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High 77, low 43.
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Brian and Connie Lancaster say their son Eric would have liked the idea of a soccer field named after him. The boy died last month when he suffered an apparent heart failure. Shawna Lancaster, Eric's sister, attends Twin Falls High School.

IN MEMORY OF ERYC LANCASTER School, volunteers want to build field in honor of young soccer player

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The death of a young soccer player prompted the community to honor his passion for the sport.
Eric Lancaster, 12, died last month when he suffered an apparent heart failure after soccer practice at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School.
"His life and his passion for soccer has inspired us," said Wiley Dobbs, principal of O'Leary.
Players use a makeshift field there. A level playing field — paid for through donations — would be created and named Eric Lancaster Memorial Soccer Field, if the School Board approves and the money can be raised. Estimated cost is \$3,600.
"It would have made him excited," said Connie Lancaster, his mother.
"It really means a lot to us. It's hard to

"His life and his passion for soccer has inspired us."

— Wiley Dobbs, principal

explain, but if you lose something, you want their memory to live on," she said.
"And through the soccer field, the will be remembered."
The School Board will be asked Oct. 18 to approve the request for the field and the name. The field would lie in the southwest corner of O'Leary's campus. Moveable goal posts would be installed.
Soccer is a club sport in Twin Falls, run as a sport sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association. The squad that practices at O'Leary is a club team.
Landscaper and soccer parent Blaine

Boyer, who would excavate the new field, said he wants to honor Eric and his family and promote soccer at the same time. It's expensive, Boyer said, to have the community support the effort.
Wishes for a better playing field aren't new.
"As it is now, when we play soccer, it's overhilled, unshaded, and hot," said Blaine Boyer, president, committee and charge members meet in small groups at O'Leary the day after Eric died, he said. It was decided that creating a new field in Eric's honor would serve his memory well and benefit many players.
Dobbs commended Boyer for "the good way he lived his life and how he treated other people."
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County resorts to lawsuits

TF County files suit against Buhl man to enforce zoning ordinances

By N.S. Rokkettved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County has filed a lawsuit against a Buhl man, asking the court to force him to stop operating a commercial enterprise in the agricultural zone without a permit.

The county says David Brazil is operating a commercial repair business, working on cars, trucks and machinery in violation of the county's zoning ordinance.

Court action is the county's only avenue to enforce its zoning ordinance — after requests and letters to the violator have failed.

But the county prosecutor's office often is tied up with criminal cases and zoning enforcement, and the county has filed lawsuits "not as many times as we should have," zoning Administrator Lee Taylor said.

"The county doesn't have the money to hire an attorney to do this," he said.

But that has changed in the past year, Commissioner Carla Reed said.

County civil attorney Mark Guerry, who earns \$38,064 annually, got some help last November when the county hired attorney Rosemary Emery at \$32,032.

The extra help gives Guerry more time to devote to county zoning affairs. And it's starting to show. In addition to the suit against Brazil, Guerry may file three or four others over the next weeks.

"The ability to enforce an ordinance often was questioned during public hearings earlier this year on the county's recently adopted livestock ordinance and on a proposed zoning ordinance, being heard Wednesday by county commissioners."

"An ordinance is only as good as the enforcement," Commissioner Dennis Mangham said. He would like to see zoning officials have the authority to issue citations for a zoning violation.

"The infraction should be no different than if you run a stop light," he said. The errant driver gets a citation on the spot.

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Big Mac ends season with 70; Cubs will face Giants in playoff

The Washington Post

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire ended his perfect season with a final moment of perfection. With another sold-out crowd standing and cheering his final at-bat on the final day of the season, McGwire crowned his record achievement by crushing his 70th home run over the left field fence.
His 70th came 69 minutes after his 69th Sunday, and in a spontaneous showing of emotion and celebration, McGwire circled the bases one final time as fans roared, as infielders from the

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A THUMB FOR SCISSORS

Scissors don't have one. Don't come to check for Scissors' hand on your hand. Both the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants lost Sunday night in a double playoff to the Boston Red Sox.

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Montreal Expos shook his hand and teammates waited at home

plane with their hugs and slaps of congratulation.
"I am used myself," McGwire said. "I'm absolutely exhausted. I don't think you can use your mind any more playing baseball than I have the last two months. I am used myself that I could stay in the tunnel this long. It showed I can overcome almost anything with the strength of my mind."
His final swing of the season was a three-run home run that gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 3-1 victory over the Expos.
First.
"I have no words to describe what the fans done this season,"

Cardinals Manager Tony La Russa said. "He has given us momentum after moment after moment."
And to think that when this week's final game, many people believed Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa would end it as the season's new single-season home-run king.
Sosa took the lead from McGwire briefly with his 65th home run Friday night. McGwire answered with his 64th less than an hour later and finished in a rash, hitting his 67th and 68th on Saturday and 69th and 70th on a Sunday afternoon that began

with fans standing in lines 100 yards long to buy souvenirs and remembrances of the Summer of McGwire.
Sosa did not hit a home run Sunday in Houston, but will get a final crack at McGwire's mark Monday when the Cubs play the San Francisco Giants in a one-game playoff for the National League wild-card berth. Statistics from that game will be included in players' regular season total, but it is unlikely Sosa could hit four home runs.
"I wish him the best of luck," McGwire said. "I wish I could be in that position."

Thousands evacuate in anticipation of Georges

The Washington Post

NEW ORLEANS — The leading edge of Hurricane Georges lashed the northern Gulf Coast along Alabama and Mississippi with high winds and driving rain Sunday and then took aim here, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee inland.


Headlines told 1.5 million people were ordered to leave New Orleans and low-lying coastal areas nearby, and more than 150,000 descended on the city's nine core emergency shelters, including the cavernous Louisiana Superdome and the sprawling Riverside Ernest Merial Convention Center.

The center of the storm, which already killed more than 300 people during a week-long rampage through the


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THE REGION

Comas Prairie
 High: 69 Low: 31
 Sunny and warmer. Mostly sunny on Tuesday.




Treasure Valley
 High: 77 Low: 48
 Sunny and warmer with light wind. Mostly sunny on Tuesday.



Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 69 Low: 32
 Sunny and warmer. Mostly sunny on Tuesday.




Eastern Idaho
 High: 76 Low: 39
 Sunny with patchy morning fog. Same for Tuesday.




Northern Idaho
 High: 75 Low: 45
 Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog. Mostly sunny on Tuesday.








Northern Utah
 High: 80 Low: 48
 Partly cloudy with slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Same for Tuesday.



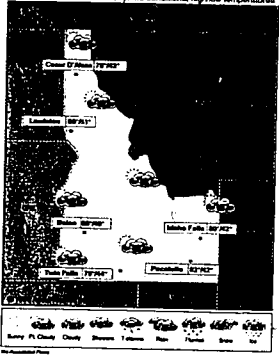
Northern Nevada
 High: 80 Low: 51
 Sunny and warmer with light winds in the afternoon. Same for Tuesday.



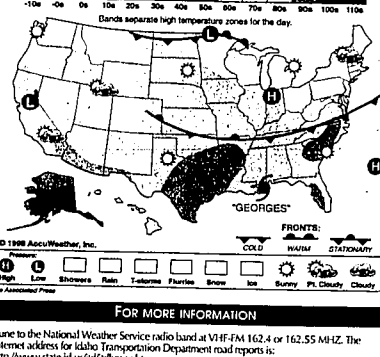
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
High: 77 Low: 43 Sunny and warmer with light wind.	High: 78 Low: 45 Mostly sunny.	High: 70s Low: 40s Mostly sunny.	High: 70s Low: 40s Mostly sunny.	High: 70s Low: 40s Cloudy with chance of afternoon rain.

Idaho weather



National weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls		Precipitation	
Yesterday	74 43	Yesterday in Twin Falls	0.01
Last year	m m	Month to date:	3.14
Normal	75 39	Normal mo. to date:	3.66
		Water year to date:	15.59
		Normal year to date:	10.36

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Moist.	High/Low
Boise	72	48	—	—	73/39
Burley	79	48	—	—	80/37
Tairfield	78	48	—	—	80/37
Hagerman	78	48	—	—	80/37
Idaho Falls	75	41	—	—	76/39
Jerome	78	48	—	—	80/37
Lewiston	74	47	—	—	76/39
Malad	77	47	—	—	78/39
Malta	75	39	—	—	76/39
McCall	68	31	—	—	70/31
Pocatello	77	39	—	—	78/39
Salmón	70	34	—	—	71/34
Stanley	66	30	—	—	67/30
San Valley	m	m	—	—	m/m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	76	58	—
Atlanta	80	64	—
Boston	86	64	—
Chicago	86	73	—
Dallas	94	77	—
Denver	80	42	—
Des Moines	81	63	—
Detroit	86	74	—
Honolulu	93	78	—
Indianapolis	91	65	—
Kansas City	78	48	—
Las Vegas	73	41	—
Los Angeles	75	61	—
Memphis	85	73	—
Miami Beach	88	78	—
Milwaukee	76	72	—
Minneapolis	86	78	—
New Orleans	86	78	—
New York	m	71	—
Oklahoma City	91	70	—
Omaha	83	59	—
Phoenix	95	71	—
Pittsburgh	84	78	—
Portland, Me.	77	57	—
Portland, Ore.	82	51	—
Reno	57	48	—
St. Louis	90	73	—
Seattle	76	69	—
San Francisco	62	35	—
Scottsdale	73	51	—
Spokane	72	64	—
Washington	95	69	—
Yuma	91	68	—

Canadian Cities

Calgary	64	39
Montreal	84	70
Toronto	86	68
Vancouver	64	48

UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

UV Index: 4 (low)
 Burn time: 45 minutes

SKYWATCH
 Sunset today 7:25 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:33 a.m.
 Lunar phase: First quarter, Sept. 28; full, Oct. 5; last quarter, Oct. 12; new, Oct. 20.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Conditions around the Gem state Sunday afternoon were pleasant under mostly sunny skies. Temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the upper 70s and winds were generally light and variable.

The dry stable air mass that was stationed over the Intermountain West was expected to remain in place for the beginning of the week. Cool night time temperatures and patchy morning fog can be expected in the valleys. Mostly sunny afternoons and pleasant day time temperatures are also expected.

Elsewhere: Rain spread along the northern Gulf Coast on Sunday as Hurricane Georges approached land, while the rest of the nation had a scattering of rain in the West, Midwest and North.

Georges was on a track toward New Orleans, with heavy rain and maximum sustained wind around its center of more than 100 mph.

Hurricane warnings were posted from Morgan City, La., to Panama City, Fla.

— The Associated Press

The never-ending path of destruction

People believe hundreds of bodies may be buried in mud in Dominican Republic



Jean-Baptiste Pierre, 58, who is blind, walks outside his hurricane-damaged home in the flooded town of Bourdetite in the Artibonite Valley on Sept. 27. Hurricane Georges dumped 20 inches of rain into Haiti's central mountains last week, unleashing floodwaters that swamped villages, killed dozens and left many people missing.

slightly better than that of hundreds of other towns; authorities have arrived with the first food, water and medicine. In many other towns, nobody has had contact with the rest of the world since Tuesday.

Because of this, almost everyone in the Dominican Republic believes most of Georges' victims death toll is in the Dominican Republic from Hurricane Georges, which at the time was officially 201, "is almost certain to exceed 500."

That will include the family of Jose Feliz, a distant relative of Carlos.

Jose Feliz, his wife Lydzia; their son Rafi and his wife Drake; and Rafi and Drake's two children, 9-year-old Manguito and 4-year-old

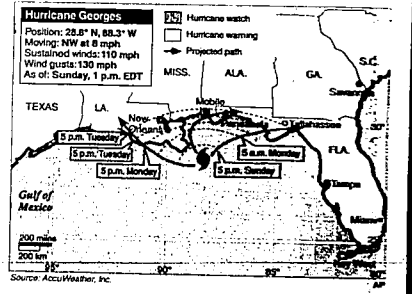
Joanna, all were washed away when mud and rocks poured through their humble wood-and-corrugated metal house.

Joselin Segura, Jose's 15-year-old nephew, waded through the muck on Saturday to return to the house, and he picked through the records lying next to a smashed and overturned Wurlitzer jukebox.

Joselin would slip over to his cousin Rafi's house at night to listen to boleros and merengues by singers like Los Reyes del Este, Julio Morales y su trio, and Fernando Villalona.

Villalona was their favorite. Joselin sang his favorite song, "Mi hermano, mi hermano," or "My Brother, My Brother," as he looked through the records he once listened to with the cousin he just treated him like a kid brother.

"I'm thinking about how it must



Georges

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Caribbean and Florida Keys, was crawling along the Gulf Coast at 8 mph, and forecasters said it probably will slow even more. The fear was that Georges would hang over the Mississippi Delta, and scatter off to the north, and then head south toward the region. If that happens, forecasters said, as much as 30 inches of rain could fall over two days.

As the storm, packing winds of up to 110 mph, churned in the Gulf of Mexico toward the mouth of the Mississippi River, its outer fringes began to whip the coast with 50 mph winds and offshore waves up to 33 feet. A hurricane warning was in effect from Panama City, Fla., to Morgan City, La., and forecasters predicted Georges could spawn tornadoes as it made landfall and moved northwest.

"This is an absolutely worst case scenario," said James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after conferencing by telephone with President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and the governors of the affected states.

"We've got the potential for a major disaster down there."

Witt said Georges posed the worst threat to the city since Hurricane Betsy roared across the Gulf Coast in 1965, killing 61 people in Louisiana and causing millions of dollars in damage as it flooded downtown New Orleans and other low-lying areas. Another big storm, Camille, slammed into the coast of Mississippi and Louisiana in 1969, causing widespread flooding before continuing as far north as Virginia and leaving 259 dead.

While no amount of preparation could handle what Georges was the last week, FEMA began deploying emergency workers, flying in search-and-rescue and medical teams and positioning emergency equipment such as generators, water pumps, sandbags, tents and plastic sheeting used to cover houses whose roofs have been ripped off.

Lawsuit

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not a letter from the county civil attorney five months down the road.

The county gets differing degrees of cooperation on zoning violations, Gerry said. Sometimes just a letter from him is all it takes. But with those who don't cooperate, he files lawsuits.

Complaints from neighbors led the county to file a lawsuit seeking an injunction against Brazil earlier this month. But the lawsuit calls a commercial repair business.

County ordinance prohibits such a use without a permit and "defendant has no such conditional-use permit," the complaint says. Brazil has refused the county's requests to halt the operation, it says.

The county wants the court to

require Brazil to cease the activity and asks that he be fined \$100 per day for each day that violations continue after an injunction is issued.

County would not comment on the case beyond what is in the complaint.

Brazil does not have a listed telephone number and could not be reached for comment.

Twin Falls County also recently filed suit against Gonzalo Torrez, saying Torrez violated the county zoning laws by erecting a mobile home in an area zoned for agriculture.

In that suit, the county is seeking an injunction and a \$100 fine each day the violation continues after an injunction is ordered.

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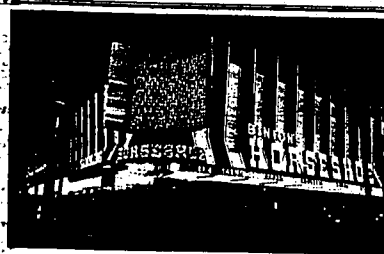
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WEATHER FORECAST

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NATION



Diamond Las Vegas Biltmore Horsehoe Casino, one of the oldest family-run casinos in the State of Nevada, seen Friday. One of the former owners was found dead in his Las Vegas home Sept. 17.

Mystery surrounds Nevada death, buried treasure

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ted Binion didn't die like the cowboy he was.

He was found with his cowboy boots off, draped in a comforter in front of a television set with an empty bottle of prescription drugs beside him. Police, who were called by his girlfriend, a former topless dancer, found heroin paraphernalia in a bathroom.

Authorities weren't terribly suspicious. Drugs had already cost him his stake in the family's Horsehoe Club, a downtown Las Vegas landmark started by his Texas gambler father in the 1940s. But then three men were caught digging up millions of dollars worth of silver coins and bars — so much it overflowed a dump truck — that Binion had taken from the casino and buried smack in the middle of a nearby farm town.

That led Binion's sister, Becky Behnen, who now owns the Horsehoe, to ask police to investigate whether her brother was murdered.

Now authorities are trying to decipher a tale straight out of the Wild West novels the 55-year-old rancher loved to read.

At his funeral, a cowboy's tools — boots, spurs and a lariat — were placed on his coffin. An impeached federal judge gave the eulogy and the Doors' song "The End" was played.

"I can truthfully say that Ted Binion was the most unforgettable character I ever knew," said former judge Harry Claiborne, convicted in the 1980s of hiding income from the Internal Revenue Service.

"I hope his death was accidental," said Richard Wright, Binion's longtime friend and attorney. "But there are some suspicious circumstances." The suspicions started after his girlfriend, Sandy Murphy, found Binion's body on Sept. 17 in the home they had shared for four years. The empty prescription bottle next to him had been filled the day before with 120 tablets of the anxiety drug Xanax.

Push for accord in West Bank clears hurdle

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's push for at least a partial West Bank accord cleared a major hurdle Sunday as Israel largely accepted a U.S. proposal for how much land it will yield to Palestinians.

But Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, Dore Gold, said in an interview: "If there's no security, there is no deal."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday on CNN that Israel's agreement with the United States was "almost complete about the amount of land that we would hand over. It is territory that is uninhabited by Palestinians but is very important for our security." Netanyahu said the remaining issue was "to make sure that the land that we hand over to the Palestinians does not become a base for continued terrorist attacks against Israel."

Gold said Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority must break up terrorist cells on land it already holds on the West Bank and in Gaza and confiscate weapons.

On the Palestinian side, Yasser Khatwa, who heads the Palestinian delegation to the United Nations, said reaching a final agreement was impossible at this stage. He said Albright and her team were trying to reach agreements on several issues, and "we are not against that."

Nabil Shaath, a senior Palestinian official and negotiator, said, however, the Palestinians told Albright "that we are insisting on the package deal, and we are not ready to accept anything less than that."

Albright met with Arafat again, and planned to see Netanyahu Sunday night. She held back-to-back meetings with the two leaders Saturday night, as well.

Air Force examines mishap on Keiko's flight

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — An Air Force investigative board is examining the failure of a landing-gear part that occurred when the plane carrying Keiko to the killer whale touched down in Iceland earlier this month.

The matter has been classified as "Class A flight mishap," a designation used for incidents resulting in more than \$1 million in loss or a fatality, Air Force officials said Saturday.

Even so, Air Force spokesmen insist that the crew, passengers and internationally famous whale were in no danger and that the rugged C-17 cargo plane could have taken much more damage and still landed safely.

"It rolled out in a straight line and was under control the whole way," said Lt. Col. Chuck Wynne of the Air Force's Air Mobility Command.

Media representatives from

around the world watched the Sept. 10 landing of the plane carrying the star of "Free Willy" from Newport, Ore., to its new home in Iceland's Westman Islands. Some witnesses reported hearing a popping or cracking sound as the plane set down.

Wynne, however, said the damage wasn't detected until the plane's crew performed a routine walk-around inspection afterward.



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Ramsey investigator resigns; cites persecution of innocent people

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A special investigator in Ramsey slaying JonBene's case resigned because he felt police are targeting innocent people, including the slain girl's parents.

"I find that I cannot in good conscience be a part of the persecution of innocent people," Lou Smit tells District Attorney Alex Hunter in the Sept. 20 letter, which was obtained by Newsweek. "It would be highly improper and unethical for me to stay when I so strongly believe this."

Smit, whose resignation was publicly confirmed Thursday, says in the letter that JonBene's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, "did not do it," and urges Hunter to "test and investigate this case more thoroughly."

Hunter's office refused to comment on the letter.

JonBene, 6, was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's Boulder home on Dec. 26, 1996.

No one has been arrested, and the Ramseys have denied any involvement in their daughter's death. Authorities have said the couple remains under "an umbrella of suspicion."

Earlier this month, a grand jury began hearing evidence in the case.

In re-examining the grand jury several months ago, Cmdr. Mark Beckner, now police chief, noted that the Ramseys have refused recent requests for interviews. Police say the panel's special subpoena powers were needed to finish investigating the case.

Smit, a retired homicide detective who was hired as special investigator in March, cut his hours in July because his wife was ill. He had planned to return to full-time work on the case.

His resignation follows the departure last month of Boulder Detective Steve Thomas, whose resignation letter accused Hunter of bungling the case.

Smit refrained from attacking the prosecutor's office, but said the Boulder Police Department is "just going in the wrong direction."

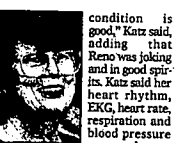
"The case tells me that there is substantial, credible, evidence of an intruder and lack of evidence that the parents are involved," Smit wrote. "If this is true, they too are tragic victims whose misery has been compounded by a misdirected and flawed investigation, unsubstantiated leaks, rumors and accusations."

Attorney General faints in church

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno fainted during a church service Sunday and was taken to a hospital, where she was reported in good condition.

Reno, 60, was expected to remain overnight for monitoring in the coronary unit at Georgetown University Medical Center, said Paul Katz, the center's chief operating officer. She canceled a trip to New York on Monday where she had planned to tour a school and give a speech during the early morning.

"This is just a fainting spell. Her



Janet Reno Reno told her staff she was feeling fine and looked forward to returning to work. She read work materials and spoke with family members Sunday afternoon.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

City council tours rim trail today

Centennial park to close all day Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - Don't plan to be at this park Tuesday. Centennial Waterfront Park in north Twin Falls will be closed all day Tuesday while Twin Falls County parks department crews seal-coat the parking lot.

Blaine commissioners to hold public hearing

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. today regarding Nick Purdy's property one-quarter of a mile south of U.S. Highway 20, west of Picoabo. The hearing is to consider Picoabo Livestock Co.'s appeal of certain conditions attached to a conditional-use permit to expand an existing guest ranch facility. The permit, approved with conditions June 19, allows construction of three residential structures that would be available to guests for short-term occupancies. The address is 100-114 RB Ranch Road. For more information, call the Blaine County Planning Office at 788-5570.

Ketchum planners will hold 3 public hearings

KETCHUM - Three public hearings are on the agenda when the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. today in City Hall.

On Peter and Barrie O'Neill's application for a conditional-use permit to increase the floor area by 292 square feet at 310 Williams St. in the Pines Planned Unit Development.

On the Bigwood Homeowner's Association's application for a conditional-use permit amendment regarding a bike path between Clubhouse Drive and Sawtooth Lane.

On Crestview Condominiums Association's application for a conditional-use permit to construct second-story decks at 291 Third Ave. S.

Also on the agenda is design review for five projects:

- Crestview Condominiums' second-story decks.
- Fields at Warm Springs, 41 residential units and a community building.

- An addition to a single-family residence at 208 E. Canyon Run Blvd., adjacent to the Big Wood River.

- A new single-family residence at 351 Eagle's Wing Drive, adjacent to Warm Springs Creek.

- An addition to a single-family residence at 101 Sheep Meadow Lane, adjacent to the Big Wood River.

The commission also will consider notice requirements for three skier parking lots. The public is welcome at the meeting.

Hailey council to consider wastewater ordinance

HAILEY - The Hailey City Council meets today for discussion of the draft of a wastewater-treatment ordinance for the city.

The proposed ordinance is intended to prevent introduction of pollutants into the wastewater system that will interfere with the system's normal operation and to prevent introduction of pollutants that haven't received adequate treatment. The ordinance would require that uses not meeting discharge standards treat wastewater on site prior to disposing of that water into the sewer system.

Today's meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. in Hailey Town Center, is open to the public.

Also on the Hailey council's agenda: airport issues; Idaho Power Co. franchise issues; Freestone development agreement; and a proposal to rezone 17 E. Carbonate from general residential to business; a proposal to annex and zone the Fox/Loore property; and an executive session regarding land acquisition.

Elmore commissioners to convene at 7 p.m.

PINE - Elmore County commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Pine, and anyone is welcome to come.

The commissioners will inspect the Pine transfer station.

Compiled from staff reports

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Council will tour the Snake River Canyon Rim Trail today, a week after some members worried about its safety.

Council members will meet at 4 p.m. at the trail, which begins where Washington Street North ends at the canyon.

The trail's proximity to the canyon ledge and several gaps in a protective wooden fence could lead to accidents, two councilmen said last week.

Other council members discounted the danger, saying a continuous fence would ruin the view and wouldn't necessarily prevent all accidents.

The council will discuss the trail's safety during the tour. It will return to City Hall at 5 p.m. to consider approval of the new

Albertson's development agreement and other business.

The agreement includes a 57,560-square-foot Albertson's grocery store between Blue Lakes Boulevard and Ash Street, behind the Albertson's on Addison Avenue.

The council will also consider an agreement for a new 10-unit duplex development at 1918 Elizabeth Blvd. The duplexes would be used by the Twin Falls Housing

Authority, which is losing housing on Ash Street to the new Albertson's store.

Also on the table is a proposal to use more than \$100,000 to upgrade 64 city computers to meet the compatibility standards of the city's other 44 computers.

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Turn on the lights

Meter man covers co-op's rural expanse

By Heidi Tuttle

Times-News correspondent

MALTA - His weathered hands clasp a carefully packed lunch box and the day's travel plans as he opens the truck door. He climbs aboard, shifts his weight, checks the fuel gauge and odometer, turns the ignition key and he's off.

Raft River Electric customers know him as George, the meter man. But a day on the job with George Darrington involves much more - making sure the customer isn't overcharged and Raft River Electric doesn't lose income.

"It's kind of a detective job," Darrington said. "You just have to take it as a challenge and do what you can do."

Darrington began his employment at Raft River Electric in 1976, building transmission lines on a part-time basis. After completing a four-year apprenticeship, he worked as a journeyman lineman for eight years.

When former serviceman Otis Edwards, retired, Darrington traded the lineman's camaraderie and his heavy-duty pole-climbing boots and hooks for a white pickup and a solitary work schedule.

But every day is interesting on the road, he said. He likes to watch the seasons change, to see the wildlife in different locations and to observe how customers improve their farms and ranches.

Recently, Darrington checked a meter in an isolated area near Park Valley. The hot, dry weather had left a parched roadbed and Darrington could be seen for miles around with the lengthy dust trail following him like a friendly puppy.

Residents in the remote areas of the system benefit from Darrington's charge. Jeff and Robbin Thomas received Darrington's help on more than one occasion.

"When your livelihood depends upon it, seeing his white truck was always a welcome sight," Robbin Thomas said.

Because farms function largely on electricity, Darrington makes life easier for the farmer, said Mike Lewis of Malta.

"George is kind of in the background, but he is very important," Lewis said.

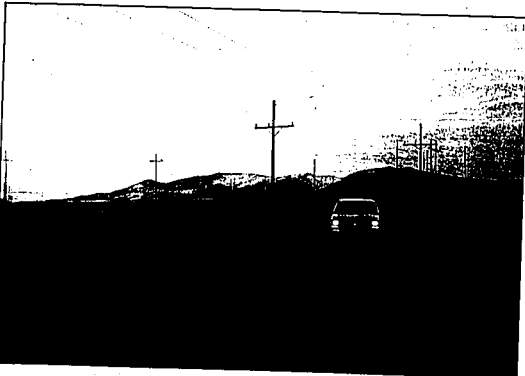
"He just does the job and heads down the road to help someone else."

The job may be solitary, but the route is never lonely.

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Raft River Electric serviceman George Darrington receives some bovine supervision while checking a stock-watering meter in Alto.



Early morning travel isn't unusual for Raft River Electric serviceman George Darrington. He sometimes leaves before dawn to cover the co-op's expansive system.

Close call

Serviceman tells his tale

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

MALTA - Even with experience, training and safety precaution, electrical accidents can happen. George Darrington, Raft River Electric serviceman, knows from experience.

In the spring of 1988, Darrington was sent to energize an irrigation pump service in

PLEASE SEE CLOSE, PAGE A6

Program helps woman break alcohol addiction

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Sandra Dee Clark has had plenty of consequences in her life.

Alcoholism cost her her marriage and the right to see her children, she said. She had even been kicked out of a bar or two in Rupert.

But the Alcohol Treatment Unit at the State Hospital North in Orofino helped her get back on track. And last week, when Clark was in court for a probation review on a driving under the influence charge, she thanked District Judge William Hart for sending her through ATU's abstinence-based 12-step approach, instead of sending her to prison.

"She told Hart she wished she could give him a hug," Hart said.

"Well, let's just do that," Hart said.

With that he came down from the bench and gave Clark a hug as her eyes brimmed with tears. Hart returned to the bench and wished Clark luck in the future.

"She has done better than anyone I have ever seen," said Bill Manning, her attorney.

After ATU, Clark voluntarily went to the Women and Children's Alliance in Boise and is learning a skill at her job at the



Sandra Dee Clark, a former Rupert resident, laughs with her friend Jesse Castro, who helped her get treatment for alcohol addiction while he got help for himself.

For more information

TO contact WCA call (208) 343-3888 or write WCA at 760 W. Washington, Boise ID 83702

The crisis hot line number is (208) 343-7025. The rape crisis hot line is (208) 343-7273.

Albertson's bakery in Boise and has plans for school. ATU helped Clark, and helps taxpayers as well.

Clark spent 72 days at \$210 to \$260 per day at ATU, including

full medical, psychiatric, counseling care and room and board. While \$260 sounds like a lot, compared to \$45 a day at prison, the cost saved by taxpayers for successful participants is tremendous.



For more on information about Women and Children's Alliance, visit The Times-News' *Crimes* at <http://www.magicvalley.com> and click on NowLinks.

dous, said Mark Gornick, the bureau chief of Idaho Department of Correction Bureau of Offender Programs.

Court and transportation costs are the offender's responsibility, and the offender pays a small portion of treatment costs. The majority of the burden falls on taxpayers.

"It is said that the taxpayer has to pay anything at all," Gornick said. "If the person succeeds, for every \$7 compared with what it would cost the community in health care, welfare property damage, theft, legal fees and other costs."

People who succeed at treating also bring the state and their community money because they become responsible taxpayers, Gornick said.

Cost isn't the only factor con-

sidered when deciding whether alcoholism treatment will serve the offender and the community. The type of treatment needed also is considered.

ATU personnel work on an offender's record and help them realize consequences of their actions, said James Larson, a clinical supervisor at ATU.

At Women and Children's Alliance, there is no direct cost whatsoever to clients or taxpayers.

The nonprofit program is funded with grants and fund-raising efforts, said Janice Johnson, executive director of WCA. The program also receives support as a United Way agency.

"The primary focus is on domestic violence," Johnson said.

Stays at the shelter are 90 to 120 days. The shelter provides safety from abusive partners, child care, counseling and helps with life and parenting skills. A rape advocacy program is also available. A court advocacy program teaches women how to fill out court protection orders and other necessary court documents.

Children are allowed to stay with mothers in the shelter. Each mother and her children have their own rooms.

"It is a warm and comforting environment," Johnson said.

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Kalispel tribe proposes big casino on Indian-owned land near Spokane

SPOKANE (AP)—A proposed tribal casino on the outskirts of Spokane is expected to gross about \$28.8 million per year, making it the fourth-largest in the state.

The casino, owned by the Kalispel tribe, is expected to open next fall in the suburb of Airway Heights.

Documents prepared for the tribe show the casino, to be managed by Carnival Hotels and Casinos, will dwarf the \$16.8 million in revenues generated by all existing bingo, pulltab and card rooms in Spokane last year.

The \$17 million casino will be built on land the small tribe bought in 1993 and then designated as part of its reservation. It

was only the second time in U.S. history an Indian tribe was able to do that.

The new casino would trail only the Muckleshoot casino, which has estimated revenues of \$45 million; the Puyallup casino, with revenues of \$35 million; and the Tulalip casino, with revenues of \$30 million. All those are in the Puget Sound area.

A key deadline is Oct. 14, when the state Gambling Commission is scheduled to approve a gambling compact with the tribe.

The revenue projections were done in 1996, before a dramatic expansion of non-Indian card rooms in the Spokane area. Officials of the new casino do not

think the competition will hurt them.

"We have a higher betting limit," said Bill Johnson, a Carnival executive. "So does that limit give us an advantage over the card rooms? I think it does."

The Kalispel casino will have a maximum bet of \$250, compared with \$100 for the non-Indian card rooms. The Kalispel betting limit could soon climb to \$500.

Gov. Gary Locke in July approved the 238-member tribe's plan to build the casino.

If approved by the Gambling Commission, the Kalispel compact would allow a casino with 31 gambling stations, open 20 hours a day. There is no provision for slot machines.

Utah governor hopes to set date for regional primary in 2000 election

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt expects to set a date for a year 2000 multi-state primary at a meeting of western states' officials in November.

Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado are committed to sending representatives to the meeting here and Arizona and Montana are likely to participate as well.

But the governor told the Deseret News editorial board that the primary will happen regardless of how many states ultimately join up.

"I see four to nine states in the first (western) primary, perhaps more joining" in 2004 and 2008 as the move to regional primaries builds across the nation, the governor said.

That is, anyone could come to vote and not have to declare a party preference — Utah state GOP chairman Rob Bishop says in reality people will have to pick either a Republican or Democratic ballot.

Thus, for the first time since the failed party-registration effort of the late 1960s, Utah voters will have to say publicly with which political party they associate.

The state Republican executive committee has voted to push legislation in the 1999 Legislature that would set up a presidential primary, Bishop said.

With Leavitt and GOP leaders behind it, success is all but assured in the Legislature.

Leavitt, a former political consultant, said there are a host of strategic advantages to a western regional presidential primary.

There are more delegates to the National Republican Convention — where the party's presidential nominee will be

selected — up for grabs in the central-west states than there are in California, he said.

And, while there could be 190 such delegates at stake in the West, there are only 11 GOP delegates in New Hampshire, the traditional first battleground in a presidential year.

"I foresee a situation where a presidential candidate could do poorly in New Hampshire, poorly or not very well in California, but work hard in the western primary, pick up most of the delegates and be a real player" in the GOP presidential race.

Because of smaller media markets that still reach most of the state's citizens, a candidate could spend less money to deliver more delegates, he said.

"I could see the strategists for several (GOP) presidential campaigns pick up most of the Republican presidential nomination and the White House runs through the mountain West, Leavitt said.

SERVICES

Herbert Partney of Mountain View, Calif., and family of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Buhl West End Cemetery.

Mabel Mossion of Paul, 11 a.m. today at the Emerson 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 950 W. 125 S. Paul, friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Virgil E. Anderson of Twin Falls, noon today at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, family and friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Nellie Vern Asher of Albion, 2 p.m. today at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel; friends may call from 1 to 1:45 p.m. before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Tim Rene' Arbaugh Griggs of Wendell, 2 p.m. today at the

DEATH NOTICES

Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Helen Minnie Boles of Hazelton, committal service at Memorial Park Mausoleum; memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Valley Presbyterian Church in Hazelton (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ray C. Bedke of Oakley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Tuesday at the church.

Charles W. Ferry of Richfield, graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Richfield Cemetery (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Tuesday from 6:30 until 8 p.m. and at the church on Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Alfonso Lopez BURLEY — Alfonso Lopez, 75, of Burley, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 1998, at his home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Lois Day and Michele Walton, both of Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

Hubbard, all of Rupert; Tami Melton and Stacy Murphy, both of Heyburn; Judith Miller and Venice Pedersen, both of Paul; and Sandra Roundy of Oakley.

HOSPITALS

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Edith Zamudio and girl of Rupert.
Released
Gulmaria Vargas and son of Burley.
Births
A daughter was born to Jose and Edith Zamudio of Rupert.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or Ext. 262 between 2 and 6 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

Alice (Amy) Martha Smith Reed Phelan
Alice (Amy) Martha Smith Reed Phelan, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 1998 at Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Dec. 7, 1912, in Ripley, Okla., to John and Ellis Smith. She will always be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a very active member of the Buhl Senior Citizens. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Wilma Keen of Twin Falls; a sister, Frieda Quethoff of Santa Barbara, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, son, William Reed and her husband, Charles Reed.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, Fairfax Ave., at Virginia, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

HAILEY

James Stanley Laughlin
James Stanley Laughlin, a loving husband and loving and caring educator, entered into new life peacefully on Friday Sept. 25, 1998, at his home in Hailey.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1938, in Maryville, Mo., and married Sharon Clauson in Boxford, Iowa, on June 18, 1960. Stan served congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colorado, Kansas and Idaho as congregational president, council member, regional committee member and lay preacher. A life-long student, Stan received a B.S. in mathematics and chemistry in 1958 from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo.; an M.A. in mathematics education in 1961

from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colo.; and a Ph.D. in higher education administration and statistics in 1968 from the University of Denver, Denver, Colo. Dr. Laughlin was the director of institutional research at Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan., and at Idaho State University, Pocatello. Dr. Laughlin authored a mathematics text and was a referee for "The Mathematics" a National Council of Teachers of Mathematics magazine. Stan taught university mathematics at Idaho State University and secondary math and science to students in Iowa, Colorado and Idaho. Most recently he was a teacher and mathematics chair at Wood River High School in Hailey. Dr. Laughlin retired in May 1998 after 40 years of teaching.

Dr. Laughlin is survived by his wife, Sharon Laughlin of Hailey; son, Erik Laughlin of Ketchum; daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Mark Henderson of Park, Colo.; granddaughters Krista Lynn and Megan Marie Henderson also of Park, Colo.; grandsons, Ben, Baraballo of Caldwell, Brinnice Wohlford of Maryville, Mo., and Mary Lou Hanson of Vacaville, Calif.; and sisters-in-law, Sherri Laughlin of Semmes, Ala., Shirley Laughlin of Maryville, Mo., and Aislinn Laughlin of Gilford, Mo. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Dr. Laughlin was preceded in death by his daughters, Virgil F. and Mable Laughlin, and brothers, John, Donald, Robert and Kenneth Laughlin.

There will be a memorial service honoring Stan Laughlin at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29 in the Wood River High School auditorium in Hailey. There will be a short reception following the memorial service in the high school commons. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Stan's memory be made to the Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, Idaho, 83340.

Arrangements will be the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Utah park official bans personal watercraft

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Personal watercraft users are being banned from a section of the Colorado River.

But nobody seems to mind.

Glen Canyon National Recreational Area Superintendent Joseph Alston on Friday issued the ban, which runs from Glen Canyon Dam to the Grand Canyon National Park boundary at Lees Ferry 15 miles downstream.

In other instances, proposed watercraft bans have been fought by users. But at Lees Ferry — a popular, blue ribbon trout fishery

— past watercraft use has been light.

"It doesn't bother us. You won't find many (personal watercraft) down there," said Mark Stacy, the service manager of Lake Powell Water World in Page, which rents watercraft for use on Lake Powell.

Water temperatures at Lees Ferry also discourage personal watercraft use. Water pours out of the base of Glen Canyon Dam at a frigid 48 degrees, ideal for trout, but a bit chilly for a rider.

But banning the noisy machines

from Lake Powell is a different matter.

A proposed rule being considered by the Park Service would ban the use of personal watercraft such as Jet Skis at some national parks. Lake Powell and Lake Mead are excluded from that ban.

Many environmentalists complain that Jet Skis are noisy, leak oil and gas into the water, pose safety risks to other visitors and damage natural resources. In Arizona this year, there have been several craft-related deaths and injuries, many involving minors.

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 106.
"The opera 'La Traviata,' 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Building.
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.
Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition children's car safety seminar, 6 p.m., Taylor Building Cedar 277.
Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6:30 p.m., East Dorn grounds.
Baptist Student Ministries weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Building Pine 258.

THURSDAY
Idaho Association for Bilingual Education annual conference, all day, Fine Arts Auditorium.

Sawtooth Rugby Football Club practice, 6:30 p.m., East Dorn grounds.
Midnight Madness basketball scrimmage, 7 p.m., CSI gymnasium.
CSI Continuing Education course Master Wealth, 7 p.m., Aspen 108.

FRIDAY
Idaho Association for Bilingual Education annual conference, all day, Fine Arts Auditorium.
Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.
CSI at CSI volleyball, 7 p.m., CSI gymnasium.

SATURDAY
Military tutoring, 8 a.m., Shields 298.
Fly Like an Eagle athletic fundraiser golf tournament, 8:30 a.m., Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.
Magic Valley Youth Symphony rehearsal, 10 a.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
North Idaho at CSI volleyball, 3 p.m., CSI gymnasium.
CSI cross country at University of Washington.

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AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH OCTOBER 10

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 11:00 am
Bill & Coe - Rifleton Bar & Restaurant
Advertisement - September 28
MUSSEY BROS. AUCTIONEERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 11:30 am
Lorenz Hechler Living Estate - Household - Misc. Furniture
Advertisement - September 27
WERT AUCTION SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - 5:00 pm
Home - Two Bids
Consignments Welcome - Jerome
KLAAS AUCTION BARN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 5:00 pm
Bill & Regina Miller - Household - Misc. Furniture
Advertisement - September 28
MUSSEY BROS. AUCTIONEERS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998
Charles Larson Estate & Neighbor's Bar & Restaurant
Advertisement - September 30
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 10:30 am
Annual Antiques & Collectibles - Now Taking Consignments - Fair Exchanges
Advertisement - October 1
ALL AMERICAN AUCTION COMPANY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 11 am
Tuttle Household - Tractors
Trucks - Auto - Misc. - Consignments
Welcome - Tuttle
Advertisement - October 1
SILVER GAVEL AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 12 NOON
Robert Burts Living Estate
Household - Wares
Advertisement - October 1
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 2:00 pm
City of Shoshone - Surplus Property - Shoshone
Advertisement - September 30
CITY OF SHOSHONE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 11:00 am
Marion Geer Living Estate - Household - Deer & Cougar Trophy Mounts - Twin Falls
Advertisement - October 1
JMA AUCTIONEERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 - 12 NOON
Mahn Jackson - Antiques - Clearances - Collectibles - Jerome Co. Fairgrounds
Advertisement - October 2
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 4 pm
ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE
Taking Consignments Daily - Twin Falls
HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 - 10:00 am
Retirement Auction - Collectibles - Tractors - Buggy & Horse Drawn Equipment - Flatrack
Antiques & Collectibles - Home - Furniture
Advertisement - October 4 & 5
BILLS DOWNS AUCTION SERVICE

ON THE AGENDA

Following is a list of governmental 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.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Council chambers.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.
Ketchum City Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Council special meeting, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.


TUESDAY
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Minidoka County Democratic Party, 9 p.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls Planning and

Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.

WEDNESDAY
Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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



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LDS president urges women to guard family

Church puts women's conference on satellite broadcast across U.S.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The president of the Mormon church admonished women members over the weekend to guard their families against the evils of society that threaten their homes.

"Never before, at least not in our generation, have the forces of evil been so blatant, so heinous, so aggressive as they are today," President Gordon B. Hinckley said at the General Relief Society Meeting Saturday evening.

Relief Society is the women's organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. More than 5,000 women gathered in the Mormon tabernacle on Temple Square for Saturday's meeting, and thousands more watched via satellite across the United States.

The home is under siege, Hinckley said, partly because mothers are absent and leaving the care of their families to others. "I think the nurture and

upbringing of children is more than a part-time responsibility," he said. "I presume that some women must work, but I fear that there are far too many who do so only to get the means for a little more luxury and a few faster toys."

The result, President Hinckley said, is that family relationships become strained, homes become fractured and broken, and society sinks further into a mire lacking in morality.

Women who do work should be careful about hitchhiking or traveling with men, Hinckley said.

"Do your job, but keep your distance," Hinckley said. "Don't become a factor in the breakup of another woman's home. Stay away from that which is tempting."

He called abortion, "evil, stark

and repugnant," and pleaded with Mormon women to "stand alone" in staying away from those compromising situations which make it appear desirable.

Among the indicators of America's moral crisis is the "blaise" that has blossomed out of recent political scandals, Hinckley said.

"Some to whom we have looked as leaders have betrayed us. We are disappointed and disillusioned. And their activity is only the tip of the iceberg. In secretive layers beneath that tip is a great mass of shame and guilt, of duplicity and dishonest behavior," he said.

"The home should be a shelter and women should be the heart-

ness of the home," Hinckley said. "I do not hesitate to say that you who are mothers can do more than any other group to change this situation."

Other speakers asked women to be strong in the face of the world's opposition.

The president of the General Relief Society said the organization can help women build stronger homes and help themselves.

Elton Simons, general Relief Society president, said Relief Society can help women strengthen their faith, discover and develop their talents, and receive joy from service.

The organization can also be a help for husbands, said Second Counselor Sheri L. Dew. Not only do women have the society of women, with whom strong relationships can be formed, but it also helps women learn ways to build a strong relationship with their God.

Businesses welcome news of jobs coming to Hill AFB

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — The promise of more aircraft maintenance jobs here is lifting spirits in the business community.

Businesses hope to move stagnant housing stock and stores are looking to sell more of just about everything.

Chris Dowling, executive director of the North Davis Chamber of Commerce, said the effects of 750 new jobs will ripple through the economy.

"All these folks, they have kids, they have wives. They have to buy paper, pencils, granola bars and all that stuff," Troy Tingey, president of Hill's Local 1592 of the American Federation of Government Employees, said it will be nice to see a build-up of jobs after years of erosion.

"It's going to be good to finally have to start worrying about a parking place," he said. "Back

to the good old days."

It has been more than three years since the 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted to close Air Force maintenance depots in Texas and California.

Ever since, the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill has been struggling to get jobs from those bases to replace jobs cut in military downsizing this decade.

This year, the Air Force began shifting jobs to Hill. Since February, bit by bit, the Air Force has been announcing the arrival of about 2,000 jobs.

Last week, Hill's Ogden Air Logistics Center secured the last batch of jobs it wanted from those bases. The announcement that Hill won a bidding war for 750 jobs from California's McClellan Air Force Base was the final piece of the puzzle.

Sun Valley agency plans special meeting

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission plans a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in City Hall.

The commission will take up

two items tabled from its Sept. 22 meeting.

- A new residence at 116 Highlands Drive.
- Elkhorn Resort's remodeling of the hotel entry and the southeast corner of the first floor.

The meeting is open to the public.

Protesters say restraining order infringes on free speech

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho (AP) — Cove-Mallard activists are upset over a temporary restraining order issued against them at the Otter-Wing timber sale about 20 miles southeast of here.

A state court issued the order early this month at the request of Highland Enterprises and

extended it for an additional two weeks, ending Oct. 2.

Andy Hairston, manager of the Grangeville timber company, said the court order is necessary to protect the safety of his workers and the protesters.

"They won't stay away from our sawyers," Hairston said. "The people are endangering themselves

and endangering our workers."

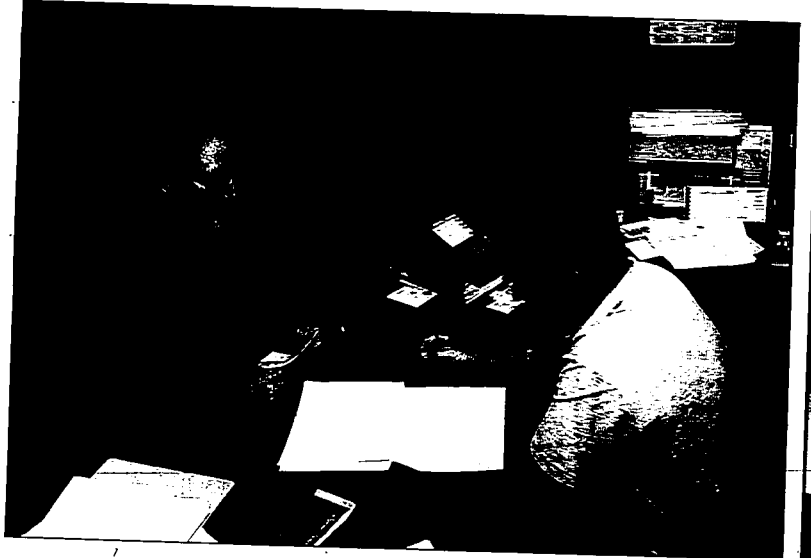
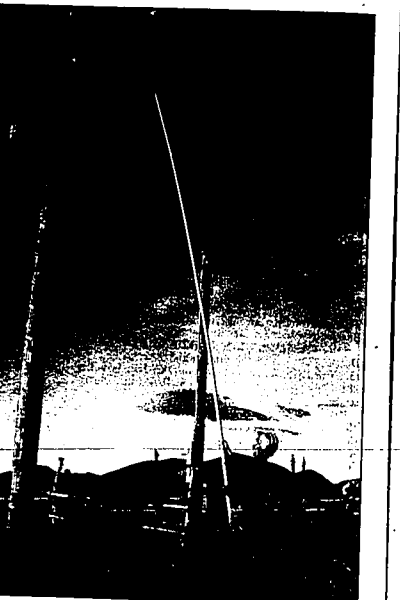
Activists say the order infringes on their right to free speech.

"This forest is a public forum," said Susan Goble, a spokeswoman for the Cove-Mallard Coalition at Moscow. "There are people out there protesting that don't happen to be in the way. It's their First Amendment right

to hear witnesses to the destruction of their forest and protest against it."

Bruce Smith, an attorney for the Boise law firm Rocholt, Robertson and Tucker, which represents Highland, disagreed.

"To the extent they are willing to hurt themselves and others, that's not free speech," he said.



Above, Raft River Electric serviceman George Darrington, and Heber Carpenter, Raft River Electric office manager, make details before billing can be completed. Right, Raft River Electric serviceman George Darrington uses his cordless flashlight stick to disconnect an high-voltage power source before the snows fly.

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the Raft River area.

He followed the procedure by putting his protective clothing on, taking the fiberglass stick for checking panels and the meter and closed the meter.

Darrington energized the service that went back to the panel to check the voltage and make sure it was accurate.

When he touched the volt meter to the top of the breaker inside the panel, the volt meter shorted out and exploded.

A ball of fire came out of the panel. Darrington remembers a brief orange flash, a loud sound like a welder, followed by a vision loss.

Darrington felt an intense amount of heat and fell to the

ground on his back and feet. When he fell, the safety glasses dropped from his face and he could see again.

"For a minute I thought I was blind," Darrington said.

His glasses were covered with the opaque carbon smoke and pitted with metal from the burned wiring.

Darrington also felt the heat in

his hands and around his neck.

The heat had caused his rubber gloves to separate and his turtle-neck sweater to stick to his neck.

"I went to the truck and called for a 'Moby'!" he said.

When Darrington called for help, the Raft River ambulance was two miles away.

"It took three less than 15 minutes and they loaded me up and

transported me to Burley," he said.

Lonna Cook, Raft River ambulance worker, said she remembers Darrington as a calm, appreciative patient.

"He said 'Thank you' over and over again and to this day, whenever I see him he offers his thanks," Cook said.

"My gloves and safety glass saved me," Darrington said.

In his 21 years on the job, Darrington said he feels lucky to have experienced only one major accident and two or three small mishaps.

"Of course with electricity, you're lucky to get by the first accident," Darrington said. "Electricity is kind of unforgiving about who it hurts and how badly."

Electric

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he travels in full of variety.

In the course of a day, Darrington can be on top of a mountain, down in the desert and back over to the Snake River, he said.

"He knows I like wildflowers and when he's up on the mountain, if he can find some, he'll bring me home a bouquet," Darrington's wife, Denise said.

Before the utility hired 10 meter readers and shifted Darrington's load, it would take him an average of three weeks each month to read the 2,700 meters on the system.

These days, he drives an average of 150 miles a day throughout the system and 300 miles during the busy periods connecting and disconnecting irrigation meters, Darrington said.

Without a daily work partner, some might think the job is lonely.

"Oh, no. Not if you like your own company," he said.

In the course of a day, however, Darrington talks with four or five customers in his travels so he's never really alone, he said.

Heber Carpenter, Darrington's supervisor and office manager, said Darrington is on the

front line.

"He is the person making one-on-one contact with the customers," Carpenter said.

Because he works alone in co-op's expansive coverage area, Darrington takes extra precaution making sure he has the protective equipment he might need, and safety and emergency electrical training.

"I don't feel I can take any short cuts and get away with it," he said.

Darrington carries a two-way radio. When he is doing something involving a higher degree of risk, Darrington calls in


before starting and again when the task is complete.

Darrington also is the Raft River Electric safety director and knows the importance of having respect for the energy and the necessity of protection, counselors say.

"George is extremely safety-conscious and an all-around dependable person," Carpenter said. "With his help, we pride ourselves in our safety program."

Hill's Taylor is a Times-News correspondent and can be reached through the Burley office at 677-4862.

Pat Parks
Pick of the
Week



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Times-News staff writer Louisa Cameron was awarded in Burley at 677-4862.

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At Albertson's Clark is learning cake decorating and she plans to go to college to obtain computer skills.

A bonus for Clark is her friendship with Jessie Castro. Before Clark got her DUI she was working at a bar and became drinking

buddies with Castro, who was having problems of his own, he said.

Castro talked about losing his marriage and contact with his children because of alcoholism.

The day Clark was put into treatment, Castro sought help for his problem through

Alcoholics Anonymous.

Clark and Castro have been sober together for the same amount of time, Castro said.

Castro gave Clark moral support throughout her treatment and helped her find a lawyer.

Now Castro and Clark attend AA meetings together. And

through treatment, both have rekindled relationships with their children.

"We see all friends now," Cameron said.

Times-News staff writer Louisa Cameron was awarded in Burley at 677-4862.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“I hope he hits 75 next year so people will forget I gave up No. 70. C'mon, Mark, I'm rooting for you.”

— Expos pitcher Carl Pavano, who gave up Mark McGwire's final home run of his record-breaking 1998 season

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school volleyball
Deola, Murrough at Gooding, 4 p.m.
Kendrum, Rafi River at Shoshone, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Golden Eagle men's cross country takes 1st

SEATTLE — The College of Southern Idaho men's cross country team took first place out of 12 teams at this weekend's Sundogger Invitational, edging Alaska-Anchorage by 10 points.

The CSI women once again did not have enough runners to field a complete team, but posted two runners in the top 25 at Western Washington at the University of British Columbia for the team title.

The CSI men (53 points) were led by Campbell Kross, who finished fifth overall with a 8K run of 26:42.7. Shawn Murphy was ninth at 27:58.1, Amleson Teklai was 15th at 27:22.5, and John Buey was 20th at 27:35.9.

Kurt Simpson (26th, 27:53.9), Terry Dutoit (28th, 27:56.8), Aaron Edwards (30th, 28:00.2) and Cody Orchard (42nd, 28:18.1) rounded out the Golden Eagle scores.

Krispy Warner led the CSI women in 15th place overall with a 5K run of 19:41. Courtney Barlow finished 23rd at 19:55. Amber Carroll finished 41st at 20:23 and Jeanne Ruff was 66th at 21:12.

Galbos takes 1st in IGA Net Championship at TF Muni

TWIN FALLS — Playing out of the third flight, Mike Galbos of Twin Falls shot a 121 to earn the top spot in the IGA Net Championship at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Jesse Hernandez shot one-over in the two-day IGA Net Championship, for a final score of 125. The Twin Falls native's score was good enough to edge out an one-stroke, first-flight victory over Pocatello's Darren Kuhn.

Greg Lanting and Roy McDowell, both of Twin Falls, took third and fourth.

Rick Wesen shot a 121 to claim the top spot in the second flight, with Steve Hallstone finishing five strokes behind him to claim second. Both men are Twin Falls residents.

Following Galbos, Jerome's Alan Schvaneveldt claimed second. Roger Bolten of Twin Falls and Joe Andersen of Shoshone took third and fourth, respectively.

Helsman Trophy winner Doak Walker dies at 71

DENVER — Doak Walker, the 1948 Heisman Trophy winner who starred on two NFL championship teams and was paralyzed in a skiing accident earlier this year, died Sunday at age 71.

Walker died at Routh's Hospital in Steamboat Springs, the ski resort about 100 miles from Denver where he had lived. Walker was injured Jan. 30 when he hit a change of terrain, soared about 75 feet in the air and tumbled another 75 feet after slamming to the ground. The injury had left him unable to talk, and he communicated with relatives and friends by moving his eyes and face.

Montana State volleyball drops Bengals in 3 games

POCAATELLO — The Idaho State University volleyball squad fell to 0-3 in Big Sky Conference play after losing in three straight games to visiting Montana State this weekend, 15-13, 15-13, 15-6.

The Bobcats (10-2) were led by Mindy Nowak (16 kills), while Penny Saeedon had 17 kills for ISU (6-7). Vanessa Lombard had 12 kills and 12 digs. ISU plays at Sacramento State Friday.

King of Swinging

McGwire ends with 70

By R.B. Fullerton
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — An incredible 70 homers by Mark McGwire couldn't be overlooked.

“I’ve never even dreamed about it, dreamed about it,” he said. “It’s unbelievable scoring! It blows me away!”

The St. Louis Cardinals’ slugger ended his record-breaking season on Monday as he started it. He hit his 62nd and 70th homers on the season’s last day, a string finale for a year he began with a grand slam on opening day.

“This is a season I will never, ever forget, and I hope everybody in baseball never forgets,” McGwire said the evening after the game.

Mark, who hit five homers on the final weekend, commenced against Montreal’s Mike Hampton in the third inning Sunday, then homered off Carl Pavano for No. 70 in the seventh. McGwire moved four ahead of Sammy Sosa and ended nine — nine! — in front of Roger Maris’ old record.

Sosa went 25 with no homers as the Cubs lost to Houston, 4-3, in 11 innings, but his season is not done. Sosa’s stats will count in the playoff game against the Giants.

“I wish him the best of luck, along with the Giants,” McGwire said.

McGwire, who has 180 multi-homer games this year and 53 in his career, left many in awe.

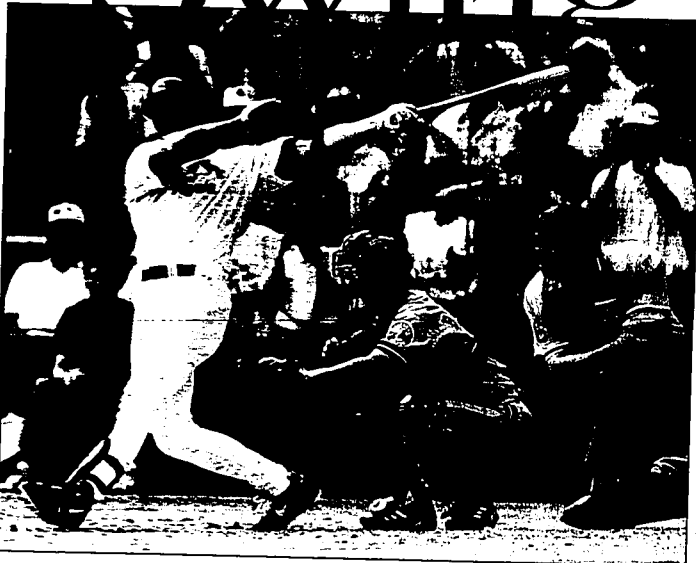
“It’s stranger than fiction, what this man has done,” manager Tony La Russa said.

Expos manager Felipe Alou said his young pitchers no longer had him in their minds.

“I left it up to God and the kid on the mound,” Alou said. “I didn’t want to mess with history. ‘Thank God the season’s over, or he would be 71!’”

McGwire hit a 1-1 fastball 377 feet into the left-field seats at 2:30 p.m. CDT for No. 69. After stepping on home plate, he took a deep breath, then made several

“I reached up, closed my eyes, and it landed in my glove,” McGwire said. “It’s a damn nice one. I hope he doesn’t hit



St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire hits his 70th home run of the season in the seventh inning against Montreal Expos pitcher Carl Pavano, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Sunday.

Single season 50 home runs

- 1 — Babe Ruth, 1920-21 (54)
- 2 — Hank Aaron, 1954-55 (47)
- 3 — Mark McGwire, 1997-98 (70)
- 4 — Jimmie Foxx, 1932-33 (48)
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McGwire's homers — 68

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even as Brian Jordan took a called third strike for the third out of the inning.

McGwire said No. 70 felt almost like No. 62, the homer that broke Maris' record, with the crowd at fever pitch and Expos infielders shaking his hand as he rounded the bases.

“What can I say?” McGwire said. “I’m speechless.”

The second home run ball landed in a party box and was snared by Phil Ozerly, 26, of Olivette, Mo., attending the game with a group of Washington University research lab scientists. He said he didn’t know what he’d do with the ball, which is worth a lot of money on the collectibles market.

Giants, Cubs face off today to determine wild card

Giants blow lead that would have secured spot

The Associated Press

DENVER — If the Giants had held on to that seven-run lead, they’d be in the playoffs.

Instead, it was on Chicago for a wild-card tiebreaker against the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Eight-inning Scott Podhousky hit a game-winning homer off Robb Nen in the 11th inning Sunday as the Colorado Rockies snuffed San Francisco with a 9-8 win, leaving the Giants and Cubs (69-73) tied for the wild-card lead after NL games.

About a minute earlier, the Cubs lost 4-3 at Houston in the 11th inning, meaning a Cincinnati would have sent them to Atlanta for a postseason opener Wednesday.

San Francisco, which trailed the Cubs by five games with 30 days left in the season, has closed with nine wins in 30 games, led the Rockies 7-6 in the seventh inning before Vinny Castilla hit a two-run homer off Brian Lanza.

The wild-card playoff game will take place at Chicago’s Wrigley Field. The game is scheduled to start at 6:07 PM and will be broadcast on ESPN.



Left, San Francisco Giants Scott Podhousky hit a two-run homer to take the lead in the Rockies' 9-8 victory Sunday. Right, Chicago Cubs fans I. Pina, left, and Michael Matthews cheer after hitting out the Cubs remained after their playoff bid.

Despite loss, Cubs get 1 more shot at playoffs

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Moments after another breathtaking loss for the Chicago Cubs, they won a reprieve.

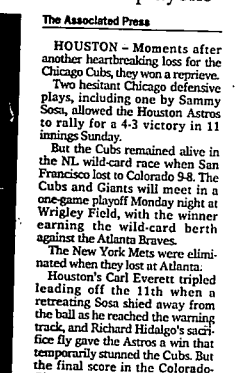
Two-hentist Chicago defensive plays, including one by Sammy Sosa, allowed the Houston Astros to rally for a 4-3 victory in 11 innings Sunday.

But the Cubs remained alive in the NL wild-card race when San Francisco lost to Colorado 9-8. The Cubs and Giants will meet in a one-game playoff Monday night at Wrigley Field, with the winner earning the wild-card berth against the Atlanta Braves.

The New York Mets were eliminated when they lost at Atlanta.

Houston’s Carl Everett tripled leading off the 11th when a retreating Sosa shied away from the ball as he reached the warning track, and Richard Hidalgo’s sacrifice fly gave the Astros a win that temporarily stunned the Cubs. But the final score in the Colorado-Giants game was announced a minute later.

The Giants and Cubs will meet in the NL’s first one-game playoff since 1980, when Houston beat Los Angeles to win the West.



Missed it by that much: No-hitter gets away from rookie

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Roy Halladay, picking just his second major league game, came within one out of a no-hitter Sunday, losing his bid when pinch-hitter Bobby Higginson homered in the Toronto Blue Jays’ 2-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Halladay (1-0) earned his first victory in the majors, striking out eight and walking none.

The 24-year-old right-hander was trying to become the first rookie to pitch a no-hitter since Wilton Alvarez did it for the Chicago White Sox against Baltimore in 1951.

Halladay had little trouble taking his no-hit try into the sixth inning. The Tigers’ only runner scored then was Tony Clark, and he reached on an error by homebase Felipe Chiribari in the fifth inning.

Halladay began the sixth by striking out Mike Kasper on a fly ball to left field and got pinch-hitter Paul Bako on a routine grounder.

But Higginson, batting for Kimbrell Brantley, hit the first pitch for a no-hitter, opposite-field drive to left for his 25th homer.

Halladay then ended the game on his next pitch, getting Frank Castellone on a ground out.

The crowd of 38,036 on the

Philadelphia Athletics. Halladay went 3-7 that season and never pitched again in the majors.

Halladay was the Blue Jays’ first-round pick in the June 1995 draft and he was taken No. 17 overall.

Featuring an outstanding fastball, he made a quick rise through Toronto’s farm system. He went 9-5 with 3.79 ERA at Triple-A Syracuse this season.

SCORES AND STATS

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Mark McGwire Home Run

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Nebraska picks up ground in poll

The Associated Press

Nebraska picked up support in the pursuit of No. 1 Ohio State, while Washington tumbled out of the Top 10 in The Associated Press college football poll.

After a 55-7 victory over the Buckeyes (4-0) strengthened their position at No. 2, while the idle Buckeyes (3-0) remained atop the poll with 56 first-place votes and 1,737 points.

Nebraska received seven first-place votes and 1,660 points Sunday from the 70 sportswriters and broadcasters on the AP panel. Last week, the Huskers had one first-place vote and 1,601 points.

Washington (2-1), meanwhile, dropped from No. 3 to No. 20 after its most lopsided defeat since a 52-0 loss to Alabama in 1975.

College football

Tennessee (3-0) moved up a spot to No. 3 after a 42-7 win over Houston, while UCLA (2-0), which had its game against Miami postponed because of Hurricane Georges, slipped to No. 4. Kansas State, a 62-7 winner over North Carolina, remained No. 5.

The Vols had two first-place votes and 1,544 points, while the Bruins had a first-place vote and 1,538 points. The Wildcats (4-0) collected two first-place votes and 1,503 points.

LSU was No. 6, followed by Penn State, Florida, Florida State and Virginia.

Syracuse was No. 11, followed by Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona, Colorado, West Virginia, Oregon, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech and Washington.

Southern California, a 30-10 loser at Florida State, dropped three places to No. 21, followed by Arkansas, a tie for No. 23 between Missouri and Notre Dame, and No. 25 Michigan.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, the top five were: Ohio State, Nebraska, Kansas State, UCLA and Tennessee.

Virginia (4-0), which beat Duke 24-0, was the only new member of the Top 10, while Arkansas made the Top 25 for the first time since Dec. 3, 1995. Defending national champion Michigan (2-2), a 23-17 winner over Michigan State, returned to the Top 25 after dropping out with season-opening losses to Notre Dame and Syracuse.



Indiana Colts' Drake wide receiver Jerome Pathon makes a 45-yard catch in front of New Orleans Saints cornerbacks Tyrone Colla and Tyrone Braxton in Indianapolis Sunday.

Mets fall, leaving Giants, Cubs to battle for wild card position

ATLANTA (AP) — New York, which had a one game lead in the NL wild-card race going into the final five games and were still in a three-way tie with the two games to go, fell behind 5-0 and was eliminated.

Contending for their first postseason appearance since 1988, the Mets lost their final five games, scoring just seven runs in the last 44 innings.

During three days in Atlanta, the Mets stranded 32 runners—11 on Sunday—and left the bases loaded four times.

Atlanta's Maddux (18-9) helped Atlanta to its 106 win, while the NL since the Mets had 108 in 1988. Armando Reynosa (7-3) was pounded for five runs and six hits in 1.2-3 innings.

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against rookie Mike Thurman in the third inning, then broke a 3-0 tie in the seventh with a three-run shot off Carl Pavano (6-9).

John Frascatore (3-4) was the winner and Juan Acevedo got his 15th save.

Marlins 6, Phillies 5
Phillies 7, Marlins 3

MIAMI — Ruben Amaro Jr., playing his final major league game before becoming the Phillies' assistant general manager, singled home the go-ahead run in the second game. Kevin Seifick drove in a career-high four runs for the Phillies on Saturday.

The Marlins, who swept the Phillies on Saturday, finished at 54-108, the worst record in the majors since 1975, when Oakland also dropped 108 and Toronto lost 109.

The Marlins had the worst record ever for a defending World Series loser (74-88) set by the 1991 Cincinnati Reds.

Brian Meadows (11-13) allowed three runs and seven hits in five

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innings in the opener and Antonio Alfonseca got three out of the eighth save. Tyler Green (6-12) was the loser. Carlton Loewer (7-8) won the second game and Rafael Medina (2-6) lost.

Reds 4, Pirates 1

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds ended their season by putting together the majors' first all-brother infield — Barry and Stephen Larkin, and Bret and Aaron Boone — and won on Aaron Boone's three-run homer.

Roberto Petingine hit a solo homer and Boone had a three-run shot off Jose Silva (6-7) as Pittsburgh finished with an eight-game losing streak.

Brett Tomko (12-14) gave up five hits and struck out seven in his first complete game in 53 career starts.

Dodgers 2, Brewers 1

LOS ANGELES — Chan Ho Park (15-9) allowed one run and eight hits in six innings for his career-high 15th win, and Mark Grudzielanek drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly off Bill Palshaper (3-4). Jeff Shaw got three outs for his 48th save.

Yankees continue to cruise

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernie Williams went 2-for-2 to win the AL batting title as a rookie. Shane Spencer hit his third grand slam in nine days.

In peak form for the start of the playoffs Tuesday night, the Yankees (114-43) won their seventh straight. With a .704 winning percentage, New York became the first team since 1913 to play better than .700 ball over an entire season.

New York, which won the second-most games ever, behind the 1906 Cubs (116-36), opens the postseason at home against Texas.

Williams had a pair of singles and a sacrifice fly to end the season with a .339 average — two points better than Boston's Mo Vaughn, who went 2-for-4.

Jim Bruske (1-0) won and Rick White (2-6) lost. Tampa Bay was 1-11 against New York.

Red Sox 6, Orioles 4

BOSTON — Mo Vaughn drove in two runs with his 40th homer and a single but failed to overtake Williams. Vaughn also matched his career-high 16-game hitting streak.

The Red Sox, who clinched the AL wild-card berth last Thursday, begin their first postseason series since 1995 at Cleveland on Tuesday, with Pedro Martinez (15-7) going against the Indians' Jarret

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Wright (12-10), Boston (92-70) finished with the best record since 1986 when it won 96-66 and lost a seven-game World Series to the New York Mets.

Carlos Valdez (1-0) got the victory. Tom Gordon got his 46th save with his major-league record 43rd in a row. Mike Mussina (13-10) lost but the Orioles finished with a record of 81 errors, three fewer than the previous mark set by Minnesota in 1988.

White Sox 7, Royals 6

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Albert Belle drove in three runs and completed one of the most productive seasons in Chicago history.

Belle homered and added two singles, hitting his hit total to 201.

He set team records with 49 home runs, 48 doubles, 153 RBIs, 401 total bases and 100 extra-base hits since 1950 and the first American League since Boston's Jim Rice in 1978 — with 400 total bases. He had 31 homers after the All-Star break.

James Baldwin (13-0) gave up three runs in three hits in five innings. Tim Lincecum (14-14) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in five innings.

Twins 6, Indians 2

MINNEAPOLIS — The AL

Central champion Indians finished the regular season with their sixth loss in seven games Sunday as Matt Lawton hit a three-run double for Minnesota.

Playing in what probably was the last game of his 21-year career, Paul Molitor went 2-for-4 for the Twins.

The 42-year-old St. Paul native is eighth on all career lists with 3,319 hits. He has said he will announce a decision on whether he will retire in the next month or so.

Eric Crowder (8-13) won and Bartolo Colon (14-9) lost.

Rangers 12, Mariners 6

SEATTLE — Rusty Greer, Roberto Kelly, Milt Cuyler and Lee Stevens honored for the AL West champion Rangers.

Greer had a two-run homer off Paul Splittorff (4-6) in the third inning and Kelly connected for a three-run shot in the fourth for a 2-0 lead.

Tony Fossat (1-3) got the victory with 1-13 innings of scoreless relief.

Angels 4, Athletics 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jarrod Washburn (6-3) allowed three hits in 6 2-3 innings in his first start since July 25 and Randy Velarde went 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Shigetoshi Hasegawa got his 15th for his fifth save.

Garrat Anderson hit his 10th home run to tie off the fourth against Jay Tidwell (1-3), breaking a 1-1 tie.

Leonard blows lead; Sutton wins Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Hal Sutton won a three-way battle for the back nine of the Texas Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory since 1995 after Justin Leonard lost the lead by bogeying the final two holes.

Sutton, who led by one stroke entering the final round, had six birdies and two bogeys in a 4-under-par 68. He held on to par with the final two holes and finished with an 18-under 270 total, one stroke ahead of Leonard, who crumpled at Jay Haas, who couldn't make a birdie.

Leonard and Haas each shot a 68.

"The victory was Sutton's first since the B.C. Open in 1995 and his ninth on the PGA Tour. He won \$306,000, the largest check of his career."

Finishing three strokes back at 473 were Mike Reid, who shot a

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final-round 62, Steve Lowery, Loren Roberts and Andrew Magee. Scott Gump, who was tied with Leonard one stroke back entering Sunday's round, was another stroke back.

Nelson wins Boone Valley seniors

AUGUSTA, Mo. — Larry Nelson made the most of his birdie chances on the par 55 in the Boone Valley Senior Classic.

"I was 3 under on the par 55 today after being 1 over on them on Saturday. That made the difference," said Nelson, who closed with his second straight 7-under 65 on Sunday for a two-stroke victory over Graham Marsh.

Nelson birdied three of the four

par 5s and parred the other. He needed the strokes to hold off Marsh, who eagle hooked No. 14 and 17 to get within one stroke going into the last hole.

Hetherington wins LPGA Betsy King Classic

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Rachel Hetherington and two-time defending champion Annika Sorenstam both closed their rounds with consecutive birdies Sunday, then Hetherington made another on the first playoff hole to win the LPGA Betsy King Classic.

It was the first victory in the United States for the 26-year-old native of Australia, who led after the second and third rounds.

"It was really exciting," said Hetherington, who won twice on the European tour in 1997. "I just tried to stay focused, and really didn't think of winning and any other pressures. I have to call home."

Raiders outlast Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A lucky bounce on a 75-yard touchdown pass and two field goals by Greg Davis gave Oakland all the scoring it needed. Cornerback Charles Woodson also intercepted a pass by Jason Garrett in the end zone to stop another Dallas drive.

On third-and-12 with time running down in the first half, Jeff George heaved a long pass downfield in the direction of James Jett. The ball hit cornerback Kevin Smith in the left shoulder pad and bounced into the arms of Jett, who ran 30 yards untouched to complete the 75-yard touchdown play, longest of the season for Oakland (2-2).

Dallas (2-2) lost in when Garrett beat a blitz to hit Billy Davis with a 55-yard pass and Emmitt Smith scored on the next play from the 1.

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Moss and Carter have four TD receptions each this year.

Jaguars outlast Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Mike Hollis kicked two field goals in the fourth quarter and rookie Fred Taylor rushed for 116 yards as the Jaguars came from behind for the best start in the team's short history.

On a day when Mark Brunell struggled and the Jaguars (4-0) turned the ball over three times, the defense led the way with four sacks and two interceptions against the Oilers (1-3). Eddie George was held to 25 yards on 14 carries.

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Chiefs 24, Eagles 21

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia native Rich Gannon's 57-yard completion to Joe Horn in the fourth quarter set up Dannel Bennet's third touchdown run.

In the Chiefs' first visit to Philly, Gannon was 17-for-25 for 262 yards as Kansas City (4-0) won its ninth straight against NFC opponents.

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Cardinals 20, Rams 17

ST. LOUIS — Arizona scored 14 points in a 59-second span of the second quarter and won its St. Louis homecoming.

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Steelers 13, Hawks 10

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jerome Bettis got the Steelers (3-1) back to what they do best by running for 138 yards. Bettis went over 100 yards for the 33rd time in his six-year career and the 23rd time with Pittsburgh by early in the third quarter.

Seattle (3-1), one of the NFL's surprise teams so far, couldn't overcome Bettis' big day, four turnovers or a suddenly ineffective running game as it was denied the first 40 start in the 33rd time in his six-year career, with the AFC's leading rushing offense (158.3 yards per game), were held to 61 yards.

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Vikings 31, Bears 28

CHICAGO — Randall Cunningham connected on four TD passes to four receivers — Robert Smith, Cris

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Education ranks at the top for state voters.

From The Idaho Statesman
If politicians follow a recent statewide poll, soon signs saying "It's education, stupid!" will be popping up in campaign offices.

Idahoans' concern for education was clear. The poll was conducted for a group of Idaho newspapers and television stations. More than 1,200 voters were asked about a variety of public policy issues.

Ranking at the top of the list was education: Twenty three percent said it would be the most important issue when they decide how to vote for candidates seeking statewide office. The next most important issue was the economy at 15 percent.

Fifty five percent said they would be willing to pay more sales tax to improve the quality of higher education. Sixty one percent said they would pay more sales tax to improve early childhood education. Fifty percent said parents who sent their children to private schools should not be given tax credits. Forty five percent approved. Forty five percent said they would not send their child to a charter school. Thirty two percent would, with 23 percent undecided.

A whopping 72 percent said all students in the nation should be tested to determine whether they meet national standards.

As with all polls, you have to be a bit cautious. People don't always do what they say they will.

But, if this poll is accurate, we

should see a lot of talk this campaign season about issues that no doubt are critical to the state: Idaho is the only state that requires a two-thirds majority to pass a school bond while also not providing state matching funds for construction. This has led to a backlog in school construction needs that has been estimated to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Idaho is one of only nine states that doesn't put state money into Head Start. Only about 20 percent of eligible Idaho students are enrolled in the program, compared to the national average of about 60 percent.

Colleges and universities have seen student fees rise, but also have seen their percentage of state money diminish.

Should the state give more money to higher education? The correction system continues to be an increasing drain on the state pocketbook.

That's money that potentially could go to education. Is it time for lawmakers to revisit mandatory sentences and alternative forms of punishment?

Now that Idaho's economy appears to be cooling off - which eventually could mean less state tax revenue - where will education fit in when it comes to lawmakers' spending priorities?

For nearly one of four Idahoans, education appears to be issue No. 1. Now it's up to the candidates to talk about their ideas on education and the future of Idaho's young people.

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The world according to Bill Clinton

STEVE GREENHUT

Even after watching Bill Clinton artfully dodge his way around the truth in his grand jury testimony, the American people appear as smitten by our Supreme Leader as ever. Maybe everyone should just heed the majority's wishes and let the whole matter go.

I'm not going soft. But if the American people - in their collective madness, perhaps - have decided that the truth (not to mention the rule of law or common decency) is of no consequence in the modern world, then there's little anyone can do to change their minds.

Before "move on to other things," however, I ask only this much: That Americans step back and ponder what the world according to Clinton really will look like. Here are some possible scenarios:

(Scene 1: It's Saturday night and a man goes back to a woman's apartment after a night on the town.)

WOMAN: Before we go any further, I need to ask you: Are you married?
MAN: It depends upon what you mean by married. Yes, indeed, I believe that I may have taken some sort of oath before the church, while standing beside a woman, yet I can't really say that I'm married. You see, in the definition of marriage that I've come to understand, I'm not really married. As the Bible says, two shall become one. And clearly, under any sane person's understanding, of that phrase, there still are two of us.

WOMAN: I dunno. It still sounds to me like you're involved with another woman, so I don't think we should be alone together.

MAN: Is anyone ever really alone? Other people live in this building, so we might as well be in a crowd. The woman whom I'm not really married to couldn't find anything wrong with that, could she?

WOMAN: What are you doing?
MAN: It's OK, really. I won't touch you or in any other way engage in any behavior with the intent to gratify your desires. You merely can gratify mine, and we can call it a night. Then there's no harm done, no vows broken and - since I can't find any specific admonition against what I'm proposing in the Bible - I can go to church tomorrow with a clear conscience.

WOMAN: I guess it's hard to argue with that logic.
(Scene 2: Man stops at grocery store on his way home. He approaches the clerk and asks for some assistance.)

MAN: Do you carry any frozen yogurt?
CLERK: No.
MAN: What do you mean, no? I saw an ad in today's newspaper. And the sign at the front of the store says it's a great sale.

CLERK: Well, I've never actually carried any of it myself. But I believe it is for sale somewhere in the store, though I may be mistaken. I can't quite remember so many items, but with stocking so many items, it's hard to be sure of anything these days.

MAN: Where, exactly, is it?
CLERK: It depends upon what you mean by "is." Can frozen yogurt really exist? I mean, food products can't have souls, so they don't really exist, metaphysically speaking, of course.

(Scene 3: Man comes home, without any yogurt, only to face an angry wife.)
WIFE: Where have you been?
MAN: At the grocery store.
WIFE: Were you with another woman?
MAN: Of course. There were lots of women in the grocery store. I even

talked to a pretty one - not as pretty as you, of course - as I walked past the produce section. I had the chance to find any frozen yogurt, however.

WIFE: But my frozen yogurt, how was it with another woman. Is that true?
MAN: Yes, indeed, Acina, the Great In-Quisitor! Her husband is one of those right-wing religious fanatics. And she's been out to get me ever since she caught me smelling her husband's car.

You should be absolutely outraged that she would invade in our private lives in that manner. I decline.

WIFE: You are absolutely correct, darling. I don't see about that other woman. Acina is obsessed with you. What business is it of hers, anyway?

(Scene 4: The man and wife walk up early Sunday morning and head to church, where the Rev. Smith's sermon is about frozen yogurt.)

MAN: Rev, I really love church. Do you think everyone saw me carrying my Bible and changing my hands in prayerful meditation? Other people can really tell when you're lying. I am so sorry that I pray or meditate but I don't understand religions with other women.

WIFE: That's OK, honey. As the preacher said, I can't forgive you even if you don't seek forgiveness for your sins and even if you seek them on signs of changing your behavior. I'll never pray that you won't suffer any consequences of your sins.

MAN: What does that theology. By the way, honey, where was your best friend when I died? Depends on what you mean by the word "was."

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Each year, as United Way of Magic Valley kicks off a new campaign, we become aware of how important it is to get our message to the community. The message is important in order for people who support or are thinking about supporting United Way to understand what their donations will do for their friends and neighbors.

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Thank you. Together you do make a difference in your community.
DIANE BOYD
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Prayer helps those who believe

President Clinton is the center of a lot of conversation lately. Our leaders bring under scrutiny from the public is nothing new. Not that many years ago, the name "Kennedy" was scrutinized in similar situations. The story of David being bullied by Goliath and having her husband Uriah killed also qualifies for leaders being distracted by the stuff of the world.

In the past, however, I do not remember blow-by-blow descriptions of the affairs. Do we need to know all the gory details? Do we need to turn it into a pornographic side show?

I have been told many times when I see a glaring defect of character in someone else I am guilty of: I have done it - I am doing it - or I want to do it. By the grace of God, today, I am not doing it.

One of the polls I have seen recently says more than 80 percent of Americans are Christians. What did Jesus say to the scribes and Pharisees in John 8:12-12? "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." What did Jesus say to the adulterous?

Woman where are those accusers of yours?

Has no one condemned you? She said, "No one, Lord. And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

If we are not supposed to "stone" President Clinton, what is our part? Timothy 2:1-8 says to pray "for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life." When I pray for President Clinton to have peace and joy in his life, the prayer helps me to have peace and joy in my life. Have you prayed for the authority figures in your life today?
STEPHEN HARRIS
Twin Falls

The fourth branch of government

I have been hoping that someone besides myself would question what is happening in the media, and thank God there are.

I am a Republican and, no, I did not vote for Bill Clinton.
After he was elected and the issue of health care came up and was the focal point of his administration with Hillary

at the helm, I felt justified in not voting for him. Just imagine two young political upstarts thinking that they had all the answers and that they could change the world. Ridiculous.

But after a while, reality did set in and both Bill Clinton and Hillary went about the business of being the president and first lady in admirable style.

Now regardless of the fact that the Republican Party nominated a man that the majority of the citizens found unacceptable, or the fact that Ross Perot was equally unacceptable, the majority of the people did, in fact, re-elect Bill Clinton. He must have been doing something right.

So now we have this feeding frenzy at the expense of the people of the United States, as well as the integrity of the office of the presidency. Why? Why has Kenneth Starr been given a carte blanche to destroy not only the man, but the office as well? Why are we, as a nation, allowing our elected officials to continue this witch hunt?
-Jan no way condone Bill Clinton's personal behavior and, as a woman, I

cannot help but feel Hillary's pain, and increased self-identification.

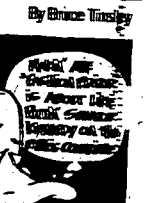
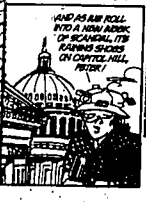
Another question comes to mind: Why, when we have a President, a Supreme, several Members of Congress, Supreme Court justice who was once a stable hand, barely several more justices including our own Chief Justice, why a man named Bill Clinton? What good can come from all this?

Bill Clinton did give us a black eye, but Kenneth Starr and the media have, in fact, turned out to be the threat.

I fear even do not think there is, in fact, anything there as opposed to thinking to us as a people and the president of the United States than the man, Bill Clinton.

Lastly, why have the guidelines of decency of the grand jury been waived? Just what does that mean from their outrageous actions, besides the obvious "millions" of Starr? What is the purpose? Has anybody heard of the term "backlash"?
HELENIA WATKINS
Idaho

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Timney

Bill transfers fish lab to U of I, will benefit salmon

MOSCOW (AP) — The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee last approved a bill sponsored by Idaho Senators Dirk Kempthorne and Larry Craig to transfer ownership of the Tammann II Hagerman Field Station to the University of Idaho.

The facility, in Gooding County near Hagerman on the Snake River, has been under the management of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. After it is transferred to the university, the school will make a \$1.7 million investment in property as part of its \$14.5 million BigDeath facility.

The investment the University of Idaho will put into this scientific facility will provide a boost to our efforts at restoring threatened salmon runs in Idaho," Senator Kempthorne said at the announcement last Thursday.

Besides fish research and conservation work, the university will continue agricultural outreach programs at the facility. The Fish and Wildlife Service will continue operating the adjacent steelhead hatchery.

Idaho tribes video pull-tab vendors sue former employees

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A trial is set to begin Friday in 7th District Court on a lawsuit filed against three former employees by the man who rents video pull-tab machines to the Shoshone-Bannock tribes' gambling operation.

James Johnson, owner of Major Casinos Inc., sued Marvin Osborne, Nathan Small and Margaret Martinez for allegedly taking "secret and confidential" information from the company and using it for their own profit.

Johnson contends Osborne, Small and Martinez resigned last spring, and used information they gained from the company about potential deals with other Indian tribes in an attempt to start a competing business.

Osborne, a former chairman of the Fort Hall Business Council, is listed in the complaint as a former regional director for Major Casinos.

IDAHO IN BRIEF

Chenoweth to reinstate 'Hot Shots' crew

BOISE — Gov. Bill Clinton said Saturday that an elite fire-fighting group will be reinstated after being disbanded in April. The Boise Hot Shots will be reconstituted and start training for the next fire season by Oct. 1, according to Chenoweth, chairman of the House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health. The U.S. Forest Service disbanded the Hot Shots crew April 15 amid charges of hazing and intimidation by former members. Forest Service officials had said they would not reinstate the crew, but promised to establish two fire crews in the Boise National Forest.

Chenoweth pushed the Forest Service to reinstate the Hot Shots crew, and was notified this week that it will be reinstated.

St. Luke's establishes children's hospital

BOISE — St. Luke's Regional Medical Center will establish the first children's hospital here this fall that will draw patients from Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada. For now, St. Luke's Children's Hospital will be a "hospital within a hospital" but officials foresee a free-standing center on the downtown campus in a few years.

"We want to develop an identity that families in the community can approach," said Jerry Hirschfeld, St. Luke's new administrator of children's services. "St. Luke's Children's Hospital will speak to all the problems that affect children."

In addition to providing medical services, the hospital will advocate for children in the political arena and make sure pediatric patients' social and psychological needs are met, Hirschfeld said. The hospital will offer local patients services that currently are not available in Boise, he added.

Ballot to include transportation issues

BOISE — Idaho voters are about to hear a lot about a ballot issue new to the Treasure Valley: a measure that would create a Regional Public Transportation Agency.

In preparation for the Nov. 3 vote, those involved in the effort will speak at clubs and show a video intended to inform residents in both rural and Canyon counties about the issue.

"Primarily, it's media coverage and meeting with groups," said Charles Traylor with the Ada Planning Association, which is involved in the public information campaign. "We want to take them to people and say, 'This is going to be on the ballot, you should know about it.'"

Mountain Home AFB to send planes, pilots

MOUNTAIN HOME — The 390th Fighter Squadron here is deploying five planes, 11 pilots and 60 maintenance workers Oct. 1 to Naval Station Keflavik, Iceland.

According to Capt. Tony Marrero, 390th project officer for the deployment, the unit will remain in Iceland until Nov. 16. "The purpose of the deployment includes three things," Marrero said in a news release. "Deter aggression in the North Atlantic, protect Iceland's airspace and support contingency operations. This is an expeditionary fighter squadron deployment."

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Section B

Mr. Question Man talks economics

Where is the American economy headed? Should we be nervous? Will the Stock Market crash? Will we lose our jobs and our life savings and our homes? Will we ultimately have to ward off starvation by eating our household pets?

Hold on! Let's calm down! There is NO reason for that kind of thinking! Since the economy has been on a "roller coaster" of late, but let's consider the reassuring words of Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan in his recent speech before the Association of People Before Whom Alan Greenspan Gives Speeches.

This is merely a temporary economic slump! Greenspan stated, adding, "everybody should get some sleep."

So there is absolutely nothing to worry about, except for the eerie parallels between our current economic circumstances and those surrounding the big Stock Market crash that led to the Great Depression:



HUMOR
Dare Barry

• **Eerie Parallel No. 1:** The big Stock Market crash occurred in 1929. The year that we are currently in, according to a majority of leading economists, is 1998. Both of these years start with exactly the same two digits, in exactly the same order. Coincidence?

• **Eerie Parallel No. 2:** Alan Greenspan gave exactly the same speech in 1929.

• **Eerie Parallel No. 3:** President Lincoln had a secretary named "Kennedy." President Kennedy had a secretary named "Lincoln." Incredibly, neither of these presidents had an intern named "Levinisky."

• So perhaps there is, indeed, cause for alarm. To help us better understand the situation, let's analyze the current economic picture by making up questions and then answering them:

Q. Why has the U.S. economy been so strong in recent years?

A. The key is the software industry, which employs many highly educated, well-paid workers to (a) design software and (b) try to figure out how come it doesn't work.

Q. And that makes the economy strong?

A. No. Software actually hurts the economy because at any given time two-thirds of the American work force is on hold waiting for Technical Support. What makes the economy strong is that, while waiting, these workers drink billions of gallons of specialty coffees costing upward of \$3.49 per cup. Our late industry alone draws General Motors.

Q. So what's the problem?

A. The problem is Asia, a large land mass known as *Honolulu*. Asia is having a severe currency crisis caused by the fact that the Asians suddenly realized that a lot of their currency has funny names such as the "bunt," the "kip," the "ringgit" and the "brienne" currency whose name we can't print in the newspaper and then imagine the endless stream of hilarious jokes you'd be making if you were a tourist in Vietnam.

Q. Why does Asia have an economic crisis?

A. Because Asia is where TV sets come from. Q. Can't we just make our own TV sets?

A. Ha ha! The only person still alive who remembers anything about the era when Americans could actually build a working television is a 92-year-old retired Motorola employee named Horace M. Smeat, who, when asked recently how to make a TV set, said, "There. You need 12 feet of stout cotton."

Q. Are you going to get many letters from late home-impaired senior citizens chastising you for making a joke about eating dogs?

A. Yes.

Q. What will these letters say?

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Although losing his ball is sometimes a problem, Joe Hackney, left, plays golf often despite his vision loss. Hackney and partner Frank Fiddlers have been playing together for decades.

THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY Macular degeneration robs 'central' vision

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

“You can see light and dark, and trees. But you can't see the leaves on them.”

TWIN FALLS — He likes to play golf, and at 80 Joe Hackney can still swing a club and set the ball in motion.

But his partner has to go find it. Macular degeneration has robbed Hackney of his innermost eyesight. That so-called "central" vision is what's needed to thread a needle, read a book or drive a car.

"It's very hairy out there, but you can see out and you can see light and dark, and trees," Hackney said. "But you can't see the leaves on them."

Dr. Francis Geisler, a Twin Falls ophthalmologist, said macular degeneration is the single most common cause of decreases in vision, or abnormal vision, in people over 50.

But in most cases, that doesn't translate into blindness.

"Many people say it's like looking through a shot glass or a wine glass, where everything is kind of distorted, and it gets progressively fuzzier," he said.

It's an age-related problem affecting the pigment cells that line the retina. These retinal pigment epithelial cells are very important to the health of the retina.

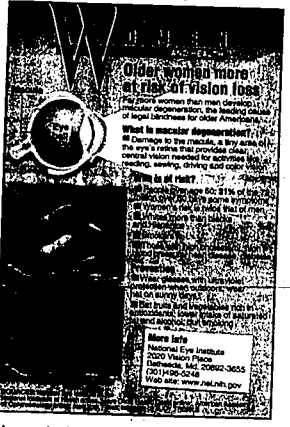
The macular is the central part of the retina, and sees like the film in a camera, receiving and conveying images to the brain.

As changes in the pigment cells occur, they start to affect the associated retina, Geisler said sometimes without any perceptible difference in vision.

But eventually folks begin to notice they can't read as well as before, and see an ophthalmologist to find out whether their glasses need to be changed.

Subtle clues that macular degeneration is taking place may be picked up early on with a dilated examination, Geisler said. These clues would not necessarily be associated with changes in vision.

"So there could be instances where these early



changes in the pigment cells may take years to slowly kind of progress," Geisler said. "Other times it could be more rapid."

Typical symptoms are initial blurry vision and distortion of geometric shapes (straight lines become curved or wavy, squares or rectangles change shape). And in many cases, there appears to be a dip in the horizon.

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Variety of problems can afflict aging eyes

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Over 50 and looking down the hill, there's more to be concerned about than gray hair and skin lines. At this time of life, several serious eye problems can crop up:

Glaucoma

Glaucoma is sort of the opposite of macular degeneration, in which the central vision is affected and peripheral vision left undisturbed. With glaucoma, the shadows begin to gather around the edges.

"The difference with glaucoma is that it can in many instances, unless it's treated, continue to progress and lead to total blindness," said Dr. Francis Geisler, a Twin Falls ophthalmologist.

In most cases, Geisler said, glaucoma causes an elevated pressure in the eye. But in some cases, it's not that the pressure is elevated; it's that the eye can't tolerate its normal pressure.

The best way to define glaucoma is to call it a group of diseases with intraocular pressure too high for the continued health of the eye, Geisler said.

For example, the normal pressure within the eye is between 10 and 21 millimeters of mercury. There are some types of glaucoma in which pressure will never exceed 14.16 millimeters of mercury, but still the glaucomatous damage continues in the eye.

These are called tension, or low-pressure, glaucoma.

In treating the problem, Geisler said the best thing that can be done is try to relieve the pressure.

Typically, there are no symptoms — no blurry vision and no pain. But in some, less common types, patients do complain of pain.

The glaucomatous changes in the eye affect the optic nerve and slowly start to destroy it. The peripheral vision begins to slip away.

But in other instances, folks can lose up to half of the mass of the optic nerve, due to direct damage by glaucoma to it, before there is measurable decrease in the visual field.

Risk factors include family history, nearsightedness, diabetes or some type of eye surgery, because the older you get, the more you likely you are to contract glaucoma.

Sometimes people who have been on

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Avoid hot air styling irons when straightening curly hair

DEAR PAULA: I had incredibly curly and dry hair for years. After I developed diabetes, it straightened out somewhat. (Apparently, so did my grandfather's.) I used to wash my hair every day, and blow-dry it, which made everything even worse.

I got it all cut off last year. Now I wash my hair once a week, using Infusion shampoo, Infusion conditioner, the Infusion leave-in treatment, and the Smooth n' Sleek Heat Buffer from Dune. When I leave it to dry by itself, it's nice and smooth and shiny. But when I try to style it afterwards, it goes all weird again. I use a device by Conair that is like a curling iron, but it has hot air blowing through. I use the brush attachment, which straightens nicely. Is it the Infusion, the Tame, or just my stupid hair?

—LESA-ANNE, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

DEAR LEA-ANNE: It is the styling tool. In order to smooth your hair when blowing hot air through it, you must be able to pull the hair taut and keep it that way for a few seconds. Those air styling irons can't do that, so the hair stuffs out. Try a real curling iron or a round brush and a blow dryer. I have never seen a professional stylist try to create a smooth look with the blow dryer iron.

COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR PAULA: I really need some information on some products. I'm currently using an 8 percent AHA product. It really has started to even out my sun-damaged skin. I also have damage on my chest and back from the sun, including dry patches, brown spots, and white spots. I'm only 27 and hope it's not irreparable. What exactly do skin lightening products do?

—JENNY

DEAR JENNY: From what you describe, I would not suggest you consider any skin-lightening products before you have the discolored areas on your body checked by a dermatologist. Consider this urgent and talk to your doctor as soon as possible. White spots and crusty brown spots can be an indication of something much more serious. Assuming you will take care of this, skin lightening products that contain at least 1 percent to 4 percent concentrations of hydroquinone can inhibit tyrosinase production, the process in the skin that is causing the brown patches.

HEALTH NOTES

Heavy breathing

The American Heart Association reports that impaired breathing from heart and lung diseases may increase the risk of stroke in older people. But the same study showed that being married may lower it.

Three is better

Surgeons have pioneered a new type of triple coronary artery bypass that many offer advantages over current operations. The procedure uses three artery grafts from the abdomen instead of two arteries and a vein. In a seven-year study, researchers found the new bypass approach extended lives, prevented new heart attacks and reduced the rate of recurring chest pain, according to the American Heart Association.

Aspirin-like drug helps

The heart association also reports that among blood-thinning drugs being developed to treat heart attacks, researchers have found one that seems to work better than the others in the long run in preventing second heart attacks. Lamifiban prevents platelets from forming blood clots that obstruct blood vessels and cause heart attacks. Through a different mechanism, aspirin has the same effect on platelets, blood cells that help form blood clots.

Fighting ovarian cancer

Ovarian cancer is one of the most common among women, accounting for 4 percent of new cases each year. In cases where it is treated early, the five-year survival rate approaches 93 percent. However, because the symptoms often are not acute or infrequent, only about 24 percent of cases are detected in their earliest stages. The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition offers a free brochure, "What Every Woman Should Know About Ovarian Cancer," that includes information on risk factors, symptoms and treatments. Copies can be downloaded from the Web at www.ovarian.org or be sent by mail to www.ovarian.org or 1-888-682-7426.

Illiteracy kills

Illiteracy appears to be an important obstacle to being diagnosed with prostate cancer early enough for effective treatment, according to a new study by Northwestern University Medical School researchers. The study of 212 poor elderly men found that those who were diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer when they were examined for the disease were twice as likely to be unable to read above the sixth-grade level as those who were diagnosed with earlier stages of the disease.

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Macular

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There's also an overall decrease in fine vision — the ability to read fine small — and then larger print — and the inability to discriminate fine details in objects and faces.

This can progress at a variable rate; no pain is associated with it.

Geissler said there are two types of macular degeneration. One is the dry form, which has been known effective treatment. But the less common wet form is potentially much more serious.

Wet macular degeneration is so-called because there can be associated abnormal blood vessels that grow underneath the affected parts of the retina, and can cause scar tissue to form. Geissler said they may sometimes

cause bleeding or leakage of blood constituents beneath the retina, resulting in further damage to it.

Treatment is available in some cases for wet macular degeneration if the abnormal blood vessels are recognized early. In some cases, a laser may be used to do this.

It was the dry form of macular degeneration that Hackney was diagnosed with five years ago. Then the following year he was told he had the wet form, and was given laser treatment.

Unfortunately, it didn't help to stabilize his condition.

Geissler said that's not unusual, and that people need to be aware of the downside of treat-

ment. Sometimes in order to stabilize the progression of macular degeneration, there is a risk of a certain amount of loss of vision.

"There are people for which certain types of surgery can be utilized, sometimes with good outcomes," he said. "But it's not a high percentage."

Geissler said you're running a higher risk of macular degeneration if your mother or father had it. Iris color may also be a risk factor.

Folks with eye colors other than brown may develop it at a greater rate, but that's not for sure. There has, however, been a causal link between smoking and macular degeneration, and women as more likely to get it than men.

"Most of those we can't do any-

thing about," he said. "We can't change our parents or our eye color or our sex, but may be able to reduce rates by not smoking."

Geissler said an approach to macular degeneration that has had limited success experimentally is to do pigment epithelial cell transplants. That involves placing some of the pigment cells from fetal or animal sources underneath the retina where they normally live.

Another tactic is to move parts of the retina to different areas of the eye, where the retinal pigment epithelium is still intact. Those cells can in turn be used to stabilize those areas of retina where the retinal pigment epithelium has died.

"But right now, in 1998, is

there an effective treatment for most types of age-related macular degeneration?" he asked.

"The answer is no, unfortunately. Is there hope? I think there is."

Variety

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medication for years and have had good control of their eye pressure, will slowly start to develop increases in pressure.

So either the drugs are changed or added to, or a different treatment tried.

As a final step, surgery can create an artificial drainage system in the front of the eye, designed to control pressure and slow down or stop the progress of the disease.

"You never can cure glaucoma," Geissler said. "We simply try to control it."

Cataracts

Otherwise healthy people can get cataracts, which by definition means any change in the transparency of the lens that results in decreased vision.

"And what is important for people to understand is that people can have mild cataracts and often do — and have essentially normal vision," Geissler said. "Cataracts are very common and we're not concerned about them unless they start causing problems; that they decrease vision to the point where activities of daily living are affected."

"It would be when people can't see well enough to read or drive. Oftentimes they can have apparently normal vision, but suffer from intermittent symptoms of cataracts."

The most common being problems are with glare — oncoming headlights, for example, are blinding.

Treatment for this is to remove the cataractous lens, through a process called phacemulsification. Then an intraocular lens is placed in the same anatomic position that the original lens was in before it was removed.

Cataracts can be the result of genetic predisposition; you can be born with the condition or develop it after a blow to the face, heat or eyes.

"It can also come about after taking certain types of medications, particularly steroids such as prednisone, or be caused by some types of metabolic diseases, such as diabetes."

Geissler said there are probably many factors that can cause or contribute to cataracts. The incidence is higher in people who smoke, and folks who have high blood pressure or other types of cardiovascular disease appear to have a higher rate of cataracts.

"We feel that most of the problem is due to sun exposure in people over 50, resulting in damage to the protein in our lenses," Geissler said.

Chronic dry eyes

This common vision problem related to age can be related to the use of medications or another disease.

People who have certain skin conditions such as rosacea often have dry eyes — so can those with other skin diseases, such as scleroderma, lupus and also arthritis.

Symptoms of chronic dry eyes include severe intermittent blurry vision, with or without tearing — especially during close work such as reading. There can be a constant or intermittent foreign body sensation in the eye — a feeling of sand or gravel.

There can also be a sensitivity to light. Folks with this might wake up with dry, crusty eyelashes or matted material around their eyelids.

It's hard to focus first thing in the morning, and their eyes are painful when they open them.

Usually this condition doesn't pose a permanent risk of vision damage, but it can if it's severe enough.

The condition is caused by inadequate tear film on the surface of the cornea. Treatment entails replacing the faulty tear film on the front of the eye through lubrication, by trying to rehabilitate parts of the eye involved in making the film.

"The eyelid margin is full of oil-secreting glands that function to form part of the tear film," he said. "Oftentimes those become obstructed — either secondary to skin condition such as rosacea or simply by age related changes."

Droopy eyelids

This condition reduces a person's ability to see above the horizon and impede visual field.

It can also cause problems with driving and reading.

"Sometimes it can preclude people from reading, because they have to bend their neck back so far in order to see text," Geissler said. "Their eyelids aren't open far enough and it creates strain and headache and all sorts of things."

Droopy eyelids are sometimes the result of dermatochalasis, which is a normally functioning lid that has redundant skin that typically hangs over the front of the eyelid and it can threaten the health of the eye, because it can cause misdirection of the upper lashes so that they rub on the cornea.

This condition can induce fatigue of the upper eyelids. Geissler said, "The primary reasons for it are multiple, but in the adult population it is primarily secondary to age-related changes."

It's easily corrected, Geissler said. A fairly simple outpatient operation called blepharoplasty can provide increased visual field and reduce the symptoms of eye fatigue.

Blepharotosis

With this problem, the eyelid no longer functions properly. Instead of having normal upper eyelid movement it moves a fraction of what it normally should and stays in front of the eye that's trying to see.

Geissler said the procedure for this is called levator advancement, which brings the muscle closer to the upper eyelid. In many cases, normal function is returned and the patient can open it all the way.

"Blepharotosis is a little less common than dermatochalasis," he said. "The primary reasons for it are multiple, but in the adult population it is primarily secondary to age-related changes."

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A. They will say: "Mr. Barry, I personally, am unusually intelligent and therefore capable of realizing that you were attempting to be satirical, but many of your readers, particularly impressionable young people, will, as a direct result of your column, act on their dogs."

Q. What about this "Year 2000" computer problem that I keep hearing about? Is it going to cause worldwide economic collapse?

A. Don't worry! Our top minds are working on it day and night.

Q. Who are our top minds?

A. Gus and Bud. Their current thinking is that the problem is "somehow in the carburetor."

Q. So what you're saying is, I should not be worried?

A. That is correct. We are a strong nation, and as long as we do not panic, and our leaders remain wise and vigilant and keep their Vietnamese currency units in their pants, there is every reason to believe that our economy will remain robust and will be the latter part of next Thursday. After that, it would be wise for all of us, if we are looking for a safe place for our money, to remember Alan Greenspan's recent words of advice to investors.

Q. What were those words?

A. "Remove the collar first."

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She won praise for both roles the day of the Emmy Awards. There she was, a 5-foot-11, 220-pound woman

She won praise for both roles the day of the Emmy Awards. There she was, a 5-foot-11, 220-pound woman wearing a slinky, strapless black dress, crossing the Shriek Auditorium stage in Los Angeles.

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Manheim's unabashed acceptance of her weight

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"This is for all the fat girls," the bubbly, bubbly co-star of ABC's "The Practice" exclaimed as she raised her hand for best supporting actress in a

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Following are two of the seven amendments to the Idaho Constitution that will appear on the November 3, 1998 general election ballot.

STATEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT Section 4, Article IX. Changing the name of the Public School Fund to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund will promote clarity and efficiency by clarifying the fund's purpose and distinguishing it from other funds related to the public school system.

limit land sales to no more than 100 acres (84,000 acres) of state land per year. These amendments will promote the assets of the endowments and preserving their fiscal health and that of the endowment beneficiaries.

from these funds, except to appropriate moneys from the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund to pay for administrative costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of the Public School Endowment Fund, but not limited to, real property and monetary assets.

Instruments that carry a promise of full repayment. Primarily, this means investment in government bonds. This narrow investment restriction is an asset endowment beneficiaries desire. For effect, just one year ago, an endowment beneficiaries were more than 200 million dollars more today.

H.J.R. No. 6

"SHALL SECTION 4, ARTICLE IX AND SECTION 8, ARTICLE IX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND."

1. Creating a Land Bank Fund which shall eliminate the current, cumbersome requirement that land exchanges be performed to acquire land for the public school endowment. The Land Bank Fund would greatly enhance the performance of the public school endowment by enabling the state to sell uprooted endowment land and buy back the same land at a price that maintains its endowment land base while increasing revenues from the land.

2. It does not matter that a sale might be permanent and a lease temporary. Both transactions alter the ownership of the use of endowment lands. The requirements for sales and leases addressed in the state constitution should remain unchanged.

Effect of Adoption: The name of the Public School Fund would be changed. The earnings of that fund would be deposited into the Public School Endowment Fund, which would be protected. The principal in that fund could never be transferred to another fund. The state legislature will be prohibited from appropriating money from the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund and the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund, however, the legislature will have the authority to appropriate money from the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund to pay for the administrative costs and interest on the public school endowment. The state treasurer continues to manage the Public School Endowment Fund and the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund. The state would continue to be required to repay losses incurred by the Public School Endowment Fund, but not losses on moneys invested in the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund.

This section of the state constitution was amended in 1989 in an attempt to accomplish the same goal that the present amendment would accomplish. The 1989 amendment was approved by the people of the state of Idaho and a restrictive interpretation by the Idaho Supreme Court has resulted in changes that were made. The proposed amendment is merely hoped to move beyond the restrictive interpretation that has resulted in the current state constitution.

H.J.R. No. 8

"SHALL SECTION 3, ARTICLE IX AND SECTION 11, ARTICLE IX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND."

1. TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND. TO PROVIDE THAT THE EARNINGS OF THAT FUND SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND AND DISTRIBUTED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS OF THE STATE.

2. TO PROVIDE THAT NO PART OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND PRINCIPAL SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR IN ANY MANNER APPLIED TO ANY OTHER FUND.

Effect of Adoption: The state would be allowed to invest permanent endowment funds in a broader range of investments than normally would be allowed to invest the moneys pursuant to state law.

3. Limiting legislative appropriation from the Public School Earnings Reserve Fund for administrative costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of the separation of powers provisions of the Idaho Constitution. The Idaho Constitution does not guarantee that the public school endowment will be supported. Therefore, the gain sought by this amendment is not only wrong, it will be ineffective.

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Section 4, Article IX Meaning and Purpose of Proposed Amendment: If adopted, the proposed amendment would change the name of the Public School Fund to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund.

3. The state constitution requires that endowment lands be managed for the maximum long-term benefit. Return endowment lands and the proceeds from the sale of such lands held in trust by the state for the endowment beneficiaries, to whom the state has a fiduciary duty to act in a prudent investor standard. Accordingly, competitive bidding for any lease of state land to be a key tool used to maximize the total return on endowment assets and to assure that the state is meeting its obligation to its beneficiaries.

4. TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THESE FUNDS. TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL SUFFER LOSSES INCURRED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND, EXCEPT THAT THE LEGISLATURE MAY PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND MAY BE INVESTED, RATHER THAN LOANED, IN ANY INVESTMENT WHICH A TRUSTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO INVEST PURSUANT TO STATE LAW."

Effect of Adoption: The state would be allowed to invest permanent endowment funds in a broader range of investments than normally would be allowed to invest the moneys pursuant to state law.

4. The state constitution clearly requires that the state make up any losses from the endowment fund. No more clarification is needed. The proposed amendment might do more harm than good. The state constitution does not guarantee that the public school endowment will be supported. Therefore, the gain sought by this amendment is not only wrong, it will be ineffective.

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Section 3, Article IX Meaning and Purpose of Proposed Amendment: If adopted, the proposed amendment would change the name of the Public School Fund to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund.

1. Changing the name of the Public School Fund to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund is unnecessary. People who deal with the public school endowment already know what the name refers to.

2. Requiring that the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund proceeds from the sale of lands of the public school endowment is unnecessary because the proceeds already have to be deposited into the permanent fund of the public school endowment.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Science vs. superstition in sex determination

The Dallas Morning News

So you want to have a baby? And you want to choose the child's sex? Thanks to new scientific advances, you might be in luck.

Fertility researchers at the Genetics & IVF Institute in Fairfax, Va., say they've uncovered a method involving "sperm sorting" that reportedly can produce the sex of choice.

While this may be the most promising method to date, trying to influence the sex of our babies is nothing new.

We hear about the Chinese calendar technique? What about the first-thing-in-the-morning method? Or the vinegar-and-baking-powder prescription?

"There are several books out there on it, but I don't think there's any proven method other

than this (Genetics & IVF Institute report)," says William Byrd, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Which means that, thanks to science, one more category of old wives' tales — and in some cases, advice from well-intentioned doctors — crawls toward extinction.

We soon might be recalling the old days when "timing" was considered a key factor in several, and mostly improved, sex selection methods.

Helen Jolly, a midwife at Family Birth Services in Grand Prairie, Texas, says she has seen information about the topic in books and medical reports. "We have been told that the male sperm swims faster and the female sperm lives longer," Jolly says.

If you wanted a boy, have intercourse right at ovulation, women were told, because male sperm tend to win the race to the woman's egg. If you wanted a girl, do it three or four days before ovulation, because by the time the woman's egg is released, all male sperm would be inactive.

Jolly hastens to add she has no firsthand knowledge that any of this has ever worked, and she's never recommended the method.

A local medical professional says she was told a slightly different story.

The professional in 1965 agreed to be part of a sex-selection experiment because she wanted to have a girl. Have intercourse close to ovulation to tip the scales toward a girl, her doctor said. For a boy, she was told, have intercourse right before getting out of bed in the morning when body temperature is at a certain low rate.

She says she didn't have a problem with the advice about scheduling intercourse at certain times. But she asked not to be named. The doctor said this had nothing to do with influencing the child's gender; it was only a way to increase the odds of getting pregnant. "That's to make the sperm go all the way in so it can get to the eggs," the woman recalls being told.

She did have a girl but isn't ready to credit the doctor's method since she didn't follow all of his rules. Another doctor she visited flat-out told her she was wasting her time. "He told me I'd have just as much luck burning candles in front of an altar."

Most smokers who try to quit miss the rituals

The Washington Post

A recent survey by the American Lung Association of 1,001 smokers found that many people who try to quit missed the "rituals of smoking." About 80 percent of

the smokers said that when they gave up cigarettes, they found themselves looking for something else to put in their mouth to "obtain the comfort and distraction that cigarettes used to provide," the association report says.

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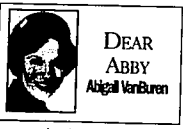
Name game frustrates teen

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl with a big problem. My parents have been divorced for 12 years, and my mother and her family have pretty much raised me. Not long ago, my mom told me she thought I should change my last name so that our whole family has the same one. Abby, why hasn't she? I think of this when I didn't see the kid in this when was 2? I'm used to my other last name.

The other reason this is hard is that just a few months ago, I visited my dad's side of the family. I learned many things from about them, and now I feel closer to them. I don't want to hurt their feelings. What should I do?

—NO NEW NAME IN OREGON

DEAR NO NEW NAME: It is difficult to understand why your mother has waited so long to suggest a name change. Of course you are used to your last name. Perhaps there is a legal reason



your mother has proposed this. If not, ask her to consider a compromise and let you hyphenate the two names. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter from the diner who entered a Chinese restaurant 15 minutes before the posted closing time and was rushed through dinner.

Abby, in some restaurants the posted closing time means that is the time the kitchen closes; in others, the kitchen closes 15 to 30 minutes before the restaurant closes.

I paid my way through beauty school by working in restaurants, and every one of them meant something different by the sign on the door. I now run a hair salon, and our hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. That means we take our first appointment at 8:30 a.m. and the last at 5:15 (but an appointment that late must be a simple, quick procedure such as a comb-out). I understand that clients want to know when they can come, not when I go home. However, the salon down the street posts a sign that closing time is 5:30 p.m., and they mean they want to get out the door at 5:30.

The best one can do in this crazy world is to ask what the hours mean.

—JOAN IN TUCSON

DEAR JOAN: Thanks. Once again, the sage counsel is one we've all heard a million times. When in doubt, ask!

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Emergency contraceptive gives 2nd chance to prevent pregnancy

The Washington Post

Late one Saturday night last July, Vicki Woods made the discovery that she was in the middle of women each year to experience instant, stomach-clenching anxiety. She and her boyfriend were in bed when they found her in a condom they were using by accident. A few seconds later, the 32-year-old computer programmer realized there was a good chance she had just gotten pregnant.

"I got out of bed and I was freaked out and got on the Internet and logged onto the Planned Parenthood (Web) site," Woods recalled. A few minutes later she had a list of five doctors and five drugstores near her Seattle home that dispense emergency contraceptive pills under the auspices of a special program to expand their use. Known more commonly by its less-accurate moniker, "the morning-after pill," emergency contraceptives are ordinary birth-control pills that in high doses are effective in preventing pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

On the morning while her boyfriend was still asleep, Woods made a beeline for a drugstore less than two miles from her house. "I wanted to get this taken care of as soon as possible," she recalled.

The pharmacist asked her several questions to make sure she was an appropriate candidate and unlikely to be pregnant already. Then he gave her four pills, along with instructions and information on possible side effects. Woods went home, took the pills and some Dramamine to minimize

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nausea, the most common side effect. Two weeks later, after she got her period, she knew for sure that she wasn't pregnant.

Woods is one of more than 400,000 American women who have used emergency contraception, a simple technique that remains unknown to many women but has been common knowledge among doctors for more than a generation. Usually emergency contraception must be prescribed by a doctor, but Woods received hers through a pioneering 7-month-old program in Washington state that permits specially trained pharmacists to dispense the medication.

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- Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, September 29, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- CPR Class * Thursday, October 1, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. To register call 737-2067.
- Big Kids Klub * Saturday, October 3, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Education Center. Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call, 737-2900.
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I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE I LOOK SOPHISTICATED.

I'LL WEAR MY MICKEY MOUSE SHOES.

By Lynn Johnston

I'M GLAD YOU'RE WORKING HERE AGAIN, LILLY! WE MISSED YOU TOO!

THE PLACE SURE HAS CHANGED. THERE'S A COFFEE SHOP NOW. I'VE FOUND SO MANY TOYS!

IT'S NOT REALLY A BOOKSTORE, IS IT? MORE LIKE A STORE FOR TOYS?

SEE? I'VE GOT THE ONE-PIECE T-SHIRT!

By Scott Adams

ASK: YOU'RE THE SUMNER OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPOKEN SENDER AWARD?

IT'S A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME AWARD THAT IS VOTED ON BY YOUR PEERS.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DUMPING YOUR TRASH HERE?

SINCE MY CAN GOT FULL.

By Dean Young & Sam Drake

DO YOU REALLY CARE WHO WINS? GO! YOU'RE YEAH-HOO!

HAW, I REALLY DON'T CARE WHO WINS.

THEN WHY DO YOU GET YOURSELF ALL SO EXCITED?

I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR MY CIRCULATION.

By Johnny Hart

WHAT EVELYN WOOD SNIKS BETWEEN BOOKS

By Brian Crane

HI, OPAL IS EARL HOME?

YES, WE IS, GLAD TO HEAR THAT HERE.

YOU'LL SEE I'LL COME PRTY HERM OUT OF HIS RECLINER.

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"MY ORDER'S A PORK?"

THAT HAD BETTER BE A TEMPORARY TATTOO!

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FOR THO CENT'S I'D RUN AWAY."

"GEORGE! DON'T YOU DARE!"

By Chance Browne

WATCH THE KIDS. I'M TAKING YOUR OTHERS OUT TO ANOTHER GOLF TO DINNER.

YOUR FATHER SURE CAN TAKE A HINT.

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Q. An 18th century Norwegian whaler named Minkie took every while he could, however little. When other whalers passed up some diminutive specimen, they said, "I save it to minkie," or words to that effect. And eventually "Minkie" was adopted formally as a name of that one small species.

By Chris Browne

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NO, SHE'S MAD ABOUT THAT WHOLE MESS OF CHOICES I LEFT AT HOME!

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You called at just the right time. Pleading approval, love relationship, power. Spotlight on ambition, winning over way with help from Capricorn. Start now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You make friends of former adversaries. Your charm, humor do the trick. Keep them nearby, most in business, cognitive intellectual curiosity. September plays role.

CANCER (May 21-June 20): You'll write your way in and out of CMT. You'll thing. Plan keynote notes custom, dinner about. Although public officers smiles, you still get to work. September involved.

CANCER (July 21-July 22): Focus on music, harmony, domestic adjustment involving where you live, marital status. Least possible, least possible, least possible. Fitness report excellent - you be healthy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay, but observe - play waiting game. Listen and listen every creative project. Scenarios highlight variety of experiences, love adventures. Francoise (23 Oct. 22): You will write about everywhere. People talk and write about you. You're a popular sex China with you. "Captains involved."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some events appear to repeat themselves. You'll remember words of Aquarius George Steiner: "Everything happens, people repeat the way they think." Action figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let go of preoccupied activities - focus on new start in different direction. Love relationship on high. Reduce to less a drop of romance in June.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Misses you in your rags coincides with talkative ing in your favor. Highlight personality, relationships, but the world knows, "I am here to stay." Cancer: native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're not, split between you and love boss withheld will become supportive. You want to be with you. Gemini plays dramatic role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): People are surprised when you can be present. You're not necessary - they're not that. Moon in your Eleventh House means you are going to win, will be and be loved.

By Mort Walker

IF AND WHEN, BEHOLD!

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

SAY WHAT?

I MEAN, WHO ARE "EM" ANYWAY? AND WHY DO WE HAVE TO GET "AT" THEM?

WELL, UH...

ONLY BEETLE COULD SQUEEZE EXTRA SACK TIME OUT OF SEMANTICS.

WHAT'S WHAT?

L.M. Boyd

Q. Did Christopher Columbus ever go to an opera?

A. Couldn't have. Earliest operas were performed in Italy's Florence about a century after he sailed west.

Q. "Jestium" is what the crew threw overboard to keep the boat from sinking. "Flotium" is what's left at float after the boat sinks. Wank's "Jagan"?

A. Anything deliberately sunk or attached to a buoy so it can be retrieved.

Q. An 18th century Norwegian whaler named Minkie took every while he could, however little. When other whalers passed up some diminutive specimen, they said, "I save it to minkie," or words to that effect. And eventually "Minkie" was adopted formally as a name of that one small species.

By Bob Thaves

OKAY, HAVE YOU GOT YOUR PARACHUTE AND PHRASE BOOK?

Saturday's Puzzle Solv

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By Art Sansom & Chip

WHEN WE WERE DATING, IT WAS SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

NOW, IT'S MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL!

Human growth hormone needs better PR

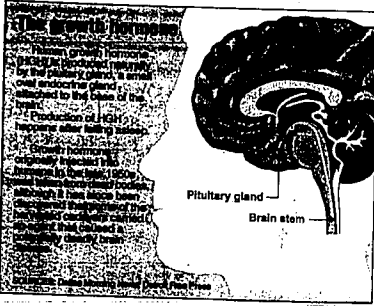
Los Angeles Times

As many as 75,000 adults who could benefit from treatment with human growth hormone are not receiving it because their physicians are not aware of its benefits or their insurance companies will not pay for the prescriptions, according to medical specialists.

At the same time, many people taking it to increase their athletic prowess or to slow aging are probably not getting any benefit and may be endangering their health, doctors representing the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists said last week as the society issued new guidelines for use of the drug.

"We need to get this information out to both physicians and laymen so that people will think about it," said Dr. Stanley Feld, a past president of the AACE and a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Before 1985, human growth hormone, or hGH, could be obtained from the pituitary glands of recently deceased donors, usually cadavers. The limited supply was used to treat children with hGH deficiencies who would otherwise



never grow to normal height. There are about 10,000 such children in the United States at any time.

In 1985, however, pharmaceutical companies began making the hormone in bacteria using genetic engineering techniques to produce a safe, virtually unlimited

albeit expensive — supply. Unfortunately, said Dr. Hossain Gharib of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., who chaired the AACE task force that drew up the new guidelines, the illegal and unproved uses of hGH have grown faster than the desirable ones.

As many as 75,000 adult Americans suffer hGH deficiencies, according to the association. About half that number have genetically determined deficiencies and received hGH while they were growing up. Such treatment has usually been halted when the children were thought to have reached their full growth potential.

The other half represents people with pituitary glands that have been damaged by cancer, radiation or trauma. Such people never received hGH treatment in the past, primarily because there was not enough hormone available. Moreover, "we never thought it was important," Gharib said.

Among the symptoms of hGH deficiency are increased weight, decreased muscle mass, weakness, impaired exercise capacity, reduced cardiac performance, reduced bone density, poor sleep and an impaired sense of well-being. Such people have a higher risk of heart disease and early death.

The guidelines can be viewed at the association's Web site, <http://www.aace.com/clin/guides/ggh.html>.

Meningitis germ becoming resistant to main treatment

The Associated Press

A germ that causes meningitis is becoming resistant to the drug most often used to treat the deadly disease.

Meningitis, an infection of the linings of the brain and spinal cord, strikes thousands of Africans every year, with smaller outbreaks in other parts of the world.

Meningitis often is caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*, bacteria

that usually live harmlessly in the nose and throat and can be spread by sneezing or direct contact.

Drug-resistant strains of type B *Neisseria meningitidis* were found in 11 patients in Vietnam and one patient in France from 1987 to 1996, scientists at the Pasteur Institute in Paris reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers found that the 12 different strains all had the

same genetic variation that made them resistant to chloramphenicol, the standard treatment for meningitis in developing countries.

All 12 strains also were resistant to streptomycin and sulfonamide drugs. However, they responded to other medication, including penicillin and tetracycline.

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- **Where:** This surgery can usually be performed as an outpatient, and you can go home after the operation, but if an extremely large amount of breast tissue has to be removed, the doctor may want you to stay overnight in the hospital.
- **Ask:** Patients considering breast reduction surgery should ascertain that their surgeon is Board Certified in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Following are three of the seven amendments to the Idaho Constitution that will appear on the November 3, 1998 general election ballot. Other amendments are published on other pages of this newspaper.

These amendments have been proposed to the people for ratification following action by the Legislature. Three of the proposed amendments, the Legislative Council's Statement of Meaning and Purpose, and the Statements Against are published here.

S.J.R. No. 105

OF THE SECTION 1, ARTICLE VI, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO AMEND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION OF A PERSON BEING UNDER GUARDIANSHIP FROM VOTING, SERVING AS A JUROR OR HOLDING ANY CIVIL OFFICE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF MEANING AND PURPOSE

S.J.R. No. 105

To delete the prohibition against persons under guardianship from voting, serving as a juror or holding civil office.

Effect of Adoption:

Persons who are under guardianship would no longer be automatically prohibited from voting, serving on a jury or holding civil office. Disqualification would be left to individual determination on a case by case basis.

STATEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. The meaning and use of guardianship have changed since this amendment was adopted in the original state constitution in 1890. It is no longer appropriate to deny all persons who have a guardian the right to vote, serve on a jury or hold office.

2. Idaho statutes now allow for findings of incapacity in very specialized areas and the guardianship may be limited to the areas of incapacity. In these cases, the person may continue to work, pay taxes and otherwise exercise the duties of citizenship. To deny the right to vote, serve on a jury or hold office is a form of taxation without representation.

3. The right to vote, in particular, is a fundamental right of citizenship. A person with some limited disability may require guardianship for some purposes but remain capable and able to vote. To disenfranchise such a person serves only to further exclude the person from exercising a constructive role in society.

There are adequate provisions against misuse or abuse of the rights in question. Persons who are not able to understand the ballot do not wish to vote, pay taxes, or otherwise exercise the duties of citizenship. Election judges also promulgate and enforce the rules. Jurymasters and the courts are available to resolve questions persons who are not able to serve on a jury. The voters are the ultimate arbiter of the question of the guardian of the person. The language in the constitution is obsolete and offensive in view of these protections.

STATEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. Persons are generally under guardianship because they have mental limitations. Therefore, they are not capable of making the sound decisions required to vote, serve on a jury or hold public office. People involved in court may not want their cases decided by a juror who is under guardianship.

2. Persons under guardianship may be unduly influenced by their guardian, resulting in distortion of the voting process. One person may actually be given two votes if the guardian is the actions of someone who is not the elector acting independently.

3. Not all people with limitations are willing or able to acknowledge those limitations. This is why a court procedure is required to determine guardianship. Once a person has been placed under guardianship, it is appropriate

that society exercise caution in extending to that person important roles of citizenship.

When language that qualifies person under guardianship from voting, serving on a jury or holding public office is removed from the constitution, there is no mechanism to ensure such persons to determine their fitness to participate in these activities.

S.J.R. No. 106

"SHALL SECTION 1, ARTICLE VIII, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR A FUND WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY LAW TO GUARANTEE THE DEBT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACCORDANCE WITH LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEBT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MAY GUARANTEE DEBT INCURRED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DEBT TO PROVIDE ANY DEBT GUARANTEE THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT BE THEREBY, OR ANY BORROWING THE STATE UNDERTAKEN TO FACILITATE THE PAYMENT OF THE STATE'S OBLIGATION UNDER ANY DEBT GUARANTEE SHALL NOT BE IN FULL PAYMENT OF THE DEBT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LIMITATION OF SECTION 1, ARTICLE VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW THAT REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE'S QUARTERS DEBT SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE STATE'S QUARTERS DEBT. ADDITIONAL REVENUE SHOULD BE USED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE STATE."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF MEANING AND PURPOSE

S.J.R. No. 106

If adopted, the proposed amendment would:

- Create a fund to guarantee the debt of school districts in accordance with state law;
- Allow the state to guarantee the debt of school districts and guarantee debt incurred to refund school districts bonds;
- Provide that the state's obligation under any debt guarantee shall not be considered a payment for purposes of the state constitution; and
- Allow the legislature to provide by law that reimbursement to the state from the school district debt incurred the debt which is being guaranteed for its bonds.

Effect of Adoption:

The repayment provisions should substantially decrease interest rates on bonds issued by school districts for construction of new buildings because it would provide eligible school districts a rating of "AA" for its bonds on the bond market. The repayment provisions would not make payments to the bond holders and property tax proceeds. The school district will still be liable in the event of a default. The amendment would not affect the current constitutional requirement that two-thirds of the votes cast for a bond proposal are needed for it to be adopted.

STATEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. The state's obligation to guarantee school district bonds may enable school districts to obtain a higher rating for its bonds, which will reduce the school district to sell its bonds at a lower interest rate, saving property taxpayers money on interest.

2. This provision is needed to provide for a program to allow all school districts easy access to the bond mar-

kets through the backing of a statewide fund. This will help address the backlog of school district bond proposals throughout the state. Some school districts are currently passing bond elections for new facilities. This provision may aid in passing bond proposals when the voters are not sure. The voters know that the property tax increase will be less—through lower interest payments—because the guarantee program is in place.

3. The amendment is an innovative way for the state to help local property tax payers save money while promoting public education. Government is created to solve problems and this is a way the state can help with some innovative forward thinking. Other states, including Utah, Wyoming and Oklahoma, have school bond guarantee programs that are working well.

STATEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. The amount of interest savings to a particular school district would be small compared to the cost of establishing the program. Many school districts can purchase bonds at rates that upgrade their district bond ratings. The amount of interest savings from this program may not be worth the effort.

2. This proposed amendment sets a bad precedent for state guarantee of local municipality debt. While this amendment only addresses school districts, it may open "Pandora's box" so that in the future the state will be asked to guarantee municipal and county bonds. Additionally, even though the state is only contingently liable for the school bonds, the state would be held responsible for payment in the event of default by a school district. This represents a bad precedent for the general fund of the people at the general election, which is required by the state constitution.

The amendment may be needed if the program were created by statute. The argument can be made that the state constitution does not explicitly prohibit the loan of credit to school bonds, but only mentions "municipalities," which some court decisions include only cities and not other forms of taxing districts.

4. It may not be necessary for the state to guarantee school bond debt to provide for a refund of school district bonds. The amount of any bond could create a system that diverts payments from state education funds to bond holders who needed to avoid bond payment shortfalls, without actually guaranteeing these payments. The amount of any bond payment shortfall would be paid in effect, as a set-off against bond holders due from the school district of the state.

S.J.R. No. 107

OF THE SECTION 1, ARTICLE VIII, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFYING LANGUAGE AND AMOUNTS TO CLARIFY LIMITS ON STATE DEBTS AND LIABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO CREATE STATE INDEBTEDNESS, TO EXCEPT FROM THE SECTION ORDINARY OPERATING EXPENSES AND DEBTS OR LIABILITIES THAT WILL BE REPAID WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDE THAT DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC BODIES, CORPORATE AND POLITICAL BODIES CREATED BY LAW AND WHICH HAVE NO POWER TO LEVY TAXES OR OBTAIN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE ARE NOT DEBTS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO. TO PROVIDE THAT THESE AMENDMENTS SHALL MAKE ILLEGAL THOSE TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSACTIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY LEGAL UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE IDAHO CONSTITUTION.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF MEANING AND PURPOSE

SJR 107

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate language and amounts that

have been in the state constitution since it was amended in 1912 to allow financing by creating bonds for public buildings and provide a state interest liability limitation of two-million dollars, which is an unnecessary restriction on the state incurring any debt without a vote of the people in a general election and adds some clarifying language.

Effect of Adoption:

If the amendment is adopted, it will clarify that the voters on public indebtedness in the state constitution are not the voters on the ordinary operating expense of the state. It will specifically state that debt or liabilities of independent public bodies, corporations and political created by law and which have no power to levy taxes or obligate the general fund of the state are not debts or liabilities of the state. The amendment does not make illegal types of state financial transactions that were legal on or before the general election in 1998.

STATEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. The state constitution needs to provide clear direction to its citizens, the legislature and the courts in the development of the state constitution and interpretation of sound public policy. This amendment eliminates obsolete language and updates the state constitution by adding needed clarity, while retaining the general fund of the state debt may be approved by the electorate.

2. This amendment is needed to eliminate the two-million dollar debt limitation and references to state capital construction and other costs which were relevant in the early 1900s but do not apply today. This amendment also clarifies an exception for ordinary operating expenses such as personnel and clarify that the state constitution does not prohibit the amendment from being applied through an independent public bodies corporate and political Association or the Idaho Building Authority) which do not levy taxes or obligate the general fund of the state. This will avoid confusion and misinterpretation of this constitutional provision and allow for better functioning of state government with no additional liability to the legislature.

3. In the past, the Idaho Supreme Court has had to rule on some of these questions because the constitutional language was not clear. This amendment will eliminate confusion and save the state thousands of dollars for legal costs and expenses.

STATEMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1. This amendment is not needed since the general fund of the state election provision of the state constitution already limit additional debt without a vote of the people. Cases have decided that ordinary expenses and debt repaid within the fiscal year are not debts of the state constitution. Further there have been case law decisions that debt incurred by independent public bodies corporate and political does not violate the state constitution.

2. Theoretically, this amendment would allow the state to incur unlimited amounts of debt without the voters' ability to repay it, subject to a simple majority vote at a general election on the amount of the debt. This debt could be incurred through the Idaho process without the means of repayment.

3. The state constitution is a historical document. It should not be changed to address a problem that does not exist. Case law adequately covers any problem that may be advanced by the advocates of the proposal.

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