the British and U.S. Virgin Islands on Monday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

ACT

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ACT scores can be tricky. When only a few students take the test, a school's average scores may not reflect the ability of students in general. A couple of scores, whether extremely high or low, can affect averages considerably.

For instance, individual scores in Bliss, where 13 students took the test, ranged from 13 to 28. The average score was 20.5. But if the state average, but it would have been 21.8, above the state average, if the two lowest scores of 13 and 14 hadn't been present.

Small districts can find that their averages fluctuate each year. Average composite scores in Camas County have bounced from 18 to 22, over the past nine years, with the average hitting 21.

"It depends a lot on the individuals taking the tests," said Nov. 1997 test administrator at Richfield High School.

This year, Richfield had six 1998 graduates take the test, about half the senior class.

The scores of smaller districts can't be compared with those from larger districts, said Kelley

Hayden, director of media services for ACT Inc.

The Twin Falls district uses the ACT as one gauge of student achievement, Watson said. Since it is only a voluntary test taken by college-bound students, the district uses ACT scores in conjunction with other tests required of all students.

"We've got to look at our whole student population in evaluating curriculum," he said.

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Pledges

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school and competing in that state's pageant three times, finally winning this year.

She walked off with the Miss America crown — and a \$40,000 scholarship — on Saturday after performing "That's Life," a song about triumph over adversity.

It's a topic she knows plenty about.

"I've been taught, since I was a little girl, to never give up," she said.

She was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, an uncommon form of the disease, at the age of 19. For four years, she had to eat meals at the same time each day, take

insulin injections and carefully monitor her blood sugar levels.

Fourteen months ago, Johnson got an insulin pump, a small instrument that looks like a telephone pager. It delivers insulin through a needle and regulates the flow, giving her as much as she needs.

The device has freed her from the restrictions and injections, she said.

It was here it during all phases of the pageant except the swimsuit competition.

Her diabetes didn't interfere with tradition. After getting a 12-hour sleep, she frolicked in the surf for photographers, a tradition

for all new Miss Americas.

And it won't get in her way as Miss America, she said.

"I've always been a go-getter," she said.

Asked for her opinion on the White House sex scandal, Johnson called on President Clinton to "better for the good of the country."

"I'm personally not going to resign," she said. "That's my personal opinion because I think it is so bad. He is the number one role model in the world."

"We're dealing with far more than his personal life. It is affecting children, it is affecting families."

Ripken

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for a generation," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "What he's done, he's done a great thing for baseball."

Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox played his 327th straight game Sunday, the next-longest string in the majors.

One out into the game, when it became evident that Ripken would not be playing, all of the Yankees walked to the top step of the dugout and applauded.

Ripken emerged from the Orioles dugout, tipped his hat toward the Yankees and stepped back down to the bench. With the sellout crowd standing and cheer-

ing, Ripken came out again and bowed to his fans.

There was an immediate rush to the souvenir stands at Camden Yards, with fans lining up to buy programs that marked the historic night.

Ripken had played in every Orioles game since 1982 when Earl Weaver started him at third base after giving him a break in the second game of a double-header one day earlier.

Ripken moved to shortstop on June 30 of that season and stayed at that position for 2,216 games before Manny Alexander replaced him. Ripken moved to third on July 15, 1996.

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House tax-cut bill takes care of business

WASHINGTON (AP) — While most sponsors of the Republican tax bill tend to talk about the benefits to millions of middle-class Americans, the GOP made sure it also took care of key business interests.

Insurance companies, banks and securities firms doing business overseas and private-industry research and development would benefit from provisions tucked into the five-year, \$80 billion collection of cuts moving in the House. Small businesses also would gain several breaks.

The House is expected to vote this week on the tax bill, but President Clinton has threatened to veto because it is mainly funded by projected budget surpluses. The president wants those reserved to ensure Social Security's future solvency.

Business has been a long-time bedrock of Republican political support. An analysis by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics of 1995-96 campaign contributions found that Republicans got 60% of the \$391.4 million contributed by all kinds of businesses.

The most intense lobbying came on renewal of the research and development credit, a provision that expired June 30. It provides companies a tax credit for part of the wages, supplies, computer costs and contract expenses for a wide range of research.

The bill approved last week by the Ways and Means Committee would extend the credit for 24 months — retroactive to July 1 — at a cost of \$3.9 billion.

It has been our biggest priority," said Monica Maguire of the National Association of Manufacturers. "This credit benefits the broadest number of companies and those of the most different sizes."

A recent study by the Coopers & Lybrand consulting firm estimated that U.S. companies would spend an additional \$41 billion on research and development through 2010 as long as the credit is in place, generating \$58 billion in higher economic productivity.

Because the credit has been in place for years, most businesses are looking at its re-enactment as inevitable.



From left, Japanese State Minister for Defense Policy Shigeo Matsuda, Japanese Foreign Affairs Secretary Masahiko Komura, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen listen to questions during a news conference Sunday by New York.

U.S., Japan will study missile defense

NEW YORK (AP) — Concerned about North Korea's ballistic missile development, the United States and Japan agreed Sunday to conduct joint research on a missile defense system that could protect the island nation from attack.

"No one should doubt our commitment to defend our interests and to work together for peace and stability in Asia," Defense

Secretary William Cohen said at a joint news conference with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and their Japanese counterparts. "And this is the best way to protect both the United States and Japan."

The United States has 100,000 troops in the region, about one-third of them guarding the always tense demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

Sunday's agreement comes after North Korea launched a rocket over Japan on Aug. 31 in a failed attempt to send a satellite into orbit. It was the latest example of Pyongyang's aggressive program to develop long-range missiles that could one day hit American shores, U.S. officials said.

Japan has conducted preliminary studies, some with the United States, on ways to defend

against missiles. The United States is developing several theater missile defense systems as well, although American scientists haven't been able to overcome technological hurdles to knock a fast-moving target out of the sky.

Now U.S. and Japan will work together on research and development, which could lead to a missile defense system in the future. No target date was set.

U.S. to aid Russian placement of scientists

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Against the background of the Russian government's plans to cut 45,000 jobs and curtail production in its massive nuclear weapons complex, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is expected to sign a new agreement in Vienna on Monday for U.S. aid designed to help the displaced Russian scientists move into civilian occupations.

A House-Senate conference last week approved \$20 million for the program, initiatives for proliferation prevention, as part of the fiscal 1999 Defense Authorization Bill. Also called the "nuclear cities" program, it will provide "seed money... to move scientists into commercial roles," according to Rose E. Gottmeller, director of the office of nonproliferation and national security in the Department of Energy.

The underlying purpose of the program "is to prevent a brain drain to Iran, Iraq or North Korea," according to Steve Younger, associate director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, who ran earlier versions of the program from 1992 to 1996.

Russian nuclear-weapons workers have suffered from the country's economic decline, waiting months for paychecks and enduring a severe drop in their standard of living. But since the end of the Cold War, Russia has continued developing and producing new warheads despite agreements during the Reagan, Bush and Clinton administrations to reduce strategic weapons and end production of tactical ones.

Congress moves in uncharted waters

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — One week into a constitutional process that could lead to the removal of President Clinton from office, neither Republicans nor Democrats can see the endgame. Democratic defenders of Clinton — inside and outside the White House — despair that they can envision no clear way out for the president, although they cling to the hope that he can escape with a still course. Republicans, even as they move toward launching a formal impeachment inquiry, wonder whether the public will support a decision to remove the president, if that is the outcome of the impeachment process.

But there is agreement that the outcome of what could be a months-long process will be shaped by several intervening



Kenneth W. Starr

events — in addition to evidence contained in the report of independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr. The most important will include the expected vote in the House in early October over whether to proceed with a formal impeachment inquiry, the outcome of the midterm elections in November, and the strength of the case developed against the president before the House Judiciary Committee during an impeachment inquiry — along with the public's judgment about the fairness by which the House reaches its decision.

The phrase "uncharted

waters" has become the cliché of the way to describe the situation, but the combination of confusion, uncertainty and seriousness that surrounds the process was underscored by a Republican House member last week. He recalled advice an elderly constituent gave him earlier in his career. "If you wait long enough, the right choice becomes obvious," he said he was told. "In this case, that is absolutely, positively the sage advice."

Right now, the right choice is not obvious.

One factor that will color the process began to play out last week: the partisanship that surrounded the procedural wrangling over whether to release the videotape of Clinton's Aug. 17 testimony to the grand jury, along with 2,800 pages of additional material developed by Starr's investigation.

Officials gear up for flu inoculation campaign

ATLANTA (AP) — Despite regular visits to his doctor to monitor his diabetes, getting an annual flu shot had not been part of John DeSteno's routine.

"I've, for some reason, never managed to have a doctor's appointment at the same time the flu season starts," said the 47-year-old financial consultant from suburban Roswell.

He expects his routine will change this year. As health officials gear up for

their annual campaign to remind people to get flu shots, diabetics like DeSteno are being targeted because they are three times more likely to die from complications of influenza and pneumonia than non-diabetics.

Each year in the United States, the flu kills about 20,000 people — mostly people over 65, people with high-risk conditions such as chronic lung or heart disease and children with asthma.

Flu season starts in November, but shots are readily available as

early as late September. Last year was a particularly severe flu season, mainly because of the Type A Sydney strain. There were several outbreaks, even during the summer.

"Last year basically everybody had outbreaks," said Lynnette Brammer of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's influenza branch. "At the peak of the season, 46 states reported either widespread or regional activity, which in a single week is really high."

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Closing night of melodrama by the tracks

GLENN'S FERRY - What Glenns Ferry has, it flaunts. A theater by the old depot site. Vaudeville history. A sense of humor. When a train passes the Glenns Ferry Opera Theatre, the show stops. Offstage actors emerge grinning, and the audience stands. Even newcomers know what's coming.

The players drop their characters to lead a fast, brassy rendering of "I've been working on the railroad," accompanied by clapping. If a second train's whistle blows after the action resumes, everyone remembers to add a "Whoa, Whoa!" and pump their fists in the air at each end.

Perhaps the town of former railroad glory needs that coherence now. This summer's melodrama cast had plenty. Before each week's showing of "The Great Ice Cream Scheme," or "Robin Reckless to the Rescue!" some actors donned their cane-striped costumes early to hand out free popcorn tickets at the state park. Some nights, the opera theater filled up with park visitors, Bing Ringert said. The Hammer woman played "Nana Peed" even when she got shingles on her face halfway through the season.

"In fact, I think I gave one of my best performances." Once a candidate for demolition, the 1914 vaudeville theater turned movie-house still is being restored, with old blueprints as the map to its original ambience. Some surviving touches help the theater — such as the still-functioning movie projector in a tin-walled upper room. Many names are scribbled on the tin.

The lead players by the original light box still dim the house. "You just don't see that ... but they all work," Rich Willis told me on my nickel tour of backstage corners on closing night in late August.

Rich and Connie Will call themselves the building's caretakers. They own it, but they act like it belongs to everyone.

"Anything that comes in here goes right back into the theater," Rich said, gesturing at Connie's box office and the ice cream stand on the sidewalk.

By season's end, the patron seated behind me had gained proprietary insight on the show. In the lively final scene, she whispered: "This is where Candace always loses her skirt."

Candace Laib, heroine "Marsha Mallow," almost was late to closing night. She and a Glenns Ferry High volleyball teammate played in Melba that night and stomped into the theater 15 minutes before show time, muttering about a lost bus. Two mothers were mighty relieved.

Several families had more than one member involved this season, and the cast contained players of his vintage.

Free-lance writer Rod Rees of Glenns Ferry already had the white hair to play "Pop Side," patriarch of the play's ice cream parlor. He'd debated before a mirror whether to add wrinkles and balding hair.

Jan Nugent, one of the cast's youngest, crumpled up asleep in the front row, abandoning his job of holding up signs. The signs ordered "Boo" for the villain's twitching mustache.

"Hiss" for the apprentice villainess and applause or sighs for the heroes. "We made it a my project this year, all of us are here," Jan's mom, stagehand Deb Heath, said in the near-darkness just offstage.

Deb's son Rusty Shaw, 15, was most amused by the season's beginning when he was learning and messing up a lot. By closing night, he just retreated to the dressing room, the only cool spot to pass his offstage time.

The historic building's new gas furnace is a concession to modern efficiency. The cooling dilemma still needs work.

Healer's heart goes with his art

Doctor helps Wendell cancer patient through tough times

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

WENDELL - Nikkie Huffman was unlucky enough to be struck with what medical experts call a "time in a million cancer."

But during a four-year medical fight that has apparently thinned the maddly, she's also made what she considers a cancer in a million friend. Her friend is a Magic Valley doctor who recently told *The Times-News* that the doctors to remain anonymous.

Doing the right thing — our publication — is what he's interested in, the doctor said.

He helped battle Huffman's lymphatic cancer and recently went beyond the call of duty by paying off her power bill after she'd reached a financial plateau.

He's also been a strong source of moral support, said Huffman.

"It's always smiling," she said. "If he's had a bad day, he'll still say what went wrong, but he'll be smiling the whole time."

Huffman herself displays plenty of optimism and happiness, especially when one considers her circumstances. Just one of the women in her family have suffered from some form of cancer, but Huffman died of the disease — still four years ago.

At that point, doctors discovered it had invaded her lymph nodes, which scattered the cancer to travel to almost any part of her body. It quickly moved into her breasts, prompting a series of surgeries and chemotherapy.

For a while, it looked like she would lose her hair during treatment, but even that hope was dashed. Though it all, Huffman and those who care about her have made the best of her situation.



Nikkie Huffman and her daughter Sasha Shepherd, 6, were at the end of their financial rope because of Huffman's cancer when her doctor intervened and helped her pay off an electricity bill.

"It didn't mind it. My friends kept telling me 'baili is beautiful' and they drew smiling faces on the back of my head," she said.

Still, money became tight. An experienced restaurant worker who

rose to a manager's position, Huffman eventually became too weak to work. That left her with just over \$500 a month in Social Security payments, which meant her bills swiftly exceeded her income.

"I was living out in the country in a trailer or house, and my electricity bill got way out of hand," she said. "One month, it was \$275."

These days, she lives in a well-kept, low-
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Second annual picnic, auction to benefit breast cancer research

By Julie Conroy Lynn
Times-News Correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Want to enjoy an evening at the ElkHorn Resort, nibbling on a gourmet picnic meal and listening to music while raising money for breast cancer research?

If so, mark your calendar for the second annual Elkhorn Picnic, Auction and Concert on Saturday.

In addition to the savings on parking and music, picnic guests can place bids to climb Mount Elkhorn on a mile-in-a-Orch Jazz



Laurie Evans, host, and 238 local cancer survivors recently won "Heart Beat" Picnic in Northstar's annual Elk Horn Picnic.

basketball weekend in Salt Lake City.

The annual soiree is sponsored by Expedition Inspiration, a locally based nonprofit foundation. More than just another fund-raiser, Saturday's event will be a celebration of the lives of cancer survivors, said Expedition Inspiration founder Laurie Evans.

"It's a fun event in conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) to reinforce that a lot still needs to be done," Evans said.

Participants can buy a picnic meal for \$65, then place a bid on silent auction and a live auction. Among the items for sale are a bicycle trip through the Dordogne region of France, gift

What to attend?
Cancer survivors, local musicians, and a live auction.

What to expect?
A gourmet picnic meal, live music, and a silent auction.

What to bring?
A picnic basket and a bid for the silent auction.

What to wear?
Casual attire, but bring a hat for the sun.

Expedition Inspiration was a natural for Evans because it combined two of her greatest passions — the desire to help breast cancer sufferers and mountain climbing.

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Expedition Inspiration began after Evans was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991. She was stunned at how little research was being done to fight the disease and how little support there was for victims.

She vowed she'd change that, if she survived.
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Hospital reworks policy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital might have a prescription for community groups seeking money. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is considering a new policy to deal with such requests. Not surprisingly, addressing health would be a priority.

The hospital already has a policy on donations, but the hospital board decided it needed refining and established a task force. The findings of the group were reported last week, but no action was taken on its proposal.

The task force suggested the hospital finance committee determine an amount each fall to donate to community projects, based on the hospital's net income. Applications would be taken only

at a specific time, board member Cheryl Juntenum said.

Contributions would be based on whether the project meets several criteria:

- Does it address community health priorities?
- Does it collaborate with and include hospital services, departments and staff?
- Does it run no more than one year?
- Does it provide a unique service to the community?

The people requesting money also must demonstrate their project is effective.

In addition, 10 percent of the money in the "Community Benefit" fund would be saved for projects that might come up unexpectedly, Juntenum said.
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Sludge truck tops TF agenda

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A new sludge truck for the sewer plant and a couple of items related to the Woodland Hills Subdivision will top the agenda for today's City Council meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 5 p.m. in City Hall. A public hearing on vacating street rights-of-way in the Woodland Hills Subdivision begins at 6 p.m.

Vacating a right-of-way means the city gives up its claim to a strip of land, so that it can be used for purposes other than a street.

The subdivision, situated south of Filer Avenue and west of Carriage Lane North, encompasses 41 lots. Council members will consider the subdivision's final plan at the 5 p.m. session. City employees

recommend approval, pending the rights-of-way vacation and a final technical review.

Anyone who wants to attend either session is welcome.

In another 5 p.m. item, the council will consider buying a sludge truck to help speed the sewer plant's biofills out farm fields. The sewer plant already has three sludge trucks, but a fourth would boost efficiency during the peak spring and fall seasons.

Magic Valley International Inc. has submitted a low bid of \$115,265, but city officials could save \$2,317 from that price by opting for a truck with a lighter-duty front axle.

Once purchased, the new sludge truck would be fitted with a side-discard hopper to spread the sludge.

BSU begins Mini-Cassia radio transmission

By David Lee
Times-News writer

ALBION - Mini-Cassia residents can get another radio station way to the left of the dial starting Tuesday.

Boise State University Radio Network will begin broadcasting at 88.5 FM from a new 500-watt transmitter on the Gortner Mountains near Albion.

The network will bring 24-hour news and talk radio from the BSU Radio Network's Chronicle news and information service to the Mini-Cassia area through news programming from National Public Radio,

What is public radio?
Public radio is programming that does not carry commercial advertising. It includes locally produced news, public affairs, and educational programming.

Public Radio International and the network's Storehouse News Bureau Boise.

"Mini-Cassia is an underserved area," said Debbie Woods, advertising assistant for the network. "We definitely had people there who yearned" radio service.

The transmitter will be known as BSU-EM. Field tests of the transmitter have been going on since August, and network officials are ready to bring it to full power Tuesday.

NewsLinks

For more programming information on the Boise State University Radio Network, visit [The Times-News Online](http://www.magicvalley.com) at <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NewsLinks.

Boise celebration

Boise State University Radio Network will celebrate the launching of the new Mini-Cassia radio station at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Boise City High school. Local radio and television anchors and BSU Public Relations General Manager, Dr. David Lee will be present.

The transmitter is within the cluster of radio towers on the mountain and does not need to be manned, Woods said. The towers do not interfere with each other's signals because they broadcast on different frequencies.

Cost of the project is \$7,500, and a grant will pay \$5,400 of it, Woods said. BSU applied for a grant in August 1997 from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In applying, BSU included stacks of letters from Mini-Cassia residents who requested the BSU Radio Network.

Some of those letters came from Burley resident Jeff Roper, a public radio aficionado, Roper, who first listened to public radio when he lived in Salt Lake City, lost the opportunity when he moved to Burley 17 years ago.

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Southern Idaho has new defense against fires

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Cellular have teamed up to give southern and west coast Idaho a new line of defense against wildfires.

to the Southern Idaho Intensity Dispatch Center in Shoshone. For fires in eastern Idaho, the agency will use fire information to the Eastern Idaho Intensity Fire Center in Idaho Falls until a similar service can be installed in the local area. The number is being provided as a community service by U.S. Cellular.

To report wildfires in the area, call FIRE or 3-4-7-3. The Idaho Department of Transportation soon will provide signs throughout the calling area with the number displayed for cell-phone users.

Economist forecasts drop in Utah's economic growth rate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah economist says the state could be in for a sharp drop in its previously vibrant economic growth rate due in part to worldwide financial crises.

This is not a happy time for economic forecasters," said Thyne Robson, executive director of the U of U Bureau of Economic Business and Research. "It's clear these are troubling times globally, nationally and locally."

Robson said the state has enjoyed the longest period of sustained growth since data have been kept. But it could all change, Robson told a group of commercial bankers, venture capitalists, businessmen and state officials at the Utah Pioneer Partnership's monthly meeting.

which has already hit Asia and Russia and is showing up in Latin America, is now trickling into the United States.

But Robson said, generally, economists take one of two views: "That we're headed for the worst depression on a global basis since the 1930s, or that the United States is sufficiently strong, that even as the world's economies go to pot ... the United States will weather the storm."

Robson predicts the U.S. and Utah economy will survive, but not without some problems. "We will be able to weather the international problems without a serious recession," Robson said. "Now, please, I didn't say without a recession. But it will not be a major (U.S.) recession."

Some hints of impending trouble are already appearing in Utah, as Utah's job-growth

rate for the last two months dipped below 3 percent. For more than a decade, Utah has had a job-growth rate of more than 3 percent. The job-growth rate is an indicator of business expansion and growth in tax revenue.

This year it was forecast at 3.6 percent, but is only expected to reach 3.2 percent and is expected to dip below 3 percent next year and maybe lower the year after.

But some factors could make a difference, Robson said. The drop in financial markets has also driven down interest rates, encouraging borrowing. And in Utah, major construction projects like Interstate 15 reconstruction and the expansion of several ski resorts will create thousands of jobs. But those jobs will disappear when the work dries up, weakening the economy, Robson said.

ON THE AGENDA

City Hall, Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.

Hayley Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hayley Town Center.

Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., City Hall, council chambers.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls School Board, 2 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Wood River Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Sun Valley.

WEDNESDAY

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

Bellefour City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.

South Central Community Action Agency Board of Directors, 7 p.m., Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N., Twin Falls.

Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 8:30 a.m., conference room.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

CSI and Center for Work Shop, 1 p.m., CND 118.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.

Idaho Music Teachers Association jazz concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

CSI at Valley of the Sun valley ball tournament in Phoenix.

SATURDAY

CSI Outreach Program's Introduction to Knapping, 6 p.m., Shields 104 and 105.

CSI at Valley of the Sun valley ball tournament in Phoenix.

- Following is a list of general meetings scheduled this week in Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.
- TODAY Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. College of Southern Idaho board, 5:30 p.m., board room. Taylor Administration Building, Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office. Jackpot Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.
- TODAY Al-Anon weekly meeting, noon, Shields 105. CSI Board of Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine 258. Idaho Dairyman's Association waste management meeting, 7:30 p.m., Taylor Building Sage 276. CSI Symphonic Band rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building.
- TUESDAY Volunteers Against Violence

- board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine 258. Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6:30 p.m., East Dorm grounds. Nately Knighton (independent insurance agent) Medicare-Medicaid seminar, 2 p.m., Taylor Building Cedar 277.
- THURSDAY CSI Student Information inter-club meeting, 1 p.m., Taylor Building Sage 266. Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6:30 p.m., East Dorm grounds.

- CSI at Valley of the Sun valley ball tournament in Phoenix.
- THURSDAY CSI and Center for Work Shop, 1 p.m., CND 118. Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112. Idaho Music Teachers Association jazz concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

SERVICES

- George F. McGoignil of La Center, Wash., Mass. of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at the St. Charles Church (Wood River Chapel in Hayley).
- Melvin Milo Lamun of Melton, 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church in Rupert; viewing will be one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).
- Leonard H. Pospisal of Boise and formerly of Buhl, 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.
- Kenneth James "Jim" Lee of Gooding, ministerial at 2 p.m. today at the Lee residence.
- Dale H. Cooper of Twin Falls, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).
- Marvin Tilley of Burley,

- friends and family may call between noon and 5 p.m. today at 1277 Yale Ave. in Burley.
- Roger "Pork" LaCombe of Wendover, Nev., and formerly of Jerome, 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Wendover LDS Church with a viewing one hour before the service; graveside service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).
- Elder (Al) Orville Uhrich of Filer, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary.

- Paul R. Cheney of Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mayhem Community Baptist Church, 3401 Rostler Road, Sacramento, Calif. (local arrangements by White Mortuary in Twin Falls).
- Helen Mildred Anderson Fox of Glendale, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 9 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.
- C.F. "Bess" Reasman of Shoshone, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Shoshone Cemetery (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Idaho equipment dealer faces grand theft charge

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A Bonneville County farm equipment dealer accused of taking more than \$500,000 worth of merchandise will stand trial on one count of grand theft.

The charge stems from an accusation in March 1997 that Elwin "JR" Loveland took \$500,000 worth of equipment from a Phil Yost, who wired money to Loveland for a tractor that was never delivered. Yost also has brought a civil suit against Loveland in Carbon County District Court.

Loveland, who pleaded innocent to the charge in magistrate court, will be formally arraigned in district court later this year.

Forest Service hopes to plant new mustard

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Forest Service officials are trying to find better seedlings growing from the new mustard plant discovered this summer at the Snowbasin ski resort.

Ogden District Ranger Ruth Monahan said seeds collected from the mustard plants are growing in a nursery, and officials hope to transplant some of those plants to other locations.

"For instance, we're working with Rose Garden in (in Salt Lake City) in hopes that we can get the plant growing there," Monahan said.

Scott Layton, who photographs plants in full bloom at the top of the proposed 2002 Winter Olympics downhill race course in July, said he has received several calls from people interested in looking at the new species.

The identification of the yellow-bloomed plant was made by Utah Museum of Natural History Director Michael Windham.



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DEATH NOTICES

Garth Aslett, 74, of Twin Falls, died, Sunday, September 20, 1998, at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Services for Garth will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday.

Discharged: Anna Ortega, Burley; Frank Rupp, Burley; Rudy Reyes, Burley; Michelle Tripp, Burley; Juan Torres, Oakley; Erbes; Erin and Tammy Ramirez, Burley.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

Virgil M. Cooper. Cooper, Virgil M. died September 19, 1998 in an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born March 28, 1913 to George and Fannie Cooper in DeQueen, Arkansas. Virgil married Mary Elnor McGill in 1933 in Shawnee,

Oklahoma. He was a truck driver for the Wilson & Company and was very active in the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church, serving as a deacon. Sunday school teacher and usher; he loved to fish and play golf. Survivors are wife Mary E. Cooper of the home; sons Donald L. Cooper and wife Margi Dunca, Oklahoma; daughter Jo Ann Cooper Keith and husband Donald L. of Twin Falls; four

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- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - 4:00 pm. Household Auction, Twin Falls Advertisement - September 18th HUNT'S MOBILE AUCTION
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd - 5:00 pm. Household - Tools - Antiques - Consignments Welcome - Jerome KLAAS AUCTION BARN
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 10:00 am. C. J. Power & U.S. West Communications Clives & Conklin - Antiques - Twin Falls Auction - Equipment - Construction Advertisement - September 13th & 20th AMERICAN ASSOCIATED AUCTIONEERS
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th - 10:00 am. Government Auction - Vehicles Seized by IRS Advertisement - September 20th MUSICK & SONS, INC.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 10:00 am. Filer Community - Miscellaneous - Filer Advertisement - September 25th HUNT'S MOBILE AUCTIONS
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 11:00 am. Liquidation (Out of History) - Preview Trucks & Flt. 9-5, Sat. 8-11 - Misc. - Twin Falls Advertisement - September 25th HUNT BROTHERS AUCTION
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 11:00 am. Des Moines Estate - Household Antiques - Twin Falls Advertisement - September 24th CONROY & CO. AUCTION SERVICE
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 11:30 am. Moving Sale - European Furniture - Elk, IV Advertisement - September 25th ALL AMERICAN AUCTION CO.
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th - 1998 Dale & Leora Peterson - Household - Tools - Ruger Advertisement - September 24th MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th - 12:00 noon. Francis & Bond Auction - Antiques - Antiques - Jerome Fairgrounds Advertisement - September 25th JMA AUCTIONEERS
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th - 1998 West & Donna Crowley - Gemstones - Lapidary Equipment Household - Bull Advertisement - September 25th MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th - 1998 Chevy Blazer - 4 Wheel Drive - Vehicle & Travel Trailer Advertisement - September 26th MESSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd - 10:30 am. Annual Antiques & Collectibles - Now Taking Consignments - Filer Fairgrounds Advertisement - October 1st ALL AMERICAN AUCTION COMPANY
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th - 5 pm. Antiques and Collectibles Sale Taking Consignments Daily - Twin Falls HUNT BROTHERS

H.B. Moore Auction Tuesday, September 22nd, 1998 H.B. Moore Auctions. SALE TIME: 4:00 P.M. LOCATION: 652 Alhara Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho. LUNCH AVAILABLE! MULTIMEDIA! Old Style Tractor/Iron • John Deere 68 Series Riding Lawn Mower • 1995 Combi 27' Travel Trailer • PA Amp Equipment • Black & White Portable Television • Color Television • VCR's • Assorted Fire Cabinet/Ovens • Office Desks • Stereo Equipment • Blenders • Tables • Big Block & Tackle • Sawin 7500 C/ Machine/Phone • CD's • Walkers • Stoves • Large Office Chair • Electric • Home Office Crockery • Paper Units • Can Openers • Bicycles • Water Purifier • Marantz Auto • Macbeth Wall Blow • Marantz Cassette Player • McCulloch Chain Saw • Stereo Units • Kids Race Car Bed • Trampoline Parts • Hammock • Fulton BedCoop • Pickup • Topper • Lincoln • Junior Chair • End Table • Stereo Speakers • 6" Orchard Ladder • Several Burley Tractors • Husqvarna Carpet Cleaner (Near New) • Paint Stand • Small Mountain Bike • 2 Gas Cans • Fleets Heater • 6x6 Wrought Iron Advertising Stand • Stup Stool • Auto Air Filter • 110V • Electric Bells • 2x6 Trampoline • Card Table & 4 Chairs • Banana Seat • Lots of Misc. too Much to List!

Closing night of melodrama by the tracks

GLENN'S FERRY - What Glenn Ferry has, it flaunts. A theater by the old depot site. Vaudeville history. A sense of humor. When a train passes the Glenns Ferry Opera Theatre, the show stops. Offstage actors emerge grinning, and the audience stuns. Even newcomers know what's coming.

The players drop their characters to lead a fast, brassy rendering of "I've been working on the railroad ... accompanied by clapping. If a second train's whistle blows after the action resumes, everyone remembers to add a "Whoa, Whoa!" and pump their fists in the air at song's end.

Perhaps the town of former railroad glory still is the map to that exuberance.

This summer's melodrama cast had it aplenty. Before each week's showing of "The Great Ice Cream Scheme,"

Robin Baskins to the Rescue!" some actors donned their candy-striped costumes early to hand out free-popcorn tickets at the state park. Some nights, the opera theater filled with park visitors, Bing Hargett said.

The Hammett movie played "Nana Peel," even when she got shingles on her face halfway through the season.

"In fact, I think I gave one of my better performances." Once a candidate for demolition, the 1914 vaudeville-theater-turned-movie-house still is being restored, with old blueprints as the map to its original ambience. Some surviving touches help the effort - such as the still-functioning movie projectors in a tin-walled upper room. Many names are scribbled on the tin.

The old levers by the original light box still dim the house lights. "You just don't see that ... but they all work," Rich said. He told me on my nickel tour of backstage corners on closing night in late August.

Rich and Connie Willis call themselves the building's caretakers. They own it, but they act like it belongs to everyone.

"Anything that comes in here goes right back into the theater," Rich said, gesturing at Connie's box office and the ice cream stand on the sidewalk. By season's end, the patron seated behind me had gained proprietary insight on the show. At the lively final scene, she whispered: "This is where Candace always loses her mind."

Candace Laib, heroine "Marsha Mallow," almost was late to closing night. She and a Glenns Ferry High School teammate played in Melba that night and stomped into the theater 15 minutes before show time, muttering about a lost bus. Two mothers were mighty relieved.

Seeing families more than once, one member involved the comedian, and the cast contained players of many vintages.

Free-lance writer Rod Rees of Glenns Ferry already had the white hair to play "Pop Side," partner of the play's ice cream parlor. He'd debated before a mirror whether to add wrinkles and palsy.

Ian Nugent, one of the cast's youngest, abandoned up asleep in the front row, crumpling his job of holding up signs. The signs ordered "Boo" for the villain's witching midnight.

"Hi!" for the appreciative wilderness and applause or sighs for the heroes. "We made it a family project this year, all three of my kids are here," said the near-deafened Deb Heath, said in the near-deafened Deb Heath, said in the near-deafened Deb Heath.

Deb's son Rusty Shaw, 15, was most amused by the season's beginning, when actors still were learning and meeting up a lot. By closing night, he just retreated to the dressing room, the only cool spot to pass his offstage time.

The historic building's new gas furnace is a concession to modern efficiency. The cooling dilemma still needs work.

For now, Bing and Rod had to close the theater's front doors at the hot night after welcoming each patron before the show. The light-and-sound man, police officer Trevor Gerdes, ran a fan to survive in the building's hot top.

Villain "C. Cassia" was frozen as the reward for his evil doings, but Glenns Ferry's Russ Webb couldn't quite keep on his character's fake foot. The white makeup melted right off his face.

Virginia Garber Hutchins is The Times-News assistant city editor. Her column about Westerners off the beaten path appears here on occasion.

Healer's heart goes with his art

Doctor helps Wendell cancer patient through tough times

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

WENDELL - Nickie Huffman was unlucky enough to be stricken with what medical experts call a "one in a million cancer."

But during a four-year medical fight that has apparently beaten the madday, she's also made what she considers a one in a million friend. Her friend is a Magic Valley doctor who recently told *The Times-News* that he prefers to remain anonymous.

Doing the right thing - not publicity - is what he's interested in, the doctor said.

He helped battle Huffman's lymphatic cancer and recently went beyond the call of duty by paying off her power bill after she'd reached a financial dead end.

He's also been a strong source of moral support, said Huffman.

"He's always smiling," she said. "If he's had a bad day, he'll tell you what went wrong, but he'll be smiling the whole time."

Huffman herself displays plenty of optimism and happiness, especially when she considers her circumstances. Most of the women in her family have suffered from some form of cancer, but Huffman dodged the disease - until four years ago.

At that point, doctors discovered it had invaded her lymph nodes, which enabled the cancer to travel to almost any part of her body. It quickly moved into her breasts, prompting a series of surgeries and chemotherapy.

For a while, it looked like she wouldn't lose her hair during treatment, but even that hope was dashed. Though it all, Huffman and those who care about her have made the best of her misfortune.



Nickie Huffman and her daughter Sasha Shepherd, 6, were at the end of their financial rope because of Huffman's cancer when her doctor intervened and helped her pay off an electricity bill.

"I didn't mind it. My friends kept telling me 'hold it beautiful' and they drew smiley faces on the back of my head," she said. Still, money became tight. An experienced restaurant worker who

rose to a manager's position, Huffman eventually became too weak to work. That left her with just over \$500 a month in Social Security payments, which meant her bills swiftly exceeded her income.

"I was living out in the country in a trailer or house, and my electricity bill got way out of hand," she said. "One month, it was \$275." These days, she lives in a well-kept, low-

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Second annual picnic, auction to benefit breast cancer research

By Julie Casey Lynn
Times-News Correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Want to enjoy an evening at the Elkhorn Resort, nibbling on a gourmet picnic meal and listening to music while raising money for breast cancer research?

If so, mark your calendar for the second annual Pinnacle Picnic, Auction and Concert on Saturday.

In addition to savoring good food and music, participants can place bids to climb Mount Kilimanjaro or a take in a Utah Jazz

basketball weekend in Salt Lake City. The casual rescue is sponsored by Expedition Inspiration, a locally based non-profit foundation. More than just another fundraiser, Saturday's event will be a celebration of life for breast cancer survivors, said Expedition Inspiration founder Laura Evans.

"It's a fun event in conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) to reinforce that a lot still needs to be done," Evans said.

Participants can buy a picnic meal for \$65, then place bids in a silent auction and a live auction. Among the items for sale are a bicycle trip through the Dordogne region of France, gift



Laura Evans, inset, and 23 local breast cancer survivors recently won 'best float' honors in Ketchum's annual Big Hitch Parade.

Want to attend?
Contact Gayle Nelson, Expedition Inspiration at 726-6456. Call by Wednesday for reservations.

baskets for pets, or your favorite kind of socks. The evening will be topped off with a concert by singer Deborah Liv Johnson and guitarist Peter Sprague.

Expedition Inspiration began after Evans was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989. She was stunned at how little research was being done to fight the disease and how little support there was for victims.

She vowed she'd change that, if she survived. Please see PICNIC, Page A6

Hospital reworks policy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The county hospital might have a prescription for community groups seeking money. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is considering a new policy to deal with such requests. Not surprisingly, addressing health would be a priority.

The hospital already has a policy on donations, but the hospital board decided it needed refining and established a task force. The findings of the group were reported last week, but no action was taken on its proposal.

The task force suggested the hospital finance committee determine an amount each fall to donate to community projects, based on the hospital's net income. Applications would be taken only

at a specific time, board member Cheryl Junntunen said. Contributions would be based on whether the project meets several criteria:

- Does it address community health priorities?
- Does it collaborate with and include hospital services, departments and staff?
- Does it run no more than one year?
- Does it provide a unique service to the community?

The people requesting money also must demonstrate their project is effective.

In addition, 10 percent of the money in the "Community Benefit" fund would be saved for projects that might come up unexpectedly, Junntunen said.

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Sludge truck tops TF agenda

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A new sludge truck for the sewer plant and a couple of items related to the Woodland Hills Subdivision will top the agenda for today's City Council meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 5 p.m. in City Hall. A public hearing on vacating street rights-of-way in the Woodland Hills Subdivision begins at 6 p.m.

Vacating a right-of-way means the city gives up its claim to a strip of land, so that it can be used for purposes other than a street.

The subdivision, situated south of Filer Avenue and west of Carriage Lane North, encompasses 43 lots.

Council members will consider the subdivision's final plan at the 5 p.m. session. City employees

recommended approval, pending the right-of-way vacation and a final technical review.

Anyone who wants to attend either session is welcome.

In another 5 p.m. item, the council will consider buying a sludge truck to help spread the sewer plant's biosolids onto farm fields. The sewer plant already has three sludge trucks, but a fourth would boost efficiency during the peak spring and fall seasons.

Magic Valley International Inc. has submitted a low bid of \$115,265, but city officials could shave \$2,317 from that price by opting for a truck with a lighter-duty front axle.

Once purchased, the new sludge truck would be fitted with a side-discharge hopper to spread the sludge.

BSU begins Mini-Cassia radio transmission

By David Leo
Times-News writer

ALBION - Mini-Cassia residents can get another radio station way to the left of the dial starting Tuesday.

Boise State University Radio Network will begin broadcasting at 88.5 FM from a new 500-watt transmitter on the Cottelert Mountains near Albion.

The network will bring 24-hour news and talk radio from the BSU Radio Network's Chronicle news and information service to the Mini-Cassia area. Chronicle uses programming from National Public Radio.

What is public radio?

Public radio is programming that does not rely on commercial advertising. It includes hourly news updates along with news and specialty shows, produced locally, nationally and internationally.

Public Radio International and the network's Statehouse News Bureau in Boise.

"(Mini-Cassia) is an unserved area," said Debbi Woods, administrative assistant for the network. "We definitely had people there say they wanted" radio service. The transmitter will be known

DAILY NewsLinks
For more programming information on the Boise State University Radio Network, visit [The Times-News Online](http://www.magicvalley.com) at <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NewsLinks.

Burley Celebration
Boise State University Radio Network will celebrate the launching of the new Mini-Cassia service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Burley City Council Room. Local civic and business leaders and BSU Radio Network General Manager Jim Peltz will attend.

Cost of the project is \$7,500, and a grant will pay \$5,400 of it, Woods said. BSU applied for a grant in August 1997 under the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

In applying, BSU included stacks of letters from Mini-Cassia residents who requested the BSU Radio Network.

Some of those letters came from Burley resident Jeff Roper, a public radio aficionado. Roper, who first listened to public radio when he lived in Salt Lake City, lost the opportunity when he moved to Burley 17 years ago.

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Southern Idaho has new defense against fires

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Bureau of Land Management...

to the Southern Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center in Shoshone...

being provided as a community service by U.S. Cellular.

Economist forecasts drop in Utah's economic growth rate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah economist says the state could be in for a sharp drop in its previously vibrant economic growth...

which has already hit Asia and Russia and is showing up in Latin America...

rate for the last two months dipped below 3 percent.

ON THE AGENDA

Following is a list of governmental meetings scheduled this week in Magic Valley...

City Hall, Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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TODAY Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library...

TUESDAY Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center...

THURSDAY Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.

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AUCTION CALENDAR

Table listing various auctions including household appliances, furniture, and real estate.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Building Fine 258.

FRIDAY CSI and Center for New Directions back-to-school workshop, 1 p.m., CND 118.

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Idaho equipment dealer faces grand theft charge

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A Bonneville County farm equipment dealer accused of taking money and never delivering merchandise will stand trial on one count of grand theft.

Officials are recommending her probation be terminated early because of good behavior...

But the next morning, Sandy firefighters battled an intense blaze in the family room...

Two months later, police caught the marshal with a stolen trailer, which resided in his firing and a felony charge.

At trial and on appeal, Basta's lawyer, Richard Uday, argued Medrum could not be trusted because he had lied to police and produced forged documents in the trailer investigation.

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Phil Yost, who wired money to Loveland for a tractor that was never delivered...

Loveland, who pleaded innocent to the charge in magistrate court, will be formally arraigned in district court later this year.

Forest Service hopes to plant new mustard

ODDEN, Utah (AP) — Forest Service officials are trying to find homes for seedlings grown from a new mustard plant discovered this summer at the Snowbasin ski resort.



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For instance, we're working with Red Butte Gardens (in Salt Lake City) in hopes that we can get the plant growing there.

Scott Layton, who photographs the rare plants in full bloom at the top of the slopes, said 2002 Winter Olympics downhill race course in July, said he has received several calls from people interested in looking at the new species.

The identification of the yellow-bloomed plant was made by Utah Museum of Natural History biologist Michael Windham.

The plant originally was believed to be a variety of the Maguire draba mustard family, but genetic testing revealed that it was an entirely new species.

The Maguire draba was thought to exist only on Mount Naom in Cache Valley and Mount Ogden where Snowbasin is located.

AUCTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 1998. Location: 652 Alvarado Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho. Sale Time: 4:00 p.m.

SERVICES

George P. McGonigal of La Center, Wash., Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at the St. Charles Church (Wood River Chapel in Hainley).

Paul R. Chaney of Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mayhew Community Baptist Church, 3401 Rooter Road, Sacramento, Calif. (local arrangements by White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Helen Mildred Anderson Fox of Glendale, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 9 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Melvin Milo Lamun of Hazelton, 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church in Rupert; viewing will be one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Roger 'Pork' LaCombe of Wendover, Nev., and formerly of Jerome, 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Wendover LDS Church with a viewing one hour before the service; graveside service at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time. (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

C.F. 'Ross' Rossmann of Shoshone, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Shoshone Cemetery (Demary's Shoshone Chapel).

Leonard H. Pospisil of Boise and formerly of Buhl, 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Eldor (Al) Orville Ulrich of Filer, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary.

Discharged: Anna Ortega, Burley; Frank Page, Burley; Rudy Ramon, Burley; Michelle Tripp, Burley; Juan Torres, Oakley; Births: Etrian and Tammy Ramirez, Burley.

Kenneth James "Jim" Lee of Gooding, memorial at 2 p.m. today at the Lee residence.

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DEATH NOTICES

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September 22, 1998 at WhiteMortuary. Friends may call at the mortuary from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday, the day of the service. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Address: Sunshin-Hamlet, Burley. Victoria Kerbs, Burley. Tammy Ramirez, Burley. Rudy Ramon, Burley. Lloyd Schmitzer, Heyburn.

Garth Aslett. GARTH ASLETT, 74, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, September 20, 1998 at Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Services for Garth will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday.

Funeral Home: Hansen Mortuary, Burley.

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grandchildren, Scott & Kim Keith, Larry & Catta Keith, Curt & Sandy Cooper, and Chris & Missy Cooper; nine great-grandchildren. Services will be Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church, 150 South Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, with burial in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Memorial may be made to the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Home-schoolers enjoy weekly park day

By Tressa Toner
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Home-school students do a lot of interesting things, but playing organized sports generally isn't one of them.

To counter that, home-school students and their parents have been gathering at Burley West Park to enjoy the games they miss by studying at home.

Now in its second year, Park Days draws families from all over Minidoka and Cassia counties for a few hours every Friday.

"It's an opportunity for the children and parents to socialize and meet for organized sports and activities," said Shannon Tilby, home-school chairman for the Mini-Cassia area. "The kids as well as the parents need the interaction with each other."

"It gives my kids a break and a great incentive to get their studies done," added Barbara Anderson. "It's something they really look forward to."

Park Days began Aug. 28 and will continue until mid-October, weather permitting. The event is held weekly because not everyone can come regularly.

Friday's gatherings are typical, with more than 25 children in attendance.

Sports Chairman Veronica Schenk drew a hopscotch game on a sidewalk and the younger children gathered walnuts and pine cones to use as game markers. Meanwhile, parents spread out their lesson books and swapped ideas on how to teach spelling. "My kids live for Park Days



Peter Kemp, 2, practices his soccer technique while fending off his dog, Lucky, who was more interested in Kemp's bottle anyway.

and they haven't missed one yet," said Mary Radel.

Some families clearly enjoy the event because they arrive from Raft River, Acquia, Oakley, Albion and even American Falls, Radel added.

Lisa Hrusa drives 40 miles round-trip to attend.

"We live on a farm and don't have close neighbors for the kids to play with," she said. "It's a

place where I find I'm not alone. We share our challenges and struggles with each other."

While the kids play games, parents look to one another for support.

Next month, Park Days will be held at Neptune Park in Rupert. Local parks are rotated monthly to even out the drive time for parents from both counties.

Though parents suggest games to play, the youngsters invariably find more interesting activities.

"I like to have fun and play, but hunting for snakes at the airport park was the funnest," exclaimed Jameson Schrenk.

Times-News correspondent Tressa Toner can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Med Center board to discuss partnership

TWIN FALLS - A proposed partnership between the county hospital, doctors and a clinic hospital to create a physician management services organization will be discussed today and maybe voted on.

The board of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has called for a special meeting at noon in the Sage Room of the Education Center north of the hospital.

Magic Valley Regional, The Physician Center - a group of about 16 doctors - and Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center would be partners in the organization that would offer management services such as billing. The doctors said they would become employees of and partners in the proposed organization, sharing the risk and profits.

The Twin Falls hospital's administrators say the organization was needed to help keep primary doctors in town and serving the community.

But the proposal drew criticism last week from primary care doctors not part of the Physician Center. They feared the resulting organization would be competitive - a subsidy - and exclude them.

The board's executive committee will meet with the Physician Center and Saint Alphonsus representatives to further discuss the proposal, and depending on that work and the board discussion, the arrangement could be voted on today, said Dr. Craig Bennett, board chairman.

Bennett also said some of the other doctors' concerns need to be addressed.

CSI board hears about college outdoor club

TWIN FALLS - Among items listed on the agenda for today's College of Southern Idaho board meeting is a college outdoor club.

Bill Studebaker, who directs the college's new outdoor program, will address members of the board regarding the matter.

The board also will be asked to approve probable seating at the cost of about \$34,000 for the Expo Center.

The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor in the Taylor Building and is open to the public. The board will meet in executive session at 5 p.m. in the president's office regarding acquisition of real property.

TF cheese makers earn top Idaho honors

TWIN FALLS - Avonmore West makes three main types of cheese at its Twin Falls plant, and all three captured top honors in 1998 cheese championships sponsored by the Idaho Milk Processors Association.

Don Carlson, plant manager, was named overall grand champion cheese maker for his mild cheddar, which also took first place in that category.

Alan O'Toole won first place in the medium cheddar category, and Mark Kirkdoffer took first in the Colby/Monterey jack class.

Kirkdoffer also was named second runner-up in the overall rankings. Although the cheese honors were given in one person's name, Carlson said each product was a team effort.

Avonmore West also took third place in the flavored natural cheese category.

The honors were announced at the milk processor's annual convention in Sun Valley. During the event, the processors held their first auction of the winning cheeses, generating \$2,000 for the association's scholarship fund, said Jeff Williams, Avonmore West vice president and association president.

Avonmore West employs 375 people at its four plants in the Magic Valley, and about 65 of them work at the Twin Falls operation. The company says it is the largest producer of cheese and dairy products in the Northwest.

Ketchum City Council meets tonight

KETCHUM - The Ketchum City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. today in City Hall, and the public is invited.

A public hearing will be held on Smooth Development's application for a 41-unit residential development at 1800 Warm Springs Road.

The council also will consider the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society's request to use the West Warehouse building for a Hemingway exhibit next year.

The council also will meet at noon today in City Hall in executive session to discuss litigation.

Blaine County Commission meets today

HAILEY - Blaine County commission meets tonight to hold several public hearings on lot line shifts.

The all-day meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. Public hearings will be held on proposed lot line shifts between the Willowood and East Park subdivisions, and at Lake Creek Highlands.

The commission also will hold public hearings on a bank rehabilitation project for 200 to 250 feet of the Big Wood River, and a subdivision request for the Sagharosh Short Park.

The assumed road up Mammoth Gulch from Broadford Road will be formally validated as a right of way.

Hospital

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One event that spurred the task force was a request from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for the county hospital to donate \$100,000 over five years to the chamber's economic development program, Business Plan II.

The hospital board voted to donate \$20,000 for the first year, but wanted the money earmarked

to programs to better prepare the work force through a regional technical high school. Before another decision is made, the board wants to review the program.

Hospital board members split on the issue, however. Some said it would open up the hospital to more requests and that the hospital foundation would be the best source of community funds.

Tribes calls state's appeal 'weak'

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) -

Attorneys for the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe argue that the state of Idaho is presenting a weak case in trying to overturn a court ruling that the lower portion of Lake Coeur d'Alene belongs to the tribe.

Tribal attorney Ray Givens wrote that the state already has lost the public debate over who should control the southern third of the lake.

"There has been no great public outcry against tribal ownership. Rather, the public opinion has been mixed, but supportive of tribal ownership," he wrote in court papers.

After 20 years of arguing that the tribe, not the state, owned the water within its reservation boundaries, the U.S. Justice Department and the tribe sued Idaho in 1994.

In July, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled in favor of the tribe.

The state appealed that decision to the 9th U.S. District Court of Appeals, which could take up to two years to issue a ruling.

The state asked for an injunction from Lodge's ruling so it could continue managing the lake until the appeal is settled. It offered to give the tribe and federal government veto power over decisions concerning disputed portions of the lake.

But the tribe said the veto power is only for new state-issued permits for docks and other encroachments. It doesn't include such matters as fishing regulations, law enforcement and environmental regulation.

That's not good enough, Givens wrote.

Givens wrote that Lodge didn't take anything away from the state. He simply clarified that the tribe has always owned the lake and river.

EUROPEAN DANCING



Kristine Handy leads a group of students from American Heritage Academy through some steps from European folk dances. Dances the students learn include Israeli and Czechoslovakian folk dances.

Heart

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income apartment complex with her 6-year-old daughter, Sasha Shepherd. Moving there brought her rent down, but her power bill still soared.

Unable to pay it off in time, Huffman recently faced the prospect of having her electricity shut off completely.

She called her doctor, hoping he could get a medical emergency waiver for the bill. It looked like a lost cause at first, because the doctor said she would have to have electric life support or a similar necessity to

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qualify for the waiver. Then, he offered another, simpler solution.

"He said, 'Well, I'll just loan

you the money," Huffman said. "It was so great. All I could do was start crying."

Now that she's paid off the power bill, Huffman looks forward to working again - and paying off her doctor.

With her cancer in remission, she said it might not be long before she can work. Returning to her restaurant career is no longer an option because she no longer can bend and reach as fully as she used to.

"When I do go back to work, I'll just have to find something else to do," Huffman said.

As for her generous friend, she understands his wish to remain anonymous - even though she was anxious to get the story publicized.

"I just thought it was a good piece of news," she said. "All you ever read is awful stuff."

She admits it's a little frustrating not being able to identify her benefactor.

"I sure wanted to brag him up to everybody," she said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

Picnic

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would be an annual thing. "It captivated us into the public's imagination. Here were a bunch of women climbing and raising money for a disease that almost killed them," said Evans.

Since that first climb, Expedition Inc. and its advisory board that steers grant projects toward worthy research projects.

The organization also hosts an annual breast cancer symposium in Sun Valley.

Every year, Expedition

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Inspiration contributes about \$250,000 toward breast cancer research, Evans said.

Next month, the organization will organize fund-raising hikes in four western cities. A hike to Table Rock, near Boise, will be held Oct. 3 to raise funds for research at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute and the Mountain States Medical Research Institute. Other hikes will be held in Seattle, Los Angeles and Tucson, Ariz.

On an international level, Expedition Inspiration organizes climbs and hikes around the world. Climbers collect pledges that equal or exceed the cost of

the trip. Upcoming climbs include Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, as well as Mount Rainier and Mount Whitney in the United States.

Thinking back on how breast cancer changed her life, Evans paused and smiled.

"It's been ten years," she said. "That's 10 fabulous years that I wouldn't have had without surgery and treatment."

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Radio

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and went out of range. He even tried, unsuccessfully, to set up an aerial antenna to catch the signals.

"On occasion, when I couldn't stand it, I would drive to Pocatello and park in a parking lot so I could hear it in my car," he said. He has been telling BSJ for 17 years it should broadcast in Burley.

Part of the BSU Radio Network is rebroadcast through a microwave system to a transmit-

ter at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, KBSW 91.7 FM. That station broadcasts Chronicle in the mornings and classical music in the afternoons. Woods said people who drive from the Mini-Cassia area have told her they pick up the station as they drive into Twin Falls, but lose it when they return to Mini-Cassia.

The new transmitter will receive microwave signals from the CSI transmitter and broadcast them, Woods said. People

simply will have to change stations as they go from Twin Falls to the Mini-Cassia area. The new transmitter here will broadcast Chronicle 24 hours a day rather than news and music.

Roper said he knows the programming well enough that when he drives from Burley to Boise, he knows exactly where on the trip to change BSU network stations to get news anything on the radio.

With the new transmitter, he can listen to the station at home

anytime he wants. "I'll be great to listen to it in the house."

The BSU Radio Network features five FM stations, one AM station and nine transmitters to expand its broadcast range. The network, and any broadcast station, must receive approval from the Federal Communications Commission before it can begin broadcasting from a new transmitter.

Times-News staff writer David Lee can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Pat Parks Pick of the Week

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“By the end of the game, Miami’s defenders were wearing bumper stickers on their helmets: Honk If You’ve Sacked Rob Johnson.”

—Greg Cole of the Miami Herald, after the Dolphins sacked the Buffalo quarterback eight times Sept. 13

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball
Richfield at TFCU, 6:30 p.m.
Kacham, Glenn Forsy at Denzich, 5 p.m.
Debra at Wendt, 5:15 p.m.

High school boys soccer
SDB at Mexico, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

King takes shot at Tyson after Holyfield bout

ATLANTA — Don King sees a vast difference between Evander Holyfield, whom he now promotes, and Mike Tyson, his former protégé.

“He cooperates,” King said of Holyfield, who defended the IBF and WBA heavy-weight titles with a unanimous 12-round decision over Vaughn Bone on Saturday night. “When the phone rings, your heart doesn’t jump out of your chest.”

Tyson, meanwhile, is barred from fighting for being Holyfield’s ears during their championship fight in June 1997.

No TD’s for Weber State in 6-3 win over Idaho State

POCATELLO — For the first time in school history, Weber State football game without a touchdown as Scott Shields kicked two field goals to beat Idaho State 6-3 on Saturday.

Shields had a 27-yard field goal late in the first quarter and another 20-yard kick with 6:09 left in the third quarter.

Weber State (3-1) survived three straight second-half turnovers in the conference opener for both schools. Idaho State is now 0-2.

Boise State cruises past Portland State, 42-24

BOISE — Shannon Harts rushed for 165 yards and one touchdown and Erion Hurley ran for 123 yards and two scores to lead Boise State to a 42-24 victory over Portland State in a non-conference game Saturday night. Hurley rushed for a six-yard touchdown in the second quarter and a second score in the third period as the Broncos erased a 10-0 first quarter deficit to raise their record to 2-1.

Flier football team gets 1st win, beats Payette 32-19

FILER — Backing up nearly 400 yards of offense, the Flier Wildcats took care of Payette 32-19 Friday for their first win of the football season.

Bronson Kobayashi ran for 135 yards and two touchdowns for Flier, while Mike Cooney rushed for 120 yards and two scores. Quarterback A.J. Tackett passed for 117 yards.

Pepper, Steinhauer guide U.S. to Solheim win

DUBLIN, Ohio — Dottie Pepper repeated her record to 4-0 for the week and Sheri Steinhauer — who didn’t play her way on the team but was a captain’s choice — hit two memorable iron shots down the stretch as the United States retained the Solheim Cup with a 6-3-2 victory over Europe on Sunday.

Criticized by the Europeans for inciting the crowd on Saturday, an emotional Pepper came back with a 3 and 2 victory over Irish opener to run her record to 10-1 in the last three Solheims.

Balocchi wins five-way playoff in senior event

MASON, Ohio — Hugh Balocchi made a 5-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a record-tying five-man playoff Sunday to win the rain-shortened Kroger Senior Classic.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

‘The time was right’

‘Iron man’s’ streak ends at 2,632 games

By David Ginsburg
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken walked into his manager’s office before the game with a simple, stunning message: “I think the time is right.”

And so by taking himself out of the lineup Ripken ended the most amazing iron-man record in sports history.

After 16 years and 2,632 consecutive games, the 38-year-old third baseman sat out of Sunday night’s game against the New York Yankees with just one week left in the season.

“I don’t feel a sense of relief. I don’t feel much different,” Ripken said after the game. “Now that I know what it feels like I don’t want to sit and watch a game anymore.”

He said he would return to the starting lineup Monday night at Toronto.

Ripken was not hurt, but with the Orioles out of playoff contention and playing their final home game, he decided to end the string that began on May 30, 1982.

“What Cal did is so unbelievable. That’s one record I do think that will be around for a generation,” baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. “What he’s done, he’s done a great thing for baseball.”

The end came during a magical season that has featured the historic home run chase between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, a perfect game by David Wells and the Yankees’ pursuit of the AL record for victories.

There had been recent talk that Ripken would volunteer to end the streak, which broke Lou Gehrig’s record of 2130. Before the game, Ripken told manager Ray Miller to remove his name from the lineup; rookie Ryan Minor started in his place.

“The emphasis should be on the team,” Ripken said. “There have been times during the streak when the emphasis was on the streak. I was never comfortable with that.”

One out into the game, when it became evident that Ripken would not be playing, all of the Yankees walked to the top step of the dugout and applauded.

Ripken emerged from the Orioles dugout, tipped his hat toward the bench. With the silence and standing and cheering, Ripken came out again and bowed to his fans.



Above, Baltimore’s Cal Ripken, waves to the crowd after he broke Lou Gehrig’s consecutive games streak Sept. 6, 1995. At right, Ripken’s name is crossed out on the lineup card and his replacement, Ryan Minor, is penciled in.

There was an immediate rush to the souvenir stands at Camden Yards, with fans lining up to buy programs to mark the historic night.

As the game progressed, Ripken appeared relaxed as he laughed with teammates on the bench. He then watched much of the game from the Orioles bullpen, occasionally shaking hands with fans and posing for pictures.

He emerged in the sixth inning to warm up left fielder R.J. Surhoff and chatted with his best friend on the team, center fielder Brady Anderson.

Ripken also shook hands with fans in the bleachers along the outfield wall, much in the same fashion he did when he

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Gators fall from top 5 after loss

The Associated Press

First it was Florida State, now it’s Florida.

For the first time in nearly eight years, a team from the state of Florida is not among the top five in The Associated Press’ Top 25 college football poll.

Georgia’s 20-17 overtime victory over Florida Saturday night sent the Gators from No. 2 to No. 8 in this week’s poll. A week ago, the Seminoles lost to North Carolina State and tumbled from No. 2 to No. 11.

The lowest time State teams were out of the top five was in 1991, when Miami was eighth, Florida State 12th and Florida 15th. The Hurricanes last made the top five early in the 1994 season.

Ohio State, meanwhile, moved closer to a unanimous choice as No. 1. The Buckeyes, 35-14 winners over Missouri, received 54 first-place votes and 1,744 points from the 29 members of the poll and broadness on the AP panel. Last week, Ohio State had 57 first-place votes.

Washington, which had the week off, moved up to No. 2 with one first-place vote and 1,601 points, while UCLA improved a spot to No. 3 with a first-place vote and 1,562 points. The Bruins are in the 42-24.

Tennessee, which made a five-game losing streak against Florida, moved up two places to No. 4 with two first-place votes and 1,542 points. Kansas State, a 48-7 winner over Texas, remained No. 5 with two first-place votes and 1,522 points.

ISU advanced a place to No. 6, followed by No. 7 Penn State, No. 8 Florida, No. 9 Washington and No. 10 Florida State.

The Seminoles moved back into the top 10 with a 62-63 victory over Duke. The Wake Forest, despite a narrow 20-10 win over Pittsburgh, moved up one spot from a week ago. Washington, which beat Brigham Young 20-10, plays at Wake Forest Saturday.

Virginia, a 20-18 winner over Clemson, one place to No. 11, followed by No. 12 Syracuse, No. 13 Georgia, No. 14 Wisconsin, No. 15 Colorado, No. 16 Arizona, No. 17 Texas A&M, No. 18 Southern California, No. 19 Wake Forest and No. 20 Oregon.

Virginia Tech, a 27-20 overtime winner against Miami, jumped into the Top 25 at No. 21, followed by No. 22 Alabama, with Air Force and Notre Dame tied at No. 23 and Missouri at No. 25.

McGwire hits No. 65, has No. 66 taken away - maybe

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Mark McGwire’s home run total might need an asterisk, after all.

McGwire hit No. 65 to extend his record, then had an apparent No. 66 taken away by an umpire’s ruling in the St. Louis Cardinals’ 11-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

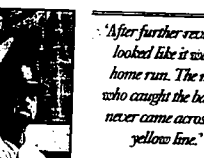
“After further review, it looked like it was a home run,” McGwire said. “The man who caught the ball never came across the yellow line.”

Given the unique nature of the Great Home Run Race of 1998, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said the club is appealing to the National League to make the unprecedented move of reversing second-base umpire Bob Davidson’s call and awarding the homer.

“The home run chase has drawn attention all over the world,” La Russa said. “Most importantly, the way the inning played out, it didn’t make any difference.”

After McGwire’s two-out, disputed double, Brian Tolan singled him home and scored on Ron Gentry’s home run. Had McGwire been stranded, “We would have had to ask, because of the integrity of the game,” La Russa said.

“They asked us to look at it, and that’s all I can say right now,” NL spokesman Kay Foy said at Wrigley Field, where she attended “Sammy



Mark McGwire acknowledges the crowd after hitting his 65th home run Sunday in Milwaukee. McGwire appeared to have hit No. 66 late in the game, but fan interference caused the hit to be ruled a double.

‘After further review, it looked like it was a home run. The man who caught the ball, he never came across the yellow line.’

—Mark McGwire on his apparent 66th home run being ruled a ground rule double

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Sosa Celebration” day. Feeney said a ruling was expected Monday.

Davidson, a member of the NL staff since 1983, said he couldn’t be swayed by the fact the ball came off McGwire’s bat.

“I could care less if he hit 150 home runs,” Davidson said. “As an umpire, you can’t get caught up in that.”

The fan, Michael Chapes, a 31-year-old high school gym teacher from Waterford, Wis., was ejected from the stadium and fined \$518 for trespassing.

“I hope Mark McGwire signs my citation,” Chapes told The Associated Press in a phone interview from his home.

Evans charges ahead, takes flag at NAPA 150 Lynch top Idaho finisher in race

By Jeff Hinton
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS — Carmen Evans’ Magic number Saturday night was 90.

The Washington State NASCAR driver charged ahead of Bruce’s Kenny Brack after 49 laps of the NAPA 150 at Magic Valley Speedway, claiming the 1998 title of the season-ending event for both the Northwest Strakes Northwest Series and the local oval by a scant two seconds.

Wilbur Bruce, who turned an East Wenatchee title home to Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 22 walked away from the 53-minute, 48-second NAPA race 53.005 inches with a second-place trophy.

Rich fell out of the race entirely in the 10th lap, his car miraculously sidestepped by suspension wires.

The frustrating finish left Bruce at second place in making-of-the-year points behind Bruce.

The first-place win was the 45th of Evans’ career, a case study in team racing longevity which dates to 1988. The Cal Ripken, Jr., of the NASCAR Northwest Tour, Evans has now started 126 races, 98 consecutively.

His four first-place victories this year combine to match his third-most successful campaign ever — he captured six titles his rookie season, and twice in the last 13 years gathered five.

Evans, 42, also maintains his luck on the all-time earnings race.

With a winning purse of \$4,825 on Saturday, he has now finished in the top six victors in 1998, however — he picked up \$3,025 winning the Portland stop on the Northwest Series race June 20.

Cary Lewis, also of Washington state, earned the Bud Pole Award Saturday night with a qualifying time of 13.85 seconds at more than 86 miles per hour.

After a steady start, Lewis finished one second in fourth place behind Evans, Wilbur Bruce and third-place finisher Pete Harding — a performance good enough for the 1998 Northwest Series season points standings title.

Lewis finishes with 2,512 points earned from six victories; Evans ends the season backed on his heels at 2,371. Top rookie Bruce places third in the points standings with 2,212.

Bruce driver Scott Lynch played out one season from victory Sunday, finishing eighth after backing from Evans and collecting \$300 for his 12th-place showing. Also in the field were Bruce finished 10th and Zach respectively.

Hinton noted \$625 and Dillon \$300 — despite the fact that Dillon needed only 40 laps due to coasting.

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SPORTS

Ripken

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Ripken's record. This time, however, he wore a warmup jacket over his uniform. Ripken pulled himself a week before finishing his 15th straight season of playing every game.

Ripken, who went 0-for-4 against the Yankees on Saturday and was named in an 0-for-12 squad, was batting .273 with 14 home runs and 61 RBIs. His numbers are among the best of his career, which began in 1981. His streak broke the next season, when he became the AL Rookie of the Year. It seemed when Russell Bruggs was still in his first year as pitcher. It was even more by eight managers — including his father, Cal Sr. — and lasted longer than most baseball careers. It was analyzed,

criticized and scrutinized. And now, it's over. After he told Miller of his decision, Ripken asked Orioles owner Peter Angelos and calmly told him, "He just said it very typically. Cal. No melodrama, no emotion," Angelos said. "Just flatly. This is what I'm going to do. In a very thoughtful way, he said, 'I know you would like to know before I do this and I thought I should tell you.'" While it appears no one will ever again play in 2,632 consecutive games, the man

who broke Gehrig's seemingly unbreakable record by more than 500 days to see the record will be for his eternity. On Sept. 6, 1995, Ripken passed the record set by Gehrig, who was forced from the game by a rare muscular disorder that later, became known as Lou Gehrig's disease. A shortstop then, Ripken became the sport's all-time iron man on June 14, 1996, when he played in his 4,216th consecutive game — surpassing the record previously held by Japan's Sadahito Kuniyaka.

After he broke Kingman's record in Kansas City, Ripken was asked if he thought the mark would remain his forever. "A lot of people think this is a great, great accomplishment," Ripken said. "But I really believe that somebody else will come along and play more games, because if I can do it, anybody can do it. I don't consider myself superhuman and I'm not an iron man physically or mentally. "It's just that the right combination of things happened in my baseball career that allowed me to do that."

SCORES AND STATS

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AL West race even again; Texas, Anaheim begin 3-game series today

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kenny Rogers earned his 15th win, Jason Giambi and Ben Grube homered, and Oakland scored three unearned runs Sunday as the Athletics beat Texas 6-3 to keep the AL West race close.

The Rangers went into the game with a one-game lead over Anaheim, which defeated Seattle 3-1. The Angels and Rangers start a three-game series in Anaheim today.

Rogers (15-8) lasted five innings in the 91-degree heat, scattering eight hits, striking out five and walking one. T.J. Mathews pitched 2-3 innings of scoreless relief, and Billy Taylor got four outs for his 32nd save.

Angels 3, Mariners 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim set the stage for an AL West title showdown against Texas, beating Seattle to move back into a tie. The Angels and Rangers open a three-game series Monday night in Anaheim.

Omar Olivares (9-8), sent to the bullpen late last month and moved back into the rotation last Monday, held the Mariners to one run on eight hits in six-plus innings to win his fourth straight victory.

Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 42nd save.

Anaheim scored three runs off Paul Abbott (2-1) in the third. Randy Velarde had a sacrifice fly, and Jim Edmonds and Tim Salmon hit RBI singles.

American League

White Sox 6, Red Sox 4

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas and Albert Belle hit RBI doubles in the seventh as Chicago completed a three-game sweep of Boston, cutting the Red Sox's wild-card lead over Toronto to four games.

Boston's magic number to clinch the wild card is four with eight games left. Toronto has six games remaining. Ray Durham homered for Chicago, and Mo Vaughn hit his 37th for Boston.

Mike Sirota (13-15) snapped his five-game losing streak, allowing five runs and four runs in seven innings. Bryan Ward got the last four outs for his first major league save. Jim Corsi (3-2) was the loser.

Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 5, 12 Inn.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Benito Santiago hit a two-out, two-run single off Albie Lopez (7-4) in the 12th inning as Toronto beat Tampa Bay to snap a three-game losing streak.

Bill Rieley (2-4) got the final four outs for the victory.

Tampa Bay's Fred McGriff hit a leadoff homer off Robert Person in the ninth to tie it at 5. Rich Butler also homered for the Devils Rays.

Tony Fernandez honored for Toronto.

Indians 5, Royals 3

CLEVELAND — Bartolo Colon won for the first time since Aug. 17 and Einar Diaz homered and drove in three runs in Cleveland's victory over Kansas City.

Colon (14-8) allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings, striking out nine. Mike Jackson pitched a scoreless ninth for his 40th save.

Diaz hit his second homer off Pat Rapp (12-13) in the fourth, and Travis Fryman hit his 28th homer in the eighth.

Jeremy Giambi homered for Kansas City.

Twins 3, Tigers 0

DETROIT — Benj Sampson wants to figure into the Minnesota Twins' pitching plans for next year. The left-hander certainly left a good impression Sunday.

Sampson combined with three relievers for a four-hitter and Denno Hocking homered as the Twins snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 3-0 win over the Detroit Tigers.

The loss in the Tigers' final home game snapped a three-game winning streak. Detroit has not won four straight all season.

Sampson (1-0), recalled Sept. 9 from Triple-A Salt Lake City, made his first big league start after three relief appearances. He allowed just three hits, striking out nine and walking four.

Broncos boot Raiders, 34-17

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Ray Crockett and Neil Rasmussen combined for three interceptions that led to scores Sunday as Denver routs Oakland, 34-17.

The Raiders (12) seemingly had the Broncos (34) on the ropes last week but their penchant for penalties and critical mistakes by Jeff George, who was intercepted twice by Crockett, snuffed out their hopes. John Elway aggravated a hamstring injury and left the game in the second quarter.

Crockett returned his second interception 60 yards for a touchdown with 4:21 remaining to kill the Raiders' comeback attempt.

After replacing Elway, Bobby Brown's first pass was intercepted by Eric Turner and returned 94 yards for a TD. But Brown came back to throw two TD passes for the Broncos.



Chiefs 23, Chargers 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ryan Leaf, hospitalized earlier in the week with flu symptoms, committed five turnovers in his first seven possessions and completed only one of 15 passes for four yards as San Diego was routed by Kansas City.

Leaf, the first rookie quarterback since John Elway in 1983 to start his career, had three fumbles and two interceptions on a rainy and chilly day. All but three of Kansas City's points followed turnovers, but the Chiefs (2-1) had problems of their own on the slippery field and committed a team-record 15 penalties.

On their first three possessions, the Chiefs got field goals of 35, 31 and 33 yards from Pete Styskowski, who became the 25th NFL player to score more than 1,000 points. They went ahead 23-0 early in the second half after the Chargers fumbled on a punt return and then committed a 36-yard pass interference penalty.

Dolphins 21, Steelers 0

MIAMI — Koreell Stewart passed for just 82 yards with three interceptions, including Zach Thomas' 17-yard touchdown return, and Miami's defense outscored Pittsburgh in a 24-0 victory Sunday.

Miami possessed just 219 yards, including 113 by Dan Marino, but a group of young, swarming defenders carried the Dolphins to victory for the second week in a row. Stewart completed just 11 of 35 passes and was intercepted twice by Steve Blundin.

Heavy rain beginning in the third period turned the baseball infield into a mushy quagmire, which compounded the Steelers' offensive woes. Miami improved to 3-0, and Pittsburgh fell to 2-1.

Patriots 27, Oilers 16

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots scored two touchdowns in 18 seconds early in the game.

Terry Glenn scored on a 51-yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss with 4:25 left and Lawyer Miller returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown three plays later.

Ed McCaffrey, who matched his career-high with 11 yards rushing in a loss to San Diego last week, gained 100 yards on 25 carries for the Oilers (1-2).

Vikings 29, Lions 6

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings held Barry Sanders to 12 yards on 13 carries after halftime and forced three turnovers, including two by rookie quarterback Chad Pennington.

Cary Anderson kicked five field goals for the Vikings, whose offense squandered near the end zone with Rashad Cunningham replacing injured Brad Johnson at quarterback.

St. Louis Cardinals threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss in the third quarter and Leroy Hillery scored on an 11-yard run early in the fourth quarter after Bush fumbled deep in his own end. That allowed the Vikings (3-0) to beat

Detroit (0-3) for the first time since 1996.

Rams 34, Bills 33

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Tony Banks, stopped less than a yard short of the end zone on the final play against Minnesota last week, scored on a 29-yard run with 11 seconds left to give St. Louis a victory over Buffalo.

The Bills (3-28), the Rams began the winning drive on their own 20 with 3:57 left. After they moved down the field with a 34-yard turnover by Buffalo and a 14-yard shuffle pass to Amp Lee, Banks ran in for the go-ahead touchdown.

The Rams (1-2) then went for the 2-point conversion, but the failed. St. Louis trailed 28-10 in the third quarter before a pair of turnovers by Buffalo (0-3) allowed the Rams to make a comeback.

Seahawks 24, Redskins 14

SEATTLE — Steve Broussard ran back the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and Seattle improved to 3-0, the Seahawks' best start since 1986.

Ricky Watters had his second straight 100-yard rushing game and Brent Green passed for the Seahawks, who also got Warren Moon's sixth TD pass of the season.

Watters ran 24 times for the Redskins (0-3), who are off to their worst start since 1981.

The Raiders ran 14 times for 146 yards and one touchdown, while Moon was 16-for-33 for 141 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions.

Jaguars 24, Ravens 10

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Fred Taylor, who came off the bench to replace an injured James Stewart, rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown and made nine catches for 85 yards to lead Jacksonville over Baltimore.

Mark Brunell, who struggled through two mediocre games to open the season, threw for 376 yards and two touchdowns as the Jaguars (3-0) improved to 5-0 against the Ravens (1-2).

Jacksonville took a 17-10 lead early in the third quarter, while Brunell hit Jimmy Smith for a 72-yard touchdown.

Cardinals 17, Eagles 3

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona was going nowhere until its defense got serious.

Jake Plummer threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Johnny McWilliams, with 7:19 left in the game, and the Cardinals scored all their points in the fourth quarter of a 17-3 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night.

Adrian Murrell, who gained 145 yards in 22 carries, ran 25 yards for an insurance touchdown with 1:52 left in the third quarter. He led the Cardinals to a scoreless tie in the first three quarters, got the go-ahead touchdown thanks to its defense.

Cubs honor Sosa, lose to Reds; Mets win

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa's home run stroke disappeared for the fourth straight game, and the Chicago Cubs' spot atop the wild-card race vanished as well Sunday as Cincinnati beat Chicago, 7-3.

Not that homers weren't flying out of Wrigley Field, Cincinnati's Best Home had three of them — the final one disputed — as the Reds beat the Cubs, spoiling

National League

"Sammy Sosa Celebration" day. Sosa went 0-for-5 and is now in an 0-for-17 skid that has included six strikeouts.

The Cubs were doubly disappointed — no homers from Sosa after the pregame bash honoring him and a frustrating third strikeout to tie the game that knocked them a game behind the Mets for the wild-card spot with just five games remaining.

Boone hit a solo homer in the fourth, a three-run shot in the fifth, and a controversial two-run drive in the eighth that the Cubs argued was to the foul side of the field's foul pole. Boone now has 23 homers for the season.

Mets 5, Marlins 0

NEW YORK — John Olerud homered and doubled, giving him a team record-tying nine straight hits. The lefty pitched the New York Mets past Florida 5-0 for a one-game lead in the NL wild-card race.

The Mets moved ahead of the Cubs by one full game.

Leter (17-5) won his fifth straight decision and set a career high for victories. He allowed five hits and struck out nine in eight innings.

Olerud went 2-for-2 and walked twice.

He is hitting .354, one point behind Colorado's Larry Walker, and is trying to become the first player this century to win batting titles in both leagues.

Olerud, who hit a two-run homer in the third inning, matched his career record with his ninth straight hit, a record set by Jose Vizcaino in 1996.

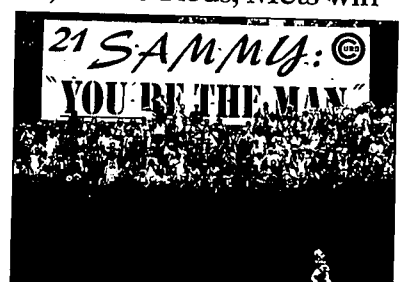
With a walk in the seventh, Olerud reached base for the 14th straight time. He has made only one out in his last 22 plate appearances, excluding a sacrifice fly.

Brian Meadows (10-13) is 0-4 in his last six starts.

Astros 2, Pirates 0

PITTSBURGH — Richard Hidalgo had his second two-homer game against Pittsburgh in three weeks and Shane Reynolds pitched seven shutout innings to lead the Houston Astros over the Pirates.

The win was the 99th of the season for the NL Central champion Astros. Houston needs one win in its final five games for its first 100-win season since beginning play in 1962.



Sammy Sosa takes a victory lap around Wrigley Field during 'Sammy Sosa Day' festivities Sunday afternoon.

Braves 10, Diamondbacks 0

PHOENIX — Bruce Chen pitched seven shutout innings in his third major league start and the Atlanta Braves blanked the Arizona Diamondbacks for the third time in four games.

The 21-year-old left-hander gave up three hits, struck out five and walked two. He also squeezed home a run.

Andres Galarraga continued his history of pounding Johnny Telemaco (6-10), going 2-for-2 with a triple, double and a sacrifice fly against the Arizona starter.

Galarraga is 6-for-13 (.461) with three homers lifetime against Telemaco.

Chen moved into the late-season rotation because the Braves plan to use Kevin Millwood in the bullpen in the playoffs, is 2-0 since being called up from Triple-A Richmond on Sept. 1.

Rockies 1, Padres 0

SAN DIEGO — Darryl Hamilton's RBI single in the 11th inning made a winner of Darryl Kile and gave the Colorado

Rockies a victory over the San Diego Padres

Kile (13-16) allowed just three hits in 10 scoreless innings in an outlasting Kevin Brown just allowed to get the win. Brown allowed four hits in nine shutout innings.

Kile won for the sixth time in his last eight decisions. He struck out seven and walked two. Dave Veres pitched the 11th for his seventh save.

Colorado's Larry Walker, who didn't start because of a sore lower back, hit a one-out double off Randy Myers (1-2). Hamilton singled to center and Steve Finley's throw home was up the third-base line.

Phillies 6, Expos 3

PHILADELPHIA — Paul Byrd pitched 6 1/3 innings and Wendell Alton in the wild-card chase. York Estes Jr. hit a key two-run single as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Montreal Expos.

Byrd (5-2) tied a season high with seven strikeouts in his third straight win. He retired the first 10 Montreal batters and gave up five hits.

Gee's single off Dustin Hermanson on July 11, put the Phillies ahead 3-2 in the sixth.

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OTHER VIEWS

Never mind dams - rescue the salmon from killer trees

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune Remember Ronald Reagan's killer trees? They're baack. This time around, though, the evil trees aren't poisoning the air we breathe. They're poisoning the water in which fish swim.

At least, they are if you listen to Bryan Ravenscroft, Ravenscroft, who manages his family's treated-wood post business at Tuttle, told members of the Idaho Land Board last week that poisons leaching from tree roots is the prime culprit behind the decline of the state's salmon runs. The roots, you see, make for a "very toxic tea," he said.

"At the lowest levels, it makes the fish anorexic; they stop eating," Ravenscroft said of findings from his own research on the matter. At higher levels, "they start hemorrhaging."

The cure for these maladies, and Idaho's disappearing salmon and steelhead runs, Ravenscroft said, is more logging.

Ravenscroft, who Betsy Z. Russell of The Spokesman-Review reports made a lengthy presentation to the land board, said he had taken his findings to the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Division of Environmental Quality.

"They simply had never heard of this problem," he said.

The same goes for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which

foolishly assumed healthy runs of salmon and steelhead into the 1960s were not hurt by all those forests lining the rivers and streams in which the fish spawned and to which they returned.

You know about the Idaho Land Board, but most of its members probably assumed the same thing when they quickly referred Ravenscroft's report to state scientists.

Leave it to state school Superintendent Anne Fox, however, to want to pursue Ravenscroft's theory.

"This seems very significant," Fox said. "... Do we have any research money?"

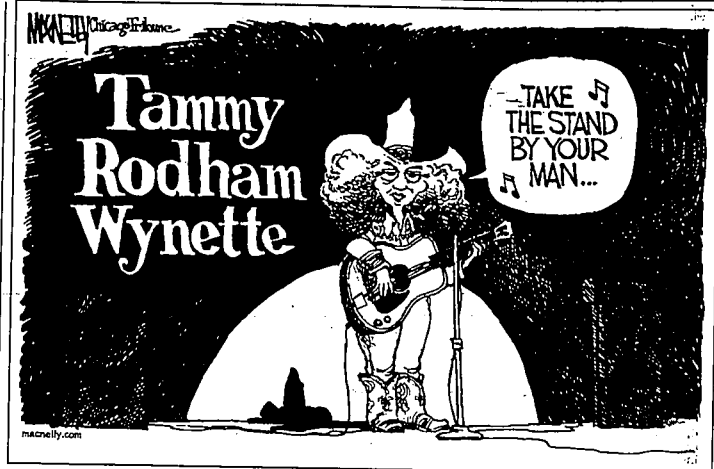
And why not pour money into killer

Leave it to state school Superintendent Anne Fox to take 'killer tree' theory seriously.

tree research? Fox, after all, is the superintendent who wanted high school biology classes to "balance" the teaching of evolution with so-called "creation science."

Creation science has nothing to do with science and a lot to do with religious doctrine. It is, in other words, a matter of faith. As a land board member, Fox has demonstrated more than religion. She believes that logging, like grazing, is a good thing, and probably thinks anything that might back that up is worth looking into, no matter how ridiculous sounding.

So laugh if you like, Idaho scoffers. The trees are leaching. And whatever they can do to salmon and steelhead, they can probably do to you.



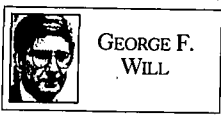
Illinois candidate bucks trend, keeps his word

CHICAGO - If Glenn Poshard seems to be rowing toward his goal with muffled oars, he can argue that this is one reason why he should reach his goal. His goal is to be the first Democrat elected governor of Illinois since 1974. If, as he expects, he is outspent by a ratio of 3-to-1 (say, \$15 million to \$5 million), he will in part be because he offends a faction of his party that deserves to be defended, and partly because his Republican opponent is raising and spending money in ways that suggest that Illinois Republicans have been in power a tad too long.

Poshard, a former schoolteacher, is a five-term congressman who won in 1996 with 67 percent of the vote. However, 10 years ago he promised to serve just five terms and today is scandalizing the political class by keeping his promise. He is from a species more endangered and more valuable than the snail darter: He is a (more or less) conservative Southern Democrat.

(Although Illinois' northern edge is farther north than Cape Cod, the southern tip is farther south than Richmond. Poshard's district, covering the southeast portion of the state, was originally settled largely by farmers trekking west through Kentucky, as Thomas Lincoln did. The region has been Democratic since Andrew Jackson.)

Poshard opposes abortion, gun control, the gay rights agenda and Clean Air Act provisions that have devastated coal mining in his district. (He favored mandating scrubbers to make Southern Illinois' high-sulfur coal safe to burn.) He supported the 1996 welfare reform and supports a balanced-budget constitutional amendment. Hence he is having a hard time prying open the purses of "backfront liberals," the affluent check-writers



on Chicago's Gold Coast who provide much of the money for the sort of Democratic candidates who produce a Republican ascendancy.

His opponent, Secretary of State George Ryan from Kankakee, also is a conservative, of sorts. He was state chair of Phil Crane's 1996 presidential campaign. He is right-to-life, helped defeat the Equal Rights Amendment and promises not to raise taxes, "though the heavens fall. However, the venerable congressman Henry Hyde is chairing Conservatives for George Ryan to assume office. Ryan's gay rights conviction that Cook County's gay rights ordinance is insufficiently liberal. It forbids persons who rent four or more units in an owner-occupied building from discriminating on the basis of sexual preference. Ryan wants to apply this to people who rent even one unit, as many people do in the ethnic "bungalow belt" around this city. Ryan is running the sort of ads Democrats usually run against Republicans, calling Poshard "extreme." Jack Roser, a conservative former gubernatorial candidate and a friend of Ryan, says of Ryan, "An alien from another planet has occupied his body."

As secretary of state, Ryan has appeared in \$1.3 million worth of taxpayer-paid advertising for an organ donor program, and public safety ads for the Illinois Sheriff's Association. He recently spent \$143,000 of public money mailing

to senior citizens 500,000 refrigerator magnets inscribed with a senior citizens hotline telephone number, and the name of the secretary of state. In the last five years he has raised \$800,000 from car- and truck dealers he regulates.

Poshard opposes a third Chicago airport in the south suburbs, so Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. is unhappy with him.

Poshard opposes gambling, so Ryan has received (according to Crane's Chicago Business) 10 percent of his money from gambling interests. Some conservative Democrats are mad at Poshard because he would like Ryan, oppose a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning. Poshard joined the Army at 17, had a cousin whose name is on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, and his district has more veterans than any other district in the state. (Kids enlist after high school, now that the Clean Air Act has, he says, closed 80 percent of the mines.) But he believes flag burning is not sufficiently epidemic to justify fiddling with the First Amendment.

Poshard's social conservatism is alloyed with a populism (William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, just outside the current boundaries of Poshard's district) that makes him a fervid supporter of organizing a new tax that is mandatory in the region where John L. Lewis began his rise to the top of the United Mine Workers and where juries acquitted those who murdered 23 slaves in 1922.

Poshard, some of whose constituents live closer to Jackson, Miss., than to Jackson Boulevard in Chicago, is testing liberal Democrats' belief in "diversity." They seem determined to demonstrate, redundantly, that they believe in diversity in everything other than ideas.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Boise River clean-up requires cooperation among farmers

From the Idaho Statesman (Boise) There is never going to be a better time to clean up the Boise River. Farmers targeted in the latest cleanup effort can't afford to balk now, despite the growing crisis in farm prices. Delay can only increase the costs of limiting erosion and runoff in the Boise River.

Worse, delay ensures that the heavy hand of the federal government will write any clean-up plans that Idaho doesn't. This is a chance to prove that Idaho can protect its rivers and streams through voluntary initiatives that reflect local values and concerns.

Lessons learned here will be useful as Idaho tackles some 700 other stream segments around the state in violation of clean water standards. A plan proposed by the Division of Environmental Quality would cut silt allowed in the Boise River by 36 percent below Middleton. It also proposes a 90 percent cut in bacteria levels.

Why? Because the Boise River - relatively clear and clean as it begins its run through Boise - is a murky mess by the time it dumps into the Snake River downstream.

Pollution enters the river from farm fields and sewage treatment plants. Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen cause fish-choking algae to grow and silt covers fish spawning grounds. Bacteria levels have been measured high enough to make swimmers sick.

Many of the obvious pollution sources are long gone. It's been decades since slaughterhouses, rusting auto bodies and open sewers along the banks poured all kinds of nasty stuff into the river.

Controlling agricultural runoff is as easy as just plugging up an offending pipeline. It comes from many sources and control comes with a cost. But farmers have advantages others don't. Unlike cities, factories, feedlots and dairies, farmers' cleanup efforts are voluntary under state law. Farmers also have federal cost-sharing programs and other incentives to ease their burden.

To their credit, many farmers have already changed the way they do business. They are setting the right example, proving to other farmers that voluntary efforts can pay off in many ways. Reducing silt not only helps the river, it also keeps irrigation pipes and ditches unclogged. Farmers certainly aren't the only ones responsible for keeping the Boise River clean. Cities, factories and homeowners also must continue to do their part - and pay their fair share.

Farmers worried about their costs must remember that city residents may soon be paying higher sewer rates to keep the river safe for people, fish and wildlife. An all-out cooperative effort will show federal regulators Idaho has the desire and know-how to keep its waters clean.

This is a chance to prove that Idaho can protect its rivers and streams through voluntary initiatives that reflect local values.

Budget surplus solution: Return to sender

Even in his politically weakened state, President Clinton can still muster the energy to do battle over one of his favorite causes: opposition to tax cuts.

The federal government's budget surplus over the next 10 years will come to \$1.4 trillion. Congress wants to devote \$80 billion of that, a mere 5 percent, to tax cuts.

But Clinton has put his foot down: No tax cuts now, no tax cuts tomorrow, no tax cuts forever. "It's an election year and it's a popular," the president says of a tax cut. "But it isn't right."

That's strong language, as is the president's warning to Congress not to send him legislation that "squanders the surplus on tax cuts." There we have it. Giving taxpayers their own money back is squandering it.

The president says he opposes tax cuts because he wants to use the whole budget surplus to "save Social Security first."

But if that's the case, why has he proposed tapping the surplus to pay for farm aid, the year 2000 computer problem and an extension of the Bosnia mission? It appears as if the president

wants to save Social Security second. The American people deserve a tax cut. The federal surplus comes from high federal taxes, which now consume 21 percent of the national economy, a peacetime record.

But Americans also deserve a Social Security system that will provide them with enough income to enjoy a secure retirement.

The good news is that the budget surplus now so large Congress has refused to both cut taxes and begin meaningful Social Security reform.

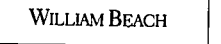
On Social Security, the answer clearly is privatization - allowing Americans to invest some of their payroll taxes. The argument that recent stock-market fluctuations make personal investing less desirable is nonsense.

The average annual return for stocks over the long term, including the market crashes of 1929 and 1987, is 7 percent. That's well above the meager returns from Social Security, which average 2 percent.

On tax cuts, I hardly know where to begin. Here is just a few worthwhile tax cuts Congress could pursue:

- Repealing the marriage penalty. Right now, the tax code forces many married couples to pay higher income taxes than if they had remained single. Repealing this quirk would save a typical couple \$1,200 a year.
- Cutting the capital gains tax. Profits on capital gains are really taxes on saving and investing. These are healthy economic activities that Washington should encourage, not punish.
- Repealing the estate tax. Also known as the "death" tax, the estate tax robs parents of the right to pass on, to their children the money they've saved over a lifetime.
- Expanding the Education Savings Accounts. These allow parents to save money tax free, up to \$500 per child as long as the money is used for education.
- Repealing the unemployment insurance surcharge. If the closest thing to immortality in Washington is a "temporary" government program, the nearest closest thing is a temporary tax.

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AS A SMALL-SHARED CAPITAL CONTINUES TO DEBATE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER TO INVEST IN A DODGILY AND PRECARIOUS PRESIDENT...

By Garry Trudeau

SOME OF HIS MOST VOCAL CRITICS, LONG TIME FOX BROTHERS AND NEWS ANCHORS, METH, HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE SPERMAL UNDERSTOCK.

IT'S CALLED THE GLASS HOUSES SYNDROME, A DODGILY TOY OF THE NEWSROOM'S GOOD FIDELITY TO THE NEWS SHIFTER.

Mallard Fillmore

LOOK, MURRAY, I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE AN "INAPPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP" JUST TO BOOBY MY FULL NUMBERS!

WHAT ABOUT MY MILITARY SERVICE IN VIETNAM?

WE NEED SOMEONE TO MAKE CAL MOSES LISTEN TO CLINTON VOTERS, AL!

BEST PUT THE BEST SPIN ON IT WE CAN, AL.

By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Keep smut out of paper

I am writing you wondering who determines what articles and stories are run in your newspaper. I was thoroughly disgusted with their choice to run your article on the Starr Report. It is amazing to me that the national news services, after reviewing the report, expressed their abhorrence to the kinds of actions done by the president and that it was described in such detail. As soon as possible, they chose other words and tried to spare us the grossness.

"Much to my amazement, I opened Sunday's paper (Sept. 13) and the Times-News had chosen the worst of the worst to put in my house. At least when I go to a convenience store or a gas station, I have the choice of my children being themselves being affected by pornography because they had enough courtesy to place it behind the counters or cover it up.

"It's bad enough to not want my children to watch the news report on TV because of what they will need to be explained to them. Then, in your infinite stupidity, you send it to my house without my permission.

"If anyone wanted to read these things, all they have to do is go to any public library and get on the Internet. This is not a freedom of the press issue; it is an issue of poor judgment. Haven't we had enough of that in our country lately?"

DAVID M. RINGLE
Burley

There's no room for hogs

Our good old Salmon Tract has become the dumping grounds for Twin Falls County. Of course, the garbage dump (sanitary landfill for a moment) for the city of Twin Falls is in our back yard. Unrestricted subdivisions and unrestricted building and cluttering have become commonplace. A 6,000-cow dairy is being built and pig farms that can't comply with the zoning in their own states are being considered. We even got dumped on by our neighbors who live in our flood plain.

"South Blue Lakes has become a disaster area with a never-ending stream of gravel and garbage that the zoning commission approved a dump ground with truck-trailer rigs turning in a no-passing zone.

"When government employees checked our well this last summer, I asked where the well comes from and how long it will last. They have no positive answer. Yet another large hog operation could soon be in our back yard consuming large amounts of water with the possibility of contaminating what is left for us. Give us a break!

DWIGHT SHAW
Twin Falls

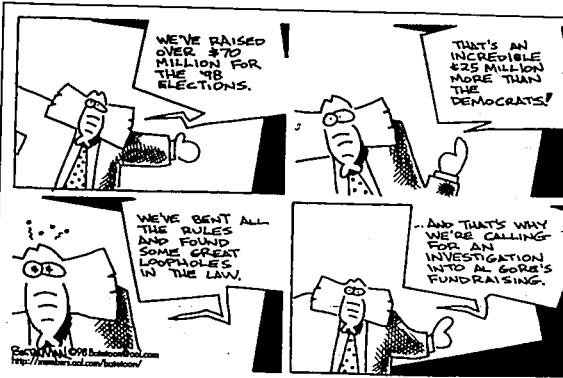
Eden man took 1st flight

Last week, *The Times-News* printed an article about a Hansen man who was the first to fly on the new Twin Falls-based Life Flight.

Just to set the record straight, the man is from Eden. He fell from the top of a hay truck knicked to the limit with truck, some between 15 and 20 feet, and landed on his head on the trailer hitch. The fall itself happened in Murthug.

Magic Valley Paramedics were the first on scene after a call by a co-worker named Russ. The paramedics used all the skills and professional intuition anyone could ask for. They in turn called out Life Flight and met them in Eden. He was flown to St. Al's in Boise and is now down to the road to recovery.

I tell this story for two reasons. First, to give thanks to Russ for calling 911, SIRC/COMM for acting so quickly, but mostly to the paramedic and Life Flight crews. The way you did your jobs leaves me in awe. You used every bit of training and experience you have



on this call. Thanks to you, my big brother will live to see his nieces, nephews, children and grand children again.

The second reason for this letter is to urge people to support the emergency medical services in your area. Many of these people are volunteers. We also need to support Life Flight. Life Flight is in Twin Falls on a six-month probationary period. We need to keep them here. It is a proven fact that quick response saves lives. If we would have had to wait for Life Flight to come out of Boise, my brother would not have survived. Thank you again.
SOPHIE FRUETT
Bliss

United Way leads the way

My name is Maj. Ed Patterson. My wife and I have just been appointed to Twin Falls by The Salvation Army.

In the four to five weeks we have been here, we have found the people very friendly, helpful and giving of themselves. While getting to know the operation of The Salvation Army, we have found the United Way to be very helpful in sharing many facts about this agency's relations to them and the community. This agency has produced a real feeling of "family" and cooperation.

Because of the funds that have come through the United Way by the public, we have been able to help 20,800 through feeding programs, showers, food pantry, after-school drop-in centers, day-camp programs and camping programs. Again, let me express to you how great it is to be with the fine folks of this area and the agencies that help to make this community a better place to live.

May God bless and keep you and yours.
MAJ. EDDIE D. PATTERSON
Communications Officer
The Salvation Army
Twin Falls

Thanks for helping kids

Praise to *The Times-News* for "Protecting the children," the lead article in the paper's Sunday, Sept. 13, issue. In one article, you may well have accomplished what dozens of others working in the field of child abuse would not have been able to accomplish in a year - thousands, tens of thousands, in communities throughout the Magic Valley were made unaware of this growing problem.

Many communities are responding to this growing problem. A recent polling of communities conducted by United Way of Magic Valley identified programming dedicated to the treatment of child-abuse victims as a high priority. The Twin Falls Child Protective Team has been selected as a participating agency with the United Way to provide

that service. Those participating in the United Way campaign can proudly say they are helping to support the only program in south-central Idaho dedicated exclusively to the treatment of abuse victims.

The problem of abuse and neglect is chronic and pervasive. It is happening in Fairfield. Efforts to prevent abuse and then treat the victims will hopefully be strengthened by your article. Hopefully, it will deepen the resolve to believe we cannot gamble on the future of our communities by ignoring the struggles of abuse victims today.
MARK D. ANNAS
Vice President
Grants Administrator
Child Protective Team
Twin Falls

President is doing fine

You and your cohorts are finally getting the job done! What I mean by cohorts are the many, many newspaper editors (yours included), the talk-show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, Michael Reagan, Bob Novak, the countless Washington lawyers out to make a name for themselves on the many so-called public information shows by showing their equality of opinion on the many outrageous legal ramifications of this case.

These so-called non-partisan shows are actually financed by the huge corporate industries who virtually control our media both national and worldwide. Check the many mergers and buy-outs in the past few months with the banks and the media heading the list. They control the purse strings of many shows and many columnists, not to mention the huge news-gathering corporations such as CNN, CBS, NBC, ABC. Their influence is tremendous and generally unseen by the viewing public.

These power groups control not only the media but a great share of the lawmakers on both the local and national scene. This control is most generally accomplished by donated money helped along generously by the many lobbyists in the nation's capital. Money can do a great many things. These lobbyists have a great control over laws passed and the people appointed to oversee the operations of these many regulated industries.

The president has been the target of many of these groups. There has been a continual battle with them and the administration, with the president generally

holding his ground. With the appointment of Starr as prosecutor, there has not been a stone unturned or a suspicion not run down at the government's expense. Just to find some illegal act of the president or his most wanted helpers. They have alleged many things such as lying under oath, obstructing justice, urging others to lie for him, just to mention a few. None have been proven, yet all of the above have virtually got him impeached and out of town by the biased media and their equally biased supporters.

I for one, believe him to be one of our finest presidents, and you can put me in the 70 percent of the population who believes the same.
PHILIP R. BARE
Declo

Crump knows his steak

Some time ago, Steve Crump wrote an article about the best chicken-fried steaks in Idaho being at the Eagle's Nest in Dietrich. Well, on Sept. 13 we went for a little drive with my 98-year-old mother and 89-year-old father-in-law to check it out.

It wasn't a very impressive place from the outside, and a Steve Crump recommendation is not one you would normally take too seriously, but we really did enjoy our dinner. The table was set with an old-fashioned tablecloth with plenty of room for the four of us, one in a wheelchair. The dinner was served with tasty salad and bean soup, garden salad, choice of potatoes, homemade rolls, fresh-made peach jam and apple jelly and applause, and topped off with delicious bread pudding for desert.

The chicken-fried steaks came in three sizes, small, medium and large. Being forewarned, we all ordered a half order of the small and ended up taking much of it home. The waitress told me the large size would not fit on the plate. What's more, the prices are very reasonable. The menu is on the wall.

I spoke with Mrs. Gaskell, who, with her husband, opened the Eagle's Nest after they retired some years ago, "just for something to do." She is a very pleasant lady who really knows how to cook and please her customers. It was definitely worth the drive!

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Gaskell, for a memorable experience, and I hope you keep and post this letter for your customers.
JOHN AND COLLEEN
THEBERT
Twin Falls

No apologies needed - just stop lying, period

JOANNE JACOBS

I'm past the sex now. I'm not disgusted, shocked, angered, saddened. Just resigned, OK, it happened.

The president of the United States conducted a tawdry affair with a 21-year-old intern in and near the Oval Office, showing the maturity of a 14-year-old, the judgment of a 2-year-old.

Various sexual acts occurred, the details of which I do not wish to think about.

I can get past the fact that Bill Clinton is reckless, stupid and sleazy about sex, because it's in the past. He's not relating improperly anymore with Monica Lewinsky.

I can't get past the lying. Not while he's still lying. Not through his lawyers, Clinton continues to assert that he didn't lie under oath when he said he'd never had sexual relations with any specific girls, or when he told the grand jury he'd told the truth in his deposition. He says he didn't violate the oath, which is to "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

That's not lying about sex. It's lying about lying. It's not to protect his wife and family from unpleasant truths, the sort of acceptable lying that adulterers do, almost never under oath. It's to protect himself from perjurious charges.

I have spent many hours in the last several days discussing this with colleagues. I tell them I'm for Clinton, not impeachment, even though it means condoning perjury. "It's not condoning perjury," colleagues keep assuring me.

Yes, it is. It's saying that perjury isn't bad enough to warrant impeachment when it's to cover up a sexual affair, and besides Lewinsky was willing. Linda Tripp was a bad friend, the Supreme Court was wrong in letting Paula Jones' sex harassment suit go forward and Ken Starr is overzealous. I call that "condoning perjury," even if my colleagues don't. And I'm ready to do it.

But I can't see how we're going to "move on" with Clinton still wesseling about legal accuracy. Nobody - friend or foe - believes him, and that directly affects his ability to be president.

If Clinton can redefine words to mean whatever he says they mean, ex post facto, then he can't cut political deals to move his agenda through Congress. His word is not his bond. It's his gambit about what we won't stand for in Kosovo, nerve gas in Sudan or the war in Iraq. We're going to preach "responsibility" to teenagers, fathers, welfare mothers, etc., he's making the world synonymous with hypocrisy.

In a Washington Post column, Sissela Bok wrote about "the corrosive and cumulative effects" of lies, not only on the liar's credibility.

ity but on the general sense of trust. Trust is "a fragile good, necessary to human cooperation and effective government, yet as vulnerable as our natural environment to being cumulatively polluted," wrote Bok, author of "Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life."

"When public officials understate trust, 'this cuts at the roots of democracy,'" Bok argued. President Clinton's "that woman" speech "invoked a delicate bond of trust, saying, 'I want to say to you something. The American people. I want you to listen to me.'"

Then he betrayed that trust. Clinton defenders assert that "everybody does it." Everybody commits adultery. Everybody lies. Especially, all politicians are liars. The implications are: So it doesn't matter. So accept it and move on.

Clinton keeps saying he's acknowledged doing "wrong," but that's just about the sex. He hasn't faced up to the wrong he did to the law, or to his own credibility.

His latest ploy is the public announcement that he's going to receive a weekly shot of spiritual counseling by a tag team of ministers specializing in redemption. They hope to "spiritually strengthen him against yielding to the temptations that have conquered him in the past," as the Rev. Tony Campolo, a pastor and sociology professor, put it.

But it's not language that our semantically creative president needs help with. He can "talk the language of repentance" already. The problem is that his words are meaningless.

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Frank plays role in Clinton case

Sex scandal survivor seeks fairness for Clinton in proceedings



Barney Frank
Massachusetts representative

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a sex scandal with details so embarrassing that more than a few wondered if the Democrat, despite his popularity and intellect, could survive.

Members of Congress, seething about outrageous behavior, debated what punishment to mete out. The offender was repentant and apologetic. President Clinton? No, Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the no. 2 Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

Now, Frank, one of two openly gay members in the House and the brother of White House Communications Director Ann Lewis, is playing a key role in defending Clinton's right to fair proceedings as the committee considers the case for possible impeachment.

interview. But he added that when you're being hit with many accusations, it's important to quickly admit what you did — and did not — do. Otherwise, all the charges tend to blur together.

"I did that right up front. I said, 'This is true, and this is true,'" said Frank, who saved his congressional seat, in part, by answering constituents' questions about the scandal at public meetings.

"I think the president would be in a better situation if he'd done that," he said. "I do understand his trouble now that he is disentangling the true versus the untrue. — He made the mistake of denying it all."

Frank's case was the last time the House attempted to censure a member for bad behavior. It was 1990, and he ended up being reprimanded, a lesser punishment, for improperly using his congressional office to aid an acquaintance, male prostitute Stephen L. Golib.

Is Frank more sympathetic to Clinton's embarrassment and pligh, considering what he went through?
"I don't know," he said in an

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Child abuse shocks neighbors, prosecutors

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (AP) — The neighbors remember them well, a huge family with 14 children from infants to a 17-year-old, all dirty and unkempt, apparently malnourished, but hard-working.

"They were always pushing wagons filled with corn," recalled Carlos Miranda, who lived down the street.

The story of Marco Barrera and the two sisters with whom he fathered 14 children is a grotesque tableau of child abuse that has left neighbors and even a seasoned prosecutor shocked.

The prosecutor asked why.
"Because he didn't talk. He couldn't move his arms. He was in a coma. He was in that state for two months," Jose said.

Speaking through an interpreter, Jose recalled the day, probably last September, when his little sister died. Lupita had awakened and Barrera discovered she'd wet the bed.

"He really hit her bad," Jose said, speaking so softly that the judge asked him to stop whispering. "He struck her with a belt and also kicked her — in the stomach."

"It's the worst case of child abuse I've seen in my 14 years as a prosecutor," said Deputy District Attorney David Mann.

On Thursday, Barrera, 35; his wife, Petra Barrera Ricardo, 35; and her sister, Guana Barrera, 28, were arraigned on charges of murder with special circumstances of torture in the deaths of two of Petra Barrera's children. Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty.

"I deny all the charges," Petra Barrera said. "I deny everything."

He said his father then ordered Guana Barrera and one of the older daughters to bathe the baby in icy cold water. "Was Lupita crying?" the prosecutor asked.

"Yes," Jose said. "He went into the bathroom and hit her to stop her from crying." Then "he threw her into the tub."

After she was removed from the tub, Jose said, "My father saw her come out of the bathroom and he picked her up and threw her — threw her against the wall and she injured her face."

All three defendants pleaded innocent.

"Our focus is on the torture aspects of this situation," Marco Barrera's lawyer, Deputy Public Defender Arthur Brudnick, said outside court. "I don't think there was torture by my client. He is not a torture-murderer person."

Soon, he said, she lapsed into unconsciousness. Guana Barrera suggested taking her to a hospital, but the father refused and instead took the limp child to the home of his wife, Petra. There she is believed to have died several hours later.

Jose said his father bought a pick, a shovel and some sulfuric acid and took the baby to the mountains of the Angeles National Forest. There he poured acid over the child's body and buried her. Accompanying family members were told to dress in black to avoid detection, Jose said.

But one of Barrera's sons, 13-year-old Jose, described a virtual reign of terror by the father. Barrera focused his abuse on two of his youngest — a 2-year-old girl, Guadalupe, known as Lupita, and a 5-year-old boy, Ernesto — and buried both their beaten bodies in a nearby forest.

According to court documents, the entire family entered the country illegally within the last two years. The sisters did not get along and lived in different houses, with the bulk of the family occupying the converted garage with Guana. Petra lived nearby with Marco and three of their sons, including Jose and his twin brother.

At home, the abuse of Ernesto continued for months; he died a week after being kicked in the head, Jose said.

The boy's body lay in the communal bedroom overnight, Jose said, and then "we took him over to my mother's. ... My mother began to cry, asking what had happened to the child and my father said that he had had a heart attack."

According to Jose, all of the children were beaten if they sold too few ears of the corn Barrera bought from local suppliers. But most of Barrera's fury was aimed at Ernesto and Lupita.

The girl had no diapers and would wet her bed. The boy could neither walk nor speak properly because of multiple beatings and fractured bones, Jose said.

"What would your father do when Lupita would wet her pants?" the prosecutor asked Jose.

Eleven weeks of investigation passed before authorities found a birth certificate in Tijuana for a missing Barrera child — Lupita. The other children were questioned, and Jose took them to his sister's small grave, about five miles from that of Ernesto.

The two women were charged as accessories. After Jose testified, the charges were upgraded to murder with special circumstances.

He beat Ernesto because "he thought that he may have been a son of some other person because — he looked more American and didn't speak right."

Eventually, he said, Ernesto had to be hand-fed by his brothers and sisters.

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Are those mud flaps on that Batmobile?

One evening my wife mentioned, casually, that she had been talking to the son of one of her best friends, a little boy named Alexander, about his upcoming fourth birthday.

"Alexander says he's having a Batman party," my wife said.

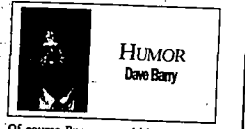
"Hm," I said.

"So I told him that maybe Batman would come to the party," my wife said.

"Hm," I said.

My wife said nothing then. She just looked at me. Suddenly, I knew who was going to be Batman.

I was not totally opposed. In my youth I read many Batman comics, and it seemed to me that he had a pretty neat life, disguised as wealthy playboy Bruce Wayne, waiting for the police commissioner of Gotham City to shine the Bat Signal onto the clouds (it was always a cloudy night when the commissioner needed Batman). Then Bruce would change instantly into the Batmobile to do battle with the Forces of Evil or attend a birthday party.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Of course Bruce owned his own Batman costume. I had to rent mine. It consisted of numerous black rubber pieces, similar to automobile floor mats, with strings so you could tie them to your body. One piece was shaped like rippling chest muscles, so you could transform yourself, like magic, from a flabby weakling into a flabby weakling wearing an automobile floor mat.

To take me a lot longer than one comic panel to get into this costume, but, finally I was ready to speak the words that strike fear into the hearts of criminals everywhere: "Michelle, could you tie my G-Batman costume is this triangular floor mat piece that protects the Bat Region. It's very difficult to attach this piece to yourself — without hook up with him."

At last I was ready. In full Bat regalia, I stepped out of the house, and — as crazy as this may sound — for the first time I truly understood, as only a crusader for justice can understand — that I did not wear (the heavy black rubber outfit) in South Florida in August. Staggering through the armpit-piercing sunshine and 384 percent humidity, I made it to the automobile, which was disguised as a wealthy man's Bentley.

When we got to Alexander's house, in accordance with our Bat Plan, I remained outside in the Batmobile while Michelle went to get the party. Michelle was going on. We had bought Alexander a walkie-talkie set; Michelle gave Alexander one unit and told him to use it to call Batman. These Batman walkie-talkies contain actual transmitters, so when Alexander called me, I was able to hear, on the other end, clear as a bell, a random bunch of static.

Interpreting this as the Bat Signal, I pulled the car to a halt over my head, thus rendering myself legless. Michelle drove the Toyota Bumble into the backyard.

The effect on the party guests, as you would expect, was electrifying. The adults were all excited, and some of them almost wet themselves. The younger guests were stunned into silence, except for Matthew, age 1, who ran, crying, to his mother and probably did wet himself.

Batmobile, flung the door open, and in one fluid, many motion, sprang out of the seat, then got retracted violently back into the seat, because I had forgotten to unfasten my seat belt. Eventually I was able to disentangle my cape and stride in a manly, rubberized way over to the birthday boy.

"Happy birthday, Alexander!" I said, using a deep Bat Voice. After that the conversation lagged, because, let's be honest, what are you going to talk to Batman about?

Finally the cake arrived, and everybody sang "Happy Birthday," and I announced that I had to go to fight crime. Striding back to the Batmobile, I opened the door, turned dramatically toward the youngsters and said, quote, "Bueepbueepbueepbueep."

Actually, it was the Batmobile that said this, because I had forgotten to deactivate the Bat Alarm. I climbed into the front seat, slammed the door with several inches of cape sticking out the bottom, and backed manfully and blindly into the street.

The next day, Alexander's mom reported that the first thing he did when he woke up was turn on his walkie-talkie and call Batman. He said he could hear Batman, but Batman didn't hear him because he was Batsy fighting evil! Superheroes named Pilsun Ivy and Mr. Freeze. This was most kape. Batman was actually battling Heart Beat. So he will be out of action for a while. The car is somewhere from this house, but I have not made it yet. I have made this very clear to Michelle — will definitely be Cat Woman.

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PREGNANT AND FIT

More moms-to-be are working out, but doctors urge moderation

By Rachel Dorsey
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Rebecca Sandison is in training for one of the greatest physical challenges she will ever face: She's pregnant.

Sandison, a ballet teacher, gymnastics coach and mother of two, says that part of her training for this physically exhausting experience has been a regular exercise routine.

A member of Curves for Women, a Twin Falls women's workout center that uses hydraulic resistance equipment, Sandison feels good now and, she hopes, will do better during labor.

"If I wasn't exercising I wouldn't (have energy)," Sandison said. "At the beginning of the pregnancy, I hardly had any energy at all. After the first trimester, if I didn't exercise I would have felt awful."

Will it make a difference when the baby is born? That's a controversial subject in the medical community.

Dr. Donald Smith, a Twin Falls gynecologist, said it makes sense that if a woman is fit and healthy, she'll have an easier pregnancy.

But, he points out, that's still speculative.

In "Contemporary OB/GYN," a medical journal, Dr. Leon Speroff writes that although it's natural to believe that exercise during pregnancy is beneficial, doctors must be more critical.

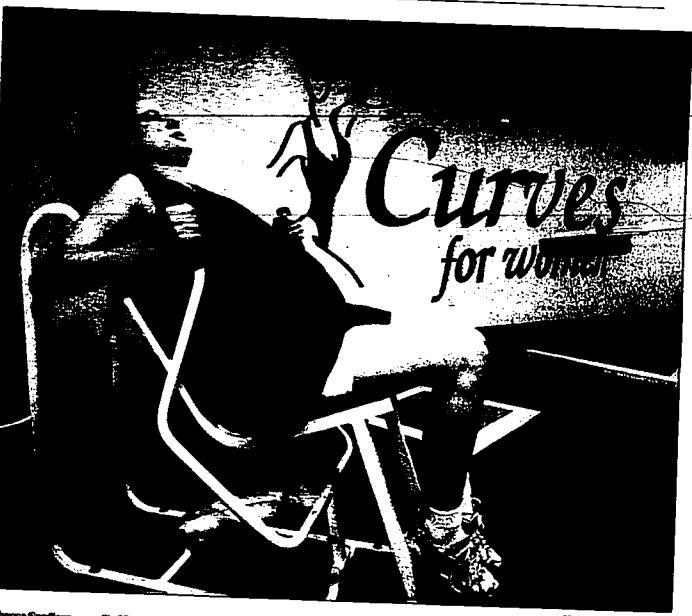
But Speroff did mention many theoretical benefits of exercise for expectant moms.

"Many proposed-but-not-proven benefits of exercise for the pregnant women have been suggested," he said. "These include shorter labor, fewer complications during pregnancy, faster recovery from labor and delivery, prevention of varicose veins, thrombosis, leg cramps, and improved mental outlook."

But whatever the benefits of exercising, Smith said there are certain things that pregnant women should avoid.

"People who are normally fit and exercise, it is good to continue," Smith said. "If you're doing it (before you

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Rebecca Sandison consulted her doctor when she became pregnant with her third child about continuing her workout routine. She exercises several times a week and is careful not to let her heart rate get too high.

Link between obesity, pregnancy proves a weighty problem

Los Angeles Times

It's a common complaint voiced at gyms, in doctors' offices, at weight loss centers — whenever women concentrate their weight.

"I was thin until I had my baby," Americans' battle with obesity has long been recognized as a major health problem. Now, in an effort to better understand the problem, researchers are looking at weight gain over a woman's life cycle, with particular attention paid to pregnancy.

"We're all getting fatter, but at every

point along the curve, women are fatter than men," says Jennifer Lovejoy, chief of the Women's Health Research Program at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Louisiana State University. From age 25 to 34, she notes, men have a 29 percent chance of gaining 22 pounds. For women the risk is double — about 54 percent.

Why the difference? There are no clear-cut answers. But researchers like Lovejoy, a physiological psychologist, are pointing a finger at pregnancy as one possible reason.

"I was doing metabolic studies on

women, and I was hearing from about half of these women — who were mid-aged and obese — that they became obese after their first pregnancy," she said.

Until recently, few studies had been done on pregnancy weight gain and its effects on both maternal and infant health. But Lovejoy's research along with other studies could precipitate a shift in thinking on how a pregnant woman puts on weight.

Long-term obesity in women has

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Study: Removal of a child's tonsils can result in better grades

Knight-Ridder News Service

If your child's at the bottom of the class, the reason may be in his throat.

A new study published in the journal Pediatrics found that removing a child's tonsils and adenoids can lead to better grades, presumably because the surgery allows for a better night's sleep. Enlarged tonsils and adenoids can lead to a con-

dition called sleep apnea, in which breathing stops for short periods during sleep.

Children in the study, who had been in the bottom 10 percent of their class and also had been diagnosed with sleep apnea, raised their grades from C-plus to B minus in the year after their surgery, said Donald Gozal, a professor of pediatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine who conducted the

research.

"Obviously, sleep apnea is not good for learning," said Gozal, who runs Tulane's Comprehensive Sleep Disorder Center and has been studying sleep problems for 15 years. He did the study because he noticed that children with sleep disorders often had poor grades in school.

He screened about 300 Louisiana first-graders, who

were doing poorly in school, for breathing problems closely associated with obstructive sleep apnea. To begin breathing again, a person with apnea must rouse from sleep. This disrupts normal sleep patterns.

Open levels in the blood also decrease during apnea.

Apnea can cause drowsiness, which, in children, can manifest itself as crankiness and inattentiveness. It has been

associated with difficulty concentrating and behavior problems in children, Gozal said. He believes some children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder may actually have obstructive sleep apnea.

Fifty-four of the children in the study — more than one-sixth — were found to have signs

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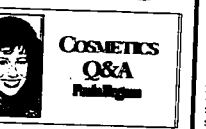
Use cotton to remove eye makeup without tugging

DEAR PAULA: I have a fantastic tip for your readers. I know that you do not advocate eye makeup removers because tugging at the eye area causes wrinkles, and I completely agree. I don't wear eye makeup because of this. I use an eyeliner brush and eye shadow to line my eyes; it works great! However, I have yet to find a water-soluble cleanser that will remove my eye makeup completely. I've tried many of them to no avail.

So now I saturate a large cotton pad with eye makeup remover, close my eyes, very gently place it against my eyebrows and eyes, and hold it there for a few seconds. This way I'm not tugging or pulling; rather, I'm loosening my eye makeup. Then I follow with my water-soluble cleanser, and this completely removes my eye makeup.

If using a cotton pad still sounds too harsh, another thing I sometimes do is wet my fingertips with eye makeup remover and apply it to my eye area in a gentle motion without pulling, tugging, or wiping. Then I follow with my water-soluble cleanser to finish the job.

—LISA, HONOLULU
DEAR LISA: Great suggestion. The cotton ball is not at all harsh or irritating; it is pulling on the skin. I recommend



against. If this works for women who have a hard time when following my recommendation on how to wash off makeup, I'm stilled! But remember: It is the actual pulling and tugging at the skin that encourages sagging. (Just think of what happens to the ear lobes of women who wear heavy earrings.)

DEAR PAULA: You seem to think Retin-A is basically the only cream that can actually help diminish wrinkles, but you don't mention any age group. I am only 23 years old and almost never wear Retin-A, and I use only moisturizers or Vaseline and sunscreen, and I recently started exfoliating once a week (Do you think once a week is enough?) Do you think I'm too young to start using Retin-A, and if not, how often should I be using it?

—ANNE
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HEALTH NOTES

Overclocking women

The weather says: Forget it. Ancient shamanism found on a remote island off Southeast Alaska was still more healthy manual work than men 400 years ago, a British scientist reports. By examining the genes of people who lived and died on the island of Flom between the fifth and 15th centuries, Joanna Sofaer, University of Cambridge, discovered that women suffered physically from strenuous labor. "We know that women did some of the heavy lifting work."

E.R.' live

Family members who watch a relative undergo unsuccessful resuscitation after cardiac arrest do not suffer worse depression or lasting psychiatric effects, a small British study suggests. The findings mean that hospital routine exclusion of relatives from the resuscitation team in their emergency departments "may no longer be appropriate," the study concluded. "The decision to have a relative present during resuscitation has been studied over and over," said researchers from Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, England, in reporting their findings last month in the *Lancet*. Resuscitation rarely, if ever, succeeds, the team wants to see the patient in the context of a family to

whom they may eventually have to give terrible and unexpected news.

See your doctor

Rheumatoid arthritis is a potentially disabling condition that causes fatigue, morning stiffness, pain and swelling, particularly in the wrists and hands. Left untreated, it can cause irreversible joint destruction, bone deformities and other systemic problems that can make even small tasks difficult. While there is no cure for rheumatoid arthritis, early diagnosis and treatment can minimize its effects. A free brochure available from the Arthritis Foundation contains information on treatment options and provides general information. To get a copy, call toll-free 1-877-467-3472.

Gem warfare

Any of you who has ever been in the service remembers the "social diseases" lecture. But far more recruits these days, it may be too little too late. A two-year study of female Army recruits found that 9 percent have chlamydia infections, and that the rate is highest among those who are black or still in their teens, the New England Journal of Medicine reports.

Compiled from news reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Ultrasound calms - or warns - parents-to-be

Los Angeles Times

For most expecting families, few experiences match the first glimpse of the baby through an ultrasound. For women, it's often a sign that the baby is fine. For fathers, it's sometimes the first concrete evidence that they are pegged for fatherhood. But as technology improves, ultrasounds are becoming more of a diagnostic device they were intended to be, and parents are sometimes left stunned by the outcome.

Ilina and Ed Mazingo went in for an ultrasound when she was seven months pregnant with their second child. They went expecting a soothing look at their normal baby. Instead, the test vaulted

them into shock and disbelief. Ilina admitted, "It wasn't very joyous."

Her obstetrician, after suspecting a problem, sent them to a radiologist, who told them the baby probably had a cleft lip and palate.

"I could see it in the ultrasound," Ilina said. The baby had given them a rare look at his face. "Of course, you're going to freak out," she said. "The first thing I was thinking was, is there anything else wrong with him?"

A cleft lip and palate, caused by the failure of the parts of a cleft to grow together, also can be associated with heart or brain damage. The Long Beach, Calif., couple learned everything they could about the condition. They found a

cosmetic surgeon. They prepared their close family and friends. In the middle of asking "Why did this happen?" they discovered an adult cousin of Ed's had a cleft palate, that had been corrected. "We had met her once and didn't know," Ilina said.

By the time Joshua was born, a plastic surgeon had walked his parents through the types of corrective surgery available. When Ilina delivered, a team of doctors were present to diagnose and help her baby.

Ilina said knowing ahead of time helped prepare her for the initial hardships. Children with cleft lips and palates have difficulty feeding, and Joshua had to spend some time in intensive care.

And she says she was able to bond with him completely — a process, she has since learned, that can be stunted when a mother is faced with a baby with an unexpected problem.

Ultrasounds, which create a picture of the fetus by beaming harmless sound waves into the body and reflecting them on a monitor, have been the standard of care for pregnant women for the last 10 years. But medicine is increasingly viewing ultrasounds as an important window to a baby's health.

"Everyone has agreed for more than 10 years that if an ultrasound is clinically indicated, you do it," said Dr. Frank A. Chervenak, chief of Maternal/Fetal Medicine

at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Chervenak is co-editor of a new report on ultrasound.

About 26 conditions define a "high-risk" pregnancy, including the age of the mother, the uterus size and the number of babies.

But, Chervenak said, even with low-risk women, "your risk of having a child with an anomaly ... is 2 to 3 percent. That's pretty high."

Chervenak's study, called "Ultrasound Screening For Fetal Anomalies: Is It Worth It?" assessed routine ultrasound screening in 14 European countries and found that 61 percent of structural anomalies were detected by ultrasound. This finding contrasts sharply with a 1993 National Institutes of Health study that found only 35 percent of structural anomalies were detected.

The discrepancies in the two

studies could be because of "transient successes in the country in the quality of ultrasound being performed," Chervenak said.

Ultrasounds are best performed between 18 to 20 weeks of pregnancy, he said. Done properly, they can help diagnose hydrocephalus, spina bifida, bowel problems, heart problems, chest deformities, and cleft palate and lip.

An ultrasound, says Chervenak, can reveal structural abnormalities, while amniocentesis diagnoses chromosomal abnormalities.

Ultrasounds showing defects can lead to early action: sometimes in utero surgery, medical treatment for the mother, such as drugs, extra oxygen and bed rest, medical preparation for the family, and, at times, delivering at a hospital with a full neonatal team.

Exercise

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become pregnant), it's great to maintain it. If you haven't exercised prior to the pregnancy it's usually not a good thing."

If there are complications during pregnancy, Smith says, women should back off exercising.

And they shouldn't participate in exercise that puts them on their back.

Smith said that one major risk with exercising is the baby receiving insufficient blood flow.

"Make sure you don't get your heart rate up above 130 or 140," he said. "If you do the baby can get real hot. When you're working out your heart is pumping, the question is, is your baby getting enough blood flow?"

Unless it's a problem pregnancy, women can do any normal kind of exercise, Smith said.

"You can do anything basically that you were doing before (you got pregnant)," he said. "If you

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When she was pregnant with her first two children, Sandison stopped many of the normal exercises she was doing.

Now, she's more confident. She didn't ride her bike during the first two pregnancies, but she's doing it this time.

But talk to a doctor first, she advises.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denry can be reached through 733-0931, Ext. 223.

Obesity

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major health consequences, including an increased risk of heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and certain cancers. But the issue of pregnancy weight gain is touchy because the health of the mother must be balanced with the health of the baby. Pregnancy is no time to start a diet.

"I think there are a lot of people, even physicians, who think, 'The more weight you gain, the better. I'm worried about it; you can lose it later.' But that is just not the

case." Lovejoy said.

While researchers are still trying to figure out if the optimal weight gain for the mother is the optimal weight gain for the infant, there is some consensus that many pregnant women gain too much weight. Maternal obesity is defined in most studies as weight above 175 pounds or weight that is more than 50 percent below the ideal pregnancy body weight.

Studies show that the average woman retains two to five pounds after having a baby.

While adults tend to gain weight as they age, gaining two to five pounds over nine months is far beyond the normal pace related to aging.

And that's the average woman. Many other women end up 20 pounds or more heavier long after childbirth. About 10 percent to 15 percent of women are at risk for retaining more than 22 pounds. Black women are twice as likely to retain 20 pounds as white women.

Studies have also shown that the more babies a woman has, the more weight she is likely to retain, regardless of her age.

Makeup

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DEAR ANGIO: Retin-A (or other retinoids like Renova or Differin-prescription creams), AHAs (glycolic acid or lactic acid), BHA (salicylic acid), a reliable sunscreen (SPF 15 or greater) with UVA protection ingredients of avobenzone, zinc oxide, or titanium dioxide, and a good moisturizer if your face skin are the best and only choices for fighting wrinkles.

Retin-A is only part of the options, but I think you're too

young to start using Retin-A for sun damage (why do something before you have to?), but not everyone would agree with that assessment. There are those who would say you can't start too young, given that sun damage (and therefore damaged skin cells) begins at a very young age.

Still, I would wait until sun damage shows up (around 30 to 40, depending on how much unprotected sun exposure you've had). An effective sunscreen is your most important ally. But this

one is completely up to you. There is no definitive research to point the way.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95), a no-nonsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

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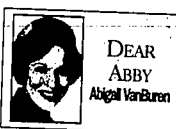
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SYMPTOMS
Abdominal pain and diarrhea associated with fever and rectal bleeding are some of the common symptoms as well as joint pain, lack of appetite, and weight loss. Other symptoms may include sores in the anal area, fissures (cracks), fistulas (abnormal openings from bowel to skin surface near the anus), and abscesses.
TO CONFIRM DIAGNOSIS, you also require barium X-rays to determine the extent of the disease.
TREATMENT
Several drugs are helpful in controlling Crohn's, but at this time there is no cure for the disease. It is particularly important for the patient to maintain good nutrition and health, with a balanced diet, adequate exercise and a positive, upbeat attitude.
COMPLICATIONS
The most common complication of this disease is obstruction of the intestine. The disease tends to thicken the bowel wall with swelling and fibrous scar tissue, narrowing the passage. The disease also may cause deep ulcerations or fistulas. Malnutrition may also occur.
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Most people with Crohn's disease lead active lives with few restrictions. With comprehensive medical treatment, the disease can be managed. For a few patients, the course of the disease can be more difficult and complicated, requiring intensive testing and therapy. Surgery sometimes is required. In all testing of blood and stool are helpful. Direct examination of the small and large intestine done with a long flexible telescope is often necessary, at which time biopsies can be taken.
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Romance amateur should learn from pros



DEAR ABBY
Deborah Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old man who is a former epileptic. I lived a very sheltered life until 1994, when I had surgery that successfully eradicated my seizures. Only after the surgery, when I tried to live a normal life, did I realize how protected I had been. Finally last year, I married a wonderful woman. We have a good relationship, but I would like to make it even better. She is a romantic, and I'm very inexperienced in that department. I don't understand much when it comes to romancing my wife. I would greatly appreciate any advice you can give me on romance.

—ROMANTICALLY ROCKY

DEAR ROCKY: Many women wish their husbands would ask this question. Being a willing student is the perfect first step. Look around you. Romance is everywhere, once you open your

eyes to it. Learn from other couples who act as if they are in love. Watch their body language — it's almost as though the rest of the world doesn't exist. Paying focused attention to your partner is romantic. So is thoughtfulness. Listen to your wife's cues. Study up. Read books — there are many written on every aspect of romance. Watch classic romantic movies and pay attention to the small things the hero does. You'll get the picture. Then practice, practice, practice! Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: About three weeks ago, my girlfriend of five

years and I had a terrible argument. We didn't speak for a week. During that time, I met another young lady whom I really started to like. She's seven months pregnant and is having a lot of problems with the baby's father, and I don't want to be in the middle of anything. Now I'm really starting to miss my old girlfriend. Maybe I got involved with another relationship too soon. I don't know what to do. Can you please help me?

—OVER MY HEAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR OVER MY HEAD: The solution to your problem is to be honest with both of these women. The girl who's seven months pregnant has problems of her own to resolve with the baby's father. And your girlfriend of five years needs to hear that you miss her. Don't procrastinate. The sooner you resolve this, the better for all concerned.

DEAR ABBY: I have a "big problem." It's my ex-boyfriend. We play in the same basketball club, so we see each other every day. He looks at me all the time. He can't take his eyes off me. What does he want? And what should I do? He's very, very shy.

—CAROLINE IN BERLESDALE, LUXEMBOURG

DEAR CAROLINE: He keeps looking because he still finds you attractive. If you feel the same about him, be approachable without being too aggressive — which means smiling at a shy young man. When you see him, smile and say hello. If you need help perfecting a shot, ask him for some pointers. After that, do the old saying goes, "The balls in his court."

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New study may offer help for PMS sufferers

NEW YORK (AP) — Women can dramatically reduce the symptoms of premenstrual syndrome simply by taking some Tums tablets, according to a new study. Conducted by researchers at St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center, the study of 497 women showed that daily 1,200-milligram doses of calcium supplement slashed the symptoms by 54 percent.

Calcium supplements can soothe symptoms

The large study backs up several smaller ones that found a link between calcium deficiency and PMS. The results of the study, sponsored in part by SmithKline Beecham Consumer Healthcare, the maker of Tums, are to be published this week in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The earlier studies were so small that many scientists were skeptical, said nutritionist Connie M. Weaver of Purdue University, a nationally recognized expert on calcium issues. "This one, they did it right," she said. PMS symptoms include bloating, pain, irritability, food crav-

ings, malaise, migraines and mood swings. It affects millions of women of childbearing age — as many as 40 percent. In the study, half the women were given four chewable calcium carbonate tablets a day, for a total of 1,200 milligrams of calcium. The other half received tablets without calcium. The study showed a drop in symptoms among those who took the calcium supplements.

Tonsils

Continued from B1. Efficient breathing problems, many more than would be expected in the overall population. "It was very surprising," said Goyal, who was expecting to find only about half as many children with apnea. Only 1 to 2 percent of all children have the disorder, he said. The children with breathing problems were referred to their pediatricians for further evaluation. Twenty-four of them had their tonsils and adenoids — parts of the lymph system located in the throat — removed. Those children were the only ones whose grades improved the following year. Only two of them were still in the bottom 10 percent of their class after the surgery. There was no change in poor-achieving children who did not have surgery or in the chil-

dren who had had better grades to begin with. Goyal concluded that children with developmental or learning problems should be evaluated as soon as possible for breathing problems during sleep. He looked at children with the worst school performance because he thought they would be the most vulnerable to sleep problems and the most likely to show easily measurable improvement. Many top students may also have learning problems caused by apnea, he said, but "are able to compensate because they have the intellectual skills to do so." Goyal said grades are only a rough measure of how well children are performing. He has applied for a grant to study the thinking skills and behavior of children with apnea with more sensitive tests.

Several St. John's wort remedies fail potency tests

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Several of the nation's leading brands of St. John's wort, a popular herbal remedy for depression, are not as potent as advertised on their labels, the Los Angeles Times reported last week. In an independent test commissioned by the Times, three of 10 brands of St. John's wort had no more than about half the potency listed on the label. Four other brands had less than 90 percent of the potency listed, the Times reported. Health experts told the newspaper that a significant number of depressed people may be pinning hopes on products too weak to help them even when taken at the recommended dosage. "How is it possible to appropriately regulate a treatment regimen if you can't even be sure of the dosage?" said Dr. Norman Rosenblatt, a research psychiatrist at the National Institute of Mental Health who believes in St. John's wort's mood-elevating properties. The findings raise concerns over the booming herbal market. Sales of St. John's wort and other botanical remedies, including ginseng, ginkgo biloba, echinacea, and saw palmetto, may reach \$4.3 billion this year, according to Nutrition Business Journal. St. John's wort, a weed also known as hypericum, has a long record as a nerve tonic. The golden flower, with its extract hypericin, has long been used in folk medicine. In the study the Times commissioned, 10 pills were sampled from each of three companies of one lot of each product. The products were identified only with a code, so the laboratory would not know the brand being tested. Five independent experts who reviewed the research procedures said the approach was sound. One of the lowest-scoring products sampled, with about 20 per-

cent of the labeled potency, was from Sundown Herbs, a division of Rexall, the nation's No. 1 distributor of dietary supplements. Deborah Shur Trinker, Sundown's vice president of regulatory affairs, responded to the findings by saying they were "false" and "misleading." Two of the other low-scoring companies, Pure Source and Futurebiotics, declined to comment.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Stop the presses! Californians have bad diets



Mason Lantz, 5, bites into a juicy hamburger in downtown Sacramento, Calif., Tuesday, Sept. 15. State health officials released a survey showing that Californians are eating out more and therefore eating fewer fruits and vegetables.

Big kids: Fashion responds to need for youthful styling in plus sizes

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — On the whole, life is good for Alycia Northern, age 16.

A senior at Jones High School in Orlando, she is an honor roll student, is president of the student government, has her varsity letters in five sports, is a cheerleader, belongs to almost every club on campus and recently was voted Miss Jones High School.

"There's only one thing I hate — shopping for clothes. I love fashion. I try to keep up with fashion. But it's really hard to find what I want," she said.

The reason: Alycia stands almost 6 feet tall and wears size 20/22 clothing. She belongs to a group of consumers — large-size young women in their teens and early 20s — that the fashion industry has always shunned. But that is changing.

Clothing designers, manufacturers and retailers finally have cottoned to the fact that a growing number of young women are big and tall — and that this no longer prevents them from becoming models or homecoming queens or athletes or dress just like their skinny sisters in fun, trendy, even sexy clothing.

At present, junior departments and boutiques, which cater to women age 25 and younger, carry size 2 to size 12 or 14. Larger sizes, which tend to be more mature in design, are relegated to plus-size departments and specialty stores aimed at older women.

"We need more stores for bigger and taller girls. We want cute things like spaghetti-strap tops and stylish shorts and jeans, not clothes that make you look older," Alycia said.

It appears her wish is about to be granted. Over the past few seasons, everything from blue jeans to prom dresses has started showing up in size 16 and up. For example, the teen-oriented Bongo jeans line, available in department stores such as JC Penney,

and Sears, has added sizes 14 to 24. And both stores have started carrying trendy-looking evening gowns in larger sizes during the homecoming and prom seasons.

This interest in larger sizes for younger women has been prompted by the success of plus-size clothing for more mature women — and not by feelings of remorse,

"We need more stores for bigger and taller girls. We want cute things like spaghetti-strap tops and stylish shorts and jeans, not clothes that make you look older."

— Alycia Northern, 16 years old, six feet tall

on the part of the industry, for the humiliation and frustration suffered by overweight teens in their search for something flattering to wear.

Sales of plus-sizes now account for a quarter of the entire women's apparel market, according to the NPD group, a marketing information company. Sales grew 20 percent from 1994 to 1997, the company reported.

But this apparel was aimed at women at least age 25 and older. The logical next step was to target heavier teens and young adults. This is a big group — in two senses. The total number of teens is growing as the offspring of the baby boom generation pass through adolescence, reports the Census Bureau. And these young women are getting heavier, in part the result of junk-food diets and a couch-potato lifestyle, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I used to have low self-esteem," Alycia said. "But then I started noticing some big and tall women who weren't bothered by their size. I started joining theirs. It was hard hard for me to cheer, to try athletics. But as I did it, people started saying I was pretty good. People have become very accepting of me. It feels good."

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — There goes California's reputation as the land of buff "Baywatch" bodies and alfalfa-sprout salads. The biggest survey ever of Californians' eating habits was released Tuesday, and the news wasn't good.

California adults ate fewer fruits and vegetables last year than they did two years before: 3.8 servings a day compared with 4.1 in 1995. Health experts say adults should be eating at least five servings every day.

"I'm not a healthy eater," admitted Kim Lantz, 35, as she ordered chili dogs and hamburgers for herself and her two children at a shopping mall in Sacramento. "My kids are. I'm a fast-food nut."

The state Health Department has been conducting food surveys every two years since 1989, when the rate was the same as last year — 3.8 servings a day.

Officials believe that public education campaigns had little effect until 1995, when people began slipping into their old bad habits because of job-related pressures.

"People are eating out more. They have less time. Their commutes are longer," said James Stratton, a state health officer.

For the survey, 1,700 randomly selected adults were interviewed about their fruit and vegetable consumption habits.

The figures were particularly bad for black and Hispanic Californians. For blacks, it was 3.1 servings a day, up only slightly from 3.0 in 1995. For Hispanics, it dropped from 4.7 servings in 1995 to 3.5.

People earning under \$15,000 a year ate just 3.1 servings a day, compared with 3.8 servings for people with incomes from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

The best diets were found among those earning \$25,000 to \$35,000 — 4.3 servings a day. People earning over \$50,000 a year ate just 3.9 servings.

Stratton said many poor people and minorities consider fresh fruit and vegetables too expensive.

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TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday through Oct. 20, at the Education Center of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS - A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS - The Cancer Support Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the MVRMC Cancer Center reception area. For more information, call 737-2800.

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room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS - Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-hour class will be offered 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross. Fee is \$37. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

TWIN FALLS - A Community First Aid and Safety (infant, child and adult CPR and first aid) nine-hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. Sept. 28-29 at the American Red Cross. Fee is \$42. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Sept. 29 at the MVRMC Education Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS - A free presentation, "Overcoming Co-dependency and Developing Effective Relationships," will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the KMYT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The community education program is sponsored by Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of MVRMC. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information

or to register, call Canyon View at 734-6750 or 1-800-657-8000.

JEROME - Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Oct. 1 through Oct. 29, at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center snack bar.

The classes, taught by a registered nurse, will emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes. Cost is \$30 for the five classes (\$6 per class). Bring payment to the first class. To register, call St. Benedict's at 324-4301.

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



Dr. Erick Egger, right, a veterinary orthopedic specialist, removes the damaged meniscus and evaluates the knee joint of Floyd, a 10-year-old black Labrador. Floyd was undergoing a new procedure recently at the Spring Creek Animal Hospital in Jackson, Wyo. The procedure, a tibial plateau leveling osteotomy, repairs torn ligaments in large dogs.

Dogs suffer same injuries as their athletic masters

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We're seeing an awful lot of these things developing. I would say it's the single most common athletic injury in dogs that I deal with. It's even more common than fractures. Particularly in places like Jackson, Aspen and Crested Butte."

Egger said the first thing to do is try to prevent canine injuries by realizing that dogs hit middle age between 4 and 5 years of age, and at that point become much more susceptible to ligament injury.

Second, Egger said, owners have to realize that certain types of activities are harder on dogs, including playing Frisbee or chasing a ball. Both are more likely to result in a twisting fall than simple running.

"Just like a skier when the bindings don't release, these twisting sorts of falls are when they get injured," he said. "We kind of have to be careful not to let these dogs push themselves too hard."

For dogs that have injured their knee ligaments and are not recovering, the new surgery offered by a handful of surgeons nationwide can heal a dog more rapidly than more traditional surgery, Egger said.

Traditional surgery involves reattaching the ligament in a pro-

cedure similar to what is done with people, Egger said. The problem for dogs is that they often reinjure themselves because they don't know they should rest during the six to eight months it takes to heal.

The new technique involves realigning the bones in the knee joint so the ligament is no longer needed, Egger said. The procedure — called a tibial plateau leveling osteotomy — involves moving a section of the dog's tibia and reattaching it with metal plates, which changes the angle at which the upper bone rides on the lower one.

It costs \$1,600 to \$1,800, compared to the more traditional surgery that costs about \$1,000, Egger said. Recovery takes three to four months, and dogs are far less likely to reinjure themselves while recovering, he said.

Egger performed two of the procedures during a recent visit to the Spring Creek Animal Hospital. So far, Egger has performed about 40 of the operations and said he has been pleased with the results. Dr. Dan Forman of the Spring Creek Animal Hospital said he was excited by the new technique.

"This is such a very big problem," Forman said. "There was really nothing that was adequate before."

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — From skiing on Teton Pass to mountain biking up Cache Creek, there are few places around Jackson Hole where dogs don't accompany their athletic owners.

And as is the case with people, dogs that are extremely active are more likely to get hurt.

Veterinarians often see an injury in dogs that's also quite common in skiers: damaged or torn knee ligaments. In humans, that part of the body is called the anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL.

But now a veterinary surgeon who periodically visits the Jackson area offers a new surgical technique to treat ACL-type injuries in dogs.

"It's an injury we're seeing increasingly where the average dog in a town like yours is a high-dog in a Labrador or a sporting-type dog," said Dr. Erick Egger, a veterinarian with the American College of Veterinary Surgeons based in Fort Collins, Colo.

"People now want their dogs to become athletes kind of like they are," Egger said. "Consequently

Patients tend to shy away from talking to their doctors about certain body parts

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How much would it hurt before you'd mention ... well ... an uncomfortable body part to your doctor?

Did you say: a lot ... and maybe not then?

In a recent nationwide poll, 26 percent of patients admitted being "too embarrassed" by a problem to talk to their doctor about it.

The pollsters canvassed both patients and physicians to come up with a top 10 list of too-embarrassing-to-mention conditions.

1. Impotence.
2. Sexually transmitted diseases.
3. Physical and sexual abuse.
4. Prostate problems.
5. Incontinence of bladder or bowels.
6. Emotional problems, such as depression.
7. Eating disorders.
8. Alcohol or drug abuse.
9. Birth control and sex — especially for teen-agers.
10. Menopause.

Many physicians also would put "admitting you haven't been following the doc's advice" — maybe you're taking an alternative medicine — on the list. They say patients really balk at "fessing up" to that.

The poll was commissioned by the Take Time to Talk Advisory

Council, a group of physicians representing a dozen medical organizations. It was underwritten by Pharmacia & Upjohn, a drug company with an interest in the problem because it makes Detrol, a medicine for overactive bladders.

According to Dr. Frank L. Kane, who represents the American Academy of Family Physicians on the Council, the group was formed to call attention to the fact that many people end up suffering from serious, even incurable, illnesses because they haven't mentioned embarrassing symptoms until it's too late.

"What you don't tell physicians, they can't help you with," he said. The too-embarrassed-to-talk syndrome is more common today, he contends, because "both patients and physicians are more rushed."

"What often happens now," he says, "is that a patient will come in for a sore throat, and then get up

the nerve to say: 'By the way, while I'm here ...'

"But scheduling doesn't allow for much by-the-way. The appointments desk knows that a sore throat needs so much time, heart pains need more, depression needs more."

"A patient doesn't have to reveal the problem to the schedulers. Just say: 'I'll need a little extra time.'"

The Advisory Council suggests writing down information you aren't comfortable talking about.

"Give the written report to the physician," Kane says. "It can be helpful in quickly ruling out what the problem is or not and leaves time for zeroing in on what it is."

"You needn't worry that the doctor will be shocked by anything you say," he adds. He or she will have heard it before.

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COMICS

Peasas
By Charles M. Schulz

HEY, CHUCK, YOU READY FOR SOME BACK YARD FOOTBALL?

ME AN' MARICE CAN GET OVER THERE ANYTIME YOU'RE READY.

I THINK I'VE JOINED A FOOTBALL TEAM AND I DON'T REMEMBER OUR NEW ADDRESS IS.

Obit
By Scott Adams

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR STEALING EMPTY CARDBOARD BOXES!

THE COMPANY NEEDS THOSE BOXES TO MEET ITS RECYCLING GOALS.

BUT REUSE IS BETTER THAN RECYCLING.

THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY OUT OF THIS CELL.

B.C.
By Johnny Hart

WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN THEY SAY A GOLF CLUB HAS A "SWEET SPOT"?

BEATS ME.

MANY YEARS AGO...

BEFORE THEY INVENTED CHARLIEBERRY - SUGAR AND A SPECIAL SAUCE WHICH CAUSED IT TO BEAT TO THE CENTER OF THE SPIN, WHAT HEARD THAT IF YOU HIT A GOLF BALL IN THE MIDDLE OF A CLUBHEAD OF A TREE WOOD - WHICH CONSIDERABLY IN SCOTTISH GOLF JERSEAL WAS ALSO REFERRED TO AS A "WOOD" -

YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE DO YOU?

NOT A CLUE.

Garfield
By Jim Davis

I'M GOING OUT INTO THE WOODS TO COMMUNE WITH NATURE!

ARE YOU COMING ALONG?

THAT WOULDN'T BE NECESSARY.

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M TRYING TO WORK UP A POSTURE.

W and Lolo
By Charles Schuster

I WAS JUST LOOKING AT ALL THESE JARS AND SOMETHING OCCURRED TO ME.

THAT YOU SAVE TOO MUCH JUNK?

NO, THAT ISN'T GETTING SOCK OF PEANUT BUTTER.

The Wizard of Id
By Brent Spencer & Johnny Hart

I THINK ONE OF THE MOST MONSTERS IS SICK, SURE.

WHAT WANTS YOU THINK SO?

HE PROBABLY EATEN ANOTHER FIVE THOUSAND MONS.

Huger the Horrible
By Chuck Dinsdale

I THINK I KNOW WHAT THAT CONTINUOUS "GROCH, GROCH, GROCH" SOUND WAS.

WHAT?

TERMINATES.

Beavis and Butt-head
By Matt Warburton

IT'S ANY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY!

THAT WAS EASY!

Frank and Ernest
By Bob Thaves

THE LITTLE DOOR IS MAIN. THE BIG ONE IS THE SERVANTS' ENTRANCE.

The Bone Loner
By Art Simons & Chip

DUDE, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT.

WHAT'S THAT?

DO YOU THINK A RETIREMENT SETTING ENOUGH ASIDE TO ENSURE A COMFORTABLE LIFESTYLE IN OUR RETIREMENT?

SURE, WE DON'T FORGIVE A LIFE-LIFE CONCEPT.

For Better or For Worse
By Lynn Johnston

THEY EVEN O.K. YOU! HAVE A GOOD ONE!

THE, MOORE-POSSIE! ONE YOU AFTER SCHOOL.

SEE- YA 'ROUND, EDD-O! BE A GOOD BOY!

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LET ME HEAR YOU SAY THE "BURGER BIRTH WELCOME"

MOO-O-HOW CAN WE HELP YOU-U?

OH, YOUR ENLARGING IS PERFECT! I'M PUTTING YOU RIGHT ON THE "HOT-THEU" MENU!

AGGGA, FRUGGLE TRAY?

Phibes
By Brian Crane

AAAAAH!

SORRY, I GUESSED I'M NOT USED TO YOUR BEARD YET.

Smile the Smiley
By Hank Ketcham

"MY FLAGSHIP ENTERTAINMENT MORE OUT."

"I'VE READ TWO CHAPTERS OF YOUR MOWMAN."

GOOD FOR YOU!

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"A deal is a deal."

Michaels outnumber Nicks

When making deals, early carpenters tapered large-headed nails all the way through the wood, then pounded down the points to clinch them. This they called "bedding" the nail. Whence "bed" as a verb? 10

If the couch were a basketball on the floor line - this is about size and distance - the man could be a basketball directly beneath the basket.

Q. What are the most popular names nationwide now for newborn babies?

A. 1. Michael. 2. Nicholas. 3. Matthew. 4. Jacob. 5. Tyler. 6. Christopher. 7. Zachary. 8. Ryan. 9. Joshua. 10. John. Shall we go on? 11. Daniel. 12. Austin. 13. Alexander. 14. Joseph. 15. Andrew. 16. William. 17. Brandon. 18. Justin. 19. David. Kyle. 20. James tied with Jonathan. So say the baby food researchers.

Word from the Chalmers breeders: These pages are on back order now. Check the Times Hall bookstand. A mother may fret when her real son's her child spends a lot of time

alone. Why can't the youngster make friends the way others of the same age do? Psychologists don't explain the why of it completely, but they do say: Individuals with special talents tend to be loners.

Q. Who's Arlene Mankoff?

A. Judge Foster by her original name.

That curiosity collector Tom Parker contends it's about as easy to take care of two dogs as one, but three dogs can turn into frustrating work.

Many a cook uses unflavored dental floss to truss a Thanksgiving turkey.

Q. Among those couples who are infertile, who's most apt to be responsible, the women or the man?

A. The women, 60 percent.

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

ANSWERS:
1. Whiskey bottle
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Horoscope
Sydney Omarr

IF SEPTEMBER 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You possess intellectual curiosity, are self-conscious concerning body image. You may underestimate people laugh if even through their tears. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play these letters, initials in names - G. L. U. Current cycle relates to participation in charity, political campaigns - popularity, people want to be with you, to dine and celebrate with you. Travel in November.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Trick facades and legal agreement - hidden clause discovered. Review, rewrite, resolve dilemma that includes personal relationship. Scorpio plans role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What begins as strictly routine develops into exciting project. Filtration featured, could get too hot to cool down. Spotlight on variety of sensations, expression.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around home, family, income potential, record of self. Beware, token of love. Beauty attending to play music, dance to your own tune. Libra involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone attempts to pull rug from under you - culprit discovered. Declare, "don't you ever let it happen again." Mystery stranger is almost a cliché - Pieces in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hard writing makes easy reading - hard work brings you closer to goal. Cancer native indicates, "I enjoy being with you more than anything else." Clocks now are running on time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long-distance communication verifies beliefs - fascinating encounter with future soul-mate. You will say, "You understand a believer of me." Aries plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cycle high. Focus on romance, creating life, sustainability. Let it be known, "I will designate where mine will be - imprint personality, wear bright colors, embrace Leo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen, hear your "master's voice." Secret meeting, might not include you. Cancer native attempts to explain - don't believe it. Food featured, recipe tested and published.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Luck rides with you - exhibit extraordinary skill at picking winners. You have right to say, "If you did not believe me before, you better do so now."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you need it, Scorpio will appear to help. Place valuables under lock and key - indicate where you pay attention - wants something for nothing. Check electrical outlets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on travel, publishing. Secret meet. Power of written word his home - make individual you write your feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Slow down. Take time to smell the roses. Spotlight on what occurs at home, ability to beauty surroundings. Gift involves money, possible inheritance. Taurus, Libra in featured roles.

Reading at grade level

Committee works on improving early education

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Education majors in Idaho's universities could be required to take 20 credits of reading instruction before getting teaching credentials under a proposal from a legislative committee.

That is at least one reform being considered by the committee, which was created to ensure students read at grade level by the third grade.

State Sen. Betsy Dunklin, D-Boise, took the committee's proposals to parents and educators at a state conference on reading Friday.

The reviews from educators were mixed. "Our experience is when the state mandates, resources don't always come with it," said Glenn Potter, acting dean of Boise State University's college of education. "The committee's proposals are not complete, and the rest of its recommendation has not been determined."

Dunklin, who leads the committee, said it will present a series of education reforms to board reading among elementary school children in January. It began its work after a statewide study showed many children in Idaho cannot read at grade level. Those who are not reading at grade level by the third grade often drop out of school later on.

The educators complained that 20 hours of reading instruction will take away from other subjects elementary school teachers must learn.

"I would have to say to those in early childhood education or science: 'I'm sorry we're going to have to curtail that class,'" said Wendie Waite, Boise State University's elementary education chairman.

Environmental road block

Republicans want 'ghost roads' removed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government calls them ghost roads — an estimated 60,000 miles of pathways that exist through national forests but aren't maintained by the U.S. Forest Service.

Senate Republicans want the U.S. Forest Service to do something about these roads — something other than leave them alone or leave them alone, before removing any of the 37,000 miles of official forest roads. The idea sounds simple, but it has generated a heated on Capitol Hill.

Republicans have introduced the ghost road reauthorization bill, a \$1.3 billion bill that would fund maintenance and energy development programs.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, drafted the proposal because forest service officials said they were concerned about those roads. "They are the ones most likely to cause environmental problems," said Mark Ely, a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff member.

The Clinton administration says the road from its own of several amendments in the bill that could prompt a veto.

"This language is highly objectionable," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in a letter sent this month to Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska.

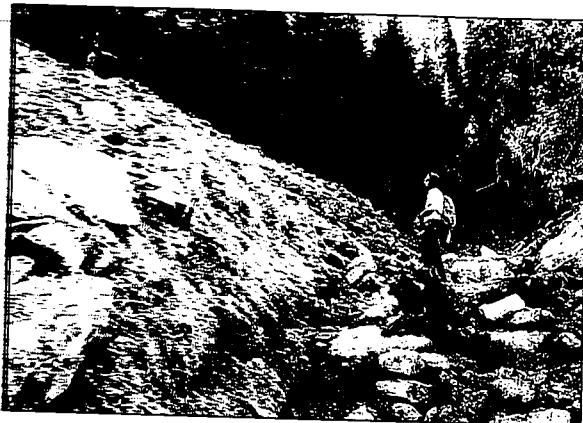
Forest service officials say they don't even know where to find many of the roads — hence the "ghost" name.

Many ghost roads are left over paths from logging and mining efforts that have long since been abandoned. Many others are covered by rock and silt, making vehicles and heavy machinery "off road" in remote forest areas.

Forest service officials place a priority on removing "official" roads — not ghost roads — because they are used and because they say many of the official roads pose a greater threat to the environment.

Adopting the ghost roads isn't a solution either, forest officials say.

"Very limited funds are available for reauthorization of roads to maintain," said Barbara Joslin, a deputy forest chief who testified before the House Forestry and Forest Health subcommittee last week.



Charles Sorenson, a former U.S. Forest Service employee, right stands at the base of a new path for a stream after the removal of a road at the construction of forest roads near 2067, located near the south fork of Coal Creek in the National Forest in Idaho. The ground had not yet been seeded or secured with erosion blankets.

The forest service will increase about \$20 million more than the current level by cutting out old roads and planting vegetation along the paths. Forest officials say that would cost \$2 million each year for the next 10 years.

Local forest officials are concerned about the removal of roads, which are used for recreation and other purposes. "The roads are used for recreation and other purposes," said a local official.

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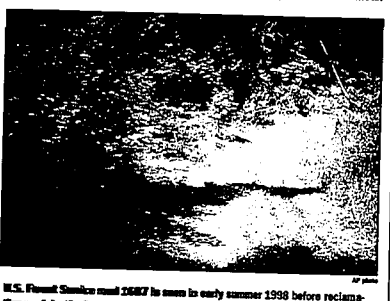
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U.S. Forest Service road 2067 is seen in early summer 1998 before reclamation work by the forest service. Charles Sorenson presented this photo in testimony before House Forestry and Forest Health subcommittee hearings as an example of road maintenance that would burn trout habitats by releasing sediment into streams.

Charles Sorenson of Bigfork, Mont., a former forest service employee who also testified, showed photographs of a road removal in the Flathead National Forest that he said will harm trout by releasing sediment.

The photographs, Rep. Helen Chenoweth said, were "startling."

"This is very, very serious," said Chenoweth, R-Idaho.

Sen. Marc Baucus, D-Mont., says Republicans have gone too far in attacking the roads. He plans to offer an amendment that would strike the road language from the Senate bill.

The amendment also would delete seven other riders that Baucus calls "anti-environmental."

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., also plans an amendment striking the road requirement.

Spokane casinos boom

SPOKANE (AP) — Mary goes to the Silver Lanes Casino most mornings with \$50 in cash and dreams of thousands more in winnings.

"If I lose it, I don't feel bad," said Mary, who did not want her real name used. "If I win, it's going to be a good day."

This time, the house won and dealer Dayleem Matherly took her \$15 bet.

But Mary has also known the thrill of victory. Her eyes light up as she recalls winning \$3,000 in one hand of Let It Ride, a version of poker.

Mary's loyalty is one reason the strip-mall casino on Spokane's residential South Hill is booming.

Silver Lanes shares a building with a bowling alley and restaurant, its big "Bowling and Casino" sign an incongruous sight in the midst of stores, homes and a park.

This is one of seven so-called house-bank casinos that have exploded since the Las Vegas of the Northwest. An obscure law passed by the Legislature last fall allowed small-scale card rooms to expand, sparking the boom.

The law allowed the card rooms to play directly against gamblers and pocket the winnings, as Nevada casinos do.

Previously, card-room gamblers played against each other, while the house charging them for table time.

Seven of the 21 mini-casinos approved under the law are in Spokane. Most of the Spokane casinos are in retail or industrial neighborhoods. Silver Lanes is one of the few in a residential neighborhood.

At a recent Wednesday afternoon, seven of the 15 tables were operating, with about 20 gamblers playing blackjack, pai gow poker, Caribbean stud and Progressive 21. Bets ranged from \$2 to \$100, and the biggest profit possible, set by state law, is \$25,000.

A dealer named Sherry was flipping cards to four gamblers at a blackjack table.

Sherry, wearing a Tazmanian Devil necktie, also instructed a newcomer on the appropriate signals for requesting another card called "hit" and passing.

Gamblers must use hand signals, rather than words, because state law requires all games to be recorded by surveillance cameras.

The casino has a sign in the window, which was falling before the new law was passed, said company executive Rick Jones.

The casino were not here, this would be a vacuum. Striking Jones, a former professional bowler, said.

Owner David E. Montecucco bought the business a few years ago. But the bowling alley, bar and restaurant, which had 75 employees, was losing money.

Kempthorne receives naval ships honor

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Historic Naval Ships Association has awarded Sen. Dirk Kempthorne its highest honor for his efforts to save President Harry Truman's presidential yacht from an Italian scrapyard.

Kempthorne, a naval history enthusiast, spearheaded a campaign to raise awareness about the plight of the U.S.S. Williamsburg.

He was honored with the Casper J. Knight, Jr. Award, which is given to an individual or organization that has contributed to the preservation and exhibition of historic naval ships.

The Williamsburg had been taken to Italy to be refurbished. When the project failed, however, a banker bought the ship to be sold for scrap.

Kempthorne's intervention bought time for the ship's rescue. A non-profit organization, the U.S.S. Williamsburg Preservation Society, has been formed and has pledged to pay the outstanding debt owed to the shipyard.

It would be a shame to lose a valuable piece of American history," Kempthorne said in a news release Thursday. "President Harry Truman used the Williamsburg as his floating White House and many critical decisions were made aboard her."

The couple was visiting the child Saturday morning under the supervision of a nurse and nanny's aide. The parents took the child for a walk in the neighborhood's park.

The father is a self-proclaimed prophet and socialist," said University of Utah police detective Mike McPherson.

"We've been told that the mother (Gina) is to be the child in the wilderness," McPherson said.

McPherson took the child to the hospital on Monday because he was unresponsive and dehydrated.

Batt wants fair commodities inspections

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Canada closely inspects American commodities coming into that country, says Gov. Phil Batt, who announced he will step up efforts to check Canadian trucks arriving in the Panhandle.

All trucks bearing Canadian grain and livestock may be fully inspected.

"We in Idaho are faced with a complex issue," he said. "On one hand, our commodities are subject to Canadian quarantine import restrictions, while on the other hand, Canadian commodities are allowed to freely enter the United States by the federal government."

"It is critical that our federal officials address this inequity," he said.

BSU, Ricks team to provide ROTC training

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Boise State University and Ricks College have entered into an agreement that will allow Ricks students to enroll in Boise State's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Under the partnership agreement, Ricks students can take the first two years of ROTC training on their campus in Rexburg through Boise State's agreement program. Students can then transfer to BSU or another accredited ROTC program once they leave the junior college.

All 35 students are enrolled at Ricks under the new agreement.

The Idaho National Guard will provide instructors and equipment and BSU will furnish uniforms as well as academic supervision.

Boise State University President Charles Ruck and representatives from Ricks College and the Idaho National Guard were on hand to sign the partnership agreement during a luncheon on the BSU campus last Wednesday.

Poll: Growth tops list of Utahns' concerns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — More than one in three Utahns says growth is the most pressing concern facing the state, followed by education and crime, according to a new poll.

The copyright poll was published in Sunday's edition of the Salt Lake Tribune. The poll allowed a liberal ranking of all terms growth, defining it as concerns about road work, overpopulation, rapid development and water use about the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The poll is the result of interviews and discussions given by 1,358 Utah residents conducted in August. The poll has a margin of error of 2.7 percent.

Top concern of those polled said the economy is the most important issue, 14 percent said crime and 15 percent said education as most pressing. But an overwhelming 37 percent said growth is the most important issue.

"I've been here almost 20 years, and I think it's changing," Don Mingley, a 64-year-old Syracuse resident, said in the interview. "People who have been here a while — particularly the natives — we're worrying this change."

Transportation issues was the most worrisome element of growth, according to the poll. Population and overdevelopment were the most worrisome aspects, with 19 percent calling it the most worrisome aspect, compared to 35 percent who cited transportation.

Discussions on roads should last

with other businesses that want more rapid construction on Interstate 15, a major highway project.

Research shows that the work should be done in the next few years. Planning that would occur about the 2002 Winter Olympics is the most worrisome concern about the upcoming work on the transportation and development.

"The Olympics aren't going to help slow the growth," says Mingley.

Other concerns cited include the cost of housing, the cost of water and the cost of electricity.

Eighty percent of those polled said the state is in a good position to deal with the population increase of the next two decades, but 19 percent said it is a significant problem.

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Officials want smaller tire studs on Idaho roads

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Studded tires are causing millions of dollars in damage to Idaho roads, and the Idaho Transportation Department is proposing that motorists switch to smaller studs.

It is both a monetary and a safety issue, Transportation Board member Mike Mitchell said. Studded tires dig grooves, which can cause cars to hydroplane and drivers to lose control when rain collects in them, Mitchell said.

"We can't have good roads if the studs are causing this much damage," he said. Studies in Oregon show studs cause \$42 million worth of damage a year there.

Mitchell and other board members are recommending that legislators consider a bill to ban the larger studs when it reopens in January.

Some studies have shown that traction and stopping power are not diminished by the change, said Byron Breen, Transportation Department assistant maintenance engineer. However, smaller studs can cut road wear by 50 percent, he said.

State Sen. Hal Bunderson said reducing wear and tear on the roads would help avoid a gas tax increase. Bunderson is vice chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee.

"It sounds like the Transportation Department proposal is reasonable, and I'll certainly take a close look at it," he said.

Transportation officials said rezoning would have until July 1, 2000, to sell off existing inventories of heavier studs.

Police say 20-month-old may be hidden in wilderness

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police believe an infant's parents — distraught at losing custody of what they believed was "the Christ Child" — may have taken the child from a hospital and hidden him in the wilderness.

Twenty-month-old David Fink was apparently taken from Primary Children's Medical Center Sunday during a supervised visit.

The father is a self-proclaimed prophet and socialist," said University of Utah police detective Mike McPherson.

"We've been told that the mother (Gina) is to be the child in the wilderness," McPherson said.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"The man who is a pessimist before the first trick knows too much of his own optimism after it, he knows for sure."

—Mark Twain

"Why did you play the clubs before you tried the diamonds?" asked the optimist.

"Because the club finesse could have only if West had the king," replied the pessimist. "If I try a finesse in diamonds, I could have a finesse in either one. Why should I choose a line that gives me two chances to lose instead of one?"

Only a pessimist could concoct such logic.

West led a spade from his long suit, and the pessimist ducked in the king. As it is for pessimists, his fears came true. East led his long suit and returned a spade to clear the suit. With no margin for any slip, the pessimist led dummy's club 8, chased his queen, and took the finesse. Again a club finesse was offside, and the defender took five tricks before South took

WEST
 ♠ J9752
 ♥ J83
 ♦ 432
 ♣ K7

SOUTH
 ♠ Q4
 ♥ A105
 ♦ A87
 ♣ A J Q 63

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade five

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ A5
 ♥ 87532
 ♦ Q J 107
 ♣ 93

ANSWER: Diamond queen. The heart suit is longer, but the diamond suit is stronger. Lead the top of a solid sequence for a better chance to build defensive winners.

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1006 SEMI & HEAVY EQUIPMENT... EXTENSION- 500C... 500C...

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Please print according to rate schedule which is printed below.
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(Count one character per space, including blank spaces.)

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Address:
City/State/Zip:
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1010 VAN & BUSES... DODGE Santans '78, 4... 2000, 1000, 1000...

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904 CAMPERS/SHELLS... BELL if overhaul, stock... 1984, 1984, 1984...

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905 GUNS/RIFLES... WINBEGAO -1988... 20' rifle, 20' rifle...

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906 HOT TUBS/POOLS... CALX FUR SPA, 4... 21R, \$9000...

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907 SNOW VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT... POLARIS '86 Ultra... 20' top, 20' top...

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908 QUALITY TRAILER SALES... PICKUP BED utility trailer... 20' x 8', 20' x 8'...

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909 SPORTING GOODS HUNTING SUPPLIES... GOLF CART Hyundai 1994... 20' top, 20' top...

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909 SPORTING GOODS HUNTING SUPPLIES... GOLF CART Hyundai 1994... 20' top, 20' top...

910 TRAVEL TRAILERS... AIRSTREAM - '82, 20... Self-contained, \$1800...

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1001 AVIATION... JEROME Alphansu hangar... 20' x 40', 20' x 40'...

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1002 AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES... CHEVY '85 Suburban... 4x4, 1000, 1000...

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