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## Inside today's paper

The fourth and final segment of our year-long series on the Magic Valley in the 21st century appears as a special section inside today's Times-News.

## TIME OFF



Revisit the past

Imagines the future

Part of a series on the Magic Valley in the 21st century

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## 21st Century fun

### A special report

**The Times-News**

TWIN FALLS - We have seen the future, and it looks like fun. A special report inside today's Times-News looks at leisure and recreation in the 21st century. Some of its findings:

- The Magic Valley's reputation for extreme sports, such as rock climbing and white-water kayaking, will grow.
- Senior citizens will be more adventurous when it comes to staying fit.
- The South Hills, Albion

Mountains and Jarbidge Wilderness - currently undiscovers gems known to relatively few locals - will draw more visitors from outside the Magic Valley.

Digital television is coming to a couch near you.

- Gardening, Bible study, snowboarding and karaoke are gathering momentum.

These are some of the predictions in "Time Off in the New Century." The 48-page special section explores the future of local performing arts, golf, gambling, fitness, hunting and fishing, nightlife and a long-awaited trail system that could stretch from Old Towne to Shoshone Falls.

# Pet project

## More cities crack down on strays, owners

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Pet owners once let their dogs and cats roam freely along the sagebrush-lined streets and roadways of the Magic Valley, without the threat of criminal prosecution.

And if the neighborhood dog catcher picked up Fluffy the faithful family pet, it was just a matter of going down to the pound and picking little Fluffy up - for a small fee, of course.

These days are over. As several Magic Valley cities and county officials begin creating tougher penalties for irresponsible pet owners, a trip to the pound could cost as much as \$200 and even result in a misdemeanor violation.

These ordinances are primarily designed to curb stray animals and limit how many dogs and cats a homeowner can have. But the ordinances have had an unintended effect, prompting residents to ask themselves a serious question: Should the government have the power to tell citizens what they can and can't do with pets?

The animal control issue has become an emotional in Jerome and Burley, where officials are working on stricter animal control laws.

Some residents have criticized government officials for trying to infringe on their rights, while others say stray dogs and cats are a nuisance.

But people on both sides of the issue agree - the pets keep roaming and they're not going away.

### A help or hindrance?

Vicki Schwindt lives in Jerome with her husband Lee. She said the city's stray dog and cat problem is out of control. Some owners let pets roam streets and roadways without regard to neighbors. There needs to be tougher penalties for irresponsible pet owners.

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Lois Stephens of Burley gets a tender kiss from her German shepherd, Sadie. Stephens also has two other dogs, a cat and two ferrets. A Burley pet ordinance committee decided Thursday to not limit the number of pets a person may own.

## Animal laws are on the books and in the works

By John T. Huddy  
and Ruth Streeker  
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - Here's a rundown of Magic Valley animal control ordinances on the books - and in the works:

- A Burley citizens' committee is drafting amendments to the animal ordinance.

The committee proposed a one-time licensing fee of \$10 and a \$25 pickup charge per dog taken to the pound, or \$10 for a spayed or neutered pet. These fees are in addition to a daily boarding fee of \$2 for cats and

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## Courts team with Columbine copycats

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - There's an empty desk at a middle school near Fort Lauderdale. Another nine in Lansing, Mich. Three more in Janesville, Wis. And at least four others in Mobile, Ala.

All over the country, youngsters who would normally be in math class or on the playground are in jail cells and homes for delinquents after authorities cracked down on a wave of bomb threats that followed the massacre at Colorado's Columbine High School last April.

Suddenly, each violent note

passed between young friends, every threatening remark overheard in the hallways became possible grounds for criminal prosecution.

The juvenile justice system is now teeming with hundreds of children - many first-time offenders - who made bomb threats and concealed death plans.

Some of the Columbine copycats thought their threats were a joke. Others wanted a day off from school.

Still others may have really

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## Report fingers Gore campaign manager

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Tony Coelho, Vice President Al Gore's campaign chairman, approved questionable contractor payments, hired his niece for a job and made the government liable for a \$300,000 personal loan while directing the U.S. pavilion at the 1998 world's fair in Portugal, State Department investigators found.

Their report said Coelho and his staff also misused \$210,000 in donated airline tickets, hired two stepsons of the U.S. ambassador to Portugal and had the government reimburse \$26,000 in questionable expenses to a consultant who worked in Coelho's New York City office. Coelho's rental of a chauffeur-driven Mercedes "was



Tony Coelho

especially troublesome" because the cost exceeded a \$500 ceiling while a fleet of six vans for the pavilion were under-used.

The inspector general's report was released by the Center for Public Integrity, a nonprofit organization that tracks government fraud, waste and abuse and ethical conflicts involving public officials.

The center said Coelho's actions may have violated federal laws governing use of federal funds for international exhibitions.

Coelho got strong support in a statement issued by Riki Moore,

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Gore's campaign press secretary.

"Tony Coelho does a great job," the statement said. "Day in and day out he makes a tremendous contribution. Under Tony's leadership, the campaign will continue to advance an agenda that will improve the lives of America's working families - fighting to protect Social Security and preserve Medicare, making health care available to all of our children and calling for revolutionary change in our public schools."

Stanley Brand, Coelho's personal lawyer, said his client did not violate any laws in a job that did not pay him a salary.

# THE REGION

**Camas Prairie**  
 High 65 Low 29  
 Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny and warmer on Monday, with highs in the 70s.

**Treasure Valley**  
 High 72 Low 40  
 Sunny and a little warmer, with light winds. Sunny and warmer on Monday, with highs in the high 70s.

**Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley**  
 High 62 Low 25  
 Mostly sunny today and mostly clear tonight. Sunny on Monday with highs near 60.

**Eastern Idaho**  
 High 66 Low 28  
 Sunny with southeast winds 10-15 mph. Sunny and a little warmer on Monday.

**Northern Idaho**  
 High 65 Low 36  
 Mostly sunny and cool, with northeast winds 5-10 mph. Warmer on Monday with highs around 70.

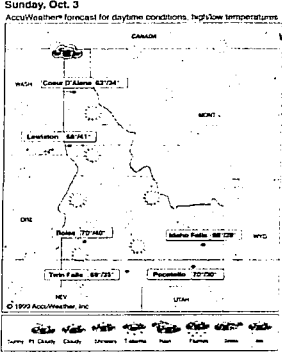
**Northern Utah**  
 High 70 Low 27  
 Sunny today. Sunny on Monday with highs near 70.

**Northern Nevada**  
 High 69 Low 33  
 Sunny, with south winds 10-15 mph. Sunny and warmer on Monday.

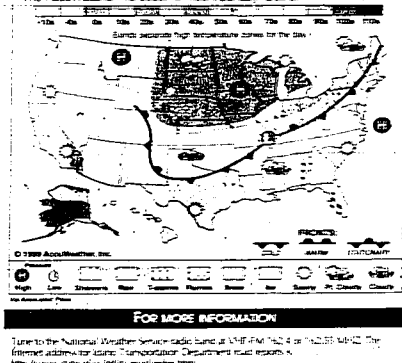
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 69 Low 35 Sunny, with south winds 10-15 mph.	High 78 Low 40 Mostly sunny and much warmer.	High 64 Low 43 Partly clear, moderate sun.	High 74 Low 34 Partly cloudy and sunny.	High 64 Low 34 Partly cloudy.

## Idaho weather



## National weather



## UV INDEX FIRE DANGER

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

**FIRE DANGER**  
 Fire conditions in southern Idaho are moderate on range lands and moderate in forested lands.

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:16 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:38 a.m.  
 Lunar phase: Waxing, Oct. 9; first quarter, Oct. 17; full, Oct. 24; last quarter, Oct. 31.

## ACROSS THE NATION

**Idaho** An upper-level ridge approaching the state from the west is producing continued sunny skies and warming temperatures. Skies Saturday were mostly sunny with a layer of thin high clouds.

**Northern Utah** Winds were generally weak to northeast at 12 to 20 mph in the Snake River plain and less than 10 mph elsewhere.

**Northern Nevada** Temperatures at 3 p.m. were mainly in the 60s in the valleys and mid 50s to low 60s in the mountains. The warm spots were shared by Mountain Home, Malad and Halley with 70 degrees and the

**Colorado** cool air was Muller Park, remaining at a cool 44 degrees. Generally, warming temperatures and no precipitation is expected over the next few days.

**Elsewhere** Clear air pushed across the northern part of the state Saturday, bringing temperatures to record lows and setting off light snow flurries and rain showers.

**Temperature** forecasts for the tomorrow's Saturday or the northern Plains. Forecast lows for Oct. 3 included 15 at Harlan, S.D., and Williston, N.D., and 17 at Valentine, Neb.

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 69 42	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Lowest 26 40	Month to date: .00
Normal 85 47	Normal mo. to date: .016
	Water year to date: .00
	Normal year to date: .06

## Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	Low
Boise	68	40	.....	72	45
Butte	66	35	.....	70	42
Coeur d'Alene	57	27	.....	68	40
Grangeville	60	38	.....	66	38
Hailey	60	30	.....	66	38
Idaho Falls	65	37	.....	71	41
Lawton	64	37	.....	70	40
Malad	72	40	.....	77	45
Malia	70	38	.....	75	43
McCall	57	28	.....	63	35
Paoli	67	28	.....	73	40
Salmon	59	27	.....	65	37
Starbuck	57	15	.....	63	35
Sun Valley	67	35	.....	73	40

## The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	81	50	.....
Anchorage	46	42	.....
Atlanta	62	42	.....
Boston	69	51	.....
Chicago	67	47	.....
Denver	89	61	.....
Des Moines	57	31	.....
Detroit	60	49	.....
Honolulu	88	56	.....
Indianapolis	78	47	.....
Kansas City	55	43	.....
Las Vegas	95	65	.....
Los Angeles	78	51	.....
Memphis	87	59	.....
Miami Beach	87	79	.....
Minneapolis	53	44	.....
New York	48	33	.....
New Orleans	86	59	.....
Oakland	71	54	.....
Oklahoma City	62	42	.....
Phoenix	98	72	.....
Pittsburgh	73	42	.....
Portland, Ore.	76	50	.....
Raleigh	69	47	.....
St. Louis	61	37	.....
Salt Lake City	69	31	.....
San Antonio	66	46	.....
Seattle	59	41	.....
Spokane	74	54	.....
Washington	74	54	.....
Yuma	101	75	.....

## Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Montreal	62	42
Ottawa	58	42
Vancouver	47	42

# Mars probe shows metric system trips up U.S. Laws

LOS ANGELES (AP) — How does the United States measure up to the rest of the world in accepting the metric system? Look no farther than the doomed Mars Climate Orbiter, say proponents of meters, grams and liters. The \$125 million spacecraft was lost because NASA navigators mistakenly thought a contractor used metric measurements.

The contractor had used English units, and the probe burned up in the Martian atmosphere Sept. 23. "A stupid error like that could have been avoided if we had been on the metric system," said Valerie Antoine, executive director of the U.S. Metric Association. "This is a very good reason Congress had better get busy and mandate we go metric."

In 1975, Congress approved a policy to "coordinate and plan" the voluntary conversion to the metric system. But it wasn't mandatory, and Americans still pump their gas in gallons and follow signs with distances marked in miles.

NASA went metric in 1995, and there have been other

bummy conversions. In 1992, a Canadian airline nearly ran out of fuel after someone pumped 22,300 pounds of fuel into its tanks rather than 22,300 kilograms.

About 95 percent of the world uses the metric system. Some U.S. businesses are selling their products abroad and rebid their products for overseas sales.

# Copycats

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 wanted people dead. "Certainly when these cases arose after Columbine, everyone was on notice that a terrible tragedy had occurred, and certainly that but for what had played into how the cases were dealt with," said Juvenile Judge Melanie May in Fort Lauderdale. Prosecutors and principals took no chances after watching the harrowing scenes of children fleeing hand in hand from the

school in Littleton, Colo., where two teenage boys terrorized their schoolmates and the nation. The teens killed 12 students and a teacher before turning their guns on themselves. "I think we lost a sense of innocence about what goes on in our schools," May said. "I don't think we'll ever be the same."

In the weeks after the April massacre, the National Safety Center estimates that almost 3,000 copycat bomb threats were made

until a public hearing Tuesday — would not be allowed to run at large; animals would have to be confined to owners' property or restrained by leash, cord, chain or other means. Owners would also pay more to retrieve pets from the pound — perhaps the biggest proposed change in the city's ordinance.

Aside from a \$5 a day housing fee, an owner would have to pay a \$25 fine for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense within 12 months and \$250 for every subsequent offense within a 12-month period.

If the pet is not licensed or up to date on shots, owners would pay an additional \$10 for a license and \$10 for rabies shots.

• Minidoka County has a county-wide ordinance. For example, it prohibits keeping a dog unconfined, regardless of whether the dog escapes. But the city only enforces the ordinance if a complaint is made, Heyburn city clerk Ruth Davis said.

• Twin Falls' animal control ordinance has set the stage for many other cities and counties.

It restricts the number of animals a person can have in their home. It also allows the city to fine lines of up to \$300 against pet owners who violate the ordinance.

The ordinance also allows the city attorney to file a motion requesting the destruction of an animal, if the owner has been charged with owning a vicious pet.

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**POWERBALL**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 NUMBERS  
 12 15 25 35 48  
 POWERBALL NUMBER: 30

**WHEEL**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 NUMBERS  
 2 9 15 19 29  
 WHEEL NUMBER: 5

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 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 NUMBERS  
 2 16 20 23 32

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The purchase price of the common stock is \$13.00 per share and will be offered by the Bank on a best efforts basis without the services of an underwriter. The minimum number of shares that may be purchased is 100 shares. For more information, contact Magic Valley Bank as of May 15, 1999, and 500 shares for other amounts.

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NATION

# Report: Gun makers talk safety, crime

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time since they have been sued over gun-related violence, gun manufacturers started talking with various cities on how to improve safety and make weapons tougher to get, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The negotiations, held on Friday in Washington, were an initial effort to settle the suits brought by cities across the country, which

seek millions of dollars in damages to recoup costs related to gun violence, the newspaper said.

Unidentified gun industry executives who attended said they would consider a list of the cities' demands, including mandatory safety devices and a crackdown on corrupt gun retailers, the Times reported.

Present were Ed Shultz, chief executive of Smith and Wesson

Corp., and officials from Sturm, Ruger and Co., Colt's Manufacturing, O.F. Mossberg and sons, Taurus, Glock and Beretta. Several gun makers, including the so-called Ring of Fire companies that encircle Los Angeles, were not invited. Also not invited was Washington attorney John Condit, one of a group of lawyers who represent Newark, N.J., New Orleans, Atlanta,

Cleveland and Cincinnati. City officials are seeking rights reserved by manufacturers over distribution to wholesalers and retailers.

With the goal of curbing the supply of handguns to criminals and juveniles through corrupt dealers, the companies would be set to discuss those who supply a high number of guns used in crimes.

# In radio address, lawmaker sets GOP budget priorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans stressed their commitment Saturday to protecting Social Security, opposing any tax increase and giving schools more money with fewer strings.

Sen. Slade Gorton said the GOP will stick to those priorities and ensure that government keeps running during budget battles with the White House.

In the radio address, Gorton said basic differences exist between Clinton and the Republicans on all three GOP priorities.

Both sides want to spend more for better schools, he said, but "the debate is between Republicans who want to change federal laws so that those dollars go directly to states and local schools, and President Clinton, who wants more federal strings on education dollars."

"A government shutdown is not necessary," Gorton, R-Wash., said in the party's weekly radio address. "We do have the time to roll up our sleeves and finish the job. The American people send us to the nation's capital not to argue constantly but to work together for the common good."

"For decades Washington, D.C., has taken more and more control of your local schools. The federal government sends a little bit of money but a truckload of rules and regulations," Gorton said.

"Republicans believe the one-size-fits-all federal education regulations are a relic of the past. They haven't worked," he said.

Many blame shutdowns in the winter of 1995-96 when budget fights with President Clinton for the president's re-election victory and for the GOP's poor showing in House elections.

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Gorton said Republicans are committed to protecting Social Security, "a sacred contract between the federal government and those who count on it for tomorrow."

Congress did not complete work on 13 overall spending bills before Friday's start of the federal fiscal year. But the president signed legislation Thursday keeping the government financed through Oct. 21. That gives all sides three more weeks to work through dozens of disputes ranging from public housing to mining on federal lands.

While "the Democrat in the White House proposes raising Social Security for \$350 billion over the next five years," he asserted, "we won't tolerate any invasion of the Social Security trust fund period."

# President preaches theme of tolerance

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Citing recent shootings in California and the Midwest, President Clinton says it is time Americans deal with "the fear of the other" that motivates such acts of hatred.

The president was taking his message of tolerance before gay and lesbian supporters Saturday night at a Los Angeles dinner expected to raise \$850,000 for Democratic candidates — the largest amount of Clinton's three-day West Coast swing.

Serving as host for Saturday's dinner was ANGLE — Action Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality — and organizers said it was one of the largest events of its kind outside Washington.

The president tested themes at two smaller events Friday night with Silicon Valley executives.

He repeated his support for legislation barring job discrimination against gays and hate crimes. Clinton urged the crowd to fight for "the innate dignity and equality of every human being" and work to ensure "a place at the American family table" for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or income.

The president noted that technology offers vast potential for transforming American society, but cannot deliver as long as some segments of the population cling to prejudices because they are afraid of change.

"Here you are out here, all you think about is the new millennium," Clinton said.

"Isn't it ironic that the thing that's holding us back most ... is our inability to form a community around our common humanity because of our vulnerability to mankind's most ancient fear, the fear of the other?"

"I think we need to deal with that," he continued.

"I believe my party is on the right side of all these issues."

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# Pets

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law that restricts the number of pets a person can own.

Burley is amending its animal ordinance to include misdemeanor violations for ordinance violations.

"The laws have struck a nerve with some residents, who wonder where and when the rules will stop."

## Taking it to the limit

When David Pena of Heyburn owned four dogs, he received a letter telling him he needed to obtain a kennel license. He refused to get one.

Cities need to use existing nuisance laws, rather than limit the number of pets a person owns, to settle frivolous disputes," said Pena, who now has two dogs. He said the city never followed up on his letter.

"I think criminalizing it encourages neighbors to use our overburdened legal system to settle frivolous disputes," said Pena, who now has two dogs. He said the city never followed up on his letter.

Ginny Smith, one of Jerome's animal control officers, doubts stiffer fines will make much difference.

Smith said she averages about one call a day for stray dogs. She said stiffer penalties might only make owners apathetic.

"People don't even want to pay \$25 to get their dog out because they can get another dog for free," she said.

Only about 25 percent of the dogs Smith picks up are taken home by their owners or adopted.

Smith said she tries to keep the dogs as long as she can, but it gets to a point where the dog has to die. Either there isn't enough room at the shelter or the dog becomes unruly.

## What some Magic Valley residents think about animal control

**Marie Sager of Burley favors a limit on pets.**  
"You got one that barks and then another barks and then you got three, four barking," Sager said.

"The [city] should restrict or limit how many cats people have," said Jane Siren of Jerome. "There should only be allowed one or two cats per household." Cats have been a nuisance in Jerome. Siren also would support further restrictions on dogs per household.

"I have a poodle, but I take care of it," Siren said. "Other people aren't responsible about their dogs, though."

"One thing that never comes up is why someone with the

city or county wouldn't fund a no-cost neutering clinic," said Beverly Danvers, who owns Sargold Kennel in Fler. "I don't know what all the answers are, but I think spaying and neutering is a first step."

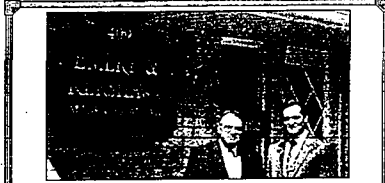
Danvers also favors a limit to the number of dogs and cats per household.

"There are people that raise dogs and do a good job of it," she said. "But I think it's just logical that you can have only a certain number of dogs on a property without it being insane. As far as regulations on cats, I don't think you can regulate cats. You would either have to have a cat that was totally indoors, or it's going to roam."

times pet owners are cooperative and a pet is rarely impounded.

"We just try to work with the people and try to resolve the issue," Jackson said. Hiring more animal officers — as some residents have suggested — will only burden taxpayers, said Joe Skaug, a Jerome city councilman. And most of the proposed amendments to the Jerome ordinance are "unbearable," especially the one requiring cat licenses.

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keep track of all the cats in town," Skaug said. "It's just another form of tax and it will accomplish nothing."

But pet limits, while unpopular, will at least control pets who disturb the neighborhood by barking and howling at each other, said Gary Draper with the Mimi-Cassia Cities Joint Animal Control Facility. Still, a limit might not do much to keep the stray dog count down.

Jerome city officials have for months been embroiled in hot debate over animal controls. In the end, there have been some good ideas proposed that could stay in the ordinance, such as a proposal to require pet owners to get their pets vaccinated

when getting a license.

But he thinks most of the amendments will be denied. For example, a proposal to increase the fines for irresponsible pet owners is too much, he said.

"I think there should be fines for errant dog owners," Skaug said. "But I don't think the fine should be excessive like they are being proposed now."

Ultimately, Skaug said, stray and noisy animals just aren't that much of a problem in Jerome.

"Let the kitties meow," he said.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter from the Mimi-Cassia Bureau contributed to this report.

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# Missile interceptor passes test

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A prototype national missile defense system passed a critical test on Saturday, intercepting and destroying an unarmed missile on a steep, high-altitude collision course over the Pacific.

"It was a successful intercept," said Sheryl Irwin, a spokeswoman for the Department of Defense. "It did everything it was supposed to do, and it did it perfectly."

It was the first test of the "kill vehicle" missile's ability to destroy a target by smashing into it.

An unarmed Minuteman missile carrying a dummy warhead and a decoy balloon was launched just after 7 p.m. from this coastal base on a flight over the Pacific.

About 20 minutes later, the kill vehicle missile was launched from the Marshall Islands. The two missiles hurtled toward each other at a combined speed of about 16,000 mph.

Ten minutes later, 3,000 miles from California and about 140 miles above the ocean, they met.

"It looks like a great, big old bright flash," said Irwin, who watched from a Pentagon room crowded with anxious military observers.

"You saw it explode, and there was a loud roar — a very happy one that went up from the room. It proves that this technology is working and we can move forward with the program," she said.

The Minuteman's vapor cloud, lit in rainbow colors by the setting sun, could be seen for hundreds of miles.

The defender was the Raytheon-built Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle, a 55-inch-long, 120-pound device carried aloft on a booster rocket.

The system is designed to destroy missiles launched by rogue states or terrorists, not a multimissile barrage from a major nuclear power.

Some critics have faulted the test plan as unrealistic and too limited to make a sound decision, while peace activists who demonstrated outside the base a week ago denounced the testing as preparation for war. No protesters appeared for the launch at the base, located 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

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# Officials date body to 1400s

## Native hunter was found on a remote Canadian glacier

The Seattle Times

A hunter whose remarkably intact remains, clothing and tools were found last month in a remote Canadian glacier probably died sometime between the years 1415 and 1445, officials said this week.

The dates (well speculation that the remains — like those of Washington's Kennewick Man — might affect theories of how the continent was settled. But the find still will add substantially to what scientists know about past and present native people, said Al Mackie, project officer for the archaeology branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, which oversees the disposition of artifacts.

"This actually is a great date from a scientific point of view," Mackie said Tuesday from Vancouver, B.C., where ministry officials announced the results of dating tests.

The close dates also can have a profound cultural impact because the remains may be linked through genetic tests to living descendants, said Diane Strand, a heritage-resource officer for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, a northern B.C. tribe that lives close to where the remains were found.

The thrill of that connection would resemble what Strand felt when she found a 6,000-year-old artifact, a spear thrower, last year in an area frequented by her grandfather.

"The feeling I got was that connection to the land, that ownership," she said. "Words cannot describe that feeling. I want people to understand that feeling and Kwaday Dan Sinchi can provide that feeling."

The remains of Kwaday Dan Sinchi, the southern Tutchone word for "long-gone person found," were discovered last month by hunters in Tatshenshini Alsek Park, in far northern B.C. With the consent of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, archaeologists packed the remains out to Whitehorse, the provincial capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, then to Victoria, B.C., where they are being kept frozen in the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Carbon-14 tests, based on the decay rate of radioactive carbon in dead plants and animals, were performed in a Florida lab on pieces of a hat and a cloak found with the remains. Both samples gave dates that were effectively the same, with an accuracy of 95 percent, meaning materials used to make the items probably were harvested at the same time.

Further carbon-14 tests are possible but will hinge on the wishes of a management team being assembled to field study requests.

Scientists from around the world already have contacted the province asking to study DNA, paleontology, biology and microbiology, among other things, said Ian Waddell, minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture. Heading the management team will be Owen Beattie, a forensic anthropologist at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, with extensive experience in forensic work on frozen remains.

# CBS plans to bring back old-game show

NEW YORK (AP) — And now for the \$64,000 Question: Which network plans to revive TV's first big-money quiz show?

The answer: CBS. The network's production arm has acquired rights to "The \$64,000 Question" and soon will develop a pilot. It will be a candidate for prime-time later this season or next summer, CBS spokesman Chris Ender said.

That's what an earlier revival did when it aired in syndication from 1976-78: It was called "The \$128,000 Question."

No host has been named for this latest remake, which will be produced in Los Angeles.

TV's big-money quiz craze began on CBS in June 1956 with the premiere of the original "The \$64,000 Question." Other quiz shows quickly followed.

# Original muscle beach gets power lift from community

Los Angeles Times

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — With their biceps-bulging handstands and eye-popping acrobatic flips, generations of buffed and bronzed athletes ruled the sands at Santa Monica's Muscle Beach from 1934 to 1958.

Then one night without warning the city flexed its muscle and ripped out the gymnasts' platforms, rings and balancing bars.

Never mind that the beach was the place that America's emerging physique boom was born. The huge crowds of onlookers were a nuisance, city officials decided — decreeing that the name "Muscle Beach" never again be used to identify the tiny spit of beachfront south of the Santa Monica Pier at the foot of Arcadia Terrace.

The gymnasts drifted away and weightlifters whose presence had

particularly irked some people in Santa Monica picked up their barbells and moved a few miles south eventually to establish Venice Beach's Pit area.

But Saturday Santa Monica leaders unveiled a new Muscle Beach at the site of the original one.

It's part of a \$10-million beach-

front refurbishing effort, financed by county park bonds, that celebrates events starting at 12:30 Saturday afternoon south of the pier. Some 200 gymnasts, including Olympians stars Nadia Comaneci and Tim Dapkin, —

Most surviving Muscle Beach pioneers are in their 80s now. They say it's about time Santa

Monica mustered the strength to correct its 1959 mistake.

According to old-timers, it didn't take long for the first Muscle Beach to catch on after it got its start as a Depression-era Works Progress Administration (WPA) project.

After the 1933 Long Beach earthquake damaged high school

gymnasiums, athletes turned to the beach as a place for gymnastics practice.

Although weightlifters frequented the beach, veterans say Muscle Beach got its name mainly from the physiques of the men and women who soared from the rings and formed human pyramids.

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**Amateur scoops pro astronomers**

**Florida man is first to spot supernova**

PORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Chuck Faranda is living the dream of all amateur astronomers — stumbling on an important discovery that the white-coat crowd missed.

From his backyard telescope in Luderhill, Faranda photographed a supernova just one day old, creating the earliest known picture of an exploding star's life.

The blurry image, which appears in this month's Scientific American magazine, has provided what astronomers say may be a crucial clue in the study of the universe's size and age.

Using supernova research, many astronomers and physicists had previously thought that the universe was expanding at an accelerated rate.

"This observation that Chuck Faranda made could ultimately end up challenging that possibility," said Dr. Adam G. Riess, an astronomer whose work at the University of California at Berkeley relied partly on Faranda's photo.

Faranda, 45, is assistant city manager of Lauderdale. He acquired his first telescope at the age of 4 or 5 and never lost his love of astronomy.

Over the years, as he rose from firefighter to chief to his current job, he routinely dragged his telescope (and his children) to the Everglades to get away from city lights. He built an observatory in a shed in his back yard. And he routinely falls asleep next to his expensive, computer-driven telescope as it sweeps the sky.

"This sort of dedication can still pay off in the study of the stars. In the past few decades, as scientific research became more expensive, technology-driven and bureaucratic, astronomy has remained a field in which non-professionals still can make important contributions.

That's what kept Faranda by his telescope night after night.

"We all have this dream when we're looking in the telescope as a little kid that we're going to discover a comet," said Faranda, president of the South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association. "It's exciting for me to know that an amateur can contribute to the discussion on a professional level.

"Everyone dreams of having their 15 minutes of fame in the astronomy world, and this is mine."

More than a year ago, when he took the photograph, he had no idea that it would bring him even a second of fame.

On May 2, 1998, he headed to his back yard for his normal evening of astronomy. He directed the telescope toward the M96 galaxy in the constellation Leo, well positioned for photographs at that time of year. He took a few and went to bed.

A few days later, he got an excited call from Herb Knapp, who runs the observatory at Markham Park.

A supernova had been discovered in M96, Knapp told him. It's clear weather, he said, why don't you train your telescope in that direction tonight?

OK, Faranda said. Then he paused. He had photographed M96 the week before. Maybe he should take a close look at his own pictures.

He reviewed them and — Yes! — there it was: a white smudge, barely visible. Faranda was looking at the earliest known photograph of a supernova.

Not quite knowing the significance of what he had, he and Knapp decided to bring in the real scientists. They sent the shot to an astronomer at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. He

confirmed its authenticity and circulated it through the world's astronomy community.

The study of supernovas is important because they provide

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# Professor's views on dealing with disabled children draw fire



Princeton University professor Peter Singer, walks the campus Thursday in New Jersey. He says parents of severely disabled children should be allowed to authorize them.

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Two weeks into the school year, Princeton professor Peter Singer works in an unmarked office, sends his office hours and teaches bioethics in a marked classroom. The 53-year-old scholar has come under fierce criticism because of his view that parents should be able to authorize severely disabled infants. His appointment as a tenured professor at the university's Center for Human Values has led to a barrage of e-mails and demonstrations.

Last week, some 150 protesters — many in wheelchairs — barreled down the main entrance to the administrative building and demanded the university rescind its offer to the Princeton scholar.

"It's a good thing to stimulate people to think," Singer said in an interview at his office Thursday. "You can't separate debate and learning."

Even presidential candidates are being drawn into the controversy. Republican Steve Forbes, a member of Princeton's board of trustees, has said he will no longer donate to his alma mater if he is named as Singer teaches there. The weekly publisher and his late father, Malcolm, have been among the university's most generous donors; an undergraduate residence hall at Princeton is named after the younger Forbes.

Advocacy groups for the disabled are calling on Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley, also a Princeton alumnus and trustee, to condemn Singer's hiring. So far, Bradley has not commented on the case. Singer's views on euthanasia were first detailed in his 1979 book "Practical Ethics." He has argued that children less than a month old have no human con-

sciousness and that parents should be allowed to kill a severely disabled infant to end its suffering and to increase the family's happiness. "Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Sometimes it is not wrong at all," he has written.

In "Animal Liberation," which Singer considers his most important work, he argues that the life of a person is not necessarily more valuable than that of an animal. The 1975 book led to the founding of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and turned Singer into the philosophical father of the animal rights movement.

Some opponents liked his view so they took the bait. "He provides a convenient ethical framework for bigotry and cost-saving measures that cut lives," said Stephen Drake of the Evanston Park, Ill., disability group Not Dead Yet. "I really don't think there's room for this kind of discussion."

Singer, who is married and has a daughter, says he has actually received support from some parents of disabled children. "There's no unanimity among those who live with disabled children," he said. "If people attack me because of that belief, why aren't they going to clinics that offer prenatal testing and protesting there?"

Bob Griss, a Princeton graduate who is director of the Center for Disability and Health in Washington, said when he first heard of Singer's appointment, he petitioned the university to reconsider. But after exchanging e-mails with Singer over several weeks, Griss changed his mind. "I personally view him more as a ally of the disability community than our archenemy," Griss

said. "I think that he's in a position to recognize the dangers of the implementation of his theoretical questions."

Singer eats no meat, wears no leather and donates one-fifth of his income to international aid organizations. In a New York Times Magazine article, Singer

wrote that members of affluent Western societies should donate at least 10 percent of their income to help ease starvation in poor countries. The article resulted in \$75,000 in unexpected donations to Oxfam over three weeks, spokeswoman Peggy Connolly said.

## Hispanics face hurdles they shouldn't, senator contends

WASHINGTON (AP) — The greatest hurdles facing Hispanics are lending discrimination and a lack of educational opportunity. Sen. Pete Domenici told a Hispanic publishers' group.

Domenici said some people believe Hispanics are not as motivated to start businesses and succeed as other groups. "That is a smug," he told a meeting of the National Association of Hispanic Publications Friday. "They want to be part of the American mainstream when it comes to going out and getting ahead."

Hispanics own hundreds of thousands of small businesses, but some lenders are still less willing to loan money to Hispanics, Domenici said. "You can't have money going to Anglos and not Hispanics from banks and say that you've got an equal situation," he said. "In lending, Hispanics still have a bit more of a problem getting financing."

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Steve Forbes supporters, from left, Shirley Curry, Sandy McDade and Sally Campbell, cheer on the Republican presidential hopeful Saturday during his remarks to the "Road to Victory '99," the Christian Coalition's annual conference and strategy briefing in Washington.



# Robertson seeks to rebuild election army

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inside the 2-million-member Christian Coalition, organizers admitted to "slackening" enthusiasm while founder Pat Robertson struggled this weekend to rebound from two troubled years and rebuild his army for the 2000 election.

"We're going to see a powerful religious revival," Robertson predicted at his annual "Road to Victory" conference, commanding an audience with six of this sector's eight Republican presidential candidates.

The certainty of President Clinton's departure is the biggest factor rejuvenating a membership weary of the organization's financial and organizational problems and its lack of any tangible effect since helping Republicans sweep into control of Congress in 1994.

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"Clinton's over. His term is over," said Robertson, who closed the two-day conference of 3,500 of his faithful on Saturday. "They sense the possibility of seeing a principled conservative in the White House and they realize the importance of Supreme Court justices."

To a howl of approval, Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes stoked those embers when he rallied the group. "The clock is ticking. In 477 days, Bill Clinton will no longer be president of the United States!"

In an interview with The Associated Press, Robertson acknowledged coalition members have been "dispirited" and that he is still "a way away" from

his fund-raising goal to distribute some 75 million voter guides before November 2000.

Organizational disarray followed the resignations and firings of several staffers. Larry Miller, chairman of the Des Moines, Iowa, chapter, said he has felt a "slackening" of interest among members.

"They'll say, 'We've read this' and 'We've heard this.' It hasn't helped the cause to have all this internal strife," said Miller. "A lot of them are now getting involved with individual candidates instead of an umbrella group like the Christian Coalition."

Christine White, a five-year coalition member and actress with roles on TV's "Twilight Zone" and "Bonanza," said she also has felt a change in the group's power.

# Health care union picks Gore instead of Bradley

WASHINGTON (AP) — An edgier, more combative Al Gore — who cast Democratic rival Bill Bradley as disloyal to the party — won endorsement Saturday from an important health care workers' union.

"I respect Bill Bradley. I'm not downgrading him. But I've been fighting for working families for almost a quarter-century now as a public servant," the vice president said.

Apparently referring to Bradley's retirement from the Senate in 1996, and his brief talks around that time with independents pushing to build a third party, Gore continued:

"I've never been tempted to leave the Democratic Party. I've never been tempted to turn my back on the Democratic party. I've never been tempted to run as an Independent and divide the progressive coalition."

In turn, Bradley had argued to union members they should endorse him because Gore cannot win without the independent and Republican support that Bradley appears to enjoy.

"The objective of nominating somebody is to win in the fall," Bradley said.

AFL-CIO officials were watching the straw vote of Local 250 of the Service Employees International Union, the nation's second-largest health workers union with 46,000 members in Northern California, for signs of Gore's strength going into next week's crucial AFL-CIO convention.

Though Gore was the clear winner, taking 55 percent to Bradley's 38 percent of the vote by some 500 elected leaders in Local 250, union president Sal Russell credited Bradley with surprising strength.

"It was closer than I imagined. Here in California, our members don't know Bill Bradley," Russell said.

Both Bradley, the former senator from New Jersey, and Gore made presentations to the group on Friday. Bradley's was pre-recorded while he was in California on Thursday. Gore spoke via satellite link.

"Their positions were comparable," Russell said. "I would guess that Gore got the majority simply because he's the vice president and he's better well-known."

# Vemey ups ante in Reform Party feud with Ventura

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reform Party chairman Russell Vemey has demanded that Gov. Jesse Ventura resign from the party, saying the former wrestler "brought shame" to himself with a bombastic interview in Playboy magazine.

Vemey's letter to the Minnesota governor reflects rising bitterness inside the Reform Party as its fractious members seek a 2000 presidential nominee.

The list of potential candidates is long and colorful, including Republican Pat Buchanan, New York tycoon Donald Trump, former Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weiker, Reform Party founder Ross Perot and Ventura himself.

The letter was released Friday as a splinter group, American Reform Party, gathered in Washington.



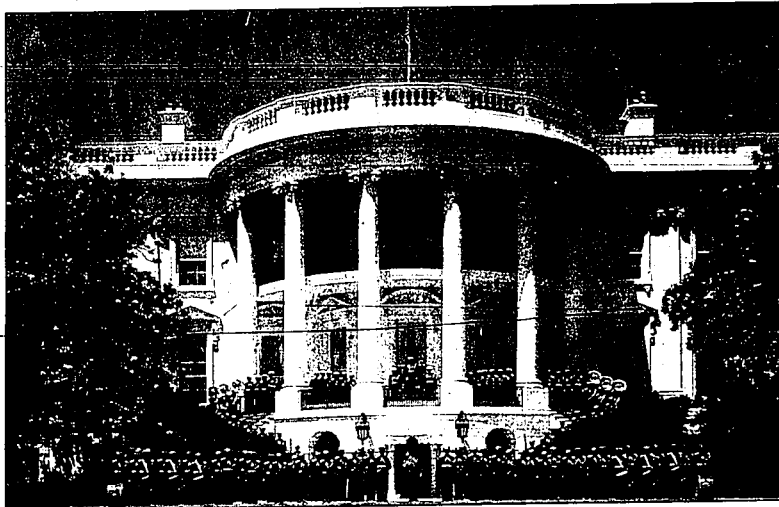
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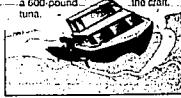
## Mighty catch

Inexperienced fishermen seeking abundant bluefin tuna off the coast of Cape Cod have run into trouble. The large fish being caught have thrown off the boats' center of gravity, capsizing or swamping the vessels.

### A look at what happens to small craft

#### A 19-foot boat:

Two men - average weight 200 pounds - lean over to haul a 600-pound tuna.



Swells hit the other side and capsize the craft.

#### A 28-foot boat:

Tuna catch is placed in the bow of the boat.



The bow is lower in water. Water washes over and into the bow and the boat swamps.

Source: U.S. Coast Guard at Wood's Hole, Mass.

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CHATHAM, Mass. (AP) - Big tuna are so plentiful off Cape Cod this year that inexperienced weekend fishermen are taking to the seas - and getting in over their heads.

At least three vessels have capsized in the past week, two of them because the fish were too big for the boats. "So far, we've been very fortunate that we haven't lost anyone yet," said Coast Guard Lt. Craig Jaramillo.

In the 47 years he has been fishing off Cape Cod, old salt Russ Chase said he has never seen tuna fever like this. "You get the plumbers going out, you get the carpenters," he said.

Fisheries officials are not sure exactly why there is an abundance of tuna this year. What is certain is that fishermen are risking their necks for the thrill of landing a 700-pound tuna - and because a single fish can bring in a lot of clams.

At an average of \$6 to \$8 a pound, a big tuna can mean earning \$4,000 to \$5,000 for one day's work. And there are rumors that buyers from Japan, where tuna is prized for sushi, will pay \$50,000 for an especially fatty bluefin, said Kevin Sullivan of the National Marine Fisheries Service in New Bedford.

Willie Hatch, who fishes on the 30-foot fishing boat Big Eye II, said he caught a 650-pound tuna on Monday and intended to go out again next week. The fishing has been so good, Hatch said, he's seen hundreds of boats at one time clustered in prime waters, looking for a bite.

"It's sort of gone crazy," he said. "There's so much pressure when the bite's on... There's the potential to make a lot of money and people do stupid things like going out in bad weather."

Many of the weekend fishermen are ven-

turing 50 miles or so off Cape Cod in small boats that aren't sturdy enough to handle a bluefin tuna.

"With the weather changing real quick, they can get into trouble," said Andrew Currie, acting commander of the Coast Guard cutter Hammockhead, which has stepped up patrols of the tuna fishing grounds. "You'll have two or three people in a boat, they'll catch a tuna and all go to the same side of the boat with the fish - then over they go."

On Sept. 23, a 28-foot boat was hauling a 600-pound fish off Nantucket when it swamped and sank. Another vessel rescued the skipper and crew.

The next day, a 27-foot boat capsized while being towed to port after running into problems tangling with a tuna. That night, the skipper of a 19-foot vessel had to be rescued after it capsized during a battle with a tuna.

## Ex-antiwar activist out of prison

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (AP) - Former anti-Vietnam War radical Katherine Ann Power, who spent 23 years underground, walked out of prison Saturday after serving time for taking part in an armed robbery in which a police officer was killed.

The 50-year-old woman said nothing to reporters as she left MCI-Framingham, where she had spent six years. Two unidentified women escorted her into a car and drove off.

But in a statement issued by her lawyer, James M. Doyle, Power said she "will always carry my human responsibility" for her role in the death of Officer Walter Schroeder, a father of nine.

"This is a time to acknowledge that a human life, once lost, is lost forever; that the death of a father, husband, and brother is a terrible event, and one for which I will always be deeply sorry," Power's statement said.

Power was a 21-year-old student at Brandeis University in 1970 when she and four fellow activists robbed a bank in Boston's Brighton neighborhood to fund efforts against the Vietnam War. She was waiting in the getaway car when William "Lefty" Gilday shot Schroeder in the back.

Only Power got away. Gilday was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Power took the alias Alice Metzinger, lived in women's communes, gave birth to a son and settled in Lebanon, Ore., where she married a bookkeeper, Ronley Duncan, and became known for her cooking at a tea and coffee house.

After beginning therapy for depression, she returned to Massachusetts in 1993. She pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to eight to 12 years.

She was released early with credit for good behavior and time served.

Power's release comes as another radical who spent years as a fugitive, Sara Jane Olsen, formerly known as Kathleen Ann Sullivan, awaits trial on charges that she planted bombs under Los Angeles police cars in 1975 as part of a conspiracy by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

She was arrested in June in St. Paul, Minn., where she had settled into a comfortable life as an actress, a doctor's wife and a mother of three.



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WORLD

# Thai government grants freedom to hostage-taking rebels

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand engineered a peaceful end Saturday to the armed takeover of the Myanmar Embassy by five pro-democracy activists, flying the rebels by helicopter to the Thai-Myanmar border, where they were allowed to go free.

After holding up in the embassy for 26 hours, the raiders released all 38 hostages, Thai Interior Minister Sanan Kachornprasart said at a news conference. Another 51 Myanmar citizens — mostly family of diplomatic personnel — who had hidden inside the walled embassy compound were also allowed to walk out.

"We don't consider them to be terrorists," said Sanan, who was one of the government's negotiators with the rebels. "They are student activists struggling for democracy. We have done what we have promised them."

Calling themselves the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors, the hostage-takers had demanded the release of all political prisoners in Myanmar, a meaningful dialogue between pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and the military government, and the convening of an elected parliament.

Democracy activists say the raid is a sign of the embassy's deep frustration that their cause is receiving neither international attention nor making headway in their homeland. Once among the country's best and brightest, the dissidents live in malaria-ridden jungle camps and are sometimes attacked by Myanmar troops. While dissidents continue to predict victory over the military, there are few signs the generals who have ruled Myanmar for the past 27 years are loosening their grip on power.

**Albanians block Serb access to commercial center**  
KOSOVO POLJE, Yugoslavia — After U.N. officials failed to convince ethnic Albanians to open a main road, ethnic Albanians set up barricades of their own Saturday, blocking access to the commercial center of Kosovo Polje, a Serb stronghold.

The new blockades in this town just southwest of Pristina have set back U.S. efforts to ease tensions that escalated after a grenade attack Tuesday killed three Serbs and injured about 40 others. Serbs responded to the attack by blocking the highway from Pristina to the western city of Pec.

Watched by British and Norwegian soldiers, a crowd of more than 50 people waved red-and-black Albanian flags in front of the town hall, where in 1987 an obscure Communist official, Slobodan Milosevic, rallied Kosovo Serbs, promising he would never permit the ethnic Albanian majority "to beat you again."

That speech is often considered one of the watersheds in the ethnic conflict which climaxed with the 18-month Yugoslav crackdown on ethnic Albanians, prompting NATO to bomb Yugoslavia for 78 days before troops accepted a U.N.-backed peace plan.

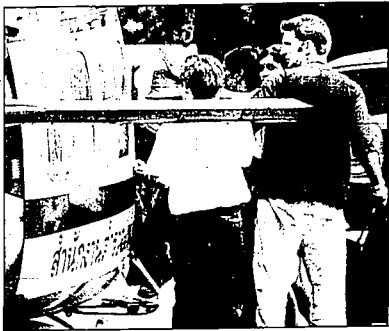
Kosovo Polje is also an important location for Serbs because it is the site of their defeat to Ottoman Turks in 1389, paving the way for 500 years of Turkish domination of Kosovo and the rest of Serbia.

**S. Korean president seeks U.S. cooperation in probe**  
SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's president on Saturday called for a joint U.S.-South Korean probe into allegations that American forces gunned down several hundred refugees at the start of the Korean War.

On Wednesday, The Associated Press reported accounts by American veterans and South Korean villagers who said they saw U.S. soldiers kill up to 400 civilians in No Gun Ri, South Korea, in 1950 during the early days of the Korean War.

The AP also found once-classified documents showing that U.S. commanders ordered their troops to shoot civilians as they fled. The U.S. government said this week it would investigate the incident.

**Despite accident, Japan goes ahead with nuke power**  
TOKYO — Japan's worst atomic accident heightened public worries about the country's nuclear power program, but the government has shown no sign of backing away from its expanding reliance on atomic reactors.



Hostages from the Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, form a shield around their captors as they board a Royal Thai Army helicopter Saturday at a military field. The rebels seized the embassy Friday and later released the hostages.

Three plant workers were hospitalized with radiation poisoning because of Thursday's accident and hundreds of thousands of people were told to stay home behind closed windows.

The radiation leak from a uranium reprocessing plant northwest of Tokyo was not the first accident to shake public faith in nuclear energy. The industry has been hit with a string of accidents in recent years.

Public unease over nuclear power dates from the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There is also the threat of a nuclear accident if an earthquake strikes Japan, and even a work force renowned for its training and discipline is not immune to human error, as shown by Thursday's accident.

Government officials were quick to insist the accident Thursday would not change their ambitious plans.

"We don't think this will affect Japan's nuclear power policies and development of the Japanese people's notions about the safety of nuclear power," government spokesman Hiromu Nonaka said Friday. "The accident was caused by such a simple

### World in brief

**Russian troops occupy village inside Chechnya**  
GROZNY, Russia — Russian troops backed by tanks and artillery took control of a village in Chechnya and clashed with rebels in several years of the breakaway republic Saturday.

Chechnya's vice president vowed his people would fight off the Russians — but also called for a ceasefire.

The slaughter in East Timor can be known only when international observers secure the rest of the devastated region, the head of the U.N. mission said Saturday.

But the number of victims found so far is nowhere near estimates of up to 10,000 dead made by international organizations and Timorese activists at the height of the militia attacks that followed an overwhelming vote for independence from Indonesia on Aug. 30.

Fewer than 30 bodies have been found in and around the capital, Dili. Villagers pointed out the latest three to reporters, taking them to the rock-covered mounds where they had buried people allegedly slain and dumped by militia.

This weekend, a Timorese rights group was asked to estimate the overall death toll and ventured 100 — the lowest figure offered by all but Indonesia, which claims about 50 were killed.

Rights groups say they have accounts corroborated by multiple witnesses of army-backed pro-Indonesian militia slaughtering dozens of people at a time.

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Russia has concentrated a military contingent of 200,000 around Chechnya, but we are not afraid of it," Valda Arsanov said in Thabok, the capital of neighboring Georgia, where he arrived on Saturday for treatment of a back problem. "This time we won't let them in, but will kill them if they do."

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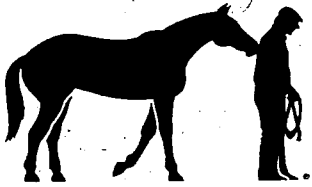
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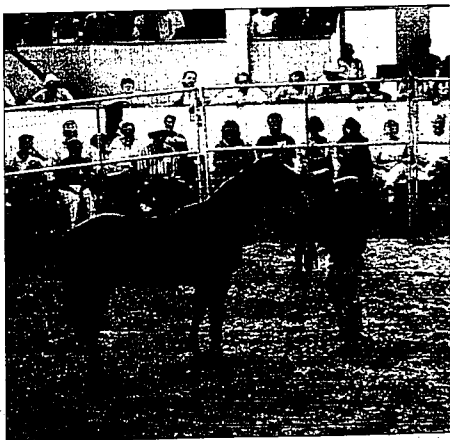
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The NRA also gives gun-safety training classes for youth groups. Would you have us believe they encourage our country's kids to shoot up signs? Come on now - that is not gun safety.

After each youth shooting session, each shooter is required to pick up every one of his or her spent shell casings. Is that teaching our kids to litter our campgrounds?

The NRA was formed to protect the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Second Amendment was written to protect our citizens from a corrupt government.

It is the one that guarantees all our other rights such as freedom of speech and choice of religion.

If those rights are taken away from us, what do we have left? DUANE HANKINS Twin Falls

ter in protest of the smell being emitted from the new dairy in operation one mile south of town.

As a "farm kid," I grew up smelling common agricultural smells; however, the smell we are experiencing is unlike any smell I have ever been exposed to.

To me, it smells somewhat like an open sewer. The problem is that on a weekly basis, the smell is so bad in the evening hours that my neighbors and I must close our houses and turn off our fans.

I have come home late on some occasions and actually found myself running to the house because the smell was so powerful and putrid.

I can't even begin to explain how bad the odor is. The only word that may do it justice is "Fogging."

I am not sure the cause of this smell, but I do know that when I lived in Jerome, I never experienced anything of this magnitude.

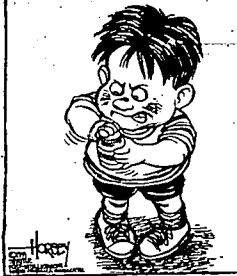
I have written a letter to the owner-manager of this dairy concerning the horrific smell but did not receive any response. I am only hope that the property rights are being violated as I can't even sit out on my deck and enjoy a sunset, and I can only hope that the country or state will come to my aid.

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Only in America:

To protect children, the government can mandate child-proof medicine bottles...

...but not trigger locks on guns.



Buchanan kills bid with new look

Everyone is making fun of Edmund Morris' unconventional biography of Ronald Reagan without having read it. So I feel emboldened to say a few words about Patrick Buchanan, after skimming through his new book, "A Republic, Not an Empire."

People say that George W. Bush's greatest political asset is his luck, and I think I know what they mean. Less than a month ago, Republicans were nervous at the prospect of Patrick Buchanan bolting the party and spending those \$13 million in federal matching funds as the Reform Party candidate. Buchanan, after all, won the 1996 Republican primary in New Hampshire, and while he was never destined to win the GOP nomination, or even come close, he has a fervent following and was likely to draw enough Republican votes to do real damage to Gov. Bush.

But nobody's worried today, in fact, even the Reform Party may be deprived of Buchanan's candidacy. The reason is this: Buchanan. For by publishing his latest meditation on American history, Buchanan has painted himself into a corner from which he cannot hope to emerge.

In one sense, it is all a little unfair to Patrick Buchanan. For his argument, reduced to its essentials, is this: Since World War I the United States has been lured into a series of foreign entanglements that have increasingly strained resources that might be better employed at home. This tendency, he maintains, is more characteristic of declining empires than vital republics, and he uses Britain as an illustration.

If, for example, the British had declined to guarantee Poland's territorial integrity in 1939, they would never have been pulled into a continental war with Hitler (which they initially lost) and would not have found themselves, in 1945, exhausted and broke in a Europe dominated by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Buchanan suggests that the United States faces similar prospects. Until 1917, he claims, the United States expanded steadily westward and became an economic powerhouse by keeping the world at arm's length. Now, Buchanan argues, the United States maintains commitments across the globe that it cannot reasonably sustain. And by plotting to intervene militarily in places where the national interest is problematical (Somalia, Kosovo, East Timor, etc.) we are increasingly vulnerable to unfriendly rivals, such as China.

As is often the case in his book,



PHILIP TERZIAN

Buchanan is half right. His arguments about the utility of countries taking on challenges they cannot meet, or picking fights where their interests are not at stake, is standard fare among scholars and pundits.

Historians have long argued about what might have happened if, say, the British had abandoned Poland in 1939 the way they cut off Czechoslovakia in 1938; or if Hitler had never declared war on the United States; or whether our wartime alliance with Stalin's Russia did more harm than good. A recent bestseller by Oxford historian Niall Ferguson makes the startling argument that Britain, by pursuing its war against the Kaiser's Germany, inadvertently spawned all the post-1918 horrors: The Bolshevik Revolution, the global depression, the rise of Mussolini and Hitler, and so on.

The trouble is that standard fare among historians is not exact by the substance of presidential politics. Buchanan does not argue that Hitler was a swell fellow, as his critics accuse him of saying; he merely wonders whether Germany constituted a threat to the United States during 1939-41.

Now, I happen to think that Hitler always constituted a threat to the United States, especially after 1939, and that Franklin

Roosevelt was right to support the British and push his reluctant courtiers into a confrontation with Germany. But this is all entirely subjective: There are innumerable historians who think otherwise, just as there have always been historians, journalists and politicians who question the premises of the Cold War.

But you have to ask yourself: What on earth has this to do with the 2000 presidential campaign? And that is where Patrick Buchanan has thruted his prospects as a spoiler. If a politician running for national office mentions Hitler and World War II, he need only cross himself and pay tribute to our gallant veterans. Anything else is bound to be misunderstood and misconstrued, and furnish gunpowder to his enemies. That is exactly what has happened to Patrick Buchanan. Not only has his book made him toxic to fellow Republicans, it has made his dalliance with the Reform Party nearly irrelevant.

It has also emphasized what has always been obvious: Buchanan is better off trading insults with Democrats on TV than pressing a vanity campaign for president.

And George W. Bush? While the New York Times and Sen. John McCain and the National Council of La Raza all issued ritual denunciations of "A Republic, Not an Empire," Gov. Bush floated serenely above the turmoil, expressing the wish that Buchanan might stay in the party "since we need all the votes we can get."

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.

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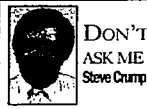
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## When home doesn't live here anymore

Last week, my wife and I officially became empty-nesters: Our youngest kid went off to college. It's not like the house is so vacant that you can hear the shingles drop; our oldest son is taking a year off between his sophomore and junior years to work off some college loans, so he's still around. ... But there's sort of an aching finality to watching your youngest child leave home for good. ... I took him to Seattle last week, a small-town kid to a big, bad city. The culture shock couldn't have been more profound.



He's living in an 18-story building on Wall Street in the heart of downtown, a stone's throw from a strip club and four blocks from the biggest homeless shelter in the Pacific Northwest.

When he walks to school, he must walk past kamikaze bicycle messengers cutting the wrong way down the sidewalk, past squadrons of self-absorbed young capitalists with cell phones growing out of their ears, past winos and schizos, past the free-spirited and the free-basing.

Is he ready? ... All parents, sooner or later, get to ask the question of themselves, and if they're honest, they admit that they just don't know.

Nature is a quality we small town-dwellers cultivate in our children, and we consider it something like a virtue, even though we understand that it's no substitute for street smarts.

Yet most parents can never quite bring themselves to allow cynicism to leech into the soul of a child if we have the power to prevent it. We go to elaborate lengths - from Santa Claus to martial-arts classes - to coxiet kids from the jagged edges of experience.

Are we doing them a favor? Probably not. Children are always smarter and tougher and more resilient than adults give them credit for.

And in all honesty, the real reason that I'm worrying about the youngest son in the big city is that I'm mourning what my life is going to be like without him around.

I already miss his dry humor, his light, his adolescent energy and his penchant for unfathomable rock 'n' roll and mindless animated TV shows.

I miss his wry indolence, and his fervent conviction that the things that obsess grown-ups are very important - and most of them aren't important at all.

So will he squander all his money on software and hard women and be home in a month? The overprotective dad in me wonders, but in my heart I know he's gone.

It was easier, somehow, when his older brother went off to college two autumns ago: Eldest siblings are raised to be hybrid adults anyway, and their departure is something Mom and Dad prepare for emotionally from the day the kid is born.

But it's never a good time for the youngest child to pack up his computer and his sound system and walk out the front door. It's just too soon, and always will be.

When I was my youngest son's age, I went from a small Idaho town to a leafy suburban campus in California, just down the road from San Francisco. I'd been at school a week when I sort of ran into the big city for the first time.

It was an adventure - a forbidden exercise in everything my Mom warned me to avoid. ... It was also scary as hell.

My fondest wish for Eric is that the same thing happens to him in Seattle.

For the city, contrary to small-town legend, really isn't a cold place - it's a waxy one. Sort of like life.

The trick, I think, is to come to terms with that without losing your sense of humor.

And without surrendering your small-town sensibility that in the other hand is compassion, respect.

The thin margin between being happy and being miserable. ... That's a lot for a kid to learn in his freshman year. I hope Eric gets straight A's.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

## Lava spews forth gold

### Man finds deposit with rich yield of the precious metal

By N.S. Nokkewit  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** - If it's economically recoverable, an extensive gold deposit in Lincoln County could rival some of the country's richest.

But the man who found it may never share in the proceeds. For years Dean Eskridge and

his wife, Geneva, noted the strange-looking rock formations on the west side of Highway 75. Being professional assayers - chemists who test rock for mineral content - they wondered if any had ever sampled them.

"I never read the book that says there's nothing in that rock," Eskridge said. "Mother nature didn't either."

The rock was a type of lava known as moonstone rhyolite. But typically, gold is not found in recoverable quantities in rhyolite.

This rock was different, says the 77-year-old assayer.

He should know. He and his wife owned and operated Alpine Assay Inc. on U.S. Highway 30 west of Twin Falls for 15 years. Eskridge, now retired, worked as an assayer for more than 40 years.

They looked closer at the formations and took some samples back to their lab. Tests showed there was indeed gold in that rock. One sample showed 2 1/2 ounces of gold per ton of ore. Most gold mines are happy with a fraction of an ounce per ton. And here, the ore starts right at the surface, eliminating

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Assayer Dean Eskridge says samples he took in the early 1990s showed there's gold in the rock in the desert north of Shoshone - lots of it.

## Jerome celebrates new downtown

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** - Spectators clutched their ears, greeted their teeth and dogs took off running dragging their owners behind them as race car driver Mitch McDowell roared past them Saturday in his 6,000-horsepower Nitro Funny Car, leaving a thick cloud of smoke behind him.

"It was scary," said Jarom Swenson, who at the age of six, had just seen his first Nitro Funny Car.

"They were right on the curb," said his father, Mark Swenson. "You hear it and you feel it."

The burnout display was part of a day-long event to celebrate Jerome's \$2 million downtown beautification project which improved streets, sidewalks and landscaping in a section of downtown Jerome. The project is expected to be completed next week.

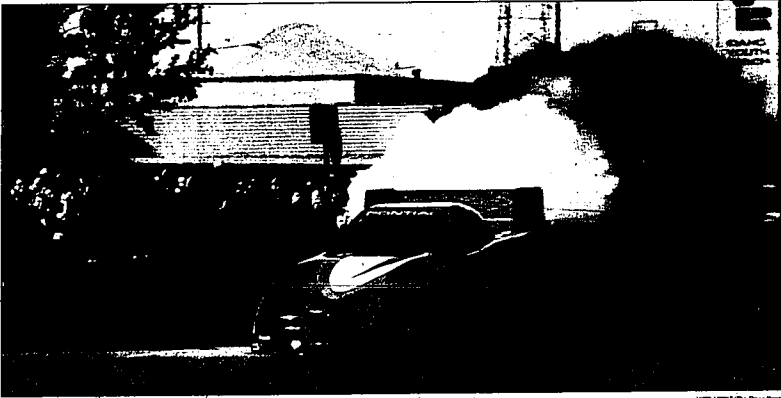
Saturday's activities also included a ribbon cutting, street dance and a special appearance by former Idaho Gov. John Evans. But it was the cars that attracted 11-year-old Eric Watterson to the event.

"Holy moly!" Eric Watterson said. "Let's go look at that one, dad."

Eric's father, Reed Watterson, who attended the show with his best friend, is one of the people who has been working on the downtown improvements.

"We've been working on the streets all summer," Reed Watterson said.

But they didn't come to work today. Instead they were looking at cars on display such as Jeff



Funny car driver Mitch McDowell bucked rubber on Main Street in Jerome to the delight of hundreds of onlookers. It was all part of a day-long event to celebrate the near-completion of Jerome's downtown beautification project.

Devey's super-comp dragster. As Devey polished the sides of the car he talked about the big block 300-horse Chevy engine, which enables the car to race at speeds of 165 mph, he said.

Devey, who is from Twin Falls, races all over the northwest.

Carl Bridwell ran his hand over the tire of the dragster and said he came to the event because he likes car shows. His

friend Jay Davis agreed. "I like motors - power, speed and noise," Davis said.

Nine-year-old Nathan Greenlee said he came to the show for the same reason.

"I like dragsters - how fast they go," Greenlee said. "I like to see how experienced the drivers are."

His father, James Greenlee, tagged along to the show with

him so he could look at that one. "I like to see how experienced they spent their money - engine, gear, muco, paint, low chassis and nice tires are," James Greenlee said.

For Dallas Krapovich, the show brought back some memories.

"A lot of us grew up in the drag racing era," he said. "Car shows are coming back to small towns. It's the community coming back."

The workmanship of the old "muscle cars" from the 1960s and early '70s can't be beat, he said.

"These were the days when a guy would spend hours in his garage and come out with something like nothing else," he said.

Times-News writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached in Burley at 977-4042, or by e-mail at lcavener@timesnews.com.

## Prayer for fuzzy, feathery friends

### Procession of pets, owners shows up for preacher's blessing

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News Correspondent

**KETCHUM** - Snakes got a bad rap in the story of Adam and Eve. But that didn't faze 6-year-old Sadie Grossbaum of Ketchum.

She marched right up to the Rev. Brian Baker Saturday and had him bless her 2-foot-long snake Slither, whom she caught while at day care.

"Slither is the man that works for God," she said. "I thought if I had my snake blessed, maybe Slither would talk."

Slither didn't roll over or shout "Hallelujah," but Grossbaum was perfectly content as she rejoined a couple hundred people who turned out under a cloudless sky to celebrate their animals in Ketchum's first community-wide Blessing of the Animals Day. The observance is held in conjunction with the birthday of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

"I've always loved St. Francis of Assisi so I thought it was a great idea," said Ketchum resident Cindy Hamlin, who had the reins to a llama in one hand and a white dove named Mike in the other. "I wanted to bring my monkey, too. I have 11 llamas, a donkey, two dogs, a cat and eight manage-everyone."

Nine-year-old Amy Stoll, of Ketchum, brought her two guinea pigs, and Linda Drake, also of Ketchum, brought two



Folks waited in line at Gileobbi Square in Ketchum Saturday to have their special animal friends blessed by the Rev. Brian Baker. The observance was held in conjunction with the birthday of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

pregnant Peruvian Paso mares. Six-year-old Julianna Lamb of Elkhorn even brought three Bernise Baby animals. Twigs the Giraffe, Spunky the Cocker

Spaniel and Snort the Red Bull, in addition to her toy and standard doodles. Some of the pets were adorned in ballerina skirts. Please see ANIMALS, Page B4

## Former commissioner injured on motorcycle

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Former Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinken and his wife Carla Reinken, of Filer, were involved in a motorcycle accident Saturday afternoon, according to Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County sheriff's department.

Howell said the couple was riding a Honda Goldwing and pulling a trailer when one of the trailer wheels went off the road and pulled the motorcycle off the road with it.

Howell said the Reinkens were southbound on SR10, headed in the South Hills, and the accident occurred at 3800 E. 38th St. Carla Reinken was thrown about 35 feet and landed on her hand and back, Howell said. She said the couple was wearing helmets and protective leather gear.

They were admitted to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Brent Reinken suffered two broken ankles. Both were in stable condition Saturday evening, according to a hospital spokesman.

Brent Reinken is currently the director of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.

In a separate Twin Falls County accident, a Caldwell man was air-lifted to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise after his vehicle left the roadway and hit a tree on Highway 92 at 221 N.

Mark Scheuffele, 34, of Caldwell, was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center before being flown to Boise.

It appeared as though Scheuffele fell asleep at the wheel, Ernell said. She said he was not wearing a seat belt, but his air bag deployed.

Scheuffele was still in surgery and his condition was unknown Saturday evening, according to a St. Alphonsus spokesman.

## Merchants peddle their wares at the Twin Falls Oktoberfest

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - At a head-on-ramp called "Hot Piled 'Summer Breeze,'" a warm fall breeze blew down Main Avenue Saturday during the Oktoberfest harvest celebration and a long line wound down the street in front of Kelly's food bank.

"We've been busy," said Kathy Fischer of Kelly's Restaurant. Fischer and the

other workers at Kelly's outdoor stand were busy selling hot sausage, bratwurst and Polish sausage.

"The cold and windy forecast didn't come to fruition," said Diane Wornsbaker, one of the sidewalk vendors for the event.

"Today the vendors at the Twin Falls farmers' market, said her Cleveland mussels sold well, as did her spiced apples, pickled

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Lawmaker marries rancher

MERIDIAN (AP) - U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, the darling of conservatives nationwide, on Saturday became the bride of a Nevada rancher known as the philosophical leader of the West's Sagebrush Rebellion.

Robert Palmer, also helped Wilde conduct the simple ceremony.

Chenoweth, who is not seeking reelection to a fourth term next year, wore a lace white, floor-length gown with a train and long sleeves. There was no veil, but she wore a tiara and carried a large white bouquet.

"Today you are just a beautiful bride, one in whom I believe God is well pleased," she said. The bride and groom were joined by the Rev. Robert Palmer, who has had a number of run-ins with the federal government over the years in his campaign for private property rights.

The couple sent out 11,000 invitations to financial backers, volunteers and friends. Only a few political leaders actually attended, including U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, because many traveled to the Western States Republican Leadership Conference at Wyoming's Jackson Lake Lodge.

A reception followed at the church, but no immediate honeymoon was planned.

Chenoweth returned on Monday to Washington, D.C., for work in the House. The couple plans to maintain residences in Boise, Washington and on Hage's ranch in west-central Idaho's Magic Valley.

He remains embroiled in a lawsuit filed against the federal government in 1991. It alleges the U.S. Forest Service repeatedly harassed him for more than a decade after he rejected the agency's offer to buy his ranch for half of what he paid for it. All but 7,000 acres of the 750,000-acre ranch were Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property on which Hage held grazing allotments.

Hage also is the author of a book on property rights issues titled "Storm Over Rangelands," and has become a popular speaker with conservative groups. His daughter, Margaret Gabbard, is head of Stewards of the Range, an educational group that works on property-rights issues nationwide.

Funding limits hinder lab work

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A new ban on using nuclear cleanup funds for discretionary research is bringing to a halt work at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

On Bechtel's first day as the new contractor at the site, the company learned Congress eliminated a large portion of the lab's discretionary research money.

About 100 researchers whose projects depended on internal research funds, about \$20 million, were told Friday to find alternative work for while.

That means shutting down experiments, writing papers and cleaning up files. They cannot do scientific work on those projects until the lab figures out how to weather the ban.

The Energy and Water Appropriations bill puts new restrictions on what kinds of money can be used for discretionary research at U.S. Department of Energy laboratories.

SERVICES

Doris Morris of Kimberly, 81 a.m. Monday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kimberly, with graveside service following at the Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Carson, 77, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Oct. 1, 1999, at Crossings in Twin Falls.

Funeral services for Juanita "Aunt Toots" Howell of Kimberly, 2 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

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# Cassia bond issue may be model for others to come

Minidoka looks at successes of Cassia technical center

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—One objective of Minidoka County School District's \$20 million bond issue election Nov. 2 is to expand facilities to give educators the space to expand its course offerings.

Cassia district officials say improvements in curriculum were made possible by its \$22 million bond issue, which was approved by Cassia County voters in 1996. One of the things the bond issue enabled the district to do was to create the Cassia Regional Technical Center.

The center has been drawing all kinds of attention. When newly appointed director of the Idaho Department of Commerce Gary Mahn visited the Mini-Cassia area in March 1999, he said high unemployment rates plague towns anchored by resource industries and Idaho lacks workers with enough technical skills to keep businesses interested in staying in a community.

The center is offering programs to begin to change that situation. "We're looking at dozens of ways," said Gayle Smyer, director of the Cassia Regional Technical Center.

School officials ranging from Marshall Valley to Boise have visit-

**Let's get technical**  
Cassia Regional Technical Center offers classes in advanced computer applications, advanced agricultural welding and manufacturing technology, automotive service technology, computer-assisted drafting, electronics technology, health care occupations and residential construction technology, early childhood professions, graphic communication and criminal justice. Minico High School's vocational education department offers courses in automotive repair, agriculture, drafting, industrial technology, cabinet making, business and food service.

ed the \$1 million Tech Center looking for ideas they can use.

"I can't even tell you how many different school district representa-

of education department has also impressed many who have seen it. Last year after a tour of the program, State Senator Denton Darrington commented on the program.

"Historically we haven't done a good job offering this type of thing until lately when we got these vocational programs," Darrington said.

Last year students earned 230 college credits, said Marvin Scow, Minico's drafting instructor.

School officials, worried about a steady decline in student numbers, hope that expanded technical programs a bond issue can bring will help keep students in the district.

Minico's computer lab has 26 computers that are used for classes from home economics and nutrition to automotive and typing. Students are able to make resumes and study job career paths, said Donna Cameron, the computer lab's administrator.

The lab has been so successful the school could use another room that size, said Randy Reddington, vocational coordinator for the Minidoka County School District.

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tatives have looked at the center," Smyer said.

The center recently received a grant, which will allow it to double in size.

But more important than bringing attention, the center's instructional offerings to more than 300 students enable the district to offer students a better education.

Minico High School's voca-



Ross Herrera, front, and other students study in a business computer lab at Minico High School. The 26-computer lab serves the needs of classes from home economics and nutrition to automotive and typing. The district is hoping to gain more computer lab space along with other facilities if its Nov. 2 bond issue passes.

At both the Tech Center and in Minico's vocational program, students can complete an entire instruction unit and qualify for dual credit at the College of Southern Idaho. Some students may receive earned training to become certified and begin working in the technical field they studied.

Enabling students to learn a vocational skill they can use in the community is something both districts can offer. But Minico would like to be able to expand

those offerings even further.

"The Raper bus garage is used for a technical support classroom," Hallett said.

Students are bused to the class, which cuts into learning time and isolates them from the rest of the school, he said.

Expanding science labs is another thing on the bond issue.

project plan, which would help improve curriculum.

"Science Labs at Minico are identical to when I went to school in the '50s," Hallett said.

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## Gold

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ing the expense of removing the dirt and rock covering the ore.

Esckridge looked at dozens of locations, and took samples from a 25 square mile area and found gold in all of them. He thought it might be a major find and filed 20 claims in 1997.

The whole family would bring a picnic lunch and spend the day working in the area, Geneva Esckridge said.

"We had a lot of fun," she said.

They tried to get mining companies interested because it was just too big for the family.

"But they laughed at us," Dean Esckridge said. "Their experts wouldn't even take samples."

They proclaimed that there was no gold in that rock without ever assaying a single sample, he said. They accused him of being a "fraud."

"We couldn't get anybody to believe us," he said.

But the problem was that a standard fire assay won't find all the gold in the rock because of

the minerals it contains. Esckridge said. Most of the gold is in microscopic particles and some is encased in a mineral of iron and titanium — an oxide called hematite.

"That thing out there is bigger than the Carlin Trend," Dean Esckridge said, speaking of the gold deposits near Elko, Nev., that have made Nevada the country's biggest gold producer.

The Esckrides eventually had to give up the claims. The Bureau of Land Management, which administers surface mining claims, requires \$200 worth of development work on each claim annually.

The family couldn't afford the annual \$21,000 tab to keep the claims current. In 1997, of Vancouver, British Columbia, took over the claims. International Gold was a wholly owned subsidiary of InterGold Corp. with offices in Newport Beach, Calif.

The company located additional claims to establish 321 claims on 10 square miles now known as

the Blackhawk Property. InterGold Corp. also is partners with Goldstate Corp. in 439 neighboring claims.

And just to the north in Camas County, Vega-Atlantic Corp. owns another 173 claims in similar formations of lava rock.

One company official, M.H. Mehrens, says in an Internet report that he thinks the Blackhawk gold deposit is the first of its kind to be re-mined and has world class potential.

Over the past three summers, InterGold has been out in the desert drilling a lot of holes. All of them are about 500 feet deep, and gold was found dispersed from the surface all the way to the bottom.

This summer, InterGold drilled 50 to 60 test holes, said BLM geologist Johnny Garth. The company must submit plans before

drilling, but it has not yet submitted any plans for near-surface claims, he said.

The results of this summer's drilling is not yet available. But past drilling has yielded best results that show an average gold deposit of about 75 ounces of gold per ton of ore — that means seven tons of ore contain about one ounce of gold.

One ton of rock is about 2.2 cubic feet. Esckridge said. That's a cubic foot just shy of 2.23 feet on a side.

The drill holes help determine the extent of the ore and the most efficient recovery method. Gold prices this week averaged around \$300 per ounce.

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## Oktoberfest

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Jalapenos, seasoned sea salts and flavored vinegars. As Worms-baker peddled her Magic Valley

Herbal wares, other craftspersons and merchants up and down the street said they also had successful sales at the celebration.

"We've had real good traffic," said Gloria Adams, an antique and collectible vendor at Goodfellows. "And real good bargains."

The vendors at Goodfellows set out tables with \$1 and \$2 items.

"And \$5 for the big spenders," Adams said as she thumbed through a bin of old record albums.

While Adams and the others at Goodfellows sold nostalgia, Larry or from Hillely, displayed photos of wildlife scenes.

Going out at 4 a.m. to get a sage grouse photo is a normal procedure for Magic Valley photographers for days at a time to get just the right photo.

"One morning it will be cloudy, another morning the hawk chase them all away," he said.

Although the sage grouse photos are hard to get, photos of horses sell better, he said.

"Half the little girls in the world want a horse; but the next best thing is a picture," he said.

Marjorie Coore, a Salmon painter and craftsman, had some pictures for sale too — paintings on saw blades.

"People decorate a lot with that color — that's in now," she said.

But probably the most popular item at the Oktoberfest was the food.

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# Interfaith alliance says religious right is not representative of all people

BOISE (AP) — The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho is banding together to promote tolerance and make it clear the religious right does not represent all believers.

"A few people have chosen to speak for all people of faith and there's an implicit declaration that it is the Christian position," said Weldon Gaddy, executive director of the National Interfaith Alliance in Washington, D.C.

"There are many points of view that come from people who are Christians. We believe people of faith have an important role to play in the political process," he said Friday.

Also taking part in the announcement were the Rev.

David Ernat, of Lutheran Social Services and chair of the Idaho alliance; Rabbi Daniel Fink, and the Rev. Ellen Herzog, chaplain of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

Alliance members said they will not take positions on candidates or specific issues. Instead, they hope to promote civility and fairness. For example, they may ask politicians to sign pledges saying they will be ethical and civil in their campaigns.

They also encourage other places of worship to hold candidate forums.

Recent controversies have caused their involvement, said volunteer Lesley Goranson. Last month, Idaho Public Television

aired the documentary "It's Elementary," which described how some schools deal with the issue of homosexuality.

The Idaho Christian Coalition and others sought to pressure the station to not air the show and force legislators to cut funding for public broadcasting.

And Nampa residents have sought to have the local library remove books dealing with homosexual parents.

"The assumption that all people of faith ascribe to the same ideological beliefs is false," Goranson said. "Promoting only one point of view will drive wedges between Idahoans along ethical, religious, cultural and racial lines."

# Farm industry tells lawmaker to protect interests of Idaho

BOISE (AP) — A World Trade Organization conference in Seattle this fall is a good first step to boost Idaho's agricultural trade worldwide, but farm producers have told Sen. Mike Crapo the United States must look out for its own interests in future negotiations.

The Idaho Republican on Saturday held the first of a round of town meetings on foreign trade before the Seattle event Nov. 30/Dec. 3, where he will be part of the American delegation.

"The problems currently being faced by Idaho ag producers are not simply solved," he said. "While some can be blamed on elements like Mother Nature which are beyond our control, a number of them result from unfair, ineffective and poorly developed U.S. international trade policies."

Those attending the meeting said the United States should

strengthen its position in world trade, as well as benefiting from the trade rights it has already struck with other countries.

Sara Braucher, Idaho Cattle Association executive vice president, said Idaho ranchers had to fight to make Canada accept shipments of their feeder cattle.

Crapo agreed that despite the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada, it took the blockades by governors of the states along the Canadian border to get the point across.

A position statement from the Idaho Potato Commission said Mexico has tariff rate quotas on frozen french fries despite the fact there is no french fry industry in that country. So Mexico's quota was filled within the first quarter of the year.

The commission called for significant tariff reductions for farm products, abolishing rate quotas and no decrease of American tar-

iff levels without immediate reciprocity by World Trade Organization members.

Crapo said the United States trade position with China was hampered by claims of Chinese theft of American nuclear secrets and NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.

But he expected trade relations will improve with China's desire to grow as a world power.

"Even though they started opening the door, it isn't wide enough to get a trade agreement through," he said.

"But trade is as important to China as it is to us and they recognize that. In the economic arena they have very aggressive objectives to grow and strengthen and in order to do that, they have to get engaged in trade in a more open and fair basis than has been the case in the past."

## Animals

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and pumpkin outfits.

The procession of people and their pets down Sun Valley Road drew chuckles from tourists who stopped shopping for a few minutes to flop down on the curb and watch the spectacle go by.

"It's a great idea. Animals are fun to celebrate," said Charlie Hoenemann, a Logan, Utah, man who was vacationing in Sun Valley with his wife and daughter.



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Ketchum resident Cindy Hamlin brought her llama, Moon-shadow, and her white dove named Mike. "I wanted to bring my donkey, too," Hamlin said. "I have 11 llamas, a donkey, two dogs, a cat and eight birds, but I didn't think I could manage everyone."

The animals and their owners stood in line without barking, growling, neighing, hissing or spitting as they worked their way toward Baker, who stood beneath an arbor made from fresh cut birch branches. Baker, an Episcopal priest dressed in a white robe, green Paradise Point, McCull hailcap and black cowboy boots, said a blessing over each.

"I bless you, Chester, in the name of God who created heaven and earth and skies and rivers. And I pray that God's spirit may fill you so you'll be the best dog you can be," Baker told the Ketchum Police Department's new 2-year-old K-9 and tracker dog.

Animals and their owners seemed to beam as they stepped away from the arch.

"Chelsea liked the blessing very much," said Joyce Larsen of Ketchum, looking fondly at the King Charles spaniel she held in her arms. "Any attention Chelsea can get."

Following the ceremony, the human celebrants played pin the tail on the donkey for such prizes as tootsie roll pop spiders, had their animals' fortunes told through paw readings, and bought doggie biscuits and leashes and collars sporting fire hydrants for their four-footed friends.

The canine celebrants had to beady sniffing out all their new acquaintances and trying out the garbage sack-lined poop boxes set all around Giacomo Square.

Proceeds from the event went to the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley.

"I'm overwhelmed and excited," said animal shelter board member Leslie Feltman, looking around at all the people. "I had no idea so many people would turn out for this."

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## Students say new U of I mascot is awkward, bulky

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho students have passed a resolution asking the school's athletic department to replace a new 9-foot-tall, inflatable Joe Vandal mascot with the old, life-size Joe.

Student body President Mahmood Sheikh said over 20 groups dislike the new mascot because of its large, unfriendly and awkward appearance.

The jumbo Joe made his football debut Sept. 18 when the Vandals beat Washington State University at Martin Stadium in Pullman.

Students dislike the new mascot because he cannot run very fast and is too big to easily go into the stands to hug children and

pose for pictures, Sheikh said.

"What people really want is Joe crowd surfing or giving kids hugs," he said.

Wearers of the new Joe suit put on a belt equipped with a battery and a blower to keep the head full of air.

The university decided to purchase the new mascot because the former costume was getting old and the new suit is more visible from the crowd, said Drew Bourn, assistant director of marketing for the athletic department.

Bourn would not say how much the custom-made suit cost, but similar suits cost more than \$4,000.

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The judges had a really hard time selecting the winners. There were so many good ones," said Calendar Chairwoman Suzy Carter.

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Alma Peterson helps Cader Owen with his math in his classroom at Popplewell Elementary School. Peterson is one of five foster grandparents who help out at the school.

# Buhl foster grandparents help kids, earn diplomas

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

“BUHL - Foster grandparents at Popplewell Elementary School are dedicated to education - including their own. This past year, 63-year-old Doris Golden and 70-year-old Irene Hays, two of the program's five classroom volunteers, completed their own studies through the College of Southern Idaho and received their high school equivalency certificates.

*"I really wanted to do this ... not just for me, but for my kids."*

- Doris Golden, at Popplewell Elementary School

“My formal education was something I wanted to accomplish ... something I didn't get to finish,” said Hays, who was worked as a classroom aide for five years.

“But it was no easy task. When they say you never get too old to learn, but I had been out of school so long,” Hays said. “It was hard, but the desire was there.”

For Golden, who has been with the program for three years, going back to school was an opportunity she didn't want to pass up.

“I really wanted to do this ... not just for me, but for my kids,” Golden said. “I think they were amazed that I was (taking classes) So maybe part of my reason was to prove something to them.”

Popplewell Principal Helen Brown said the needs within a

school district are diverse and extra help is always needed.

“These are wonderful people,” Brown said. “They work hard and are excellent role models. And I see their desire to continue their education as yet another example of the ‘above and beyond’ attitude they (foster grandparents) bring with them.”

The Foster Grandparents Program gives low-income persons 60 years of age and older an opportunity to work one-on-one with children who have special or exceptional needs in schools, Head Start programs, non-profit day cares and child development centers.

According to information from the Office on Aging, Foster Grandparent Program applicants must commit to serving 20 hours a week at their volunteer station. For that service, they receive a small stipend, travel reimbursement, meals at their workplace and monthly in-services.

“But there are many reasons for becoming a foster grandparent. For Alma Peterson, Class of '83, it was the need to be with people.

“I was alone and needed something to do,” Peterson said. And now, after six years in the school district, she says that assisting in the classroom is no different than “me sitting down

with my own grandkids.” And there is also the personal gratification.

“Not every day is a perfect day,” she said, “but every day is rewarding.”

Also helping out at the school are foster grandparents Charlotte Taylor and Vaudis Hawkins.

Those interested in the Foster Grandparent Program may call the Office on Aging at 736-2122.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Buhl at 543-6683.

# Gap in solution keeps gas pipeline incomplete

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - There is a 60-mile gap in a gas pipeline crossing the Panhandle to serve the Inland Northwest and proposals to fix it seem just as far apart.

Yellowstone Pipe Line Co. wants to close the gap by punching a new route through the eastern portion of Montana's Nitnemee Valley to stay competitive in Inland Northwest petroleum markets.

The U.S. Forest Service, which decides the pipeline's future because the route crosses federal land, says the line should follow a

140-mile route along the Interstate 90 corridor from Missoula, Mont. to Kingston to protect Idaho and Montana waterways, including the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River.

The difference between the two leading options, among five under consideration, is a big deal. At issue is the future of a pipeline to carry 1 million gallons of gas from Billings, Mont. refineries to Spokane every day.

Yellowstone contends the proposal would be too expensive to build, twice the \$50-\$60 million the company wants to spend.

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# Pair face drug charges in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Two Mexican nationals have been charged in federal court in what police call the biggest marijuana-growing operation in Utah history.

Armin Flores Villalobos, 22, and Juan Aguilar Castillo, 19, were arraigned last week on state charges that they cultivated marijuana. They were charged with the same crime Thursday - this time in federal court.

The men remain in state custody until the federal arrest warrants are executed, likely Wednesday, according to Melodie Rydahl, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Salt Lake City. The men are accused of cultivating thousands of plants found last week in the mountains of Weber County.

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Defense attorneys in horse slaughter trial remain confident

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. (AP)—Lawyers defending three young men accused of slaughtering dozens of wild horses admitted to a bit of trepidation entering the 1876 courthouse where vigilantes once used the noose-end of a rope to dish out an Old West-brand of justice.

Their clients—two ex-Marines and a former high-school bully—had been portrayed for months as trigger-happy riflemen who in the days after Christmas massacred free-roaming mustangs that Nevadaans hold so dear to their hearts.

Emotions still were running high the day after Labor Day when the suspects went before a Storey County justice of the peace for a preliminary hearing.

The three defendants—Anthony Merlino, 20, Darien Brock, 21, and Scott Brandle, 22—seemed to further antagonize locals by strolling the dusty,

wooden sidewalks of the historic mining town during courtroom breaks in their black suits, dark sun glasses and smirks.

"Fakes!" one shop owner said as she watched them make their way past the Delta Salon in front of the Territorial Enterprise where Mark Twain got his start as a newspaperman.

A local newspaper, the Comstock Chronicle, called the three suspects "morons" and reported that two of the defense lawyers "have spent so long with criminals that their own brains appear to have become addled with sleaze."

But as local prosecutors laid out the evidence and the hearing stretched for three days, scheduled into five, it became clear this was anything but the open-and-shut case that investigators had portrayed.

And now that some of the charges have been dismissed,

defense lawyers say they're growing more confident their clients eventually will go free. A trial is scheduled in the coming months in district court in Carson City.

"I hope we have turned the tide a little bit with how the public views these three individuals," said Scott Freeman, a lawyer for Merlino, a Reno construction worker.

Justice Annette Daniels ordered the three bound over to district court last month for a trial on charges of maiming or killing another person's animal.

She dismissed four other theft and larceny charges.

Even prosecutors admitted there was no physical evidence that directly linked the suspects to any of the dead horses.

"This is not a smoking gun case. It is based on circumstantial evidence," Deputy Storey County District Attorney Sharon

Classen said. She said prosecutors will have a stronger case when they get to trial.

All three men admit being in the area with guns the evening of Dec. 27, but they maintain somebody else shot the horses before they arrived.

Only Brandle has confessed to actually training the cross hairs of his rifle scope on a horse, squeezing the trigger and watching it buckle to the ground. And there was just the one, he said.

Merlino said he shot one wounded horse to put it out of its misery, Brock said he shot into a herd of horses and doesn't think he hit any, but may have hit just one.

Each suspect admitted hiking back into the hills at night to retrieve shell casings and beer bottles after they read about the mass slaughter in the newspaper.

By all accounts, the 33 horses died horrible deaths in the hills

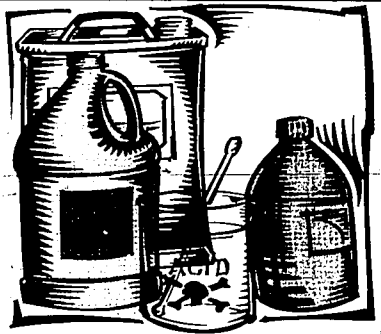
east of Reno, shot multiple times, some through the heart, one between the eyes. "This was a massacre," Classen said.

Several of the mustangs thrashed on the ground or wandered wounded for days before they died or were chased down and destroyed by sheriff's deputies.

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# Mormon president outlines position on gay marriage

### Issue doesn't have to do with civil rights, leader says



Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Mormon church, right, is greeted by members of The Quorum of Twelve Apostles upon his arrival at the 159th Semi-Annual General Conference Saturday in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gay marriage is morally wrong and Mormons should feel compelled to oppose it, church President Gordon B. Hinckley told the faith Saturday.

Some portray legalization of so-called same-sex marriage as a civil right," Hinckley said at the faith's 159th Annual General Conference. "This issue has nothing to do with civil rights. For men to marry women, or women to marry women, is a moral wrong."

Hinckley said the church's support of California's Knight Initiative, which would only allow marriages between men and women, is an attempt to safeguard God-sanctioned marriage — and the moral fiber of society — from forces trying to undermine it.

Even before Hinckley addressed the subject, local gay-rights groups announced plans to protest outside Temple Square during the second day of the conference Sunday.

Earlier this year, leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sent a letter to branches in California asking them to urge their 740,000 members "to do all you can by donating your means and time to assure a successful vote" on the March 2000 measure.

The church conducted similar efforts in Alaska and Hawaii last year, and members raised \$1.1 million for the successful campaigns to block same-sex marriages in those states.

Hinckley made it clear to the conference's priesthood session Saturday night that the money going to California has come from individual members, gay rights groups have threatened to fight the faith's tax-exempt status if church institutions or foundations get involved.

"You are contributing your time and talents in a cause that in some quarters may not be politically correct, but which, nevertheless, lies at the heart of the Lord's eternal plan,"

performed by worthy members, are different from the 12,000 chapels used for weekly worship. As many as 42 more could be completed by 2001.

Under Hinckley's guidance, the church has also constructed a new 21,000-seat assembly hall in downtown Salt Lake City, which leaders decided Friday will be named the Conference Center.

It is set to open by April to host the next conference, which has been held in the smaller Tabernacle for more than a century.

But not all of the church's growth involves new edifices,

Hinckley said. It has also expanded its genealogical work, much of it via computer.

In May, the church opened its new genealogical Web site, which was so inundated, IBM had to shut it down for six hours.

"It's interesting to think we've all reduced ourselves to dot-coms," the 89-year-old, church president joked in the afternoon session.

But other speakers warned about the dark side of technology.

"Satan, of course, is aware of this great progress," said Elder James E. Faust, second coun-

selor to the president. "He delights in the pornography of the Internet and the sleaze in many of our movies and television shows. He has even encroached some of our Satanist messages into some of our modern music."

Sister Sharon G. Larsen, second counselor in the Young Women's General Presidency, said choosing the path ordained by the church is more difficult than it once was in the face of modern-day options.

"Today there are infinite telephone numbers, movies of all kinds and colors, E-mail at our fingertips 24 hours a day, and

many roads that temptingly call for our judgment," she said. "Our environment is flooded with choices. But our purpose for being here on earth has never changed."

And Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Seventy declared the loss of the traditional, Monday night family home evenings, where members came scriptures and pray together.

"With the influence of evil that surround our children, can we really imagine sending them out into the world without kneeling and asking for the Lord's protection?" Andersen said.

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Hinckley said, comparing involvement in the Knight initiative to the church's historic opposition to gambling and liquor.

Earlier in the day, Hinckley celebrated the growth of the church, announcing that it will nearly double its number of temples by the end of next year.

"If present plans materialize, we will have not only the one hundred which we have striven for, but even more than that," said Hinckley, who surprised members just six months ago when he announced plans to rebuild a historic temple in Nauvoo, Ill., that was destroyed after the Mormons moved west.

Ground will be broken in Nauvoo later this month, Hinckley said, and seven other temples will be dedicated before the end of the year, bringing the total to 68.

"We shall not stop then. We may not build at the same pace, but we shall go on for as long as the Lord wills that it be done," he said.

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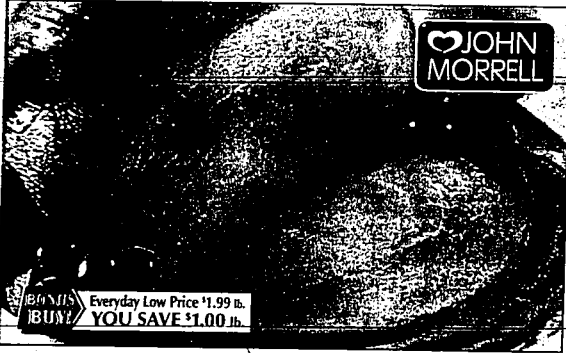
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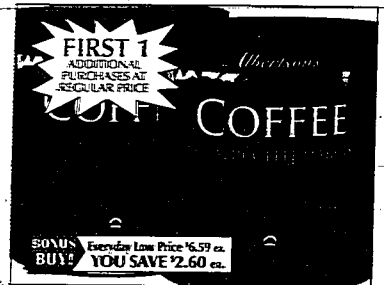
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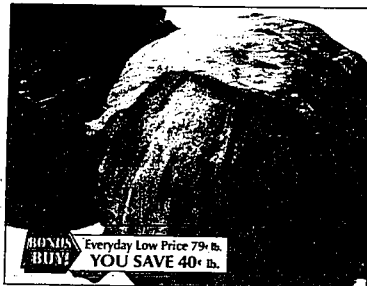
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SPORTS

# Lindros faces uncertain future after injury

Flyers star hopes to return after collapsed lung

VORHEES, N.J. (AP) — Eric Lindros sits at his locker, beads of sweat dripping from his nose. A T-shirt clings to his muscles, which have returned to their rock-hard state after a painful comeback from a collapsed lung.

He is out of breath but has plenty to say once he catches it.

Lindros, the Philadelphia Flyers' franchise player, is ready for his annual ritual. Each year, he pursues the "Stanley Cup with every ounce of his might and gets blamed if it comes up short.

Those who know him — his teammates, his coach, even the general manager he refuses to talk about, Bob Clarke — see it as an unfair burden placed on one of the NHL's best players who has yet to win the ultimate prize.

Lindros, who has spent all of his adult life trying to live up to the label of superstar, sees it that way, too.

"Oh, yeah, one person wins a Stanley Cup. That's right," said Lindros, his sharp words cutting through the music of Nirvana after a practice. "But not even getting into that."

Lindros obviously is growing tired of the expectations he once likened to the weight of a piano, before the Flyers were swept by Detroit in the 1997 Stanley Cup finals. But with Lindros and nine teammates signed only through this season, including longtime linemate John LeClair, these Flyers could be entering their final days.

"I offered them a one-year deal that basically made sure that I was going to play next year," said Lindros, healthy again after missing the Flyers' playoff series last season with the collapsed lung. "As far as anything else above and beyond that, I want to see the direction that the team goes in. I want to see what happens this year."

The ruthless style that is unmistakably Lindros' — the bursts of speed, the crushing body checks, the look in his eyes that scouts first saw when he was a teenager — does him little good in the arena of public opinion.

The 26-year-old Lindros signed a one-year contract for this season that will pay him \$8.5 million plus incentives. He promises to do so last summer, and lived up to it.

But Bobby Clarke, the fiery GM who was captain of the

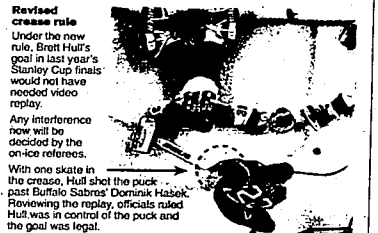


Philadelphia Flyers star center Eric Lindros is coming back this season after suffering a collapsed lung last season.

Flyers' last Stanley Cup championship team in 1975, said he was disappointed when Lindros wouldn't sign a long-term deal. "It would be better for the security of the club, I think — the team, the players, everybody," Clarke said. Clarke ranked Lindros last summer when he proclaimed that if Lindros wanted to be the highest-paid player in hockey, it was time for him to play that way.

## NHL rules changes

One of this season's changes is the controversial man-in-the-crosse rule. The new rule says a player can be in the crease as long as he doesn't interfere with the goaltender.



**Revised crease rule**  
Under the new rule, Brett Hull's goal in last year's Stanley Cup finals would not have needed video replay. Any interference now will be decided by the on-ice referees.

With one skate in the crease, Hull shot the puck past Buffalo Sabres' Dominik Hasek. Reviewing the replay, officials ruled Hull was in control of the puck and the goal was legal.

**Other changes**  
● The league will increase the number of games using the two-referee system to 50 games per team this season, up from 20 last year, making judgment calls easier.  
● In regular-season games, each team will be awarded one point in the standings if the score is tied in regulation time. Five-minute overtime will feature four-on-four play. If a team wins in overtime, it gets an extra point.

Source: National Hockey League AP Ed De Garmo

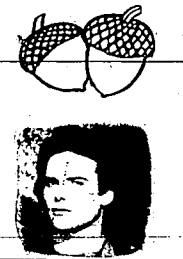
Last season, the Flyers were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round for the second straight year, losing to Toronto. They lost without Lindros, who had the biggest health scare of his life when teammate Keith Jones found him languishing in the bathtub of their Nashville hotel room early on the morning of April 2.

Lindros was checked or fell on his stick in a game against the Predators, puncturing his lung. With an incredible threshold for pain, Lindros left the rink believing he was just bruised.

When Jones found him soaking in the bathtub, he knew the captain was in trouble. Six pints of blood fluid seeped into the lung, but Lindros believes he would have been healthy enough to play in the second round.

"It's a bridge we didn't cross," Lindros said.

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Teemu Selanne Anaheim 107	Jaromir Jagr Pittsburgh 44	Peter Forsberg Colorado 67
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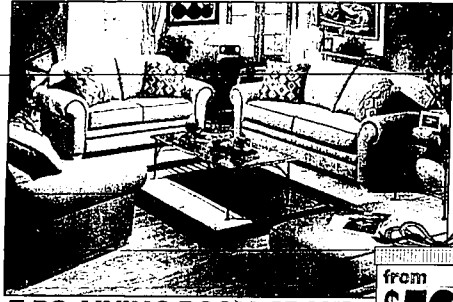
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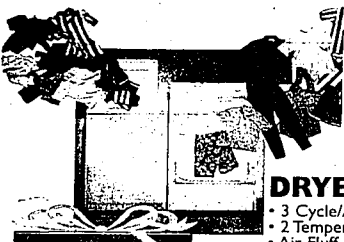
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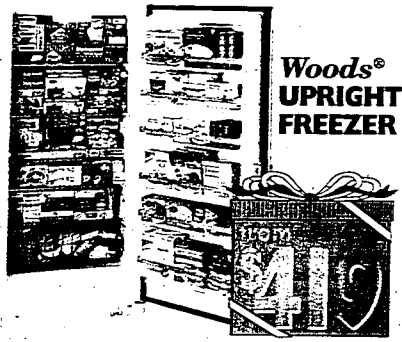
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# Software offers will help you maintain a balanced portfolio

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By Jeff Brown  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Like a member of any 12-step program, I must admit I'm an asset allocation avoidance addict.

Most conscientious investors know they should figure the ideal balance between stocks, bonds and cash. You should build your portfolio to satisfy that goal, then rebalance as you invest new money, or as changing prices put the portfolio out of kilter. I haven't been very attentive to

this, partly because I expect to keep my portfolio going for 30 or 40 years, so almost everything should be in stocks or stock funds. But this isn't a very good excuse because even an all-stock portfolio should be carefully balanced among various types of stocks.

Figuring things out can be a nightmare, especially if your main investment vehicle is mutual funds, each containing a variety of assets.

Suppose you'd invested \$5,000 in fund A, which was 60 percent big

stocks, 30 percent small stocks and 10 percent bonds. Then you had \$10,000 in fund B, which was 20 percent big stocks, 40 percent small stocks, and 40 percent bonds. And you had \$15,000 in fund C, with 60 percent foreign stocks, 20 percent domestic big stocks and 20 percent domestic small stocks. What's the breakdown in asset allocation of the entire portfolio?

Take a look at the remarkable "portfolio analysis" feature offered for free on the Web site of Intuit, the

company that makes the Quicken financial software.

As a Quicken user, I've relied on the site for some time for ordinary investment data. It includes a portfolio-tracking function into which you can import data you've already put in the Quicken program. Or, if you're not a Quicken user, you can fill out the online portfolio manually.

Once all the data's in there click the "portfolio analysis" button. It starts with a pie chart and table showing the allocation among big,

small and international stocks, as well as bonds and money market funds. The program uses data from Value Line Inc. to factor in each fund's breakdown among asset classes and industries.

The report includes a table breaking down each of the asset classes, showing the categories in which each of your investments is found and what percentage of each class every holding comprises. There's also a report on how you are allocated among various industries.

A financial planner might charge hundreds of dollars to produce such a report, perhaps thousands. Here it is for free, and you can update the data every day, if you want. Take a look. The site's at [www.intuit.com](http://www.intuit.com).

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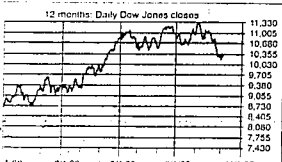


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# Trick or treat? October could be tough on investors

**NEW YORK** — Investors had a lot to fret about this past week. The investment returned portfolio, based on whether stocks went up or down. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 11.67 points to 10,473.00, its highest since October 1997.

**Dow Jones**



From the Dow Jones, the S&P 500 rose 1.13 percent to 1,019.20. The Nasdaq Composite rose 1.82 percent to 2,042.20. The Russell 2000 rose 1.57 percent to 1,019.20.

October 1997," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp. "The dollar has weakened somewhat and signs of inflation were creeping up and the Fed was raising interest rates."

But the Dow, already 9.7 percent below its Aug. 25 closing record of 11,326.04, could dip as low as 10,000, said Ned Riey, chief investment officer at BankBoston. That would leave it 11.7 percent below its record, a solid correction, or retracement.

"All the economic factors, and the fact that it's a very narrow market, make it likely that we could reach a bottom this month," Riey said, referring to the fact that a small number of stocks drove the market to its August highs, while the majority of share prices faltered.

This year, analysts expect October's course to be determined fairly early. On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee will announce whether it will raise interest rates for the third time this year. The Fed raised rates twice this summer, hoping to keep inflation from escalating, and worries about another increase have kept markets off balance for several weeks.

corporate profits. Moreover, fixed-rate investments like bonds become more alluring to investors when interest rates are high.

While most analysts believe a rate increase Tuesday could spark a short-term selloff, many also believe it would be the Fed's last move in 1999. That could clear the way for another rally, Riey said.

"Once the Fed is out of the way, we should get some fairly good news in the form of third-quarter corporate profits," Riey said.

October selloffs have often set the stage for rallies later in the year. In October 1997, for example, the Dow tumbled 502.46 points. But the Dow gained more than 400 points in the next two months, closing out the year at 7,908.25 and continuing the run of the longest bull market on record.

Baum & Co. in Kansas City, Mo., believes October's troubles may stem from investor misassessments for year-end buying pressure.

"November, December and January are typically very strong," he said. "By October, you can get a fairly clear picture of a company's fundamental and if there's anything you want to get rid of, you'll sell it in a good time to do it."

Worful remembrances of past October: may play a minor part, Belski said. "In terms of dividends and market weakness, investors have very long memories," he said.

But over time, analysts say, seasonal superstitions simply don't hold up.

"There have been many Octobers when the market did not crash," said Johnson. "Ultimately, the fundamental matter is whether the year does not."

## While other stocks languish, tech stocks surge through 3rd quarter

By Michael J. Daniels  
Special Staff Writer

The third quarter delivered a surprise to the market as the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 11.67 points to 10,473.00, its highest since October 1997.

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rankings must list their names on either the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange or Nasdaq.

All the top third quarter stocks in the Dow Jones and San Francisco traded on Nasdaq.

Each of the leading third-quarter gainers had one of two things in common: either they were an Internet company coming off a recent initial public offering or they were takeover targets.

Commerce One, founded by former eBay Inc. executive Mark Britman, picked a perfect time to go public. In recent months, Wall Street has taken a fancy to companies that are using the Web in the lucrative business-to-business market.

Investors figure these Internet companies stand a good chance of making money eventually because businesses are expected to buy more supplies on the Web than consumers, at least during the next few years.

"junk mail" in the real world. Two other companies with hot third-quarter stocks benefited from takeover bids. Oakland-based Fort Software Inc., which struggled since its IPO in 1996, agreed in late August to be acquired by stock market darling Sun Microsystems Inc. San Francisco-based Genesys Telecommunications Labs Inc. earlier this week accepted a \$1.5 billion buyout offer from Alcatel SA, Europe's second-biggest phone equipment maker.

The third-quarter losers' list serves as a reminder that high-flying stocks can crash. Two East Bay Internet companies, Tut Systems Inc. of Pleasant Hill and E-Lan Inc. of Dublin, lost more than 40 percent of their value during the third quarter, just a few months after they emerged as trendy stocks.

As further evidence that not everything on the Internet is gold, Walnut Creek-based Finet.com and San Francisco-based Salom.com stumbled badly during the quarter.

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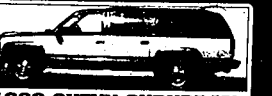
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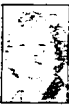
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LIFE AND TIMES Deixie Turner

My mother, always kind-strung, cried a lot and eventually took to her bed - which did not help her much because the dog was usually under it.

Now whenever I think about getting a dog, I also think about how I will need lots of money. One day, after watching a Taco Bell commercial, no doubt, I was sent started talking about getting a Chihuahua. But my dad said I might as well get a skinned cat and teach it to bark.

At least I learned something that day: that I should have a command. It is like having a 2-year-old, though I'm still not sure what a coat smells like. And I learned that sugar sliders - especially from Australia - like to live in trees very up all night and ride in your hair.

I didn't even check out the web sites for fruit bats or flying squirrels. I didn't want to know. Not long ago, I ran across an ad for something called the Voice Commander "stop barking collar."

Shortly after reading about the collar, I happened upon some web sites that ask the question: "Are you ready to become a dog owner?"

The web sites address the topics of spending time with your dog. How often do you feed him, serve him a hamburger for dinner, learning to speak "human dog" and stopping in a "leash market."

One web site has a list of today's most popular names for pets, compiled by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Wonder if you could consider the two and put your dog in the mirror when he barks...

Deixie Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

PAIN IN THE NECK Your child's backpack may be too heavy and that's trouble

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Kids don't show up in Brad Turner's chiropractic office every day complaining of sore necks, but he can see how it could happen.

"There's no doubt that some of these backpacks are heavy, and I can see how carrying them wrong way could hurt," said Turner, a Twin Falls chiropractor.

In short, Mom and Dad, have you hefted your kid's backpack lately? Jerome McAndrews has. A retired college president, the Iowa chiropractor has turned bulky backpacks into a personal crusade.

With 6 million Americans a year seeing doctors for back problems, "we already have an epidemic of back pain in this country," McAndrews said in a telephone interview with The Times-News.

The American Chiropractic Association takes the view that "improper use of backpacks can lead to muscle imbalance that could turn into chronic back and neck problems later in life."

It's not the weight of the backpack that concerns McAndrews; it's what it's doing to kids' posture.

"Look at a child - or anyone else - who walks with a heavy backpack," he said. "They lean forward. If you walk that way for an extended period of time, that posture is one of the worst things you can do for your back."

Clinging lack of research, Maple Valley orthopedists have little to say about backpacks.

Dr. John Sarwack, chairman of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons' committee on public education, told the Washington Post that "so far as we know, there is no known serious, long-lasting harmful effect to the spine (from toting a heavy backpack). It's



With kids carrying heavier loads in backpacks these days, the possibility for neck and back problems could be on the rise.

reasonable to say they can cause muscular fatigue, aching, mild discomfort and soreness. But that's the extent of it." But the subject has caught the attention of scientists and therapists who study the mechanics of human motion.

According to McAndrews, a survey of

nearly 1,200 youngsters in Grenoble, France, a few years ago found that more than half had problems of the vertebrae.

And a 1997 survey of 11- and 12-year olds by the London-based National Back Pain Association found that 80 percent were wearing their backpacks improperly and that some were hauling around as much as 60 percent of their own weight.

Ergonomists such as Alan Hedge, a professor with Cornell University's College of Human Ecology, say the basic backpack design is fundamentally flawed, requiring its wearer to use 10 percent more energy than if using a saddlebag (with the load apportioned front and rear).

"When everything is on the back, it creates a force, a tendency for the back to want to fall backwards," Hedge told the Washington Post.

"The key is to try and get some balance, where instead of all the weight pulling on the back, some is pulling toward the front as well."

Such innovations have started to make inroads. While dismissed by some students as dorky in appearance, saddlebags and backpacks with slightly curved or molded backs and bottoms, inflatable air bags, handles, wheels or interior rack frames are becoming more visible if not yet fashionable.

So how much weight is too much? No more than 15 percent of a child's weight, and never more than 20 percent. It's a target based more on consensus than medical analysis.

"De the main," McAndrews said. "If you're a 70-pound child, that's no more than 10-14 pounds. It doesn't take very many books to make up that."

The other problem is that the great majority of children don't carry backpacks as they're intended to be carried - "squarely on the back with an arm through each loop."

"They carry them over one shoulder," McAndrews said.

"If your bones are still growing, that's setting you up back problems later on in life."

"But rather than hectoring kids about biomechanics, McAndrews advises parents to lighten the load."

"You need to sit down with your kids and have a conversation about this," he said.

"They don't realize how much stuff they're carrying - at least not until their back or the neck starts to hurt."

Carry that weight

Textbooks seem to be getting larger. One standard upper-level high school chemistry book has 1,250 pages and weighs five pounds; a calculus text has 1,000 pages and weighs 3 1/2 pounds.

Textbook publishers say the reasons for this include advances in knowledge and added state requirements for what must be taught, as well as the inclusion of more visual images and other teaching tools to help slow learners.

"Publishers are being asked to include so much more in a book today in order to meet state standards," said Kathryn Blough, assistant director of the school division of the Association of American Publishers.

What's more, states require certain types of paper and heavier binding to make textbooks last longer.

- Source: The Washington Post



Backpacks with individual compartments may be convenient, but they don't depend strain on the back.

Neck pain is the surest sign that a child is carrying a heavy weight improperly, Turner said, although it can also show up in other ways, such as lower-back pain and headaches.

"If your child complains of pain, then it's something you need to look at," said Spencer Williams, another Twin Falls chiropractor.

"But provided they carry it properly, it's possible the only result of carrying a backpack is that it will make them stronger."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 223, or write to him at crump@mustavalle.com

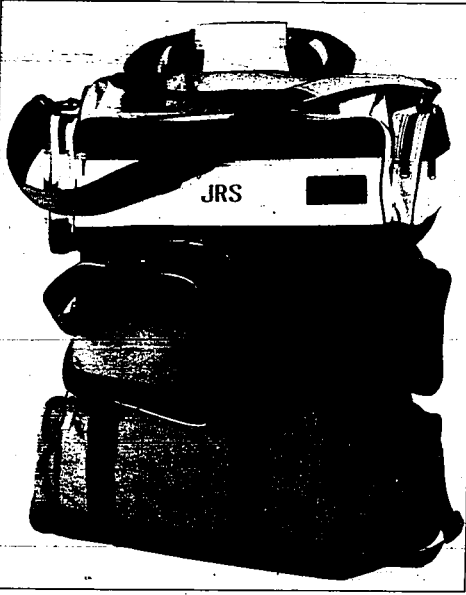


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Kids keep books, supplies and just about everything else in their backpacks these days. In a recent survey, 41 percent of children said the one thing they couldn't live without for back to school was a backpack.

Faulkner Planetarium features 'Larry Cat in Space'

On going TWIN FALLS - "Larry Cat in Space" is the newest offering at the Herrett Center's Faulkner Planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Larry's owner, Diana, is thrilled to get a job in a geological research station on the moon. But Larry isn't thrilled about her moving there and leaving him behind. He stows away in a trunk full of her belongings sent to the lunar base. Specially produced to educate and appeal to kids from 4-8 years of age, this animated

show helps youngsters understand lunar gravity, the surface of the moon, and what it would take to live there. "Larry Cat in Space" will show at 7 p.m. each Friday and at 4 p.m. each Saturday.

"Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego," which is geared toward kids up to seventh grade, will continue to be shown through the end of the year. It can be seen at 7 p.m. (Tuesdays, and at 2 p.m.) and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Admission to the planetarium

is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for seniors and \$9 for families. New fall hours are in effect at

To do for families

the Herrett Center. The center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

'Mingle in the Jungle' shows Tuesday nights

TWIN FALLS - "Mingle in the Jungle," the Herrett Center for Arts and Science's own reptile revue, is on display Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the museum.

Herrett reptile expert Nick Peterson and Darcy Thornborrow show the jungle

exhibit's snakes, iguanas, turtles and tarantula and explain how they live in their natural habitat in the rain forest.

The display is free and open to the public. The Herrett Center is located on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To have an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas bells for Patty

By Catherine McCarthy

"The lift me, and I lift thee, and together we ascend." - Armenian proverb

Patty, the treasure of the stars, was Catherine McCarthy's middle child. Kathleen is her older sister, and Brian is her son. All were adored.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

Last before Patty died, we were begging God to take her. But she had taken so much abuse...

We three heartbroken souls moved through our daily routines. Life must go on. It was almost January...

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Cal Cary, 3, of Fairfax, Va., has a private 'training session' with conductor George Witeman of the Walkersville Southern Railroad during the train's four-mile trek through lush scenery.

Train allure chugs along

By Eugene L. Meyer The Washington Post

We were riding through the Frederick County, Md., countryside on the Walkersville Southern Railroad when my son Aaron, 5, asked a probing question...

"How about the Santa Fe?" he asked. To which the train official glumly replied, "They unfortunately don't come here."

Well, okay, no Santa Fe. But how about a converted World War II troop sleeper car, a 1949 bright red Washaboo caboose...

This may indeed be the space age, the almost year of 2YK, the era of Nintendo and DVDs...

Aaron has a bad case. So whenever the opportunity arises, he is ready to ride.

His brother David, 8, though "Star Wars" diktated, is a willing fellow traveler. So one Sunday, when their Uncle Rich, also an ardent train buff...

More than that, it is interactive in a way that computer games never can be. And while every sign on the railroad seemed to

er, it's a winner, for the rail buffs who both ride and own the train, about 50 of whom take turns operating it for no tangible reward.

The passing scene along the four-mile track includes farms, cows, grain silos, a lime kiln, the Catacinn Mountains, woods, grade crossings, housing developments and the Monocacy River.

The railroad's small station, built by the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1920, looks as if it were plucked from a model railroad set.

Heading out, the boys chose to ride in the ex-Western Maryland Troop Sleeper, which has park-style benches that can seat about 60 passengers.

The train rattled along the 1869 right-of-way at no more than 19 miles an hour.

"There's nothing quite like a real train ride, unless, of course, it's a room full of model trains."

So from Walkersville, we drove 22 miles south to Brunswick, Md., a pretty old railroad town along the Potomac River.

The kids weren't the least bit interested in the narrated introductory slide show on the first floor of the station exhibit on the second. They headed straight up the stairs to the third-floor layout.

Horse's perfume choice wins by a nose

By Beatriz Terrazas The Dallas Morning News

It began two years ago as a search for a fragrance that wouldn't knock you out. Now Brandy Eau de Toilette has become something of a sensation.

Since early 1995, the fragrance has been featured in The New York Times, Self, Newsweek and Equus.

It turns out that the perfume was inspired by a real horse. Brandy, a 17-year-old palomino, helped a New Yorker develop the scent by sniffing and approving the final product.

About two years ago, Patricia Namm, a New York artist, was writing and illustrating a children's book whose central character was a horse.

Brandy's owner, Anita McGill, says the gold horse with a white mane and tail is more like a pinto man than a horse.

"He was so unusual and had this incredible personality," she says. Brandy is "whiff."

"It's a special horse," says McGill. "He'll give you the best for carrot. He'll shake his head yes and no, and up and down."

He doesn't think much about smelling that dirt dusts from vendors or manure from people...

White drawing, Brandy, Namm was also looking for the perfect scent. She wanted a new perfume, because her husband had told her she smelled like a horse.

She tried out of scents, she says, but none was quite it. So she decided to create her own, and began experimenting with different scents.

"My sister was a chemist, so I knew it was possible," she says. But there was a catch. She wanted a perfume that would appeal to both people and horses.

"I'd been an artist in a perfume store, and I'd seen a lot of scents and what they were made of. I had a scientific hunch, she says.

She wanted to find the right blend of scents. She used perfume bottles and candles, she says. Namm. Periodically she would make a few batches of the latest creation...

McGill says if Brandy didn't like one of the choices, he would turn his nose up and look away. Sometimes she would cup his hip and he would snuff.

"I really, Namm narrowed her choices to five scents and went back to the store," she says. "We didn't have market research with thousands of people. We had Brandy pick."

So far, Anita Namm started wearing her homemade fragrance. People began to notice and ask about it.

From there came the idea of selling it. Brandy, drawn by Namm, had to be featured on the box. The box color? Palomino, of course.

She won't tell you the perfume's exact ingredients, but says it contains peach, apple and herb scents. It's a fresh fragrance - for both men and women - for the office or an evening out, she says.

Tom Covin, owner of Covin's Furniture store in Dallas and its apparel division, Sticks Covin, says she looks for unique items to sell her customers.

She says, "I think this was a fun story, a very different kind of fragrance. Apples and peaches. I think it's very sellable product."

While she's always carried a variety of scented candles and votives, Brandy is the first fragrance Covin has ever ordered for Socks.

The price is in line for a gift type item, she says. "Sometimes perfume can get quite pricey." A 1.7-ounce bottle sells for \$49.50, and a 3-ounce bottle sells for \$75.

Namm is pleased with Brandy's success, even though it has meant putting painting on hold. Her children's box is finished, but she hasn't found a publisher yet.

"I'm using my artistic abilities to design more products with her favorite scents. There will be a handmade soap, body lotion and a special candle in a basket-weave tin," she says.

But the bottom line is that Brandy is a wonderful scent, she says. "It's been so rewarding to emphasize it that having the input of a horse resulted in a beautiful scent that people like."

Allow your children to experiment with these crafts

By Alyson Ward Knight Rider News Service

Yes, we know, Halloween is still a month away, but it's not too early to get into the autumn spirit with some family craft activities for the weekends ahead.

Here are three of our favorites: one for the young ones, one especially for those with hands, and one that even older kids will find cool.

Start now and enjoy them through October.

LEAF RUBBINGS

Appropriate for preschoolers. You'll need leaves, paper, chalk, or pencil. Leaf rubbings are a good way to introduce small children to celebrating fall - and you can turn the project into a fun autumn activity.

FLYING GHOSTS

Appropriate for ages 8 and older. You'll need: 15-inch square of fine mesh screen (one for each ghost), spray mount adhesive, 17-inch square of white tissue paper for each ghost, glue, a sewing needle, clear monofilament fishing line, buttons, wiggly eyes or other decorations.

"We found these flying ghosts in 'Halloween Treats,' a craft and recipe book by Donata Magagnoli. To make them, she says, you need to make a fine mesh screen, then place a sheet of tissue paper on top and smooth it down."

To make the ghost's head, make a fist, place the tissue over it and mold it to your hand. Then mold the screen to form the rest of the ghost - arms and body. Decorate your ghost with sequins or buttons, placing eyes on it if you wish.

To hang your ghost: Thread monofilament through a needle, then bring the needle up through the head from the body of the ghost. When you hang it from the ceiling or a doorway, the monofilament will disappear and the ghost will seem to float.

Most aggressive boys outgrow rowdy behavior, study finds

By Mac Kaufman The Washington Post

Contradicting the popular belief that boys become more physically aggressive as they grow, a new study has found that the most boys with behavior problems in kindergarten grow out of their early aggressiveness by

third grade. A 3-year study of 1,037 boys who had behavior problems in kindergarten, researchers found that only one in eight boys who were unusually physically aggressive in kindergarten were still that way at third grade.

In addition, the study conducted that aggressive boys were not nearly as likely to become juvenile delinquents as boys who were high level of physical aggressiveness when young.

The study, conducted by Daniel Nagin of Carnegie Mellon University and Richard Tremblay of the University of Montreal, assessed the boys seven times between the ages of

CLUBS FOR SINGLES

If your love life is on the rocks, you might want to try hitting the links. Single hecklers are doing just that through the American Singles Golf Association.

Tom Chittelle, N.C., started the organization seven years ago. He and some friends wanted to meet other single professionals without going to bars or church suppers, he decided golf was the way to do it.

Catalog of luxuries

Wondering what to get for the newly minted Internet tycoon this Christmas? How about a \$35.5 million Boeing business jet? Too expensive? What about one of 50 fully equipped 2001 BMW X5 sport utility vehicles for \$57,995? All are part of this year's Neiman Marcus Christmas catalog.

Y2K office parties

You can make the Y2K bug your friend. Nearly half of 272

Compiled by Marc Schogel of the Philadelphia Inquirer from wire reports and other sources.

THE Sunday Crossword

DECOLORIZATION Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

By Joseph Brunard

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Includes a 10x10 grid with numbers and a 10x10 grid with letters.

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This mysterious disease causes loss of sight in seniors

DEAR ABBY: In your column of July 5, you responded to a writer struggling with accommodating her beloved, elderly father who suffers from the eye condition called age-related macular degeneration (AMD), and therefore has trouble reading small print.



DEAR ABBY Algal VanBuren

former co-worker like this, I'm happy I didn't turn your letter. If you print this, please include all names and addresses. I still work with friends at this terrific company. HAPPY TO LOSE THE LOTTERY

On behalf of the AMD Alliance International, thank you for printing that letter. Just seven years ago I was diagnosed with AMD, and I now chair the AMD Alliance.

DEAR DR. THOMPSON: After reading your letter, I'm sure many people will be interested in learning more about age-related macular degeneration. I first learned about this eye condition when it affected my trusted secretary of many years, Sylvia Singer.

DEAR HAPPY: Your enclosure is a first, and I must admit I have never seen anything quite like it. Read on: "Dear Friends of 'Elmer and Gladys'..."

While there is currently no cure for AMD, there are ways for those diagnosed with it to hope and maintain independent lifestyles through treatment and rehabilitation options.

Readers, the AMD Alliance International is a nonprofit of vision and seniors organizations for more information about AMD, early detection and global resources, visit the site at www.amdalliance.org.

"With regrets and respect, ELMER SMITH AND GLADYS JONES"

Early detection is the key to making the greatest possible impact, so please encourage regular eye exams.

DEAR ABBY: Get a load of this pre-wedding announcement. It was delivered via my mailbox at work. I thought I had seen it all, but this takes the cake. With a

READERS: Care to comment?

'Mumford' best for teens, adults

MUMFORD (R) Best for: Mature teens to adults What it's about: Dr. Mumford (Loren Dean) has been a therapist since the town of Mumford, and patients are flocking to him because of his frank and honest advice. He helps everyone from the town idiot to the best psychiatrist until his secret past catches up with him and people realize he's not who they thought he was.

Family flicks to escape at the same time. The good: Lawrence brings a unique style of physical comedy (his face can contort into some very funny expressions) along with hilarious one-liners that make his character slick, smart and very human.

dreary, ominous furniture with sharp claws and scary nocturnal noises. None of it is scary for grownups, but for young children, it will get nervous. (120 minutes) (Reel Theater in Twin Falls, Gooding Cinema)

Parents need to enjoy this quirky feel-good comedy full of insights about love, relationships and life. This movie is unique in that it deals with getting to the truth about people's lives, which makes it interesting and funny.

Offensive language: Yes, mostly slang, crude humor and dialogue. Violence: Plenty. Car chases, gun violence, explosions, a man is thrown from a building onto a car, another man is stabbed.

ACTOR GADGET (PG) There's not much in adult content to make parents worry here. The star's performance is "swavesy," and a kiss on the cheek makes his here's heart flutter. But as a cartoon-based character, Inspector Gadget does have his share of slapstick violence when the arch-villain has his hand crushed by a bowling ball. (75 minutes) (Twin

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Parental advisory: Though the movie is rated PG-13, the violence and language are not appropriate for younger audiences.

THE SIXTH SENSE (PG-13) Older teens may enjoy this chilling story of psychological drama, but scenes of children suffering and appearing as ghosts will definitely be taken as scary by children. (Twin Cinemas, Jerome Cinema, Burley Theater, Sun Valley Opera House)

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STIGMATA (R) Not appropriate for teens or even adults, for that matter. It's an affront to every Christian religious person holds sacred.

STARS WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE (PG) The younger your kids, the more they enjoy this adventure. One of the film's heroes is 9-year-old Anakin Skywalker, and he gets to enter one of the most exciting action scenes in the entire movie.

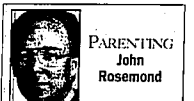
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THE HAUNTING (PG-13) This movie will give parents headaches and their kids nightmares. It's filled with the ghosts of dead chil-

dren, ominous furniture with sharp claws and scary nocturnal noises. None of it is scary for grownups, but for young children, it will get nervous. (120 minutes) (Reel Theater in Twin Falls, Gooding Cinema)

Believing you're 'special' can lead to feeling of narcissism

I was at an Alabama elementary school when I saw a little girl above a maze on which was printed, in Dutch letters, "You are now looking at one of the most special people in the whole wide world."



PARENTING John Rosemond

itself. If it's not the self we're talking about, but the good things the self does, then let's call it self-esteem, and while we're at it, let's get rid of the word esteem as well. The term "responsible" will more than suffice.

The world would be a better, steadily improving place if adults concentrated on simply teaching children to be responsible — to have compassion and respect for others (social responsibility), and to do the right thing even when no one else is watching (personal responsibility).

I encourage the well-intentioned principal of that Alabama elementary school to tear down the "You're special" banners and replace them with banners that read "Do something special for someone else today, just because you should."

or she was special. Grandma and Grandpa valued humility. They knew that pride is authentic only when a person is humble and is able to rationalize sociopathic behavior. Beginning in the '60s, parents "experts" began telling parents to direct their energies toward nurturing something they called "self-esteem."

I understand the argument they're making, but it turns on

What to watch for in online pharmacies

- Avoid having medications from sites that offer to prescribe drugs outside the context of a doctor-patient relationship.
• Avoid purchasing medications from sites that do not list a U.S. phone number and address.
• Check with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to see if an online pharmacy has a valid pharmacy license and meets state standards. Look

Etc... for the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's seal of approval for online pharmacies, called the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site (http://www.nabps.org).

BLUE STREAK (PG-13)

Best for: Teens to adults who enjoy an action comedy. What it's about: Miles Logan (Mark Lander) is a jewel thief who's caught stealing a \$17 million diamond, but before he's arrested he manages to take the diamond in an act of a construction site.

DOOR LOVE OF THE GAME (PG-13)

Best for: Fans of the older high school students with its tale of troubled romance and a heroic triumph over adversity. But the language and the openly sexual nature of the Kevin Costner-Kelly Preston relationship should be a concern for parents.

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SENIORS

# THE BEAUTIFUL PET SET

Makeovers for animals become all the rage

By Elizabeth Large  
The Baltimore Sun

How much is that doggie in the window? And while you're at it, could you tell me the price of that all-natural special-formula shampoo, the pet cologne and the sharp-tooling leatherette motorcycle jacket?

"We all like to look good," says Tonya Pomroy of the Silver Hydroart grooming salon in Efficient City, Md. "And we like our pets to look good."

Which is something, or an understatement when you consider that Americans spend roughly \$4 billion a year on products and services other than food for their pets, according to the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council. Liz Price, owner of Shear Grace in Roland Park, Md., says she has customers who regularly drop off their dogs to be groomed on the way to their hairdresser's.

With that in mind, we decided our readers might be more interested in seeing a makeover of a dog or cat than some human model with botox and airbrushing.

We started with two stunner dogs, Jack and Frankie, and two fashionable felines, Celeste and Goddess. We quickly found that there are many people in the dog-grooming business, but fewer and fewer will tackle felines. Dogs are simply better-natured about the whole process.

"We had our last feline experience with cats a few years ago," says mobile groomer Jan Nieman, owner of Canine Clippers Inc., whose clients are now limited to dogs.

We did find an experienced cat groomer in John McGuire, who undertook the daunting, slow-clipping and bathing of Celeste and Goddess. Jim Driver of Drive Animal Services, a mobile dog groomer, beautifully Jack and Frankie. The results speak for themselves.

There's much more to doggie- and kitty- style than just a bath and haircut. Consider these products to enhance your pet's appearance.

- **Balance cologne for pets.** The 8-ounce pump spray comes in Temptation, a Jambolift of Passion, and Mystique, which smells like Obsession for Men (\$10.95).

- **Fashion-forward collars.** From Wool Engrainable, genuine leather with tips in the shape of a bone (\$20) to Franzi Vernon, Southwestern leather decorated with conch shells (\$38).

- **Katie Sno-Flake.** Formulated for your white or light-colored pet, it helps whiten the coat - 16 ounce bottle (\$7.99).

- **Kitty Korner Cologne.** This self-groomer is V-shaped. Fill it in a corner. You put camp in the attached container, and Kitty



Action Jim Driver of Drive Animal Services, a mobile dog groomer, shears Frankie at the beginning of his makeover. Above: Frankie smokes after his makeover.



It's a dog-eat-dog and grooming contest in Baltimore. Goddess gets her nails trimmed by cat groomer John McGuire.

Yes, it's possible to bathe a cat

The Baltimore Sun

With groomer willing to bathe cats in short supply, you may have to try this at home. Here are some tips from Pet-Agree's John McGuire and Cat Fancy magazine on undertaking the bathing chores yourself. A second pair of hands to help hold the unhappy cat is almost essential.

Clip the claws first. Brush and comb your cat before the bath. Water will only make tangles worse. Use a shampoo specifically made for cats. Give your cat a warm, gentle shower rather than a bath. Felines don't like to sit in water.

fur is against it and the grooming comb - \$7.49.

- **Lavender Grooming Glove.** Imported from England, the mitt

comes in leatherette or a combination of leatherette on one side and wire mesh or steel on the other \$18-\$25.

- **Petrodex Dog Toothbrush.** It differs from a human toothbrush in having a brush at each end and the price (\$10.99).

"The world is a looking glass and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face."  
William Makepeace Thackeray



**AFTER CLASS**  
Gay Petersen

Within our minds we all have an image of ourselves. It may or may not be reflected in our actions so that others perceive that image. Most often it is a secret, this internal image, known only to ourselves.

We are all, to some extent, actors or actresses on the stage of life, and we often put forth an image that really has nothing to do with how we truly picture ourselves.

Thus it is that we discover that most bullies are hiding a low self-image, as are many of those who bluster and blow as though they know everything there is to know. And thus it is that many who have the image of themselves as being of no value allow themselves to be bullied or battered or otherwise treated as though they counted for very little or nothing.

Often the way we picture ourselves, though we believe it affects how others perceive us, is like looking in a mirror. The image WE see is not at all how others see US. That can be good, or it can be bad.

We may, if we are good at acting, be able to put on a bold front even if we are afraid on the inside. On the other hand, we may, in these circumstances, come across as angry or stuck-up. I often wonder if all those people who seem so self-assured and knowledgeable have just as many doubts as the rest of us, but are better at acting a part.

The question then becomes - do we want our outer self to reflect our inner self, and if not, why not? Is it because we really don't like our inner selves and would be hurtful to let the world see what we believe ourselves to really be; is it because we really consider ourselves superior, but we don't want other to know it? Or are we happy enough with our inner selves to let them show?

If we are not happy with our inner selves, it can lead to stress and unhappiness. So perhaps we need to really go to work on that aspect of our psyche so that we are proud to present our true selves to the world.

Most of us worry, at least somewhat, about how we appear to others, but if the truth be known, most people accept us for what we are if we are friendly, smiling, caring people. Most people do not spend time psychoanalyzing our every move. They simply take us as we are, and either accept us or not.

So we should look to our inner selves, change the parts we do not like and put our best face forward. We will be happier with ourselves, and, when that is true, others will find us imminently more likeable.

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## How to help parents prepare for the future

Q. My parents are in their early 70s, are very healthy and active, and still have that attitude that nothing will happen to them even though they both face difficulties caring for their parents.

My sister and I have each tried to talk to them about why they should begin to plan for the future, but our words seem to fall on deaf ears.

We know that unless we begin learning about their health and financial situations, if and when they need help, we will start way behind the learning curve.

Do you have any ideas about how we can break the ice?

A. While some parents realize that they may need help in the future and readily discuss their situations with one or more of their children and professionals who can help them prepare and implement a plan, others refuse to recognize the inevitable and do no planning until their options are limited or nonexistent.

Many parents, out of a concern of becoming involved in your parent's financial and healthcare future begins with discussions, but the manner in which you handle this situation is most important.

The first step is to gain your parent's trust and to let your parents decide who will be the best person to participate in this process with them. Even though both you and your sister may want to be involved, this might not be practical because one of you might live at a distance or splitting responsibility might not be acceptable to your parents. Ultimately, your parents must decide if one of you or both of you will be involved in this process.

Next, you must assure your parents that the goal is not to rob them of control of their lives so long as they can exercise it.

You must convince your parents that it is in their best interests to make sure that if one of them becomes unable to handle his or her affairs, the other will be able to step in and take over.

Even though you thought you knew your parents better than anyone, these types of discussions are difficult. Depending on what you think will work, you can (1) take the direct approach and try



**NEXT STEPS**  
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

to face these issues head-on, (2) send your parents copies of articles or a chapter from a book along with a letter expressing your concerns, or (3) suggest that you and they seek out an elder law attorney or other experienced professional to begin the dialogue and try to bring the matter to closure.

As we have said so many times before, we believe that that the direct approach is the best. We believe that if your parents understand that by putting their financial and health care houses in order, they are insuring a good health, each will be saving the other the economic and emotional distress of dealing with problems after they occur.

At a minimum, your parents need durable financial powers of attorney with provisions that at least allow gifting to each other, durable health care powers of attorney, and wills.

Unless there are taxation issues, this type of planning is comparatively inexpensive. Your parents should also make sure that all of their important documents are in a place where they are accessible, just in case.

Although the husband in their generation often handled the assets and held title to the property, it is important that they be encouraged to split their assets.

All in all, the planning process is relatively painless, and with just a minimum of effort, your parents will be as protected as they can be.

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## Widower receives survivor benefits

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Q. My wife recently died at age 56. She had worked steadily up until becoming ill a couple of months ago. I'm 60 years old. Could I get Social Security benefits as her surviving spouse?

Survivor's benefits beginning at age 60, provided that your late wife had enough years of work under Social Security to be fully insured for benefits. Contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for an appointment to file for widow's benefits on your late wife's record. They will look at her Social Security record and determine your eligibility.

A. Yes. You, as the surviving spouse, may be able to get sur-

Invest in yourself. Read Money, The Times-News