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# Idaho gains a university

## Ricks will change its name to BYU-Idaho, drop sports programs

**The Times-News and The Associated Press**  
TWIN FALLS — News that Rexburg's Ricks College will convert to a four-year school brought both celebration and disappointment to the Magic Valley on Wednesday. Mormon Church President Gordon B. Hinckley made a surprise announcement in Salt Lake City that the church-owned Ricks College would become Brigham Young University-Idaho. Ricks will convert from a junior college into a university and will drop its sports programs, which the president called a distraction from academics and too expensive to maintain. From an academic standpoint,

local students welcomed the news. "I think it's great because people can finish their degree," said Annie May of Twin Falls, a recent Ricks alum. "Often, when students transfer they lose some credits." "I think it will take some pressure off BYU," May added. "Students often want to start at Ricks because it's a smaller school than BYU." Elizabeth Bell of Twin Falls is another Ricks graduate who plans to attend Idaho State University in the fall. Bell doesn't expect Ricks to have the four-year program she needs by then, but if it did she would change her plans and stay in Rexburg. "I would do it in a second," Bell said. "I loved Ricks, and I don't care what the name is." Please see RICKS, Page A2

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# What's all the hoopla?

Residents say July 3-4 will be ordinary days

By Michael Jowers Times-News writer

THREE CREEK — Despite the expected hoopla, Three Creek residents seem pretty laid back about the rebellion in their backyard. A self-proclaimed "Shovel Brigade" is coming to the small ranching community — with deputies and reporters likely to tag along. Although Three Creek will be used as a staging area for the brigade's July 3-4 stand against the U.S. Forest Service and federal government, it's seen as little more than a minor distraction from life as usual. "Quite frankly, at this time of year, everybody is too busy with their summer work to worry about it," said Paula Brackett, who ranches the range in the Three Creek area with her husband Bert. "People are trying to tie up their branding and trying to get cattle up on the mountain. The least of our worries is what the Forest Service is doing on that side of the mountain." That seems to be the prevailing attitude around Three Creek, where a handful of families have worked the land for generations. But even if locals aren't worried, law enforcement authorities are. Deputies from Twin Falls and Owyhee counties in Idaho and Elko County, Nev., will be on hand July 1-4, when thousands of volunteers, with shovels swung over their shoulders, could take part in the so-called "Jarbridge Rebellion." Officers expect things to go smoothly. But there's a chance things could get ugly, as the brigade makes its latest attempt to defy the federal government by reclaiming and repairing a road formerly maintained by the Forest Service in northern Nevada's Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The Forest Service and environmentalists say reestablishing the 1.5-mile section of gravel road would further endanger threatened Jarbridge River bull trout. And if environmental groups show up to counter the brigade, those deputies could end up with a serious situation on their hands — dozens of miles from backup. Local deputies will simply be on hand to protect life and property. Specific legal violations — especially federal statute violations related to brigade's goal of reestablishing the South Canyon Road — will not be a priority. There will be no federal or state law enforcement presence on the scene, the Idaho State Police and the U.S. Marshal's office in Boise say. Three Creek's one-room schoolhouse, across the state line from the disputed South Canyon Road, will be the center of activity for much of the event. It and the property around it will serve as a law enforcement command post and a gathering place for media covering the



# FREE FALLING

## Escape artist defies death with daring leap

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

JEROME — As escape artist Anthony dons his yellow jumpsuit and prepares for his latest escape, he doesn't seem nervous. Yet in about an hour he'll be falling from a plane at 140 mph. His hands will be cuffed, and he'll have roughly 30 seconds to pick the lock and open his chute. But on this Wednesday morning at the Jerome County Airport he doesn't use words like "fear" and "scared" when discussing his death-defying stunt. Instead he talks about respecting the danger and the reality of what can happen if something goes awry.

"If I don't deploy (my parachute), I'll be at the bottom of the Snake River Canyon," he said. He knows the dangers. Three times before he's jumped from an airplane with restraints, including once inside a locked box. But he's never done one like this before, he says. The high altitude of southern Idaho means 20 fewer seconds to open his chute. And with the automatic opening device shut off, Anthony's chute won't open unless he frees his cuffed hands and reaches behind him to pull the ripcord. As he prepares to board his plane, Anthony talks about how as a child he watched Evel Knievel's infamous attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon. For the past 10 years he's wanted to try his own brand of stunt there. "The canyon has been staring in the face of every daredevil since Evel Knievel tried to jump it 25 years ago," Anthony said. "I'm going to try to put that to rest today." ... Anthony Martin began his career as an escape artist at age 10, and a few years later he was appearing on Milwaukee television as "Anthony the Handcuff King." A few years before then he got a magic set for Christmas, but he didn't like magic's deception so he gave it up in favor of picking locks, he said. "I always felt I was cheating the audience because I had to lie and tell them something wasn't there when it was," he said. "I'd rather be applauded for my skill rather than my ability to deceive somebody." In the two decades since he's escaped from a submerged metal cage, several jails near his Sheboygan, Wis., home and



Left, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver checks the handcuffs on daredevil Anthony Martin before Martin took to the air Wednesday morning. Martin had to unlock the cuffs in order to pull the ripcord on his parachute.

Below, Martin holds the restraints up in victory after landing.

countless other artificial predicaments. He even requested permission to break out of Fort Knox, but the White House denied him. Ripley's Believe It or Not! already called him the king of escapists, but Anthony wants to keep pushing his limits. Tuesday's stunt, which was filmed by the Discovery Channel for an upcoming show on escape artists, was one more step toward becoming the greatest escape artist ever. Along the way Anthony's goal is to purify his craft, he said. No fake cuffs. No smoke. No mirrors. In fact he's so confident in his ability that he offers \$25,000 to anyone who can prove he's a fake. ... For Wednesday's stunt Anthony went to great lengths to Please see JUMP, Page A3



## Consulting firm recommends cautious approach to interchange

By Jay Hovsler Times-News writer  
JEROME — The manager of the Crossroads Ranch project Wednesday said developers would take a cautious approach to land application of waste water at the Interstate 84-U.S. Highway 93 interchange. "And those comments come as an Atlanta consulting firm — hired last fall by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce — is advocating care in developing the interchange. In a draft of its report, which will be made public later this month, Lockwood Greene Consulting has concluded that land application of waste water in the area around the economically "significant" U.S. 93/84 interchange. Please see CROSSROADS, Page A2

## Grand jury probes Los Alamos lapses

**The Washington Post**  
WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told senators Wednesday that a federal grand jury has begun hearing evidence on the disappearance of computer hard drives at Los Alamos National Laboratory as the FBI focuses on "a handful" of employees who "have offered conflicting statements to investigators." Richardson said the FBI found fingerprints on the outside of the two hard drives and in the photocopying room where the computer memory devices turned up last Friday after going missing for at least a month. Although the computer drives contain secret data on U.S. and foreign nuclear weapons, Richardson said the FBI has found no evidence that espionage was committed or that the drives ever left the confines of the laboratory's high-security X Division. His comments, however, did little to assuage the Senate's anger as he ran a gauntlet of hearings, beginning in public with the Senate Armed Services Committee and continuing with closed-door sessions before other panels. The most dramatic moment in the three-hour Armed Services hearing came as Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-W.Va., lectured Richardson for failing to appear at a Senate intelligence committee hearing last week, saying he had "shown a contempt of Congress that borders on arrogance."

# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 83 Low: 43  
Mostly clear, with light winds. Mostly sunny on Friday with highs near 90.

### Treasure Valley

High: 92 Low: 57  
Mostly sunny, with winds becoming northwest at 10 pm by afternoon. Mostly cloudy on Friday, then clearing.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 80 Low: 50  
Mostly sunny today and mostly sunny tonight. Mostly cloudy on Friday with a chance of showers. Highs 75-80.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 86 Low: 48  
Sunny with scattered showers 5-15 mph. Partly cloudy on Friday with a chance of thunderstorms.

### Northern Idaho

High: 83 Low: 55  
Mostly sunny and cooler, with light and variable winds. Mostly sunny on Friday with highs near 85.

### Northern Utah

High: 90 Low: 50  
Sunny today and partly cloudy tonight, partly cloudy on Friday with a small chance of thunderstorms.

### Northern Nevada

High: 90 Low: 50  
Mostly sunny, with light winds. Mostly sunny on Friday with a chance of showers.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 90 Low: 56 Mostly sunny, with light winds.	High: 86 Low: 52 Partly cloudy in the morning, then mostly sunny in the afternoon.	High: 90 Low: 50 Mostly sunny.	High: 90 Low: 50 Mostly sunny.	High: 90 Low: 50 Mostly sunny.

### Idaho weather

Thursday, June 22  
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# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho	Highs/Lows
Yesterday: 86 53	Yesterday in Twin Falls: 0.00	Boise: 92 56	Idaho: High, 92; Low, 56
Last year: 84 49	Month to date: .69	Burley: 85 49	32 degrees at Stanley, 17 at Nation's high, 117 at Death Valley, Calif.
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		Stanley: 74 32	
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## Crossroads

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is not a good idea. Consultants also say local leaders should work to preserve the U.S. 93 corridor south of 184, and work as a community to address issues facing the U.S. 93/84 intersection.

Regardless of the results of studies on the time and water resources, the treatment of wastewater using land application appears to be a less than optimal solution for development of this area," the report says. "Continued residential development on septic tanks near Jerome and the site also seems less than desirable."

Lockwood Greene recommend-

ed a different approach to managing waste at the interchange, even though a study by Brockway Engineering, completed in March, showed land-applied waste water would have only a small effect on Twin Falls' water source.

WestFarm Foods was aware of the Lockwood Greene report, but had no comment, company spokesman Bill Anderson said. The report does not change West Farm Foods' position; the company has been considering land application as an option in waste water management for a new cheese plant somewhere in Jerome County, perhaps at the interchange.

The firm has secured options to

acquire land at the Crossroads Ranch development at the Highway 93/84 intersection. However, no development deal has been signed with site developer ABC Agra. And the company hasn't decided how it would dispose of waste water.

Crossroads Ranch Project Manager Steve Thron said ABC Agra would not want land application to occur there unless the waste water met the standards set by the Division of Environmental Quality.

Kent Just, executive vice president of the Twin Falls chamber, said the chamber has serious concerns about land application of waste.

Recent state studies show an increase in nitrate levels in the Twin Falls aquifer, a problem that needs to be addressed, he said. Nitrates in drinking water can be particularly dangerous to infants.

"It isn't time for a panic yet, but it certainly points to the need for being very careful with any kind of water going into that aquifer," Just said.

In other report findings:

- Lockwood Greene said local officials should provide municipal services to the area north of 184 to encourage quality development.
- Local business leader Bonny Ross disagreed with this point. "I do think that's a great place for development and it could

caused \$500,000 in damage to bridges and roads. No weather-related injuries had been reported. A weak disturbance moved through the northern Plains, bringing scattered light showers to the Dakotas and Minnesota.

The West was under a large dome of high pressure. Fair and dry conditions stretched across the entire area.

Temperatures across the Lower 48 ranged from a low of 31 in Leadville, Colo., to an early-afternoon high of 93 in Phoenix, Ariz.

- The Associated Press

pal system," he said.

Lockwood Greene discouraged development of private lands south of the interstate along U.S. 93, saying the area should be preserved in open space as a unique scenic and natural resource.

"The development opportunities and the critical nature and location of this property strongly suggest the need for creative solutions which go beyond narrow parochial interests," the report says.

Those lands can be used to lure their tourism in the two counties, the report says. It favored the transfer of federal lands to develop a park and natural area on the north Snake River Canyon Rim

## Ricks

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Hinceley made the announcement while speaking to journalists about his tenure as president of the 11 million-member church two days before his 90th birthday. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has seen astounding growth during his five-year term, with the construction of dozens of new temples and a massive conference center in Salt Lake City.

As another facet of the church's expansion, the new BYU campus at Ricks will make a four-year Mormon education more readily available outside Utah.

"This change of status is consistent with the ongoing tradition of evaluation and progress that has brought Ricks College from infant beginnings to its present position as the largest privately owned two-year institu-

tion of higher education in America," Hinceley said.

Jerry Beck, vice president of instruction at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, said Wednesday's announcement was great news for Ricks and congratulated the Rexburg college. He said he doesn't think the change will have a major impact on CSI. If anything, the presence of another four-year option for Idaho students could enhance CSI enrollment, he said.

BYU-Idaho will offer bachelor's degrees but not graduate study. It will move to year-round operations in an effort to maintain or possibly increase enrollment to serve more students in the church educational program.

Hinceley and Elder Henry Eyring, head of the church's education committee and a former president of Ricks, said the

school will retain the atmosphere of a small-town college with an attentive faculty.

"The character of the school will remain very much the teaching-oriented, student-oriented institution it's always been," Eyring said.

Sometime after the upcoming academic year, the new school will phase out its involvement in intercollegiate athletics, which Hinceley said distract from that academic mission and are too expensive to maintain - partly due to high travel costs incurred from Ricks' isolation.

The junior college has long been a training ground for BYU's traditionally strong football team, and Hinceley joked that BYU coach LaVell Edwards had not yet been told about the plans.

Darin Jurgensmeier of Rupert, a two-time A-1 high school state champion high jumper, just finished his first year on the Ricks track team.

"I can't believe they're dropping sports. It's strange they didn't tell us," he said.

He isn't sure whether he'll stick with Ricks when he returns from a church mission.

"I don't know if I'd stay there, it would be kind of weird going to a school with no athletics," he said. "It's not a bad idea to offer a four-year degree, but I wish they wouldn't drop sports. I don't want to be finished with athletics, and I'd like to go somewhere with athletics. But it also depends on what courses the college offers."

Church officials were not clear how soon the changes would take place, and were uncertain how the moves would affect tuition, hiring or the school's admission policies. Admission is becoming more competitive but is not as rigorous as BYU's.

"There are many, many details to be worked out. It isn't going to happen in a day," Hinceley said. "But it is a most significant thing to have happened - the transformation from this good two-year college to an even better four-year institution."

The change gives BYU, best known for its 30,000-student campus in Provo, a third campus along with BYU-Hawaii, which has 2,281 students in Laie, Hawaii. Ricks has 8,628 students.

## Clinton adds \$1 trillion to budget surplus forecast

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is preparing to announce a mammoth \$1 trillion increase in the administration's 10-year budget surplus projection, and will propose using it for faster debt reduction, beefed up Medicare benefits and deeper tax cuts, Democrats say.

The new forecast is expected to bring projected surpluses for the decade ending in 2010 to \$1.9 trillion, without counting Social Security, that would more than double the \$746 billion the White House predicted in February, a deluge of cash fueled by the for-

middle economy.

A deep, long-lasting recession could make the projected surpluses shrink or vanish. Nonetheless, with Treasury Department figures showing that it has been collecting unexpected mountains of revenue in recent months, the projected deluge of cash has been expected.

George W. Bush, the Republican presidential nominee in waiting, is using the bigger numbers to fend off Democratic arguments that his plans for tax cuts and Social Security are irresponsible.

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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER WWII

# Asian-Americans receive medals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 55 years after World War II ended, 22 Asian-American veterans received the nation's top honor for bravery on the battlefield. "Their motto was 'Go for broke!'" President Clinton told them in a somber White House ceremony.

"They risked it all to win it all."

Seven living veterans — one hobbling on a single crutch, others stooped with age — walked to the center of a stage under a tent on the White House South Lawn and faced the current commander in chief.

After a story was read about their heroism, Clinton leaned over and secured a blue ribbon around their necks, the golden Medals of Honor dangling on their chests.

"They risked their lives above and beyond the call of duty and in doing so, they did



President Clinton, right, bows his head with World War II veterans before he presented them with the Medal of Honor.

more than defend America," Clinton said. "In the face of

painful prejudice, they helped to define America at its best."

Relatives accepted framed medallions for the remaining 15 Medal of Honor recipients who have died.

All but two of the 22 veterans were members of the 100th Infantry Battalion or 442nd Central Postal Directory, volunteer units that saw fierce combat and were among the most decorated units in U.S. military history.

Members of the units received more than 18,000 individual decorations, but only one received the Medal of Honor.

A prevailing climate of racial prejudice against Asian Pacific Americans during World War II prevented them from being awarded the military's top honor, said Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, who has worked for years to get them recognized.

### Agreement reached

U.S. Forest Service and Elko County leaders have reached a tentative agreement that leaves both sides unhappy in their dispute over the S10th Canyon Road, the Associated Press reported on Wednesday.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Chief Bob Vaught said details of the settlement over the road in extreme northeastern Nevada will be released Thursday.

He said all participants in a mediation conference on Tuesday agreed not to discuss details before then.

"We need to make sure everything is together," Vaught said as he left a daylong closed meeting in the Sherman Station, a restored 100-year-old stagecoach stop in Elko, Nev.

Source: The Associated Press

### Shovels

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At the request of brigade organizers, another Brackett has set aside a portion of his property across the road from the school for use as a staging area. Brigade members will load on buses there to go to South Canyon Road.

"They needed a place to park," said Kim Brackett, wife of Chet Brackett, whose property will be used by the brigade.

"The politics of the issue weren't a factor in the decision to help out."

"We're really not too involved in it all," Kim Brackett said. "It's just something that's happening. But it's kind of exciting too."

In the end, both Brackett wives hope things won't get too stirred up.

"We'll try to stay out of their way. And hopefully they'll stay out of ours," Paula Brackett said.

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# Jump

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prophet's leap. The handcuffs were bought by the Jerome County commissioners, and their authenticity was verified by a locksmith before they were sealed in an evidence bag.

Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott opened the bag on the airport tarmac, and after Anthony was shackled and cuffed, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver checked the handcuffs.

"They're secure," he said confidently.

Prescott held out the keys, but Anthony refused to take them. His key is a lock pick of his own design.

A few minutes later Anthony's plane took off from the Jerome County Airport and headed toward 12,000 feet. Around 8:20 a.m. three dots fell from the plane. Less than 20 seconds later the dots opened their chutes and glided toward the landing area in the Devil's Corral area just east of U.S. Highway 93.

Anthony floated to the ground and threw his hands in the air. Observers responded with a smattering of applause.

At a post-stunt press conference an up-close video of Anthony was shown.

Almost immediately after jumping from the plane he frantically works on picking his handcuffs. He gets out in less than 10 seconds then tries to pick another set of cuffs that hold his arm restraints. But the cold air numbs his hands and he can't work quickly enough, so he reaches behind him and opens his chute before finishing the job on the trip down.

Despite the glitch, Anthony called the stunt a success.

"I fulfilled a dream here today," he said.

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## Spacecraft finds tentative evidence of water on Mars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Mars Global Surveyor has radioed data to Earth suggesting there is surface water on the Red Planet, which could boost the possibility of finding evidence of life, experts say.

Sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed Wednesday that the Global Surveyor has detected evidence of the effects of surface water. Further details were withheld pending publication next week of a study in the journal Science, the source said.

These sketchy details were con-

firmed by a second source, also claiming anonymity.

The sources, however, said the findings are tentative and must be confirmed by other studies.

A spokesman at NASA declined comment, as did Science magazine.

Searching for water on Mars has been a major effort of NASA's exploration of the Red Planet.

If there is water there, experts say, there is a much greater chance that some primitive form of life, probably microbes, could exist on Mars.

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NATION

# Death penalty dogs Bush on campaign

The execution of Gary Graham raises controversy

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush was smiling, his wife at his side, as he looked out over a crowd of wealthy contributors in California, the most electorally potent state.

Then voices cried out, interrupting the Republican presidential contender.

"Stop the execution of Gary Graham!" "Don't kill an innocent man!"

Confronted by protests ahead of Graham's scheduled execution today, Bush can't escape the growing debate over capital punishment, an issue that may dog him through his November matchup with Democrat Al Gore. It automatically raises questions about leadership, decision-making — what does he stand for and what does he do," said political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "People on both sides have strong feelings on this issue, and that always makes it difficult for the guy in the middle making the decision."

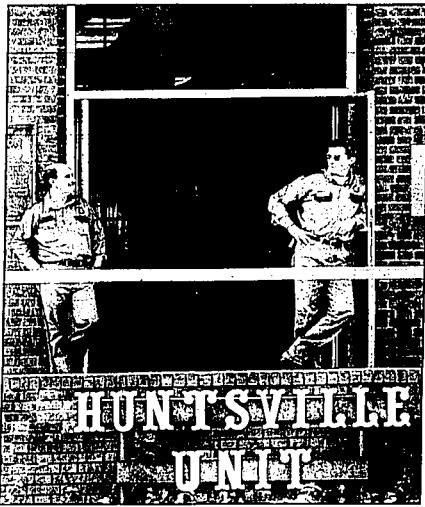
After being sworn in as governor in January 1995, Bush has presided over 134 executions, the most in the nation. The first occurred the night of his inauguration. This year, 22 people have been executed by lethal injection at the death chamber in Huntsville, Texas.

Including Graham, there are 15 more executions scheduled before Election Day on Nov. 7 — an average of almost one a week.

Bush's confidence in the system remains firm. He says he closely reviews the cases to ensure prisoners have had full access to the courts.

"As far as I'm concerned, there has not been one innocent person executed since I've become governor," Bush told reporters Wednesday in Los Angeles. "We don't need a moratorium. I'm going to continue to uphold the laws of the state. I believe the system is fair and just."

Often, the cases are surrounded by controversy.



Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers wait in the doorway of Huntsville Unit, Huntsville, Texas, Wednesday, where the death chamber is located.

The Graham case has drawn questions because he was convicted of murder largely on the testimony of a lone eyewitness.

In January, the question was whether a diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic should be executed for decapitating his former lover. In February, it was whether a grandmother should die for killing her fifth husband.

Three weeks ago, when Ricky McGinn was set to die, Bush approved his first 30-day reprieve so DNA tests could be performed. The issue wasn't McGinn's guilt for murdering his 12-year-old stepdaughter, but whether he raped her. The aggravating circumstance resulted in

his death sentence. There are growing doubts about the fairness of the justice system.

A new 10-year Columbia University study found that two-thirds of death sentences nationally are overturned on appeal, often because of an incompetent defense or an overreaching prosecution.

Earlier this year, Illinois Gov. George Ryan, like Bush a Republican, placed a moratorium on executions because 13 death row inmates in his state had their convictions overturned since 1977.

Meanwhile, two-thirds of Americans in a recent Gallup poll

backed capital punishment in murder cases, the lowest level of support in that survey in almost two decades. A Newsweek poll found 73 percent favored the death penalty, but 38 percent thought it should only be applied to those convicted of the most brutal murders or mass murders.

For Bush, the issue is a major distraction on the campaign trail.

This week, Bush hoped to highlight education while campaigning three days in California. Instead, death penalty protesters from Palo Alto to Los Angeles disrupted events. Bush canceled a news conference on Tuesday, avoiding questions about the Graham case.

Bush arranged his schedule to be in Texas on Thursday. On June 1, when McGinn faced execution, Bush continued campaigning in California, confident that the person in charge back in Texas — Senate President pro tem Rodney Ellis, a Democrat — agreed with his decision to grant McGinn a 30-day reprieve.

This week, Ellis argued to have the full Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles review Graham's case, citing "serious concerns."

Despite the political pressure, Bush has faced little criticism on the issue from Gore, who also favors the death penalty. Democrats have spent a decade trying to shirk a "soft-on-crime" label.

Gore said this week in Washington, "Whether you're for it or against it, you should be in favor of seeing it enforced fairly and justly."

The vice president and the Clinton administration will soon have a real-world case to deal with that could garner attention as well.

On Aug. 5, the day after the Republican National Convention ends and the spotlight shifts to the Democrats' upcoming convention, the federal government is scheduled to execute convicted killer Juan Raul Garza.

It would be the first federal execution since 1963, and the first since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

# Small town draws political attention

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A race for a modest Pennsylvania legislative seat that has drawn extraordinary political attention — including a radio ad by President Clinton and a visit by Vice President Al Gore — may not be over yet.

The Republicans alleged someone may have tampered with voting booths and demanded an investigation after Democrat Jim Wansacz declared victory in the special election held Tuesday for a seat in the state House.

The attention paid to the race has little to do with the question of who will represent the Lackawanna County district. It has to do with which party will control the House as Pennsylvania prepares for redistricting next year.

Wansacz's apparent victory puts the Democrats just one seat away from a majority in the House.

Because of the high stakes, Gore made a brief airport stop at Wilkes Barre-Scranton during the campaign last week to endorse Wansacz. The vice president took a ribbing from local media when he referred to

Wansacz as John instead of Jim. Earlier this year, Clinton recorded a commercial calling on Democrats to begin their "siege of the polls" this election year by putting Wansacz in office.

Wansacz's opponent, Republican Tom Parry, got a supporting visit by Republican Gov. Tom Ridge.

Although ballots appeared to show Wansacz won by a solid margin, Republican leaders alleged that the number of people who entered voting booths was about 1,000 greater than the votes counted.

"We are looking at possibly 10 percent of the vote that was not counted because of faulty poll booths," said GOP spokeswoman Jennifer Franklin. "Because of the faulty booths seem to be in Republican areas."

With 97 percent of the vote counted, Wansacz had 8,569 votes, or 52.9 percent, to Republican Tom Parry's 7,619 votes, or 47.0 percent.

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# Something brews in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tucked deep inside Al Gore's campaign headquarters on Mainstream Drive, past mismatched reception-area desks topped by a can of roach spray and abandoned popcorn maker, is command central: The Kitchen. War Room was the name, too, for Bill Clinton. And so, after some debate, Gore's troops voted down the only other alternative, Mosh Pit, and decided on something more homey for the room — with its double bank of TV news monitors and imposing conference table — where the campaign's toughest shots will be called.

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The Kitchen is one of bonds for Gore's 150 or so aides, interns and volunteers after their Nashville-based operation moved last week into a sprawling, low-rise suburban office park.

New campaign chairman William Daley makes his first trip to the headquarters Thursday. Its too-cute Mainstream address, combined with the folksy-sounding Kitchen, is right in sync with a Democratic presidential campaign aimed straight at swing voters — especially parents and women.

By contrast, Republican presidential opponent George W. Bush houses his polished-chrome operation in a sparkling downtown Austin, Texas, high rise.

Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway said the campaign didn't go looking for Mainstream Drive. "It was just one of those serendipitous moments in politics."

More serendipity and a bit of hustle kept the Republican National Committee from making mischief here as it did outside the old Gore headquarters downtown.

There, an impossible-to-miss billboard rented by the RNC taunted Gore aides with their candidate's picture and a quote from Gore's Democratic primary rival, Bill Bradley, asking Gore in a debate, "Why should we believe you will tell the truth as president if you don't tell the truth as a candidate?"

So happens that Mainstream Drive is billboard-free and the Gore campaign quickly gobbled



Receptionist schedule Al Gore and Tipper Gore appearances Wednesday, at the Gore 2000 headquarters in Nashville, Tenn.

up the only ad space within sight: a small bus-stop bench now papered with a bland ad for the Gore campaign's Website.

Hattaway said elbow room was the biggest motivation behind

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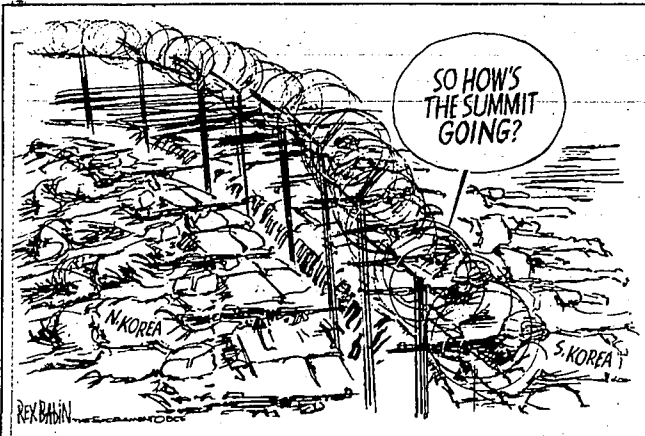
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Story left out key details

Thank you for the photos and coverage of Live History Day at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum in Jerome. However, the story on June 11 is incomplete and leaves readers with the impression that Japanese-Americans were not accepted into military service during World War II. This was true only for a few months. I would like to correct that impression, since the Japanese-American soldiers had an outstanding record under the most trying of circumstances from December 1941 to October 1945.

Your story states: "After he entered the Army, the U.S. government declared the Japanese (sic) an enemy and ineligible for the military, Shiozaki said."

For the Japanese-American, this changed in June of 1942 and January 1943 when the segregated 100th Battalion and 442nd Infantry Regiment were activated. In January 1944, the draft was reinstated for Japanese-

Americans. During those years, young Japanese-American men had to make the difficult decision of whether to defend one's country while that same country took away their constitutional rights. They fought with their parents, brothers, sisters, wives and children were incarcerated in "camps" like Puyallup and Portland Assembly Centers and the Minidoka War Relocation Authority Center in Jerome County for three years.

Seventy-three servicemen from the Minidoka "camp" died in places like Bruyeres, France; Genoa and Turin, Italy; and Germany. The 100th Infantry, one of whom was Pfc. K. Ikeda from the Minidoka War Relocation "camp," rescued 270 trapped infantrymen of the 36th (Texas) Division, the "Lost

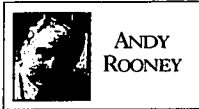
Battalion." On April 29, 1945, the 522nd Battalion liberated the Dachau death-camp survivors. The 442nd Regiment and 100th Infantry combined earned 9,486 Purple Hearts. Just last month, a statue of a Japanese-American soldier and memorial were dedicated in Pietrasanta, Italy, in appreciation of the sacrifices made to free them.

Near Eden, there are only remnants of a building and a sign-board where 10,000 people once lived - 1942-1945 - and the one Minidoka barracks building at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum looks like the tar paper holds it together, but they are reminders of what did happen here and, more importantly, who lived here.

MAYA LEMMON  
Twin Falls

There are so many places not to vacation

It is that time of year again when we are all making vacation plans, and, once again, I am making mine. I'm planning not to go anywhere on vacation.



ANDY ROONEY

There are so many places I don't want to go that I can spend many pleasant hours rily considering them. Even if I did want to go someplace, getting there by plane is so unpleasant and expensive that it could discourage the most enthusiastic tourist - one of which, I am not.

It is usually cheaper and faster to drive any distance under 4,000 miles than it is to fly when you figure in the delays and cancellations. With predictions of \$2 for a gallon of gas in many states, not driving long distances is more attractive than ever.

Alaska is on my don't-go-there list. Anchorage is one of the least attractive cities in the 50 states, and the beautiful parts of the state are inaccessible and expensive to see. All you get is a passing look from a ship. I wouldn't mind living in Alaska, but I don't want to visit there again. It isn't even very cold.

The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park and Niagara Falls are places I'll avoid. If I want to be with a crowd trying to get into a crowded place, I'll take a taxi six blocks to Times Square and watch the mob milling around trying to buy tickets to one of the good shows on Broadway - which, by the way, are all sold out.

available in New York when you need one.)

Disney World and Disneyland are always high on my list of places I've never wanted to go to. It is sad that Americans are so desperate for destinations that corporations have to construct artificial "interesting" places. I'm not moved by any simulated adventure in a synthetic surrounding.

I know what I AM going to plan to do. During the rest of the year when no vacation looms, there are more things to do around the house than I have time for. That's what I'd like to do this summer - all the things I didn't have time to do around the house last winter. I know I won't get at doing them but, after all, planning is the best part of a vacation.

If I were forced to have a good time by going someplace, I'd go to some of America's good cities, stay in a hotel and just look around. I'd avoid the places listed

in the guidebooks as things to see. I'd rent a car, tour the suburbs, check out the business district and the manufacturing areas of town. I'd try the restaurants, libraries and museums. If they had a tourist attraction, I wouldn't go there.

I'd spend a few days in good cities like Buffalo, Dayton, Albuquerque, Louisville, Harrisburg, Laredo. I might stop by Bismarck, North Dakota, just to make sure it isn't in South Dakota. I can never remember. I'd want to see Eureka, Boise and, if it weren't too hot, Shreveport, La. I'd go to Bangor, Maine is our best bet.

Attractive as those places are to think about, I'm not going to any of them. We live in my favorite place to be on vacation. Home. Send me a postcard.

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**Pokemon is still OK, kids**

Pokemon: in or out

This is for all of us that play the game week in and week out at Haffner's Cards Comics. We will let you know when it's out; until then, we say it's "in."

Almost every week, you can go into Haffner's and there will be a new card set to start collecting. To me, that isn't something that is on its way out. Also, for many of us, it is a release - it gives us something to do. It promotes families and friendships, keeps kids off the streets and gives them something to be good at. Some kids will probably grow out of it, but if they're like me, they won't.

My kids are ages 11 and 14 (and by the way, I'm 34), and we all enjoy going to Haffner's and playing. It is good for our family; it's something to do together.

I just want to let the kids know it's OK at any age to play Pokemon. To the kids that have quit or are thinking about quitting, just remember the first time that you opened a pack of first edition cards and got that rare Foil Charizard card that you had been praying for. That feeling doesn't go away very easily and neither will Pokemon.

So in closing, the question is "in or out?" Again, we would have to say, "in" if you say out, that's OK, too. When you're ready to come back and play, well, that's great, because we will be right here waiting for you.

RICHARD G. ULRICH  
Kimberly

anti-environment rider being attached to an appropriations bill in Congress with a process that is designed to avoid public input and exposure.

This rider would restrict the Interior Department's ability to reform mining regulations. This rider has nothing to do with the bill it is attached to but would become law without any Senate debate. The only action left for a bill in conference is a yes or no vote, with no debate allowed.

The reason Craig is attaching that rider is to avoid debate that would highlight the abuse of mining companies. That debate would tell the story of Grouse Creek Mine in the Yankee Fork area, which is leaking cyanide into the Salmon River and is being operated as a superfund cleanup site. The debate would tell the story of a South Dakota superfund mine that was abandoned to be paid for by the taxpayers. The debate might tell the story of Hecla Mining Co., which has lost millions of dollars annually for more than nine years and still has the resources to make large contributions to the senator's campaign fund.

It seems that process and input are important to Sen. Craig disagrees with the proposal, and they are not important when he is helping his friends and financial contributors.

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**Craig Is Inconsistent**

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NATION

# U.S. fugitive lands in German jail

Appeals to German concerns about excessive U.S. justice

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Fugitive U.S. financier Martin Frankel, accused of stealing millions from insurers, was sentenced Wednesday to three years in jail for tax evasion and using false passports during four months on the lam.

Afterward, Frankel — who hopes to remain in Germany as long as possible to avoid extradition to the United States — continued a thinly veiled campaign appealing to German concerns about excessive U.S. justice.

"I hope that Germany will respect its commitment to human rights," a handcuffed, unkempt Frankel told reporters as he was whisked off after sentencing in the German state court in Hamburg.

Frankel, 45, faces potentially far more jail time and huge civil lawsuits in the United States, where he is accused of bilking more than \$200 million from insurers in five states. A U.S. sentence could total between 200 and



Fugitive American financier Martin Frankel, right, talks with journalists as his handcuffs are removed in Hamburg, Germany. Frankel was sentenced to three years in prison for failing to pay custom taxes on smuggled diamonds.

400 years in prison, according to his lawyer.

That amounts to a virtual death penalty, Frankel says. The death penalty is illegal in Germany.

"The German constitution clearly states that it can't send a person to a country where he can be executed or have no chance of getting out of prison," Frankel said before Wednesday's sentencing.

Though Frankel first showed

signs of fighting the German charges, he shifted strategy last Friday, admitting he failed to pay customs taxes on up to \$8 million worth of smuggled diamonds and carried nine false British and Greek passports.

Last week, the Toledo, Ohio native brazenly told reporters he would much rather sit in a German cell than be sent back to the United States.

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SPORTS

Lakers parade through scene of violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Where stores were looted and police cars burned two days earlier, a quarter-million Los Angeles fans flocked the new NBA champions Wednesday in an adoring sea of purple and gold.

"Thank you for that parade and for that wonderful outburst of love from you to us, that was wonderful. That just shows what you can do in two days, right?" Lakers coach Phil Jackson told the throng gathered at Staples Center.

The fans, joyfully celebrating the city's first pro title of any kind in 12 years, heard speeches from the mayor, promises of more titles and a pledge from the

biggest star of the day in every way, Shaquille O'Neal.

The 7-foot-3, 330-pound Lakers center promised other titles -- and two new police cars. "The other night after the game, a couple of bad things happened, a couple of people beat up two police cars. So on behalf of the Lakers and Phil Jackson, we're going to get them two new police cars," O'Neal said after winning the first championship ring of his eight NBA seasons.

"We want to say that when we get one (championship) next year, we just want to be safe, we want everybody to be safe and do the right thing because we're

going to get one next year, too."

There were a few minor incidents after the parade, police officer Dan Cox said. A group of young men, many wearing Lakers' jerseys, pounded on a bus and stole food from a catering truck 12 blocks south of the arena before police rounded them up.

Fans along the parade route, however, felt safe. "I love it. It's wonderful!" Rhan said. "I.A. has its unity now and it's all due to the Lakers."

Coaches make the grade

Sports editor: Wow what a season! Although it's not over yet for my oldest son, I have to admit this has been the best baseball summer yet. I wanted to just say a big public thanks to the coaches of the Jules Harrison Ford Little League team in Buhl and also the Texaco T-ball coaches in Buhl. I am so happy that you took the time to work with my boys and "teach" them -- instead of humiliating, intimidating and making them feel no good. I have seen a very big improvement in my oldest son's performance, and now he is gaining back his confidence and interest of the sport. And it makes

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me feel good to see a coach that not only about the "win" but the instruction of the game itself and how he went to work with it. After Poo Wee, I thought it was all over for my son. Now that he can play, gets to play and has had a great time playing the game, I have come so far. Thanks for giving him a chance to learn baseball and not negative criticism. It's very sad to listen to the boys telling each other they are bad players and constantly teasing when they really are not any better than the next kid. But kids will be kids, and they have to learn to always do their best and not listen to the other kids. But when the coaches allow it and also partici-

ate in it, they are doing their own best, and they are doing their best. It is not setting a good example nor helping their team "as a team" to achieve that win. Anyway, enough about it, I just had to say thanks, you're doing a great job. And kudos to Robin Quigley, the best T-ball coach I have ever seen. I admire your patience with those kids, and you guys did a great job as well. I wish that all parents get to experience such a great baseball season this year and all years to come. It makes the endless nights of tedious games and practices much more enjoyable for all those involved. MICHELLE CHAVEZ Buhl

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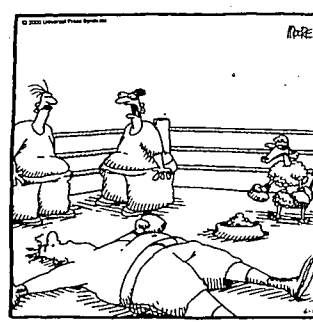
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"I warned him. I said, 'Oscar, it's the final round. You're way off on points. Don't do anything stupid.' ... So what's he do? He marches for the people's food plan."

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SPORTS

# IDAHO REGATTA

# Rage on the water

## Regatta schedule

### Today

- 9 a.m. Golf Scramble, Burley Municipal Golf Course
- 5 p.m. Show and Shine Competition, Rupert Square Trout and Potato Feed, Rupert Square
- 6 p.m. Idaho Regatta Registration, Doc's Pizza in Rupert

### Friday

- 9 a.m. Boat Display and Racer's Breakfast, Albertson's Parking Lot
- 10 a.m. Parade, Starts at Albertson's
- 11 a.m. Testing, Course
- 2 p.m. SS Qualifying, Course
- 5 p.m. Happy Hour Race, Course
- 7 p.m. Live Concert, Race Site

### Saturday

- 10 a.m. Qualifying and Testing, Course
- 10:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. Elimination Finals, Course
- 7 p.m. Dinner Party w/ Live Music, Burley Inn

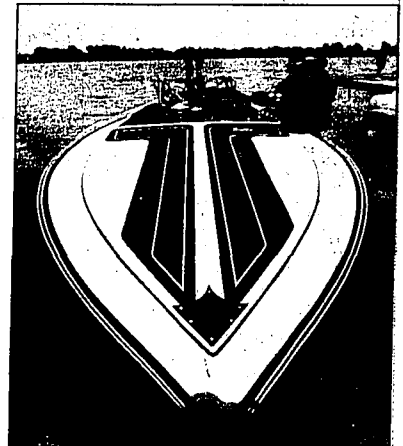
### Sunday

- 10 a.m. Qualifying and Testing, Course
- 10:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. Elimination Finals, Course
- 6 p.m. Duck Race, Course

### Elimination Finals Event Schedule for Saturday and Sunday

Time	Event (sponsor)
10:45 a.m.	Burger King Grand National Heat 15- Minute

- Endurance Race (Best Western)
- Coca-Cola Superstocks Heat 1 (Gary's Custom Decks)
- Coca-Cola Superstocks Heat 2 (D & D Landscaping)
- Noon** Flag ceremony
- Purely Idaho Potatoes Top Alcohol Hydros Drag Heat 1 (Pinetree Sports)
- Coca-Cola Superstocks Heat 3 (Pinetree Sports)
- Pennzoil Crackerboxes (K & R Rental)
- Albertson's Pro-Stocks (Wendy's)
- Burger King Competition Jet Boats (Albertson's)
- Budweiser K-Racing Runabouts Heat 1 (Hub Plaza)
- Purely Idaho Potatoes Top Alcohol Hydros Drag Heat 2 (Cactus Pete's)
- Coca-Cola Superstocks "C" Main (Radio Service Company)
- Burger King Competition Jets Final (Ronco)
- Albertson's Pro-Stocks Final (99.9 "The Buzz")
- Coca-Cola Superstocks "B" Main (Speedcraft Trophies)
- Purely Idaho Potatoes Top Alcohol Hydro Drag Heat Final (Jensen Jewelers)
- Pennzoil Crackerboxes Final (92.5 "Kat Kountry")
- Burger King Grand National 4 Lap Final (South Idaho Press)
- Coca-Cola Superstocks "A" Main Final (K & R Rental)
- Purely Idaho Potatoes Top Alcohol Hydros Drag Heat Final (Scuba Pro)
- Budweiser K-Racing Runabouts Final (Perkins)
- 6 p.m. End of racing



A racer takes a few moments to check safety gear before launching his boat. With speeds of some boats eclipsing 100 miles per hour, safety is paramount.

## Grab that sunscreen

A look at the weather over Regatta weekend



- Today**  
Partly cloudy, high of 82.
- Friday**  
Mostly sunny, high of 89.
- Saturday**  
Mostly sunny, high of 91.
- Sunday**  
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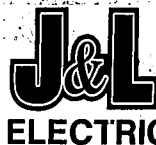
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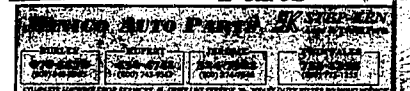
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# Sizing up the competition

**BURLEY** - A look at each of the seven classes slated to race in this week's Idaho Regatta.

## Competition Jet Boats

Engine size: 500 cubic inches  
Straightaway speed: 90 mph  
Notes: Propulsion and direction controlled by what amounts to a large water pump...one of the most difficult boats to drive...class usually contains more local entries than any other...most have V-shaped hull.  
Last year's class winners: Saturday - Glen Dilworth, 4:03.5 (73.922 mph); Sunday - Gary Oliver, 4:00.3 (74.907 mph).

## Crackerboxes

Engine size: 314 cubic inches  
Straightaway speed: 95-100 mph  
Notes: Oldest racing style in Regatta...operated by a driver and a rider...historically, the rider used a pump situated between his legs to keep the boat's fuel pressure up...engine placed in the front of the boat...only boat with a fixed cavitation plate...crackerboxes tend to bob in and out of water while racing...boats use aviation or racing fuel.  
Last year's class winner: Saturday - Tim Hamilton/Tom Woogder, 3:47.4 (79.156 mph); Sunday - Tim Hamilton/Tom Woogder, 4:04.0 (73.650 mph).

## Drag Boats

Engine size: 588 cubic inches  
Horsepower: 2500  
Straightaway speed: 200 mph  
Notes: Consists of two different classes - the Top Alcohol Hydros and the Top Alcohol Flat Bottoms...fastest boats in the Regatta...Burley course speed record is 207 mph...boats can travel as fast as 230 mph at sea level...boats feature an enclosed cockpit.

## Grand Nationals

Engine size: Unlimited.  
Straightaway speed: 105-110 mph  
Notes: One of two V-bottom classes in the Regatta...five-lap

preliminary heat earns racers placement in the 15-minute main event...boats must be at the docks with engine turned off prior to the start, but even still, some make it to the first turn in under six seconds...top drivers will cover almost 23 miles during the 15-minute span...boats race in three divisions, depending on engine size and type.  
Last year's class winners: Saturday - Lance Faulkner, 20 laps (97.509 mph); Sunday - John Brinton, 12 laps.

## K-Racing Runabouts

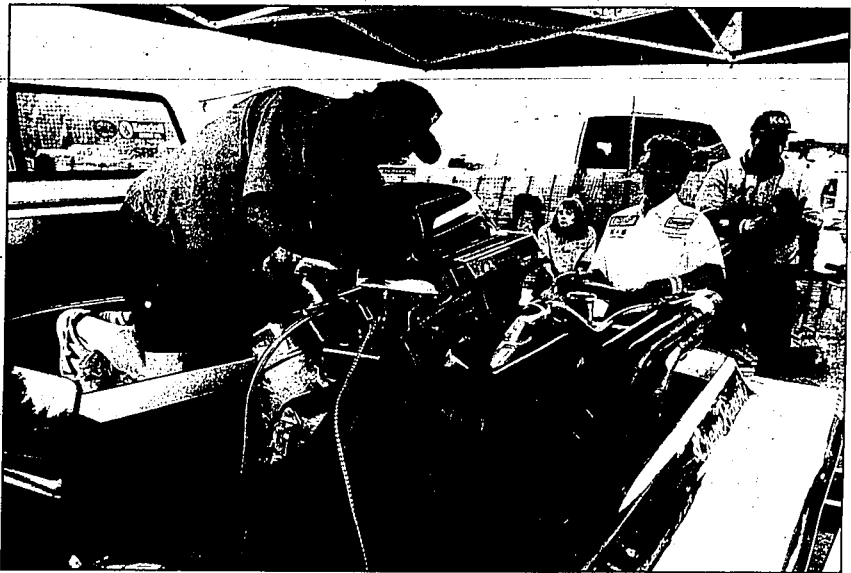
Engine size: No limit, but most run 602 cubic inches  
Horsepower: 2000  
Straightaway speed: 145 mph  
Notes: Unlimited specifications on engine size and fuel induction make this class one of the more exciting...one of the loudest classes in the Regatta...can be heard two or three miles away when racing.  
Last year's class winner: Saturday - Lance Faulkner, 3:02.9 (97.88 mph); Sunday - Lance Faulkner, 3:21.4 (89.374 mph).

## Pro Stocks

Engine size: 500 cubic inches  
Horsepower: 1200  
Straightaway speed: 135 mph  
Notes: Similar to the Super Stocks, but with fewer regulations...boats accelerate quickly, but have no superchargers or blowers...fuel is limited to aviation gasoline or 115 octane racing gasoline.  
Last year's class winners: Saturday - Duff Daily, 3:22.8 (88.758 mph); Sunday - Tom Leavitt, 3:35.4 (83.566 mph).

## Super Stocks

Engine size: 428 cubic inches  
Straightaway speed: 130 mph  
Notes: Unlike other classes, these boats are required to fit essentially the same mechanical build...possess flat-bottomed, 18-foot hull...some of the Regatta's best racing comes in this class...race features a pace boat.  
Last year's class winner: Saturday - Brian Bergeron, 3:12.0 (93.75 mph); Sunday - Brian Bergeron, 3:17.2 (91.278 mph).



Pits are usually buzzing with activity. Racers' crews have been known to replace engines between races.



A helicopter shadows the racers around the course during last year's event.

## Wakes

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same mechanical operation. Consequently, some of the most exciting races take place in this classification. Last year, Brian Bergeron won the Super Stock races both days. In winning Saturday's race, he averaged nearly 94 mph.  
Traditionalists might prefer the Crackerboxes. As the oldest racing class in the Regatta, these boats have an engine in the front and are the only ones required to use a fixed cavitation plate - a device that controls the pitch and altitude of the boat on the water's surface.  
Crackerboxes are also different in that they involve both a driver and a rider. Historically, the rider was needed to maintain the boat's fuel pressure by working a pump situated between his legs.  
The team of Tim Hamilton and Tom Woogder dominated last year's race, winning both days while averaging close to 80 mph.  
Other classifications include the Competition Jets, Grand Nationals, K-Racing Runabouts and Pro Stocks.

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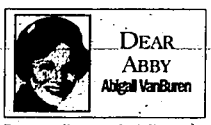
# Teen mom wishes she had listened to her parents

**DEAR ABBY:** I just finished reading Roseann Hermann's letter about the importance of parents teaching their teen-agers everything they need to know about birth control so they can make informed choices.

I am the 17-year-old mother of a 4-month-old daughter. I did not listen to my mother and father. They were wonderful parents. They stressed to me the importance of finishing high school, going to college, saving money, getting married and having children. They would tell me this every day. I would give anything to go back and listen to my parents.

But now that my daughter is here, she is the most beautiful thing in my life. I never knew I could love something so tiny so much. I'm getting my GED, working, and taking care of her. I raise my parents' don't. Things are on hold, but I will go to college.

Why does everyone blame parents, Abby? Mine talked to me, but I disobeyed. My point is:



Parents talk; teens don't listen. **DEAR ABBY** Albig VanBuren

um about the importance of teaching sex education to children before they become teenagers.

I am 13 years old. My parents told me everything I need to know about sex. If I want birth control, I can go to them.

Abby, I think you would be one terrible, awful parent not to talk to your children and assure them that you will be there for them no matter what. Children who are not taught by their parents — whom they trust the most — are more likely to get a sexually transmitted disease or become pregnant at an earlier age, if only to get back at their overprotective parents. Trust me, I know because I have talked to my friends — and we do talk about this sort of thing.

**CONCERNED IN RENO**

**DEAR CONCERNED:** It's heartwarming to read how much credit you give your parents for providing all of the important information necessary to prepare you for future sexual relation-

ships. Although you are a mature young lady at 13, I hope that you are years away from having a physical relationship.

Now that you have the information you need, I trust you will take your parents up on their offer to go to them with any questions or concerns that may arise. Knowing you can talk freely with your mom and dad will give you a definite advantage in making sound choices.

**DEAR ABBY:** My father died recently. Am I still a "Jr." or am I required to drop it?

**—WONDERING IN WICHITA**

**DEAR WONDERING:** Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father.

Amly Vanderbilt says that upon the death of the "senior," the "Junior" usually drops the "Jr." — unless both he and his late father were well-known and to drop it would cause confusion. However, if you so desire, there is nothing illegal or improper about retaining the "Jr."

# Aquarius: Don't let flattery fool you, it's not true love

**IF JUNE 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You moved away from parental authority relatively early age. You formed your own opinions; are charming, dynamic and not afraid of controversy. Social activities accelerate this year.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Those who attempt to pull you down will themselves be defeated. Focus on practical issues, basic research, debates.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Keep plans flexible, read and write, realize flirtation can be exciting but could also lead to nowhere. Gemini, Virgo persons will play outstanding roles.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Attention revolves around home,

**DEAR CONCERNED:** It's heartwarming to read how much credit you give your parents for providing all of the important information necessary to prepare you for future sexual relation-

**DEAR ABBY:** I am responding to the recent letters in your col-

Horoscope **Sydney Omarr**

family, protection of property. Gift received represents token of love. Spotlight also on voice, music, domestic harmony.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Moon position represents travel, publishing, ability to learn a language. Define terms, outline boundaries. Let them be known. Say, "That's as far as I go." Pisces involved.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Those who claim you missed opportunity will learn more of truth. Maintain schedule; keep head above water.

Threat in writing must be taken seriously. Capricorn involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look beyond the immediate. Sum up your life, beliefs, standards. Surprise opposition by refusing to remain in one place. Focus on travel, participation in humanitarian activities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't wait to be told. Follow instincts and your heart. Make fresh start in new direction, focus on originality. Some accuse you of playing favorites, not being known.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You might be saying, "I've been here before." Scenario features familiar faces, places. Form alliance with individual who shares principles. Marriage will be discussed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Elements of timing, luck ride well. And purchase seriously considered. Learn more about what you might buy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Outline promises; adhere to principles. Inquisitive relative wants to know, "Where are we going?" Respond with humor and give information available.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Highlight versatility, intellectual curiosity. Turn on charm in dealing with friends. Land purchase attracts to you bright, glamorous people. Some claim they are falling in love.

# Baby boomer's new rock museum opens in Seattle

**SEATTLE (AP)** — A rock 'n' roll museum whose bold design suggests a colorful smashed guitar opens in Seattle on Friday, a \$240 million monument built by a baby boomer with the means to make his adolescent dreams come true.

The interactive Experience Music Project — originally conceived by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen as a shrine to his idol Jimi Hendrix, the Seattle rock guitar wizard who died in 1970 — was designed by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry and stands at the foot of the Space Needle.

Part theme park, part tribute to the rock and pop music Allen grew up with and Seattle has nurtured, it has more than 80,000 artifacts, including Elvis Presley's black leather jacket, Janis Joplin's floral bell-bottom pants and the Fender Stratocaster Hendrix played at Woodstock, plus more than 100 films and 100 oral histories.

The museum also includes a Sound Lab where visitors can get a lesson in playing guitar and other instruments, and experience via virtual reality the sensation of performing on stage and hearing the roar of the crowd.

Allen, 47, left Microsoft in 1982 after being diagnosed with cancer, which he later beat. Since then, he has bought a basketball team, the Seattle Seahawks, and a football team, the Seattle Seahawks, and is contributing more than \$100 million to build a stadium for the Seahawks.

He also plays guitar in a rock band, Grown Men, which just released its first CD. Allen — listed by Forbes magazine as the fourth richest man in the world, with \$28 billion — created the rock museum to share that musical experience.



The Experience Music project is being built on the grounds of the Seattle Center. It will be open to the public Friday.

Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. "I loved it. The way he said it, you couldn't not like it. He was so endearing... grasping for a way to describe what he wanted."

Undaunted by the lackluster first five years of Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which had just over half a million visitors last year and had to cur back on operations to finish in the black, organizers of Seattle's museum are projecting first-year attendance of 800,000 to 1 million. Admission is \$20.

# Criticizing cab drivers, Glover takes the wheel

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Danny Glover, who took on New York cab drivers last year for their reluctance to pick up African American men, will be behind the wheel himself in an upcoming Showtime movie called "3 a.m."

The actor said he will draw on his own experience driving a cab in San Francisco for the Spike Lee-produced project, which also stars "Jackie Brown" star Pam Grier.

He will play a veteran cabbie in a group of workers coming to terms with their jobs at a time when 11 drivers have been murdered.

Glover criticized New York cab drivers in November after he was passed by five times in a single day.

"I was not there to demonize cab drivers," he said on the New Jersey film set. "I've driven a cab. It's a difficult job. I know that."

# Is marriage the motive for murder?

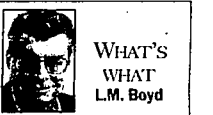
**Fact One:** North Dakota is the geographical center of North America. Fact Two: More migrating waterfowl hatch there than anywhere else in the United States. Now the trick is to link Fact One and Fact Two in some logical explanation.

Q: If only six languages survive in this world, which will they be? A. Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish.

Q: Or so surmise the experts.

It is a statistical fact that the man who commits his first murder after age 40 is usually married. Or was.

Highest percentage of happily wedded women are those who were 30 to 34 years old when



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

they got married. Or so say the surveytakers. Another of our Love and War man's fraught statistics, that. He admits it means little. What makes people happy in matters romantic is not age, but attitude, he contends. That one thing most likely to threaten a marriage, he says, is the inflated ego. Of any age.

A zoomer says, yes, chimpanzees do throw rocks, but never with deliberate aim.

Q: You don't find it curious that you've never seen your own face?

A: A jug is a glass, metal or earthenware container with a small mouth and a handle. A crock — no witticisms, please — is just an earthenware vessel.

Nature may have its balance, but literature does not. In all those animal stories, there have been hundreds of dogs named Wolf, but not one I know of named Wolf named Dog. It's inequitable.

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From 18 to 100: Royals mark milestone birthdays

**LONDON (AP)** — Queen Elizabeth II and most of her nearest and dearest gathered Wednesday for a night of partying to celebrate a slew of royal birthdays. But the birthday boy himself wasn't there — Prince William turned 18 at school, cramming for an art history exam.

The royal mega-party at Windsor Castle was to celebrate five royal milestones in the year 2000, including the queen's sister, Princess Margaret's 70th, her daughter Princess Anne's 50th, and her son Prince Andrew's 40th.

But foremost among the celebrations were the 100th birthday, on Aug. 4, of the Queen Mother Elizabeth, whose enduring popularity has been a bulwark of the British monarchy, and William's coming of age on Wednesday.

The party in the State Apartments at Windsor Castle, which rises above the Thames River 25 miles west of London, began with a dinner for about 80 friends.

Royalty from Spain, Belgium and Norway were on the guest list, as was ex-king Constantine of Greece, who now lives in north London.

The dinner guests were joined later by about 700 others for drinks. Among them was Sarah, Duchess of York, whose ex-husband is Prince Andrew. It is the first time since the 1997 funeral of Princess Diana that the duchess has been included on the royal guest list.

William, who finishes his studies at Eton later this summer, is studying for exams that determine university entrance. Although Eton is just across the

Thames from Windsor, he was not expected at the party.

"I don't have an exam on the day, but I will be studying for my History of Art exam the next day," William told the British news agency Press Association.

He plans to study art history, probably at Edinburgh University, after taking a year off to work or travel. And he has decided to postpone until after university the use of the designation His Royal Highness, usually conferred at age 18.

That means he won't have to be called "sir" and needn't be bowed and curtisied to. William — second in line to the throne after his father, Prince Charles — has said he wants to be known simply as William.

Official birthday photos and TV film released last week showed a relaxed and informal young man at ease with his friends at school. They also provided a vivid reminder that Prince William is the tall, blond, handsome image of his late mother.

TV documentaries have been bringing out images of Diana that had finally begun to fade from sight nearly three years after her death in a car crash.

Like Diana, William faces a life of international celebrity. And when he leaves Eton, he leaves the protection of the press guidelines for minors set out by the press self-regulatory body, which bans intrusive coverage of the young.

With opinion polls offering mixed results on the monarchy's future, William's arrival on the public scene could bring new support from the younger generation, which is the least enthusiastic about the royals.

Elian case could affect similar disputes

Future custody battles might get a lot tougher

**Knight Ridder News Service**

The closest Mike Jordan has been to his two young daughters in the last year is an envelope stuffed with 24 pictures. The color images bring tears to his eyes, as nearly everything associated with his girls does these days.

It's been 18 months since his wife, Marie Jordan, 30, took the children on vacation to her home country of Mauritius, a small island off the east coast of Africa, and refused to bring them back. In that time, Mike Jordan, a 33-year-old South Carolinian, has been able to see Raie, 3, and Rachelle, nearly 2, for only about three hours.

"I cry almost every night," Jordan said. "I'm not going to stop fighting until I bring them home."

Jordan is one of thousands of "left-behind parents" fighting for the return of children taken by the other parent to a foreign



Elian Gonzalez

country. At any time, the U.S. State Department is tracking about 1,000 open cases of international abduction of children by parents. That number is rising as international travel and marriage increase. In the past six years, the number of State Department staffers monitoring such cases has grown from two to 23.

The issue is receiving more attention, partly because of high-profile cases such as that of Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy whose mother died while trying to bring him to the United States last fall. If Elian is not sent back to his father in Cuba, America's ability to get U.S. children returned from other countries could be seriously harmed, said Christopher Lamora, spokesman for the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs.

"It would be very, very easy for courts in a country with political issues with us to say that we ourselves have set a precedent for

not returning children on some sort of moral ground," Lamora said.

Congress recently passed a resolution condemning Germany, which is notorious for failing to resolve international parental kidnapping cases. During a recent visit, President Clinton took up the issue with German officials, who then announced policy changes to help settle international custody disputes.

None of that helps Mike Jordan.

An in-house counselor at a federal prison in Edgefield, S.C., Jordan has seven lawyers in three countries. He has taken out two loans totaling \$15,000 and has spent an additional \$20,000 on his case. He has written to each of the 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, all 100 senators, President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the prime ministers of Mauritius and Great Britain.

On Sept. 6, 1998, the Jordan family flew to Mauritius for a two-month family vacation. Mike Jordan left several weeks later to return to work. Marie and the children stayed on, supposedly

extending the vacation. But on Nov. 4 — the day Mike Jordan expected his family back in the United States — his wife called to say she would not come home.

Mike Jordan flew to Mauritius hoping to repair his marriage and see his children. But he had only fleeting contact with the girls and Marie was awarded custody by Mauritian courts. Legally, the girls could not leave the country. Mike returned home a month later, empty-handed.

Back in South Carolina, he immersed himself in legal documents and the workings of foreign courts. He met with missing-children's advocates and received State Department briefings. One of his first actions was to file a Habeas petition, a routine step for parents in such situations.

The 1980 Hague Convention says that in cases in which both parents have legal custody, children should be returned to the country that had been their home. The treaty deals only with civil aspects of child abduction, not criminal, and it does not decide which parent ultimately should be awarded custody. The United States ratified the convention in 1988 and more than 50 countries have signed on.



Sunbathers used Miami's South Beach Wednesday, a day after a construction accident at the Miami Beach Marina caused the release of a million gallons of raw sewage into the water off Miami.

Miami beaches suffer from contamination

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)** — The Atlantic Ocean looked crystal clear Wednesday and everyone agreed it should have been a perfect day to plunge in: sunny and around 90 degrees.

But the beach was lined with red "Danger" flags and swimming was banned along a 25-mile stretch because a broken pipe spewped more than 25 million gallons of raw sewage into Biscayne Bay.

The spill left fish markets near Miami Beach empty. Some tourists simply sat on the shore, watching the flat ocean, while many locals headed farther north to avoid contaminated waters.

"Today was the day we picked to spend on South Beach," grumbled Norma Pryor of Grand Lodge, Mich., who was visiting her daughter in Miami. "It's pretty disappointing that we can't go

in the water."

"It really stinks," said Nick Demick, her 15-year-old grandson.

A marine contractor drove a concrete piling through a 54-inch underwater sewage main Tuesday afternoon. By noon Wednesday, the sewage was partially rerouted from the broken main to another line.

Workers hoped to seal the broken main and contain the leak by Friday, said Barbara Sanchez, a spokeswoman for Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer.

Even if the leak is stopped, contaminated water could linger for some time.

"It's too early to say when the beaches can be opened," said Samir Elmri, administrator of Miami-Dade County Environmental Health.

Miami Beach lifeguards are

expecting a challenging few days. They patrolled the beach with whistles and bullhorns in hopes of keeping people on dry land.

"It's not easy to keep people out of the water," Patrick Maher said. "It's quite an added responsibility for us."

Lifeguard Donald Hornby spent the morning turning away anyone hoping to take a dip on what he acknowledged was a perfect day for swimming.

Drinking water was not affected by the spill, but residents of Miami Beach and nearby Bal Harbour were asked to conserve water to reduce the flow into the sewer system.

Business was down at De Armas Fish Market, even though owner Gilberto De Armas said he gets his fish from the waters surrounding the Florida Keys, south of the affected area.

Dutch arrest man in smuggling deaths

**LONDON (AP)** — Dutch police investigating the deaths of 58 Chinese illegal immigrants found packed into an unventilated truck in England said Wednesday they have arrested the owner of the trucking company.

The arrest brings to three the number of people in custody in

the suffocation deaths of the immigrants, who were found late Sunday when inspectors in Dover, England searched the truck. Government officials said more arrests may follow.

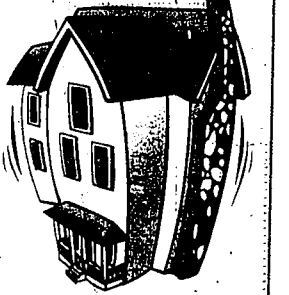
The latest suspect surrendered to police in the Dutch port of Rotterdam Tuesday evening.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### O'Leary, Lincoln get new principals

**TWIN FALLS** - Two vice principals in Twin Falls School District have been promoted to lead Lincoln Elementary School and Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in the fall.

Virginia Goddard, a vice principal at Twin Falls High School since 1997, will be the new principal at O'Leary. Goddard has 20 years of administrative experience in Nevada and Arizona. She has been a principal and vice principal.

Beth Olmstead, vice principal at Oregon Trail and I.B. Perrine Elementary schools, will be the new principal at Lincoln. Olmstead joined the school district in 1994 as a teacher at Bickel Elementary School.

The School Board said the district received many outstanding applicants.

Former principals Wiley Dobbs, at O'Leary, and Bill Gies, at Lincoln, will be taking jobs in the district office.

Years of experience and college education determines pay by job positions for public school administrators. The educators in their new positions will earn the following: Goddard, as O'Leary principal, \$65,385; Olmstead, as Lincoln principal, \$46,257; Dobbs as director of operations, \$69,249; and Gies as director of data analysis \$53,814.

### Municipal Band performs free a concert tonight

**TWIN FALLS** - The Municipal Band will perform a free concert at 8 tonight at City Park. Tonight's concert will feature favorite music from faraway places. Music will include a familiar Tchaikovsky march, a medley of Beatles hits and highlights from "Phantom of the Opera."

The weekly concerts are presented rain or shine.

### Skateboarder Association plans fund-raiser car wash

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Skateboarders Association is continuing its fund-raising efforts - this time with a car wash. The car wash is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Farmers National Bank parking lot at 1097 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Donations from the car wash will help pay for a new skate park, according to a Skateboarders Association news release. Drawings and literature on the proposed skate park, which will cost more than \$100,000 to build, will be available at the car wash.

For more information, call Ron Black at 734-9035 or 736-2166.

### Western historian to read from 'valuable' memoir

**KETCHUM** - Western historian Alvin Josephy will read from his memoir, "A Walk Toward Oregon," which the New York Times called "a valuable book about a valuable life," in Ketchum Sunday.

The free presentation will begin at 3 p.m. at the Community Library.

The book takes a look at the history of the West as seen through Josephy's eyes.

"Among his experiences: serving as a combat correspondent in World War II, covering Mexico during its revolution, working in the Interior Department during the Western spurge in dam building and power projects, learning about Native Americans of the West and being on a plane headed to Japan with John F. Kennedy's entire cabinet when the president was assassinated."

### Ketchum planners to look at design reviews Monday

**KETCHUM** - A design review for a new 21,995-square-foot commercial building with 16 underground parking spaces at 331 Leadville Avenue will be on the agenda of the next Planning and Zoning Commission at 5:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood is also planning for a design review of a 26,059-square-foot church building at 100 Saddle Road.

Planners will also review the design of a new six-building complex at 221 and 225 Picabo Street and 204 Puchner Lane.

Compiled from staff reports

# Babbitt plans another trip to Idaho

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - In his third trip to Idaho since April, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt will take his turn getting public comment on the idea of expanding Craters of the Moon National Monument.

Babbitt will hold a public meeting Friday in Rupert, to solicit more comments on the possible expansion of the Craters of the Moon National Monument to include most of the Great Rift.

### Babbitt meeting

**What:** Public meeting on expanding the Craters of the Moon National Monument.  
**Who:** Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt will convene the meeting.  
**When:** 11:45 a.m. Friday.  
**Where:** East Minico Junior High School library, 805 H St., Rupert.

"I promised that I would return and continue our dialogue on Craters of the Moon National Monument," Babbitt said in a news release Wednesday.

"We've had several productive meetings and I look forward to working with you and discussing this issue."

Babbitt's public meeting will come less than a week after a Twin Falls meeting convened by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, a critic of the Craters expansion plan.

Craters and the Great Rift have been a recent focus for Babbitt, who is considering preserving the area's rare volcanic geology by giving it national monument status.

But Idaho politicians, such as

Craig, are wary of what they see as another one of the Clinton administration's land grabs across the West.

Lawmakers are insisting the public have a voice in any changes that might involve the 300,000 acres of federal land south of Arco.

Friday's meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. and goes until 1:30 p.m., with Babbitt making himself available to the media afterward.

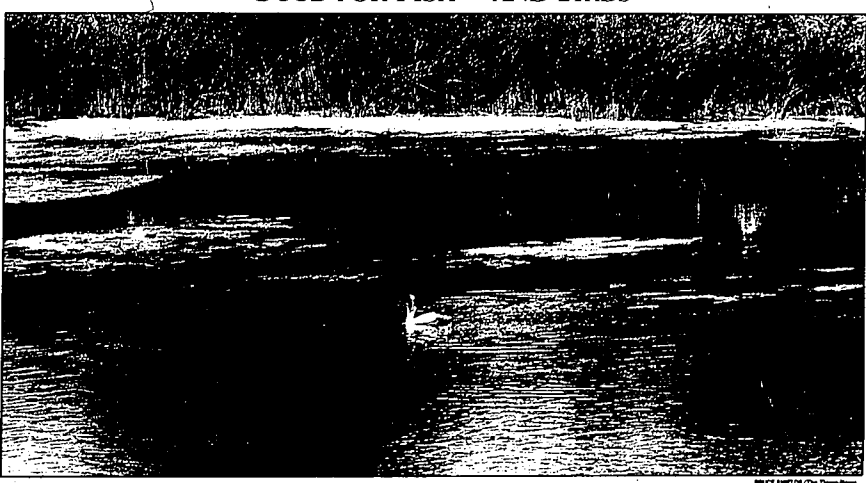
This is the first time Babbitt has discussed the Craters proposal

with Idahoans outside the Arco area. The idea to involve more people who live close to the monument, but who might not be able to get out to the Arco area, said John Wright, spokesman for the Interior Department.

As yet, no additional trips are planned, and any additional hearings hinge on the outcome of Friday's meeting, Wright said.

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## GOOD FOR FISH -- AND BIRDS



A pelican feeds on a fish at the edge of an algae mat on the Snake River near Buhl on Wednesday. Increased water releases starting today are expected to improve water quality in the river.

# Saving the salmon

## Feds plan to release water, address mid-Snake water-quality problems

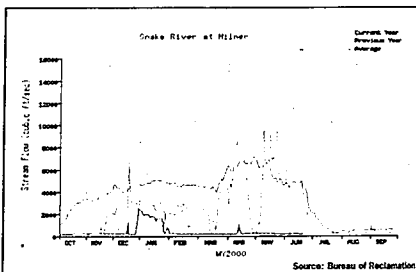
By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Federal water managers are about to begin releasing water to help endangered Idaho salmon's ocean migration.

The increased flow may also alleviate the accumulating algae mats in the middle-Snake River - and it would send more water over a parched Shoshone Falls. But some folks are asking why federal officials waited so long to release the water.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation plans to begin releasing the water today, increasing the flow to more than 1,500 cubic feet per second by Friday.

"It would have been nice if that had happened a couple of weeks ago," Twin Falls Canal



Co. manager Vince Alberdi said. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, dense algae mats covering

the middle-Snake River in places helped spark local efforts to reduce the amount of pollutants

dumped into the river.

During the past few wet years, the problems appeared to have eased. But with low water, high temperatures and longer days, the algae mats are back.

Irrigation return flows look a lot cleaner this year, but plenty of nutrients and sediments still are stored in the bed of the Snake River, said Mike McMasters of the state Division of Environmental Quality's Twin Falls office.

It would take good flushing flows to clean out the material built up over many years.

But this year, with a below average snowpack, water managers have been squirreling water away in federal reservoirs on the upper Snake - nearly 4 million acre feet of it as of

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## Arts, service groups garner nearly \$40K in grant money

The Times-News

**BOISE** - Nine south-central Idaho arts groups, youth service organizations and schools will receive \$39,325 in grants from the Idaho Commission of the Arts during the next fiscal year.

The commission announced the awards at a series of news conferences around the state on Wednesday.

The biggest winner locally is the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, which received \$14,954 for general support.

Company of Fools, a Hailey-based community theater troupe, will get \$5,702 for general operating support, and the College of Southern Idaho's Blaine County Outreach office will receive \$4,875 to help pay for October's Trailing of the Sheep Festival.

CSI's main campus in Twin Falls will receive \$4,125 for lesson support, and the Magic Valley Arts Council is to receive

\$2,811 for general operating funding.

The Twin Falls-based Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley was awarded \$2,200 to partner with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in order to bring youth of different backgrounds together to create art for themselves and their community, while Hailey's Silver Creek Alternative School will receive \$2,200 to support a pilot program to provide professional instructional workshops for students in fine arts.

Hazelton's Valley Elementary School is to receive \$1,748 to host Linda Wolff, a printmaker who will serve as the artist-in-residence for the next school year, while Rupert's Big Valley Elementary School will get \$700 for the same purpose.

A total of \$678,000 was granted to communities, schools and organizations for 109 projects in 27 cities and towns statewide. All funds are matched by local communities.

## Officials plan extra Regatta security

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Extra sheriff's deputies will be working on their days off to provide additional security at this weekend's Idaho Regatta.

To keep things running smoothly, Idaho Regatta organizers have hired several off-duty Cassia County officers to help patrol the event.

Cassia County will have its own officers more visible down by the Snake River, said Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal.

The addition of off-duty officers will more than double the

four or five officers normally on duty, Crystal said.

"We're here just for the safety and making sure everyone has fun," said Sgt. Peggy Mariza, who is in charge of Regatta security. "We're not here to dampen anybody's experience by any means."

Two additional Idaho State Police troopers for each shift will



Extra state troopers and county deputies will be on hand for this weekend's Idaho Regatta to help make it a safe weekend for all. Cassia County Sgt. Peggy Mariza, who is in charge of Regatta security, says the event usually runs smoothly.

join this area's resident trooper, said ISP Sgt. Doug McFall. Most of those troopers will come from

the Twin Falls area, he said. The regatta also brings in the

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Feds approve use of rubber buckshot to deter wolves

HAILEY (AP) - Wolves that prey on livestock will have a new deterrent next spring.

Approval for the use of negative reinforcement-injecting rubber and Styrofoam bullets came from Fish and Wildlife's Washington, D.C., office this month, said Idaho wolf recovery leader Roy Heberger, who works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Heberger said he is not yet sure if the projectiles will be bullets or buckshot. He said the plan could be effective in preventing wolves from attacking livestock and reducing the number of

Idaho wolf recovery leader announces his retirement

HAILEY (AP) - Idaho's wolf recovery program is losing its leader. U.S. Fish and Wildlife official Roy Heberger will retire on July 3, after five years at the helm of the controversial program.

"I'm going to miss it," said Heberger, 55. One of Heberger's most difficult moments was his recent decision to eradicate the White Cloud wolf pack near the East Fork of the Salmon River. The pack had been preying on cattle.

Heberger has made a living in natural resources management, and said he will probably work as a

natural resources activist when he retires. He hopes to facilitate resolution on controversial natural resources issues.

He said Idaho's wolf program still has a long way to go.

"I don't see wolf recovery as a biological challenge at all," he said. "As long as people tolerate the wolves we're going to make it. What's going to be the real challenge are the social capacities. Wolves are going to be limited by human tolerance, not by habitat or food."

Heberger's replacement has not yet been named: shot with the rubber projectiles, likely from a 12-gauge shotgun.

The wolves would associate cattle and ranch properties with pain. "Basically we would be training wolves not to prey on livestock," Heberger said.

Although the details are not set, Heberger said he hopes the program will be in place for next spring's calving season. Exact criteria for permits are not yet set, but Heberger said there will be "very limited issuance."

Nationwide, rubber bullets and buckshot are commonly used to negatively reinforce undesirable black bear behavior such as eating human trash or raiding bird feeders.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officer Lee Frost said rubber bullets "do seem to have the desired effects."

Frost said the bullets create a negative experience for the bears, and they shy away.

Frost said he does not have experience dealing with wolves, but added that wolves are smart animals that should be able to learn from negative experiences.

"It's probably something we should be trying before we get too far into the run-and-gun mentality," he said.

Conference to probe idea of 'West' State officials mull more cell space well before first inmates ever arrive

By Karen Bockick Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The West, contrary to the stereotype, isn't just one West, home to cowboys and rugged individualists testing their limits.

Instead, the West is complex, and not what it appears to be on the surface. Just look at Blaine County.

"I live in Carey, which is very rural. Less than a half hour away you have Ketchum, which is very sophisticated and worldly. I feel as if I live in two different worlds, and I love it," said Lester Crocker, who is heading up a program this weekend designed to give people a chance to help define the West.

The Western Issues Conference is sponsored by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

The conference will bring together laymen and historians to ponder a range of questions.

"What makes Westerners different?"

"How does someone become a Westerner?"

"What are the five most challenging changes Westerners face?"

"What Western traditions would you like to see maintained?"

"We're looking for answers to

About the event

A Western Family Reunion will be held Friday and Saturday at the Elkhorn Resort. Conference fees are \$12 for students. For registration information, call 726-9451.

Author Kim Barnes will give a free reading from her latest novel, "Hunger for the World" in conjunction with the conference at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Elkhorn Resort.

On Saturday, Idaho folk singer Rosalio Somelis will perform at 8:30 p.m. at

the resort.

The concert, open to participants and non-conference participants, costs \$12 for Sun Valley Center members and \$15 for non-members.

The Sun Valley Center for the Arts also is hosting an art exhibition of Indian baskets, McCall photographs and art made from home building materials that revolve around the theme of place, tradition and culture. The center is at Fifth Street and Washington Avenue in Ketchum.

Pacific Northwest: A Queer History of Portland and the Region; Philip Deloria, author of "Playing Indian"; and Valerie Matsumoto, author of "Farming the Home Place: A Japanese American Community in California, 1919-1982."

Historian Frederick Jackson said the West rounded a corner during the 19th century when it was no longer the frontier. Yet for some reason, people still see the West as the Old West. The East, by contrast, is couched in modern terms, with cosmopolitan cities and the like.

"We need to find a new way to define ourselves, to get away from the myth we've been dealing with for over 100 years," Crocker said.

the future - what's happening in the West? There are many visions of the West right now. What would be the best?" asked Diane Joseph Peavey, a Carey rancher and writer for National Public Radio.

The symposium, titled "A Western Family Reunion," will explore how class, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, economy and government have affected the history of the West and how they are likely to shape its future.

Scheduled speakers include Richard White, author of "The West of the West: A New History of the American West"; activist Jaune Quick-To-See Smith; Peter Boag, author of the forthcoming "Homosexuality and Society in the

Authorities recover crash victims' bodies

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - As friends and family members struggled with their grief, the bodies of a pilot and three mountaineering rangers were being recovered Wednesday from the site of a plane crash near Mount McKinley.

"It's horrible. It's been really hard on the whole community," said National Park Service spokeswoman Jane Tranel.

The crash Monday killed Hudson Air chief pilot Don Budson, 52; National Park Service Ranger Cale Schaffer, 25; and volunteer

rangers Brian Reagan, 27, and Adam Kolff, 27. Budson, of Montana Creek, was a longtime pilot and well-known veteran of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. He had often guided rescue teams to the mountain to save injured climbers.

Schaffer, an experienced mountaineer and emergency medical technician, had been a ranger in Denali National Park for two years. Prior to that, he had worked at Grand Canyon National Park, worked as a wilderness guide and taught wilderness skills.

Kolff, of Boulder, Colo., had extensive climbing experience and recently returned from living in Peru for nearly three years while working for an environmental group, The Mountain Institute.

Reagan, of Anchorage, climbed McKinley last year and worked for the Alaska Natural History Association.

"Don's so connected to the community that Brian, Adam and Cale were just starting out their lives," Tranel said. "It's just tragic all around."

Police received a tip on the intruders whereabouts and attempted to stop the suspects' vehicle, but one man started shooting.

"One of the suspects exited and immediately opened fire on the officers," said police Detective Rob Hall. "Several shots were fired at them and they were able to return fire."

Resident Kelli Gonzalez said

she heard 15 to 20 gunshots outside her home.

"It must have been an automatic weapon the way the shots were fired," she said. "I was scared to go home because I thought someone might be hiding in my yard."

Hall said one man fled on foot and hid behind a building, where he apparently killed himself with the gun.

Shootout ends with one death, one arrest

MURRAY, Utah (AP) - A suspected robber apparently committed suicide after a shootout with police, authorities said.

Police have a second man in custody and are looking for a third who fled the scene of Tuesday's late-night shootout.

The shootout occurred after three robbers entered a Murray residence, shooting and injuring the homeowner.

Nastiness rises in Utah's 2nd District

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Innuenduos and allegations are sniping and spitting, confrontation and counterattack. Time must be running out before the 2nd District primary.

For five weeks the race between Republicans Derek Smith and Rep. Merrill Cook was a snoozer. But animosity between the Cook and Smith camps is escalating as the two sides continue to trade barbs Wednesday.

Neither side is landing knock-out blows, or even staggering their opponent. It's more along the lines of a hair-pulling, eye-gouging Melissa Phipps slapping. Falls show Cook is trailing his

challenger, but Smith concedes that Cook's attacks have whittled into his lead going into the June 27 primary.

The two had a zesty exchange with raised voices and loud accusations during a television interview in front of Cook's congressional office Wednesday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, Smith's entire campaign staff and a handful of sign-carrying volunteers staged a news conference where Smith challenged Cook to answer questions about a 1997 IRS audit, a hazardous waste spill at an explosives plant in Idaho, and a trio of lawsuits dating back 18 years.

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to be taken out of the jails will be transferred during the fall.

Combined with the monthly influx of new inmates into the system and problems that will delay the scheduled opening next summer of 100-bed facility, prison officials estimate the 1,250 beds will be filled by next summer if not before.

Kempthorne said the new facility and its plans for extensive programs in education, substance abuse and other areas offers hope that inmates can really be rehabilitated. But he conceded that those efforts will not be enough to begin stabilizing the prison population in the short term so that accommodations must be made for continued growth.

The inmate population will increase by 100 to 150,000. It was at 4,608 on Dec. 1 and stood at 4,947 on Wednesday. Of that total 600 inmates are in New Mexico and another 420 are because of the time it will take to build if it is approved.

"There is a system, the county jails and out-of-state, that can work as a fall back," the governor said. "But it's one of the items we have to discuss. It's a very real possibility."

Correction Director James Spalding said the construction and operation scheme being used for the new prison will save the state \$25 million over the next three years, and like Kempthorne he believes the new

prison offers the opportunity for change, "a vehicle to break the cycle in this business."

The governor said the education program should offer significant help to the 50 percent to 70 percent of inmates he said do not have high school diplomas when they are incarcerated and the substance abuse programs are critical for the estimated 87 percent of inmates with some kind of substance problem.

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Dance club might offer Fight Club

PROVO, Utah (AP) - A Provo dance club wants to put on Fight Club-style boxing matches to bring in more paying customers.

City officials say the downtown area is zoned for retail businesses and entertainment, not boxing.

"Our zoning does not allow sporting events there," said Provo City Administrator Officer Bob Stockwell. "And our ordinances do not define what they are talking about doing as entertainment."

Club owners Ken Merena and Cliff Snow say the club will stage its first "Rumble" event June 27 anyway.

That is the day promoter Jake Spainhower, 20, of Alpine plans to unveil his stable of bowlers to Omni patrons. Bouts would be held every Tuesday evening.

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# Scientists: Ice is disappearing

### Summit set to discuss changes in polar regions

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Geophysicist Josefino Comiso looks at the Arctic ice cap from above. Colleague Peter Wadhams makes his observations from below.



Scientists from around the globe gather at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for a meeting of the International Glaciological Society and a symposium on sea ice. It is the first time in a decade the topic has been discussed.

When the two put their science together, they confirm what Eskimo whaling captain Eugene Brower has seen from shore for most of his adult life: The ice is disappearing, and the vanishing act is accelerating.

"There's been a lot of change," said Brower, president of the Barrow Whaling Captains Association. "Last year the ice went over the horizon and stayed over the horizon all summer. We would have to go over 20- or 30 miles just to hunt seals."

Comiso, Wadhams and more than 100 of their scientific brethren are in Fairbanks this week to discuss the health of the Arctic and Antarctic ice caps during the International Symposium on Sea Ice and Its Interactions with the Ocean, Atmosphere and Biosphere. The conference is being held at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

It is the International Glaciological Society's first sea ice meeting in a decade and many of the world's top scientists gathered on campus through Friday to discuss the prominent changes going on in the globe's polar regions. Researchers from around the world will be presenting more than 200 papers and posters.

The disappearance of the northern ice cap and the reasons why will be one of the primary topics.

"I'm seeing the thinning," said Wadhams, "and Joey (Comiso) is seeing the shrinking."

Wadhams studies at the Scott Polar Research Center at Cambridge University in England. His specialty is analyzing data taken from beneath the ice cap by submarines.

Comiso works for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center at Greenbelt, Md., and studies ice cap data gathered by satellites.

"Those guys are two of the movers and shakers," said Martin Jeffries, the UAF scientist who

headed the local organizing committee for the symposium. "These are two of the leading sea ice geophysicists."

Several reasons are being cited for why the ice cap is beginning to recede and thin. Along with the planet's natural warming cycle, it's generally agreed that humans are polluting the atmosphere with carbon-dioxide and chlorofluorocarbons that are causing a greenhouse effect.

It also appears the world's 10-year ocean cycles are adding to the mix. Warm water at the northern reaches of the Gulf Stream is making its way under the polar cap. That appears to be speeding melting. Acid wind and other natural climate factors and the united assault is having a pronounced and visible effect.

"The last three years there's been a dramatic change in open water in the Beaufort Sea," Comiso said. "There's a big chunk of ice disappearing from the area. The ice has been shrinking 2- to 3 percent every year for the last 20 years."

On average, the earth is warming at 0.5 degrees Celsius a century, Comiso said. In the Arctic, the rise has been more dramatic at 0.7 degrees. It doesn't sound like much, but it all adds up.

The change has been dramatic in the Beaufort. There was 300,000 square kilometers of open water in 1996. That rose to 700,000 in 1997 and 970,000 in 1998.

"If that continues, it will

become a recreational area," Comiso said of Alaska's north coast.

The scientists recited a number of changes likely to occur in Alaska because of the warming trend.

Imagine, Wadhams said, a

summertime passage along the entire Arctic coastline of North America. The Northeast Passage already is opening and the Northwest Passage seems to be headed in the same direction.

"The Northeast Passage is much more navigable in the summer," Wadhams said. "You might actually be able to have trade routes rather than the occasional icebreaker."

Oil companies would benefit from the summertime trade route and also find it easier to explore the northern ocean because ice-breakers easily can deal with single-season ice rather than the multiyear buildups that once were the norm.

It also would mean changes in the migration of whales and other marine mammals that make up so much of the Inuit diet, and life could be made more difficult by the presence of more storms, clouds and snow.

Scientists will be closely monitoring whatever happens to the Arctic in the decades just ahead. The Arctic is ahead of the curve in global warming, which may allow scientists a peek at what will happen.

## Cable TV pioneer leaves legacy

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — The late cable television pioneer Bill Daniels has left his entire estate of about \$1.3 billion to help students, the poor, the elderly, the disabled, children and amateur athletes.

The first \$200 million of Daniels' estate has been transferred to the Daniels Fund, according to Philip Hogue, president of the Denver-based foundation.

Charitable causes in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah will benefit from up to \$5 million a year in interest on the principal, Hogue said last week.

Daniels wanted 30 percent of the fund's proceeds to go to scholarships for families earning less than \$40,000 a year.

Hogue said the Daniels Fund will not conduct the type of long-term research done by philanthropies interested in changing society, but will focus on immediate human needs.

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## State educators: One test cannot measure all of student's progress

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Superintendent of Public Instruction Judy Catchpole and other Wyoming education officials said they agree with the majority of Americans who told pollsters a student's progress cannot be measured accurately by one test.

The poll, conducted by Lantz Research and Laszlo and Associates, found that 63 percent of 800 registered voters believe that a single test can accurately summarize a student's yearlong achievement.

The poll, taken June 18-23, has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

American Association of School Administrators Executive Director Paul Houston, who released the results, said the idea behind a high-stakes examination is to test kids into excellence.

"It's been embraced by states because it's a relatively cheap intervention," he said. "It's

much easier to do than deal with some of the more core problems."

Scott Marion, the state Education Department's director of assessment and accountability, questioned the way the survey was conducted but wholeheartedly agreed with the association's stance.

Elected officials want "something they can point to" for quick and easy results, he said.

"The public is often misled by promises of simple solutions," he said. "They often don't know what they're getting into."

Wyoming's standardized test is used to measure school and student improvement but is not the only assessment.

"They can't be measured from one test," Catchpole said. "The poll found respondents essentially evenly split on whether students should be held back a grade for failing a standardized test."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Home Federal teams with Wal-Mart stores

**JEROME** — The Nampa-based Home Federal Savings and Loan Association will re-emerge in the Magic Valley with a branch in Wal-Mart's Jerome supercenter scheduled to open in August.

Home Federal announced this week it will open 10 branches in Wal-Mart supercenters around Idaho and more than double the association's full-service banking locations. It's a strategy the association will employ to branch out from its southwestern headquarters, said Anne Newton, vice president and director of marketing.

The news marks Home Federal's return to the Magic Valley. The association sold a Twin Falls branch to Farmers National Bank in 1997.

When Home Federal sold its local branch, it had been under different management, Newton said. Branch openings through Wal-Mart's stores will position the association for re-entry into the local market and the statewide arena, she said. The association's first four new branches will be in Nampa, Caldwell, Mountain Home and Jerome.

Another six will follow and include locations as far east as Blackfoot and as far north as Ponderay.

Home Federal says Wal-Mart supercenters' high shopper traffic and repeat weekly visits make the supercenters prime locations to operate bank branches.

The in-store facilities will offer full banking services, including checking and saving accounts, consumer loans, investment products and mortgage and home equity loans. The branches will be open at least 35 hours each week including Saturdays and Sundays.

There are no plans for a branch at Wal-Mart's Burley store, because it is not a chain supercenter, Newton said.

### More employers adopt drug-free workplaces

**TWIN FALLS** — Four more employers have adopted employee drug screening services, including the growing number of local businesses in the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project.

The newest members are Solo Cup Co. in Twin Falls, Hobby Horse Ranch Tractor and Equipment in Jerome, Lincoln Inn Cafe in Gooding, and OK Auto Systems Inc. in Twin Falls.

They join a growing list of businesses that have taken a stand against drugs in the workplace by signing onto the project, an ongoing statewide effort to publicly recognize companies that have drug-free workplaces meeting criteria established by the U.S. Department of Labor's "Employer's Guide to Dealing with Substance Abuse."

To be eligible for the project, a business must have a clear, comprehensive policy and provide training for supervisors; educate employees about the program and provide employee assistance; and use a policy that includes pre-employment, post-accident and reasonable-cause testing.

In addition, the business must be willing to be recognized publicly and talk to media about its program and submit its drug-free workplace policy for review. For more information, call Lisa Buddecke at 733-1300.

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# Working toward historical accuracy

## Commission mulls restoration in Twin Falls

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — History is good business. The Historic Downtown Business Improvement District — an 11-block area bisected by Main Avenue and Shoshone Street — was added to a national list of historic places earlier this year.

That means some BID businesses and property owners might have incentives to fix up their buildings — to the tune of a 20 percent tax credit.

But before individuals start remodeling, the Twin Falls City Historic Preservation Commission would like to see guidelines for BID property owners who want to make exterior changes, commission Chairman Paul Smith said.

"We're looking at the next step," Smith said. "We want to see if we can come up with some guidelines for the betterment of all."

Guidelines would help make the area uniform since anyone within the district wanting to make exterior changes to buildings, whether they are deemed historical or not, would have to abide by them, he said.

Downtown lenders and some property owners agree guidelines would help make downtown uniform.

"There can be a lot of business effects that accrue by maintaining an attractive historical downtown," BID executive director Tim Jones said. "When you have a district that retains some history or character of the area then people respond to that. People seek out these areas whether they are tourists or local."

"I think it's a good, warm, comfortable feeling. For people to enjoy their town, have it be their own," Jones added.

Being historical makes an area different for shoppers, downtown business Country Gift Garden owner Lisa Giesler said.

"It will help to differentiate us from the mall," she said. "Malls are stone and neon."

"I think the reason many communities have decided to go this route is history is good business," Smith said. "People like areas that are significantly unique. They are tired of buildings in their area not being unique."

Before the commission can establish guidelines for historic downtown a number of things need to happen.



Lisa Giesler, owner of Country Gift Garden, wanted to maintain the historical quality of her building when she remodeled the facade this month. To be as historically accurate as possible, she said she used old photographs in designing the changes.

First, the group is looking to raise between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to hire a professional to write the guidelines.

The commission would then approach the City Council to have the rules approved, Smith said. BID property owners could be leery of agreeing to property guidelines, which is why it will be important to make sure a proposal considers their needs and concerns.

Since everyone in the district would be held to the guidelines, whether or not they own a historic building, compensation for remodeling storefronts would come from a number of different sources.

Buildings on the National Register of Historic Places would be eligible for a 20

percent tax credit for renovation. Owners of buildings that did not make the register could fund renovation through the Urban Renewal Agency's Rehabilitation Financing Program.

The program provides a financing mechanism and incentive for individuals wanting to make improvements to their buildings, Urban Renewal Agency Director Dave McAlind said.

When the commission established the design guidelines for the Twin Falls Historic Warehouse District in 1997, they first looked at guidelines for other districts in Idaho.

"Then they took what would work in Twin Falls and made guidelines that would be 'palatable for everyone,'" Smith said.

Helping business owners understand the commission is not trying to hinder them is a major issue, Jones said.

"We'd sure like to assist building owners and businesses in making their business more attractive and still maintain some historical integrity," he said. "We're trying to help not hinder. Our challenge will be to sell the business aspect of history. That will be a challenge. Some people won't see it as a benefit."

As long as the guidelines are not too stringent and the commission works with property owners, some say they have no problem with them.

"I definitely agree (with the guidelines). It's still feasible for the businesses," Giesler said.

## Chamber: Tax money should fund Capitol restoration

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls' premier business organization will ask state lawmakers to have taxpayers fund restoration of Idaho's Capitol.

Board members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said this week they feel strongly that Idaho's people — not corporations — should pay for the project, said Kent Just, the chamber's executive director. When the chamber board forms its next round of legislative lobbying positions, it will ask lawmakers to take the Capitol restoration money from the state's general fund, he said.

The Idaho Capitol Commission wants to finish restoration by July 2005, the 100th anniversary of groundbreaking at the Capitol, and plans to pay for the work through a combination of public money and private donations. Restoration estimates range from \$40 million to \$50 million. Itemized cost estimates should be ready by the 2001 Legislature.

Here's a roundup of other Twin Falls chamber business:

• The chamber Wednesday wrapped up the second round of

focus sessions that are helping to form the organization's strategic plan.

On June 29, the planning task team will meet to fill any holes left by the discussions so far. Just said. And on July 11, the chamber will gather the people who had a hand in recent focus sessions so they can collaborate on the wording of the document, get rid of duplications and organize the information.

That should yield a working document for the chamber to present to members for the first time at its 7th annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction Aug. 17 at City Park. Members attending the August event will receive copies of the draft strategic plan along with questionnaires soliciting feedback. Just said. By the board's September meeting, it expects to have a completed five-year strategy.

• Business Plus II, the Twin Falls chamber's \$1.5 million economic- and community-development campaign, will give Watco Companies Inc. a job-creation incentive grant of \$12,000 rather than \$8,000 sometime in early summer, the chamber board decided this week.

That's because Watco's expanded project in Old Towne Twin Falls will create at least 12 new jobs paying between \$20,000 and \$40,000 annually per job, Just said.

Watco plans to administer seven railroads and its other rail-related operations out of a Twin Falls office, a company representative said earlier, after the city's Urban Renewal Agency in April cleared the way by approving a land swap.

Watco, the parent of Eastern Idaho Railroad, got the agency-owned building that once housed the Hotsy Steam Store of Magic Valley Inc., at 156 Fourth Ave. S. in Twin Falls. In exchange, the agency got Watco's 1.49 acres stretching between the railroad tracks and the west end of Minidoka Avenue. That area could become marked parking for Old Towne's nearby developments, and landscaping to spruce up the highly visible entrance to the redeveloping warehouse district.

• Later this month the chamber will announce a new membership service in conjunction with The Times-News, Just said.

The chamber last month reached an agreement with The Times-News Online to create an

online listing of chamber members' local employment opportunities.

The new site should give folks considering a move to Twin Falls another reason to come — that is, an easily searchable database of jobs, categorized both by type and alphabetically by employer name.

Visitors to [www.twinfallschamber.com](http://www.twinfallschamber.com) or the newspaper's high-traffic [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com) will see a link to the online jobs listing. That listing, in turn, will have either detailed descriptions of the available Magic Valley jobs or links to details on the employers' own Web sites, if the participating companies have sites.

• A trade fair from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport will feature 45 booths and is expected to draw close to 400 people. The chamber holds Business After Hours trade fairs — social gatherings with free food — to help businesses show their stuff to fellow chamber members.

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## Drivers get paid to post ads

Knight Ridder News Service

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Susan Jarboe drives a billboard.

In most respects, her mode of transportation appears to be a normal, white VW New Beetle, that has become the car of choice among the dot-com crowd. But it has one major distinguishing feature: It is covered from bumper to bumper with the logo of a local start-up called MobileEngines.

For this, the 33-year-old gets paid \$350 a month, which covers most of the car payment on the Bug. Jarboe and MobileEngines — a wireless Internet start-up — were brought together courtesy of a new San Francisco-based company called MyFreeCar.com. The company pays car owners to plaster their vehicles with advertisements from select companies.

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# Greenspan opposes lifting ceiling on deposit insurance to \$200,000

**WASHINGTON**—A U.S. banking industry campaign to increase the deposit insurance ceiling to \$200,000 per account ran into a wall Wednesday, when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told a Senate panel they would view such an increase as a major policy mistake.

Responding to a question from Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, Summers said boosting the ceiling to \$200,000 would be a "serious public policy error." This

would undermine "market discipline on the banking system and thereby increase systemic risk," Summers said.

The secretary also termed such an increase "not necessary" to protect against the possibility of a crisis.

Greenspan made similar objections, calling deposit insurance a "subsidized structure" that distorts market process. An increase to \$200,000 "almost by definition" would give a subsidy to upper income depositors.

Greenspan acknowledged that inflation has eroded the real value of the current \$100,000 ceiling. However, he argued that

the decision over a decade ago to increase the ceiling from \$40,000 was a mistake, and added that taking the ceiling any higher would be a "major policy mistake."

Several trade association representing the banking industry urged regulators and Congress to increase the ceiling as a way to reverse the flow of customer funds from savings accounts to more attractive financial instruments, such as mutual funds. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is competing this idea as part of a broad review of the deposit insurance. However, he argued that

# WorldCom/Sprint merger isn't settled

**BRUSSELS, Belgium**—The European Union on Wednesday said it wishes to emphasize the fact it is too soon to speculate on its decision concerning the proposed merger of U.S. phone operators WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Inc. as the merger advisory committee has not yet given its decision on the merger.

The EU added that July 12 is the official deadline for a ruling. The statement follows an earlier report by the Washington Post

which implied EU antitrust authorities had set a blow-off deadline for the proposed merger between WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Inc. as the deal would give both companies a too-prominent position in the Internet market.

EU Competition Commission spokeswoman Amelia Torres earlier refused to comment on the report and so did European officials from WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Inc.

The Washington Post, in its online edition late Tuesday, said Competition Commission

Mario Monti is said to have decided the deal between the two phone operators should be blocked and the companies' proposal to sell Sprint's Internet business was insufficient to overcome competition concerns.

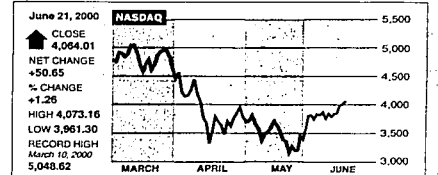
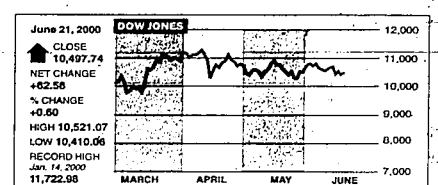
WorldCom Inc.'s \$115-billion acquisition of Sprint Corp. requires approval from the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission; State regulatory authorities in the U.S.; and the European Union. Sprint shareholders approved the deal in April.

# Stocks rise; Nasdaq recovers

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Microsoft helped propel the Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq composite higher Wednesday after a federal judge delayed implementing business restrictions against the software company.

The Nasdaq rose for the fifth straight day and very nearly returned to where it began the year. The index, which has mounted a steady recovery from devastating losses in April and May, is now just less than six points below its Dec. 31, 1999, close. At its low point on May 23, the Nasdaq was down 28.6 percent for the year.

"We're seeing the continued shift out of industrial and value companies and into growth companies," said Tom Galvin, chief equity strategist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in New York. Yet he pointed out that without Microsoft, market averages would have barely budged Wednesday, suggesting that investors remain uncertain.



The Nasdaq rose 50.65 points to close at 4,064.01. The index closed at 4,069.31 on Dec. 31. Even with the comeback, Nasdaq is still 19.5 percent below the all-time high of 5,048.62 reached March 10.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 62.58 Wednesday to 10,497.74 and the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.18 to 1,479.13.

Microsoft climbed 55.75 to \$80.688. In a surprise move late Tuesday afternoon, a federal judge said he would delay certain business restrictions which appeals the antitrust decision that could force it to be broken in two. The judge's initial ruling called for Microsoft to implement certain business restrictions which appeals the antitrust decision that could force it to be broken in two. The judge's initial ruling called for Microsoft to implement certain business restrictions which appeals the antitrust decision that could force it to be broken in two. The judge's initial ruling called for Microsoft to implement certain business restrictions which appeals the antitrust decision that could force it to be broken in two.

The broader technology sector was mixed. Handspan, a maker of handheld electronic organizers, made a solid if unremarkable debut on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Shares were priced at \$20 and rose to \$26.93.

Oracle was lower for most of the day before finishing with a gain of 14.1 cents, closing at \$86.18.

After the close of trading Tuesday, the company announced that fourth-quarter results that handily beat expectations.

But Oracle shares have run up substantially in recent weeks, prompting some investors to take profits Wednesday. Also, analysts said some investors may have been disappointed in the relatively slow growth of Oracle's core database business.

Investors are scouring corporate earnings reports for any signs of weakness and have proven themselves ready to punish any company that misses analysts' estimates, which shows any sign of slowing growth.

"We're in a period where investors recognize that the economy is slowing, but they understand that there will be some pain holes along the way," Galvin said.

Rising interest rates have begun hurting profits at a wide range of companies, and investors remain unsure of whether the Federal Reserve has finished boosting rates. The central bank, which has increased rates six times in the past year in a bid to contain inflation, will hold its next meeting June 27-28, and anticipation of that meeting is keeping many investors on the sidelines.

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DJIA	10,497.74	+62.58	+0.60	
S&P 500	1,479.13	+3.18	+0.22	
NASDAQ	4,064.01	+50.65	+1.25	
RUSSELL 2000	1,015.00	+15.00	+1.50	
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Symbol	Dir	Last	Chg	%
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ADG	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADJ	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADK	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADL	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADM	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADN	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADO	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
ADP	10.00	+0.10	+1.00	
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## HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in 118 largest. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

**Notes:** Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names are followed by their ticker symbols. The first number is the bid price and the second is the ask price. The third number is the bid-ask spread. The fourth number is the volume of shares traded. The fifth number is the change in price. The sixth number is the percentage change in price. The seventh number is the high price. The eighth number is the low price. The ninth number is the open price. The tenth number is the close price. The eleventh number is the previous day's close price. The twelfth number is the previous day's open price. The thirteenth number is the previous day's high price. The fourteenth number is the previous day's low price. The fifteenth number is the previous day's volume. The sixteenth number is the previous day's net change. The seventeenth number is the previous day's percentage change. The eighteenth number is the previous day's high price. The nineteenth number is the previous day's low price. The twentieth number is the previous day's volume.

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CLOSING FUTURES

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MARKETS

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WHEAT

Table with columns: Grade, Price, Change. Lists various wheat grades and their market prices.

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POTLATCH JOBS

Article discussing the impact of timber workers' head back to Potlatch jobs, mentioning the company's financial situation and the workers' concerns.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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## The hills come alive with . . .

# MOUNTAIN WILDFLOWERS



Many areas of the South Hills are awash with wildflowers such as lupine, foreground, and mule's ear, background.



Blooming flowers are a magnet for nature photographers.

Story and photos by  
Mark Weber  
Times-News  
correspondent

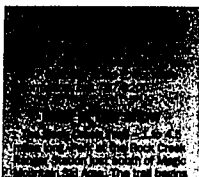
## Dozens of flower species carpet the forest floor and mountain slopes

Without fail, the arrival of late spring and early summer brings an explosion of color and beauty to southern Idaho's mountains. Dozens of flower species carpet the forest floor and mountain slopes providing a show that nothing else can match. Whether you find yourself in deep forest, on sun-drenched slopes or wind-swept ridges, chances are that mountain wildflowers are somewhere nearby.

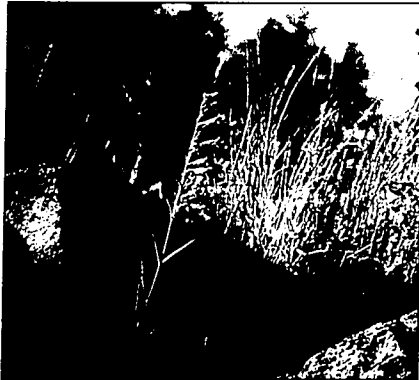
Some of nature's most elegant wildflowers are hidden among the forest's shadows. Look for the fragile crimson columbine where it's cool and shady. Its large, red-colored flower hangs from a long and narrow stem which dangles like a bell. Another beauty that prefers filtered light is the tall and multi-flowered western monkshood. Its off-violet flower is easily recognized by its resemblance to its namesake.

Beyond the forest, open slopes are often awash with colorful wildflowers. Look for large yellow mule's ear, which is commonly found clustered among the sagebrush. Then there are the tiny but aromatic hooker's onion, the multi-flowered stems of penstemon, and brilliant purple bunches of nuttall's larkspur.

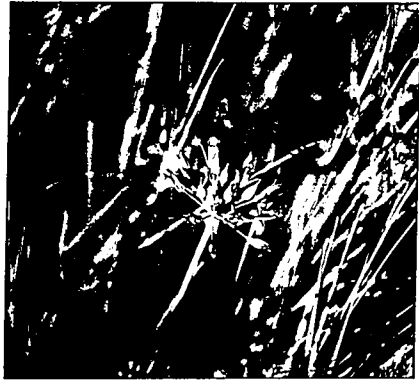
In harsh locations, such as



The columbine is a fragile beauty that prefers filtered light. The tall and multi-flowered western monkshood is easily recognized by its resemblance to its namesake.



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Mule's ear is a large, yellow flower commonly found clustered among the sagebrush.

exposed ridges, look for hardy and tenacious species like the sky pilot. Its miniature blue-violet flowers can be found hidden among the rocks.

Dwarf monkeyflower also needs little soil to flourish; its lavender petals are painted with

a contrasting black and yellow design. These stalwart flowers are well adapted to life on the barren and rocky landscapes of southern Idaho. But it often takes a sharp eye

to spot them. These flowers are small and live close to the ground, where the incessant wind can do them little harm. To truly appreciate these tiny wonders, you have to get up close

and personal. An easy hike can provide the perfect perspective to closely examine and ponder these fragile gems. A good wildflower book also is handy for identifying different species; the

"Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers" is one of the most popular. Also bring a camera because this is the time of year when the hills are alive with color.

## Be one with the river in a kayak

Knight Rider News Services

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Ready for the cold spray of whitewater, for the tension, the demands, the thrills of riding the roaring rapids? Get a kayak. Ready to run great rivers or to play all day in the eddies and waves? Or maybe just to lose yourself on a leisurely drift through remote canyons? Get a kayak!

"A kayak is an adrenaline junkie's dream," said Harry Wallace, a whitewater enthusiast and certified instructor who guides raft trips for the Air Force Academy.

From humble beginnings, kayaks have come a long way. The early Eskimo models were primarily hunting boats, maneuverable and easy to paddle. They were made of seal skins, stretched over a rigid frame.

Today's versions are made of modern synthetic materials, and though the basic concept is the same, their design has been

modified, customized and tweaked for a multitude of specialized applications.

"At one time, kayaking meant river running - putting in at one point, floating down and taking out at another," said Carl Fox, who owns a kayak shop in Colorado Springs.

"While that's still a part of it, it's only one part. The trend today is more toward 'play boats,' and even that has its branches."

River-running kayaks generally are longer, sharp-ended and designed to hold a steady course downstream. Play boats, as a rule, are shorter, more stable and easily maneuverable. They're designed especially for standing on end and performing prouettes, and they also execute spins, flips and other moves.

Regardless of boat choice, kayaking begins with mastery of fundamentals.

"It's not as hard as it looks," Wallace said. "That is, it's not hard once you get it. Like skiing,

it takes some time to acquire the skills, the techniques and the muscle tone. You'll be working hard while you're learning; you'll be tired at the end of the day. But once you've acquired the techniques, it all gets a lot easier."

Kayak lessons begin with flat-water sessions, most likely in a swimming pool.

"The first thing is the roll," Wallace said. "I prefer they (beginners) learn how to roll a boat first. That's the No. 1 fear factor to overcome. Then, everything else is possible."

"It weels out a lot of people, but it's very important."

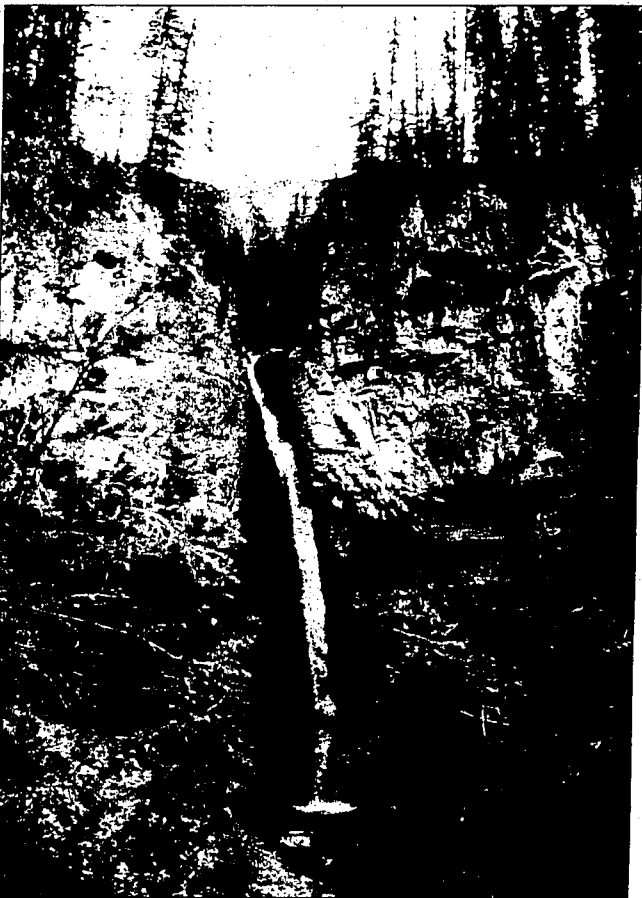
After novices have mastered rolling and making water exits, class sessions move to a lake for instruction and practice in maneuvering the boat.

"If you're going to a river, you need to know you can handle the boat," Wallace said. "You need to be able to stop and turn - you have to have the fundamentals to build on."



Whitney Smith, an English teacher at the College of Southern Idaho, and a sodden comrade navigate the South Fork of the Boise River in an inflatable kayak on Sunday. Inflatable kayaks aren't as maneuverable as hard-shell kayaks, but they are easy for beginners to paddle in intimidating whitewater.

OUTDOORS



Enchantress Falls, which drops about 100 feet from the north face of Ablather Peak in Yellowstone Park, Wyo. is shown in this 1997 file photo. The photo is included in a book by waterfall hunters who, since 1989, have documented and named nearly 230 Yellowstone waterfalls never before mapped, named, photographed or described.

## Discoverers document, name never-before-mapped waterfalls

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — It began more than five years ago as a simple personal challenge: Visit each of the 50 or so known waterfalls in Yellowstone National Park and look for others missing from park maps and records.

"We would have been thrilled to find three or four waterfalls that had never been documented before," says Paul Rubinstein, who began stalking waterfalls during time off from a summer job in the park gift shops.

Rubinstein and fellow waterfall hunters Lee Whitesley and Mike Stevens have since documented and named nearly 230 Yellowstone waterfalls never before mapped, named, photographed or described, a feat of exploration rare in the modern world, especially in a national park visited by more than 3 million people each year.

Along with the way they ran into grizzly bears, were struck by lightning and happened onto a remote and rugged section of the park so laden with towering waterfalls they named it "Valhalla" after the lofty realm of Norse mythology.

The modern-day Corps of Discovery tell the story of their quest and describe the approximately 280 waterfalls now known in the park in a new book, "The Guide to Yellowstone Waterfalls

and Their Discovery," due out in July from Westcliffe Publishers.

In 320 pages and more than 200 photographs, the book contains what may be one of the greatest records of geographical discovery in Yellowstone since the first reports of the surveys that probed the geyser-filled wilderness before the turn of the century.

Some park veterans fear the book gives away the very secrets that make Yellowstone such a wondrous place to explore, but others see it as an engaging reminder of how much remains to be found even in an age of satellite reconnaissance and Global Positioning System technology.

"What makes it so exciting today is that the people who were credited with the discovery of Yellowstone and its main features all came over a relatively short period of a few years just before and after it became a park," says Judith Meyer, an assistant professor of geography at Southwest Missouri State University and an authority on the park's geographical history who wrote the foreword for the waterfall book. "It's been 125 years and nothing this big has come out of the park since then."

The newly documented waterfalls include many of the tallest and most spectacular in Yellowstone, although few rival the dimensions of the well-known

Upper and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River. The sheer numbers of falls in Yellowstone may surpass even the total found in Yosemite National Park, which is famous for its waterfalls.

The new book's three authors and others who searched out Yellowstone's falls with their coined names they hope reflect the character of each one.

And the book's authors doubt they have found all of Yellowstone's watery wonders.

"At the beginning it seemed like every time went out looking for a waterfall we'd heard about somewhere, we'd find three more we had never heard about," says Stevens, a high school math teacher in California who works summers in Yellowstone as a tour guide. "I'm convinced the park is still teeming with undiscovered waterfalls, but they're even more difficult to access."

## Camping takes outdoor adventures to new heights with posh equipment

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Camping just isn't like it used to be.

The outdoor adventure used to mean filling the family car's trunk with a canvas tent, a heavy camp stove, blocks of ice and roll-up sleeping bags for the family.

These days, camping is fun, and as complex, as you want it to be.

For campers who can't leave civilization behind, TV and VCR combos can plug into the car's cigarette lighter. So can electric refrigerator-like coolers (no ice needed).

Less posh, but more in keeping with the back-to-nature spirit, are advances in materials that have made camping gear — everything from sleeping bags to camp stoves — lighter and stronger.

"Sleeping bags are getting better, changing fabrics on the outside, getting more techie," confirms Jon Claxton, manager and buyer for San Luis Obispo's

Granite Stairway mountaineering store. "I don't know if it's posh... But this is an industry that changes every season."

Everything is going lighter. Design is also getting more people-friendly. How? Sierra Designs is now marketing sleeping bags that stretch, such as the woman's Dream Weaver for about \$209. Smaller, breathable dome shapes with super-light carbon-fiber and aluminum poles are also on the market.

"Tents don't take up the whole trunk of the car," says Wayne Patterson, owner of San Luis Obispo's Mountain Air sports.

In some ways, advances in technology can actually save the consumer money.

Claxton says basic waterproof and breathable jackets, which used to be a high-end item, are now available for under \$200.

In other cases, lightweight technology (in a backpack, for instance) costs an extra \$100 to \$200, and sheds less than 10

ounces. For people willing to spend more money on their outdoor hobby, there are also gadgets. Stores like Mountain Air and Granite Stairway offer a mix of these, from camping espresso makers and wrist altimeters to \$15 titanium spoons.

Truthfully, a lot of items that can make camping more comfortable aren't all that new. Mountain Air's Patterson points to Sun Showers (hanging pouches of spongy water attached to a shower head) and self-inflating Thermo-Rest pads, popular throughout the past decade, as examples of the trend.

Coleman, marketed through Sears, also offers more family-oriented comfort gear: camping-style lanterns powered by remote control, and inflatable camp furniture in outdoor-grade plastic.

For the ecologically minded, solar flashlights (Solar Verrier, \$24.95) sell at stores like REI's Internet site.

"There's always something new coming out," says Claxton.

## Oregon trail offers up hikers' haven

CHARLESTON, Ore. (AP) — A South Slough safari in spring is a perfect time to stop and smell the skunk cabbage.

Well, actually, it's not even necessary to stop hiking to pick up the pungent odor of the yellow-blossomed plant that hangs heavy in the moist air along the Skunk Cabbage Boardwalk.

The wooden walkway winds through an area where freshwater and saltwater marshes clutch each other in a slow waltz to the rhythm of the tides.

It's an appropriate place to begin talking about the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, a semi-secret getaway for nature lovers that's accessible by land and by sea.

Located about three miles south of Charleston is the blue heron or black brant flies, the 4,700-acre reserve offers good hiking, prime canoe and kayak paddling, and the opportunity to explore a complex and fascinating habitat rich with plant and animal life.

South Slough was the nation's first National Estuarine Research Reserve. Created in 1974 after Congress passed a bill aimed at protecting the nation's remaining tidal wetlands, it led the way for 25 other reserves now in the National Estuarine Research Reserve system.

(There are only three others on the West Coast — one in Washington and two in California.)

Think of estuarine reserves as mini national parks for ghost shrimp, lug worms, smelt and hundreds of other creatures that make their homes among the eelgrass, mud flats and salt marshes.

In addition to providing stewardship for important public lands, the estuarine reserves were charged by Congress with two other responsibilities — research and education.

Unlike the national parks, however, this small, off-the-beaten-track refuge with the big name doesn't attract crowds. Only about 10,000 visitors a year are counted at the reserve's Interpretive Center.

Estuaries — places where rivers meet the sea — aren't really that glamorous. At low tide, there's mud everywhere. But estuaries are the richest, most productive

places on Earth when it comes to plant and animal life. They are the modern version of the primordial ooze.

"A salt marsh is more productive than a corn field, it's more productive than a forest," said biologist Celeste Carlisle, the reserve's estuarine interpreter.

"If you threw a Hula Hoop out on the salt marsh and watched it for a year, the biomass that was produced inside that Hula Hoop is greater than if you threw that Hula Hoop out into a corn field and measured the biomass produced there in a year."

Estuaries are also rich in animal life. Tiny marine organisms feed on nutrients produced when all that vegetation decomposes. Fish and shellfish feed on the tiny marine creatures. Birds and larger mammals feed on everything.

In 1987, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife documented the estuary's diversity by identifying more than 70 species of fish that spent at least part of their life cycle in the estuary.

The South Slough reserve's 600 acres of tidal lands and 100 acres of freshwater marsh are cradled by nearly 4,000 acres of coastal uplands filled with Douglas fir, cedar, Sitka spruce and western

hemlock trees. The forest is home to elk, deer, bear and beaver.

All this provides a varied setting for outdoor recreation.

Hiking is the most popular activity, followed by canoeing and kayaking.

The main hiking attraction is the Estuary Study Trail, which begins at the reserve interpretive center, located just off Seaside and 4.5 miles south of Charleston.

The trail winds its way down hill to Hidden Creek, then follows the creek to the wetland crossed by the Skunk Cabbage Boardwalk. The skunk cabbage, which really doesn't smell as bad as their namesake, are in bloom now and should remain in the flowering stage for another month.

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# Fish & Game release surplus of steelhead smolt

**JEROME** - If you like catching steelhead, then head for Oakley, Salmon Falls Creek and Roseworth reservoirs.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game recently stocked the three reservoirs with surplus steelhead smolts from the Niagara Springs hatchery.

The hatchery, which is operated by the Idaho Power Co. to offset the effects of its dams, exceeded this year's mitigation goal of 400,000 pounds of fish. With the Snake and Salmon rivers fully stocked, Fish and Game turned to local reservoirs. Oakley Reservoir got 13,250 fish, while Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir got 13,250, and Roseworth Reservoir got 9,900. Other steelhead smolts were planted in Mountain Home, Cascade and Arrowrock reservoirs.

The fish were about 9 inches long when released in late May. Every fish had its adipose fin clipped, so anglers will know they've caught a steelhead.

Though they are actually steelhead, the surplus fish are considered resident rainbow trout - so a steelhead tag is not required. However, they must be counted

### Outdoors in brief

like any other trout in the daily bag limit of six.

For more information, call Fish and Game at 324-4359.

### Fish and Game to take comments from public

**STANLEY (AP)** - State Fish and Game Commissioners will continue to take public comment on the proposed predator management policy when they meet next month.

The policy is posted on the department's web site under "What's New."

People can comment on the proposal at open house meetings, which will be announced locally. A decision may come later this summer.

Dale Towell, coordinator of the comment process for predator policy, said the policy is intended to "ensure that department actions are bounded by good science and good management."

compiled from staff, wire reports

# California's redwoods wow tourists

**CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP)** - You've seen one redwood, you've seen 'em all, right? How many times, really, can you wander through a patch of redwoods and be awed by the sheer beauty of these 2,500-year-old things? How many times does staring at a tree that was around when the Romans ruled the world make your life seem irrelevant? How many times can you be flat-out amazed by the sheer tenacity of redwoods to survive for 25 centuries?

Every time, actually, if you have any smol at all, because redwoods in California are, in fact, a big deal.

The West Coast has the market cornered, with just the right climate and the right topography to allow redwoods to grow - one of only two places in the world which has the right set of conditions for the big tree to flourish (A type of tree called the "diavro redwood" - Metasequoia glyptostroboides - grows in central China.)

California redwoods come in two varieties. Coastal redwoods (Sequoia sempervirens) are tall and slender, and their cousins, which grow only on the western slopes of the Sierra (Sequoiadendron giganteum) are tall and fat. The biggest of the Sierra trees grow more than 300 feet high and have bases 40 feet in diameter. Coastal trees get up to about 370 feet (that's almost 40 stories high) and have bases about 20 feet in diameter.

Coastal redwoods grow in a narrow belt from the Bay Area all the way into Oregon. California counts several redwood state parks from Monterey County on north.

But redwood center is a foggy strip of coast and low mountains that starts about 20 miles north of Eureka and runs to Oregon. Here you find the state of California and the National Park Service operating parks and preserves

that protect almost 110,000 acres of coastal redwoods, including about 40,000 acres of old-growth trees. It's estimated that when Europeans first saw the redwood forests, they covered at least 2 million acres.

There are three state parks working with the National Park Service in the Crescent City area: Prairie Creek Redwoods (established in 1929); Del Norte Coast Redwoods (1925); and Jedediah Smith Redwoods (1929). Redwood National Park was established in 1968 and enlarged in 1978. The four parks together are a World Heritage Site and an International Biosphere Reserve.

The National Park Service says that the tallest tree in the world was found in 1963 along Redwood Creek in the national park: almost 368 feet high. Wandering through the parks - and getting that crack in your neck - is stupendous. Just when you think you've seen 'em all, you come around a corner, and there's another tree that astonishes you.

The question then becomes, which stand of redwoods in all these thousands of acres is the best? Which one sticks in your mind, which one above all the others says REDWOOD?

Some tree fanciers would suggest the Tall Trees Grove (where that 368-footer dwells). Others would suggest the Lady Bird Johnson Grove. Both of these are in Redwood National Park, near Orick. Some would point to Humboldt Redwood State Park, south of Eureka, with one of the biggest groves in the state park system. But if you want to see the clutch of trees that says it all, go to Jedediah Redwoods State Park and find the Stout Grove. Here is probably the most beautiful stand of old growth redwoods on the planet.

Take Highway 199 east from

Highway 101 north of Crescent City to the Hiouchi Visitor Center in the park. From there, you follow directions to a couple of bridges that cross the south fork of the Smith River to Howland Hill Road and the trail head. The trail to the grove is not difficult and only a half-mile long. The trail is also accessible from the nearby Jedediah Smith campground. Prepare to be stunned.

The combined state and federal park partnership in the Crescent City area offers a range of activities in addition to tree hugging. There are almost 60 miles of foot trails in the national park, more than 100 in the state parks. There are more than 15 miles of bike trails in the national park, 40 in the state parks. There

are about 40 miles of horse trails in the national park.

Back-country camping is also available in the parks and in the adjacent national forests. The Smith River is the largest undammed river in the state and is a favorite for seasonal runs of salmon and steelhead.

There are no accommodations in the parks. The state parks charge day-use (\$5) and camping fees (\$12-\$16); the national park doesn't. Camping reservations - recommended during the summer - are available through the state park reservation system: (800) 444-7275 or www.reserveamerica.com. Seen one redwood, seen 'em all, right? Get a life. Hug a tree. Get a crack in your neck. Be humbled.

# Man spends time skating, designing them for K2

**VASHON, Wash. (AP)** - Drew Krahn spends his free time, his lunch time and often his work time skating.

Krahn, a San Diego native who spent 10 years as a Boeing engineer, now works for K2 in its research and development division, designing skates.

At this company in Vashon Island, 20 minutes by ferry from Seattle, employees are outdoors enthusiasts who take advantage of their jobs to personally test the equipment they produce.

"The best thing about working here is the freedom to innovate and try new ideas," Krahn said. "Plus, you get to use yourself as a guinea pig."

K2 is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of sporting goods and recreational and

industrial products, including K2 and Olin alpine skis; K2 snowboards, boots and bindings; K2 in-line and ice skates; K2 comfort and BMX mountain bikes; Stearns sports equipment; Shakespeare fishing tackle; and Dana Design backpacks.

K2 was born in the 1960s when brothers Bill and Don Kirchner, who made animal splints and kennels, decided to look for new uses for reinforced plastic. The two started making skis in 1964.

Starting with 250 pairs, they grew to 1,500 pairs by 1967, enough to warrant a separate company, K2, named for the world's second largest mountain (so-called because it was the second mountain in the China's Karakoram range to be surveyed) - and the two brothers.

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A Haven for Magic Valley's Do-It-Yourselves, Builders, Contractors!

<b>WATER HEATER</b> 6 year warranty on parts and tank. 50 gallon, two 4000 watt elements. If factor 19-2, energy factor 82. 21" diameter. 58-1/2" high. 240 volt. <b>184<sup>75</sup></b>	<b>FIBERGLASS TUB AND SHOWER COMBINATION</b> Built-in soap dish. 60" x 32". Acrylic grab bar. Slip resistant bottom. Three year warranty on finish. <b>188<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>SELF-CLEANING WATER HEATER</b> 12 year warranty on parts and tank. 50 gallon. Two 3500 watt stainless steel elements. 240 volt. <b>232<sup>25</sup></b>	<b>200 AMP MOBILE HOME PANEL</b> Equipped with all solid copper bussing and provides eight branch circuits. UL listed. Weatherproof. 30" circuit. <b>99<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>METAL LOOP LAV FAUCET</b> Butt-weld assembly. Metal loop handle. Chrome-plated alloy body. 50/50 brass pop-up. 4" center. <b>44<sup>98</sup></b>					
<b>SPRINKLER SYSTEM CLOCK TIMER</b> Easy to install and use. Programmable run times. 4 zone. Three scheduling options. Two-year warranty. <b>66<sup>57</sup></b>	<b>CHROME FINISH NOSTALGIA FAUCET</b> 1/4 turn washers/valves. Porcelain lever handles. 2" center set. Chrome plated solid brass construction. All brass pop-up. <b>35<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>GAS WATER HEATER</b> 40 gallon. 120,000 BTU. Authorized steel burner. 6-year warranty on tank and parts. <b>189<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>BRASS FINISH NOSTALGIA FAUCET</b> Extraordinarily durable new vapor deposition finish with chrome water. Solid brass construction. 1/4 turn washers/valves. 1/4 turn washers/valves. All brass pop-up. <b>35<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>DESIGNED ONE PIECE TOILET</b> 1 1/2 gallon per flush. 8" x 9" water surface. Powerful gravity-fed flushing action. 5-year warranty. Conventional 12" rough-in. <b>192<sup>85</sup></b>					
<b>WRAPAROUND FIXTURE</b> Two 4 foot 10 watt tube capacity. High grade prismatic diffuser. American made. (Lamps not included). <b>19<sup>92</sup></b>	<b>STREAM ROTOR SPRINKLER</b> 15-32 feet throw. 5-year warranty. 5-2.5 gallons per minute. <b>12<sup>55</sup></b>	<h1>GROVER</h1> <p>130 Eastland Drive South • Twin Falls, Idaho It's Worth the Drive! 733-7304 Monday-Friday 8:00-6:00 • Saturday 8:00-5:00 • Sunday 9:00-4:30 Some items limited to retail sales. Certain items may not be readily available at all locations. Special order and raincheck policy given. Prices effective through June 28, 2000.</p>			<b>ANTI-SIPHON PRESSURE VACUUM BREAKERS</b> Designed to prevent back siphonage in domestic water systems. All sprinkler systems should have one. 3/4" diameter <b>62<sup>19</sup></b> 1" diameter <b>66<sup>19</sup></b>	<b>PREVENTION DEVICE</b> Designed to prevent back siphonage in domestic water systems. All sprinkler systems should have one. <b>75<sup>00</sup></b>	<b>LAV FAUCET</b> 1/4 turn. 4" center. Chrome plated alloy handles. Brass construction. All brass pop-up. Meets all code requirements for lead free faucets. AIAA/ADA approved. 1/4 turn. <b>28<sup>98</sup></b>	<b>ACRYLIC LIGHTPUFF™ FIXTURE</b> 4-foot, 2-tube fluorescent. White acrylic diffuser. Mount from side for access. 51-1/4" x 11-1/4" (Lamps not included). <b>84<sup>92</sup></b>	<b>FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURES</b> Showing more than 300 decorative fixtures, imported and domestic. A complete recessed and track department by Juno and Hubbell and decorative utility and light commercial fluorescent fixtures by Light Concepts. Lithonia and weatherproof metal halide/high pressure sodium fixtures by RAD and Hubbell. Decorative light fixtures at deep discounts on lights you want. In stock are high quality fixtures manufactured by some of the best in the lighting business. Our huge inventory consists of fixtures that are sure to satisfy your budget and decor. <b>106<sup>98</sup></b>

# COMICS

## Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



## Dilbert

By Scott Adams



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## Garfield

By Jim Davis



## Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



## The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



## Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



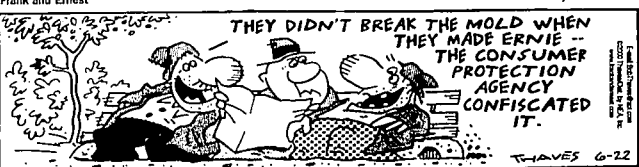
## Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



## Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



## The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



## For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnson



## Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



## Pickles

By Brian Crim



## Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



## The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



## Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



## Zits

By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



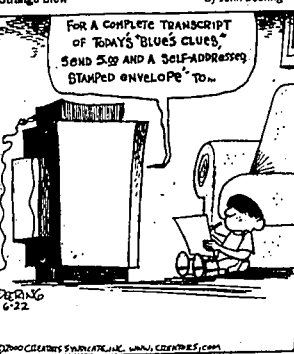
## Luann

By Greg Evans



## Strange Brew

By John Deering



## Non Sequiter

By Wiley







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FIDELITY BOND NOTICE OF DEFAULTS TO RIGHT TO CURE... YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All words and phrases herein which have the first letters thereof capitalized are defined in the attached copy of the Deed of Trust, consisting of one page.

THENCE South 89°15'02" West 782.76 feet to a set 1/4" dia iron pin which is on the East 1/8th line of the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 14 E., B.M., Twin Falls County, Idaho.

July 11th, 2000 at the City Hall meeting room, 128 East Broadway, Kimberly, Idaho, at approximately 7:00 P.M.

ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF BY AND THROUGH ATTORNEY AT LAW ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU... NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS...

mons and Notice of Trial Setting and Notice of the date of the trial shall be five (5) days before the date of the trial.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO CURE. You have a right to cure by paying the amount of money due plus interest and attorney's fees...

EXCEPT: Township 11 North, Range 14 E., B.M., Twin Falls County, Idaho. COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Section 5; THENCE South 89°53'38" West parallel to the North boundary of Section 5 for a distance of 790.30 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

I, LAW BUILDINGS for the City of Kimberly, Idaho, as the City Clerk, do hereby certify that the above described City streets, alleyways, and sidewalks are being laid out...

TO: Dorothy Benedictus YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Court has entered judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the above captioned case.

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Inter/News Media Sales
The Times-News has an immediate opening for a...

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Exper. teacher needed in
201 N. 25th St. for date
324-5211, ask for John...

DRIVERS
B & T Truck Driving
School. Bus, A, B, C
classes. Class A CDL or
refresher. Only certified at...

GENERAL
Construction supply co.
Must be crazy & depend-
able. Will train. 733-1966.

LABORERS
Buhl area. 733-6277.
MANAGER
FT manager for gift shop,
dresses include, schedul-

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Person needed for the
weekends. Apply in
person at Mrs. Powell's in
the Magic Valley Mall...

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IF YOU WORK IN THE CONVENIENCE STORE
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The Magic Valley's Largest Convenience Store Chain is
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staff support, complete
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News, PO Box 548, Twin
Falls, ID 83303.
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GARDEN OF EDEN
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PT Receptionist needed.
Evenings & weekends.
Please apply in person at
Bridgview Estates
1828 Bridgview Blvd.
Twin Falls, Idaho
83303. EOE

DRIVER
Team drivers needed.
Contact Mat or Richard at
623-5312

CLERICAL
Senior Service
733-7000 or 878-4040
PERSONNEL PLUS

EDUCATION
New hiring ads for summer
school. Contact Bette
Reed, District Clerk at
837-4777 for application.

CLERICAL
Part-time position. Duties
include filing, answering
phones, routine office
duties. Drug screening
and pre-employment
physical required. St.
Benefits Family Medical
Center, 739 N. Main,
Twin Falls, ID 83303. EOE

GRAIN HANDLERS
Burley and Buhl area.
733-6277

COMMERCIAL SALES
Rep. Sec Tech Software &
Protection is seeking an
outside sales rep. ser-
vice the Southern ID.
Region. No overnight
travel req. Must have exp.
in outside sales. Compensation
inc. salary, commission
and benefits. Send
resume: PO Box 2185,
Twin Falls, ID 83303

FACTORY
Machine operators, line
work, 2 shifts, start time 8
am-6 pm. Great company.
SOB Staffing Service
663 E. 2nd St. Div. N.
736-4473

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have exp. in transportation.
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FINANCE
Wells Fargo Financial is
looking for a professional
individual seeking a
career in the consumer
finance industry. This is
an entry-level position
which will lead to Branch
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degree is required. We
offer a Competitive salary,
regular salary reviews
and a full benefits
package. To apply, Fax
Resume to David
Dickson 208-736-0749

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FARM
Wanted Experience
weather & farm opera-
tions. \$500.00 sign-on
bonus available. We offer
flexible hours, lumpsum
pd, Extra Stips pd, 7 pd
Holidays per yr., Layover
Pay, Vacation Pay, Safe-
ty Bonus, Referral Bonus,
Medical & Dental Insur-
ance, 401 K, Rider Pro-
tection, Life Insurance,
tractors, Good Miles,
Quality Home Time,
Account Applications for
Casual Drivers, Limited
Training Program Avail-
able. EOE Employer
Cargo Express Inc.
4717 Apple Street
Boise, Idaho 83716
208-386-9446
or 800-299-2136

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FURNITURE FINISHER
Knowledgeable in working
w/ lacquer, oil, & glazes.
FT, salary DOE. Please
send resume to: Spanio
Furniture Finishing P.O.
box 6279 Ketchum, ID
83340 or call 208-726-
7059 ask for Robert/Pony.

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GENERAL
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
\* Industry-Light & Heavy
\* Factory-Air Shirts
\* Construction
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\* CDL Drivers
\* Customer Service
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\* Greenhouse Workers
\* Field Workers
\* NO PAY DAY, NO FEE
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733-7300 879-4040

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We have just the opportunity
you are looking for:
Competitive Salaries, PRN Up To
20% Above Base Salary, 1/2 Credit
Given For LPN Experience

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EDUCATION
Agape Christian School
has an opening for a pre-
school teacher, fall of
2000-0001. Educational
exp. necessary. 734-3682.

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EDUCATION
Murtaugh School
District #418
Murtaugh, Idaho 83344
APPLICANTS FOR
SUPERINTENDENT ARE
NOW BEING ACCEPTED
\* Good Pay
\* Good Facilities
\* Great Students & Staff

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MANAGEMENT TEAM
Mobile Home Park res.
maint, manuf. home sale,
up, low cost, bookkeep-
ing, PR, T.F. area sal+
housing. 310-941-7874.

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LEGAL SECRETARY
Some experience preferred.
Wd, Perf. 8.0 or greater
required. Send resume to
Office Manager, Hep-
worth, Lazamiz & Hohn-
nberg, P.O. Box 3088, Twin
Falls, ID 83303-0388.

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MAINTENANCE
C & F Foods is now hiring.
Needed, FT, exp. w/pro-
duction equip, electrical,
mechanical & welding exper.
Wage DOE. Apply in per-
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30, Harlow, Idaho.

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2000 SABLE
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GOOD PEOPLE. ALL ABILITY
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You have heard about our commitment to
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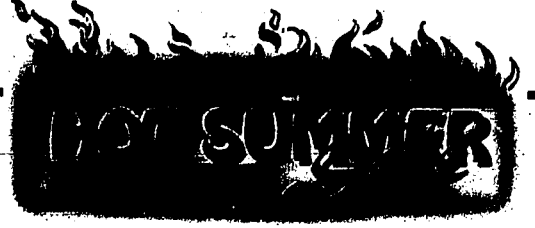
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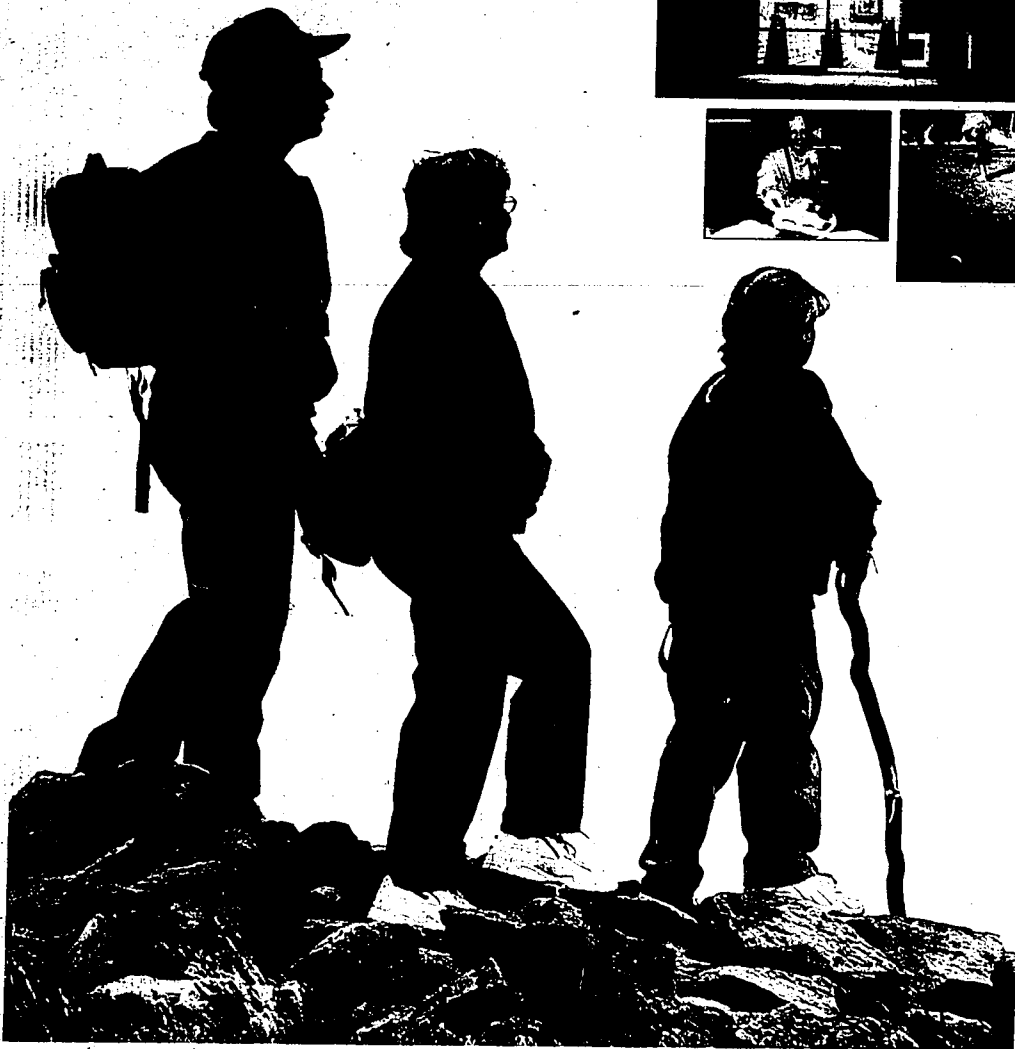
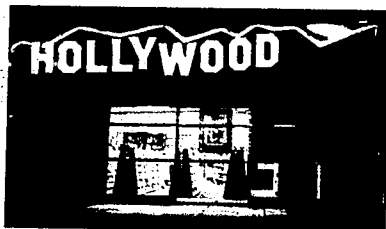






# Readers' Choice

The Magic Valley's favorite places to eat,  
shop, be entertained and have fun



## Readers' Choice

The ballots are in. Times-News readers have selected the winners in the newspaper's Second Annual Readers' Choice contest. Hundreds of readers cast their votes in 80 categories of favorites by completing a ballot that ran for several weeks in The Times-News.

Now we present your favorite places to dine, shop and play.

Turn to pages 12 and 13 for a list of the top three favorites in all categories.

Editor: Denise Turner  
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### On the cover:

Times-News readers said the South Hills has the Best Hiking Trail in the area.

### Top:

Times-News readers named Hollywood Video the Best Video Rental Store.

### Left:

Barry Steen, at the Prime Cut, is at the restaurant with The Best Chicken Fried Steak around, according to Readers' Choice respondents.

Brennon Lancaster, at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, is playing the game at the number-one Readers' Choice Public Golf Course.

Choice favorites  
pizza eatery  
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Breezy Hayes, left, and Michelle Hansen, with children Alex Hayes and Sierra Hansen, enjoy summer outings at Twin Falls City Park.

## City park provides place for family fun

By Dave Jensen

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "The city park has been here since the beginning," said Dennis Bowyer, Parks and Recreation superintendent for Twin Falls. "It was laid out in the original city plan. We are lucky the trees were planted. A good share of the park's popularity is because of shade. It's a nice place for a

downtown picnic lunch."

Times-News readers ranked the park high as a favorite spot to gather for family fun, along with Twin Falls Park and Harmon Park. Among the city park's attractions are the City Band concerts held each week throughout the summer. The playground equipment also attracts many children and parents ready for afternoon breaks.

Other summer attractions include a Cinco de Mayo celebration in May and a Western Days gala and Classic Cruisers Car Show in June. In July, the park plays host to a Paint Magic picnic, Kids Art in the Park and Art in the Park. The Chamber of Commerce auction and picnic and an Hispanic festival are held in August, followed by a September Arts and Craft

Show. The city is currently in the process of sprucing up the park. Planned improvements include new picnic tables, playground equipment and additional parking. New lighting fixtures, similar to the lights along Shoshone Street, are in the works for fall. And the new millennium sculpture, scheduled to be placed in the park, has been approved and should be completed soon.

## Applebee's meets Magic Valley's needs with casual yet diverse menu

By Kristin Carrico

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — There is no order too big or too small for this restaurant.

Applebee's, also known as the neighborhood grill and bar, has high standards. The restaurant strives for quality in both food and customer service.

Charlie Gerard, a manager at the restaurant, said the main goal is "to meet everyone's needs."

One method is the diverse menu, with everything from steaks hot off the grill to a nationally-famous barbecued rib to Chinese, Mexican and Italian dishes.

Gerard said, "The menu is very casual," and the service

Best Family Restaurant  
Applebee's

his employees provide keep Magic Valley's customers coming back.

The Twin Falls restaurant opened three years ago. There are approximately 1,550 other Applebee's restaurants located across the United States.

Applebee's is located at 1587 Blue Lakes Boulevard.

## Cut an edge at Pomerelle

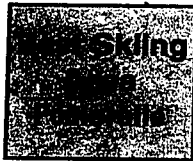
By Margaret Jones

Times-News correspondent

ALBION — With an elevation of 8,000 feet, the Pomerelle boasts the earliest snow in the area. This may be one of the reasons why people voted Pomerelle the best place to ski.

It is open daily, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with night skiing from 4 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Most winters, the area has enough snow for quality skiing at Thanksgiving time.

This is a great place to learn to ski, with good instructors, plenty of chairlifts and a rope tow for beginners. The lodge has a rental shop for skis and snowboards and an accessory shop where skiers can purchase lost or forgotten items. The cafe features chili, soups,



hamburgers and hot dogs.

Owners Sandy and Woody Anderson work with area schools' lifetime sports and Special Olympics programs. And the resort is open noon to 6 p.m. July 1 until Labor Day for scenic rides on the lifts, volleyball and horseshoes, with outdoor grills nearby.

The Andersons have owned the resort since 1973.

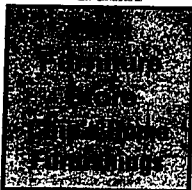
# Furniture at its best

By Dare Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "We try to create a home environment with our furniture display," said Cain's spokesperson Ron Thompson, as he explained the store's furniture arrangements. "We buy different and unique furniture pieces. Usually, we buy only one-of-a-kind. That way, the customer does not see the same material or style each time they enter the store."

Thompson also noted that there are many furniture lines exclusive to Cain's Home Furnishings. And the store itself has undergone a complete remodeling in the past three years, to better display merchandise for customer selection.

There are three floors of furniture at Cain's, and a leather gallery of sofas and



chairs.

As customers enter the store, they enter an area of tastefully displayed furniture and are greeted by pleasant, helpful salespeople. The atmosphere is designed to help the customer furnish a home.

"We have a great group of people," Thompson said. "This is the best group I've had in 30 years."



Judi Rayborn shows a bed for sale at Cain's, where a complete remodeling of the facility has enhanced the store's furniture display.

# Norman Rockwell paintings offer bits of nostalgia

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Tickets are required for admission to "Norman Rockwell: Pictures for the American People," which is on display at the Corcoran Gallery of Art through Sept. 24.

and all 322 of his Saturday Evening Post covers, will be included in the show, a touring exhibition organized by the Norman Rockwell

Museum, Stockbridge, Mass. (which lent most of the art) and the High Museum of Art, Atlanta. Ford Motor Co. is sponsoring the exhibit and its

tour. Additional support has been provided by the Henry Luce Foundation, the Curtis Publishing Co., the Norman Rockwell Estate Licensing

Co. and Fidelity Investments. Ford, Bank of America, Hecht's and the Helen P. Denit Trust are supporting the Washington display.

Weekday tickets cost \$10 for adults; \$8 for museum members, seniors and students ages 12 to 18; and \$4 for students ages 6 to 12; children under 6 will be admitted free. Weekend tickets for grown-ups will be higher — rising to \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, though the cost for members will remain at \$8. Tickets may be purchased on the Internet at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com); or through Ticketmaster PhoneCharge, 800-951-7328. Same-day tickets can also be purchased, in person, at the Corcoran, 17th Street and New York Ave. NW.

The museum is open every day except Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. From July 1 until Sept. 1, the museum will be open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, though tickets will not be sold there after 8 p.m. The Corcoran will be open on July 4. For information, call 202-639-1700.

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Hastings buys, on average, 30 to 60 used CDs a day and offers hundreds of new CDs to choose from, too.

## Hastings rocks with variety

By Kristin Carrico  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - May I have your attention please: Will the real best music/CD store please stand up?

This is how the popular young artist, Slim Shady (Eminem), might announce that Hastings is the winner of this year's Readers' Choice award for best music/CD store.

But five years ago, the building located at 870 Blue



Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls was a mere shadow of its

former self.

Today the video, music, book store, located where an Ernst store used to be, stands tall among its peers.

Hastings has all types of music, ranging from rock 'n' roll to new-age to country, rap, foreign and more. There is also a wide selection of used CDs.

The store specializes in friendly service, along with quality selection - two of the reasons it won best music/CD store last year, too.

## First comes Jensen's Jewelers

By Dare Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Jensen Jewelers has three stores in Twin Falls, one in Burley and seven in Eastern Idaho, Montana and Nevada. After 43 years of serving customers, Jensen's is now serving multiple generations of the same family.

"Our lifetime diamond guarantee is an expression of our basic operation - do for others as you would like them to do for you," said John Jensen, president of Jensen's. "It is much easier to provide outstanding service if we sell merchandise of outstanding



quality."

One feature of the service at Jensen's is free cleaning and inspection of diamond rings sold at the stores. If a ring is

cleaned and inspected regularly (every six months) and then lost, it will be replaced free of charge.

Jensen's employs a full-time master watchmaker, and each store has a master goldsmith and ringmaker to help control the quality of service.

The employees care about their customers, John Jensen said: "In this way, we ensure the quality of service."

He added, "Friends want to treat friends right."

Jensen stores are located at 1237 Filer Ave. E., 105 Main Ave. E. and in the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls and at 1241 Overland Ave. in Burley.

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# Tse serves up delicious oriental food, wild game

By Kristin Curcio  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS – Ready for a new dinner experience? How about a wild game feast?

Tse Restaurant, located at 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., is the talk of the town when it comes down to preparing wild game.

For nine years, Tse's Chinese restaurant has been serving the Magic Valley with exceptional service and great food. Some of the most popular

## Best Oriental Restaurant Tse

dishes are Mongolian Beef, Moo Goo Gai Pan and the Tai noodle.

Tse's also offers delivery service and will help customers plan special events.

The restaurant is locally owned and operated by the Tse family, with five family members currently making sure everything runs smoothly. Recently, the owners branched out and opened another restaurant at the opposite end of town, to offer the locals a world class Oriental buffet.

The Jade is located at 1719 Kimberly Road.

Michael Tse said, "We opened the Jade so you can visit us there, too."



KRISTIN CURCIO/For Times-News

Tse Restaurant offers a wide variety of Chinese food and has a friendly family atmosphere.

# How women and minorities move beyond glass ceiling

By Judi Light Hopson, Emma Hopson and Ted Hagen  
Knight Ridder News Service

Would you like to advance in your job? Do you picture yourself in a corporate office behind a mahogany desk? As a woman, or member of a minority group, you may want to rise to the upper levels of management. But can you handle the tricky climb? Prejudice and the Old Boy Network are still operating in many workplace settings. Your efforts to advance can get elbowed at every turn.

If you want to climb high, resolve to develop your own clever strategies for breaking through the barriers.

Maybe you're now in a low-level management job. You're good at what you do. Perhaps no one but you – not even your spouse or kids – cares whether you move to the upper echelons of power. But you have your eyes on the prize, and you want more in life than an average

salary and average experiences.

Think about these options: • For now, work on your skills. Pay attention to specific, marketable skills you're learning. Polish these skills to a shine. Record them in a career notebook. Even if you hate the projects you're working on, write down the skills you're absorbing. These skills are the key to marketing yourself.

• Outline other people in a least one area. Become an expert on doing one thing well. Could you learn to teach seminars on people skills? Could you become an expert on revamping a budget that isn't working?

• Don't become a workaholic. Working hours that are too long, on a continual basis, will interfere with your ability to strategize and plan. You'll get so tired, you'll forget to sit down and do serious thinking and goal-making.

• Strive to be efficient and

effective. Resolve to become the most effective person you know – not the busiest. Lots of busy people just go around in circles. If you're not getting to where you want to go, slow down and think. Take control of time by planning how you will work and stick to it.

• Assess the emotional atmosphere where you work. If there aren't any encouraging faces in the ranks, you might be better served to focus your career plans elsewhere. Try not to jump ship suddenly, though. Make a plan to change jobs by outlining the steps to a smooth transition.

• Learn your boss's job, advises Jane, 50, who rose to CEO by not skipping any rungs on the ladder. Learn the job surreptitiously. You don't want your boss thinking, "This person is competition for me!" When you know how to do more, your "idea bank" will grow. You want an arsenal of ideas for helping your company to thrive.

## Keep it safe

The Philadelphia Inquirer

If you're worried that burglars or fire will rob you of your most precious possessions, here are a couple of products from Sentry you might want to consider.

One is a waterproof floor safe called the Keep/Safe which, when installed, can be covered up with a rug and a piece of furniture. Even if it is found during a burglary, the safe is built of 12-gauge steel and features a heavy aluminum door and a four-number combination lock with double-locking bolts. Price: \$149.99. Another is a fire-safe media chest (\$520), designed to keep software and diskettes from melting down in a fire. Sentry says its tests have shown that even during a fire, the interior temperature of the chest remains below 125 degrees.

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# Sears can help with all appliance needs

## Best Appliance Store Sears

By Dare Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - "We are happy to offer one-stop shopping," said Greg Hawkins, of Sears. "That partly explains our popularity. The other part is our people. We have sales associates who have been with us 25 years, others 12 years. We have a team that is knowledgeable about the products. They like what they do and are true professionals."

Sears offers appliances priced from budget to best, Hawkins explained. The store also offers brand names for customers who want appliances just like the ones they had before.

Sears offers a full range of service, too, including installation and parts. Delivery is also available, at an extra cost. At times, specials carry zero-percent financing.

Hawkins said that some of the Sears sales associates, early in their careers, sold to customers who now have grandchildren coming to Sears as customers.

"I am usually quite busy with paperwork and making sure our people have something to sell," Hawkins said. "It's our sales team that gets credit for our success... I would like to thank the people of Magic Valley. Their business is appreciated."

Sears is located in the Magic Valley Mall.

## New pesticide kills bugs naturally

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

Bioganic is a new pesticide line that uses "the natural defenses of plant oils to effectively kill bugs." Its maker, EcoSmart Technologies, says the company's primary mission is to develop pesticides "that people can use with confidence in their homes and around their children and pets."

The company's timing looks good, given the recent announcement that the popular pesticide Dursban is being phased out for homeowners. Bioganic sells for \$4 a can at Home Depot stores. It also should be available soon at Albertson's stores.



Mark Johnson, left, and Greg Hawkins take pride in their vacuums, and in their award-winning Sears store.

## Sizzler quality-fresh fresh salad makings

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - One look at the salad bar at the Sizzler and customers say they know why it was rated number one.

Great pride is taken to make sure that every vegetable is fresh and of good quality. In fact, the salad bar is almost artistic in its design.

The Twin Falls store has been managed by Tammy Bennett for the past 10 years. Many of the employees have been with Sizzler for 10 years, too.

In 1984, Bob and Marge

## Best Salad Bar Sizzler

Minshew returned to Twin Falls to re-establish the current Sizzler restaurant, which had first opened in the 1960s without the population base needed to sustain it.

The Sizzler is located at 705 Blue Lakes Boulevard N.

## Golf sandals offer open coolness of beach sandal, yet give support

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

It's a sweltering summer day and you've got a golf match lined up. You've got Bermuda shorts, a short-sleeved shirt and a shade visor to help beat the heat. But what about those shoes?

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## Service and TV Mel Quale's



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Steve Quale, with TV from Mel Quale's Electronics, says good service gains customer loyalty at his store.

## Parents use high-tech devices to protect kids' TV viewing

By Fred Tasker  
The Miami Herald

MIAMI — Anne Thompson of Miami was upset by what her five young kids could see on television. John Stephen of South Miami-Dade, was troubled to see his son innocently clicking his way between kid shows and stumbling across channels like CNN depicting war and famine. Rick Bray of Rogers, Ark., wanted to let his 8- and 10-year-olds watch PG movies on TV, but he was bothered by the language.

The parents fought in different ways:

- As an officer in the national Parent Teacher Student Association, Thompson campaigned for the law that now requires all new TV sets to feature the well-publicized "v-chip" that lets parents lock out programs they don't want their kids to see.

- Stephen, co-owner of an electronics firm, helped invent the "Weemote," a \$29.99 TV remote control that lets kids surf only pre-set channels.

- Bray hired electronics experts to help him invent "TV Guardian," a \$129.99 set-top box that filters out vulgar words from movies and other programs on TV.

Certainly the best-known new tool in guiding kids' TV viewing is the v-chip. Implementing new federal laws, the FCC has ruled that all TV sets larger than 13 inches manufactured after Jan. 1, 2000, must have v-chip technology. And under congressional prodding, the broadcast industry in 1997 set up a voluntary program of rating their own programs, primarily for sex, violence and language.

- For programs designed solely for children, the ratings are TV-Y for programs suitable for all children, and TV-Y7, for kids 7 and above.

- For programs not specifically designed for children, the ratings are TV-G for shows suitable for all ages, TV-PG for shows not suitable for young children, TV-14 for shows deemed unsuitable for kids under 14 and TV-MA for kids unsuitable for kids under 17.

Parents activate the v-chip system by pressing the menu button on their TV remote control. Choosing programs to lock out is straightforward.

The Weemote remote control for kids was co-designed by electronics whiz Stephen, with inventor Bruce Lundeen, his partner in Fobis Technologies. It has a control panel accessible only with a Phillips screwdriver that lets parents program up to five channels they want their kids to watch.

The TV Guardian system was invented in 1996 by Bray for his two kids, Rachael, then 10, and Jonathan, then 8. He wanted to let them watch such PG and PG-13 movies as "Kindergarten Cop," "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Innocent Gadget," but didn't like the language he heard in them.

So he designed a set-top box that tracks the closed-captioning signals encoded in each movie to display dialogue on the TV screen for the hearing-impaired. When the box recognizes a vulgar word, it briefly mutes the TV's sound. The box then uses the closed-captioning system to display the sentence on the screen, with a less-offensive word substituted for the vulgar one.

## Service, quality brings customers back

By Dare Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "We are honored to be voted the best stereo and TV store and pleased with our loyal customer base here in Twin Falls," said Steve Quale, of Mel Quale's Electronics. "Service gains that loyalty."

Quale explained that his service technician has been with the store for 16 years. "and if he can't answer the customer's question, there is someone somewhere that can."

He continued, "Our sales and service people are not the only ones involved in service. Our office girls are very important. They try to keep us in line and on time for our appointments."

Brand name products are also a first priority at Mel Quale's. The customer is assured the manufacturer will back the products sold. And Mel Quale's is the oldest Mitsubishi dealer in Idaho, having signed on with the company in 1971, Quale said. He explained that this date also makes Mel Quale's one of the 10

oldest continued dealerships in the United States.

"This company loyalty is not a filter-down relationship," added Bruce Quale. "It is a full circle. The manufacturer treats the dealer right. The dealer and his technician treat the customer right. The customer is satisfied and returns for more product and service, reflecting a quality product from the manufacturer."

Mel Quale's Electronics, Inc. is located at 1730 Kimberly Road.



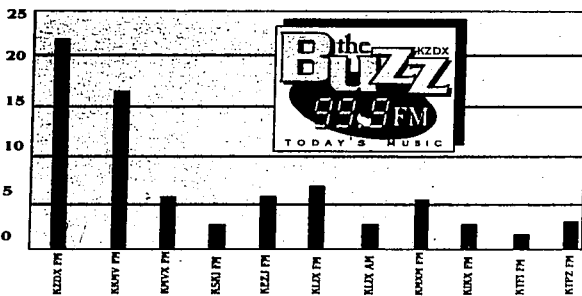
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## The Times-News Readers Choice Poll

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Pizza Hut employee Debbie Piazza clears a table in preparation for the next group of diners.

MARGARET JONES/The Times-News

## Pizza Hut prepares great pie

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley has voted Pizza Hut the best pizza in town.

At the Addison Avenue location, Debbie Piazza is working Monday through Friday, as she has done for the last six years. Her personality, as well as the atmosphere, brings people back.

Piazza said the Pizza Hut value meals are popular at lunch - with a salad, breadsticks and a drink for \$3.99. The option of a medium pizza (two toppings) and two 22-ounce drinks is also a favorite.

In the evening, pizza lovers gather for "a dinner for more," which includes two large two-topping pizzas, 10 breadsticks and two pitchers

### Best Pizza Pizza Hut

of soft drink for \$33.99. For those on a cozy date, there is a special that includes a small two-topping pizza, breadsticks and two drinks.

Pizza Hut is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and weekends until midnight.

Pizza Hut is located at 1059 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. and 1733 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. There are also locations in Rupert, Jerome, Burley and Mountain Home.

## Americans light up with party accessories

By Mary K. Feeney  
The Hartford Courant

For people who relish the fun, kitschy decor of the 1940s and '50s, a party just isn't a party without a goofy string of palm trees glowing somewhere in the background.

These days, decorative strings of lights are no longer just for the holiday tree. They have gone mainstream. They're being sold at major retail chains, gift stores and on Internet sites. There are strings of fruit hanging in kitchens, Budweiser bottles festooning recreation rooms and scallop shells lighting bathrooms.

Current options include such whimsies as Dalmatians and fire hydrants, frolicking ponies, pigs, cows, dinosaurs, dice and playing cards and all manner of variations on the red-hot chili

pepper. "They add ambience. It's a \$10 word for a 50-cent look," said Steve Colby of Hagerstown, Md., the proprietor of [www.cheesylights.com](http://www.cheesylights.com).

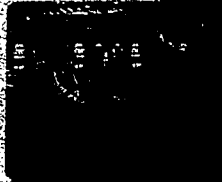
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# Hudson's has shoes made to fit

By Dave Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "We are proud to be the best shoe store," said Hudson's spokesperson Bob Rowe. "It proves our goal — give service and have a name brand quality shoe."

He continued, "With more shoes being made outside the United States, and sizes differing among countries, it is difficult to pick a shoe from the shelf and get the comfort and fit the customer needs and wants."

At Hudson's, the customer sits down and the salesperson

**Best Shoe Store Hudson's**

measures the foot to find the right size.

The old line, "I've worn that size all my life," doesn't make the shoe fit.

The Hudson's salesperson helps the customer find the correct size and also may suggest an attractive style.

The current public

awareness of walking for health has created a demand for comfortable walking shoes. And Hudson's has specialists in this field.

Some of the quality name brand shoes carried by Hudson's are Birkenstock, S.A.S., Ecco, Rieker, Dr. Martens and Nike. "A good product without good service doesn't go very far," explained Rowe. "For good shoes, a good fit and comfort with great service, it's Hudson's."

Hudson's Shoe Store is located at 148 Main Ave. S. and 1239 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls.



Bob Rowe, of Hudson's, displays some of the shoes that make his store popular with customers of all ages.

# Fluorescent bulb brightens anywhere

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

The new Philips Marathon Household bulb is the first fluorescent lamp that comes in the shape of an incandescent bulb, with a standard screw-in base. It can be used in table lamps, floor lamps and open ceiling fixtures. It gives off a soft, bright light equivalent to that of the incandescent bulb it replaced.

Slightly bigger than an incandescent bulb, the Marathon compact fluorescent

bulb takes a couple of seconds to come on, and about a half-minute before it reaches full brightness. The Marathon bulb retails for about \$10, considerably more than what an equivalent incandescent bulb costs. The average life of a standard incandescent is 750 hours, but the average life of a Marathon bulb is 6,000 hours.

If the bulb is on for an average of 3.5 hours a day, that translates to five years of use before it has to be replaced. The company promises to send consumers a

replacement bulb if the bulb doesn't last as advertised.

In addition to lasting a long time, the fluorescent bulb uses 75 percent less energy than an incandescent bulb, meaning considerable savings on electricity bills. Philips says this amounts to at least \$26 saved in energy costs over the life of the bulb.

Marathon bulbs are sold at Home Depot stores. They come in 12- and 16-watt versions, which are equivalent to 40- and 60-watt incandescent bulbs.

# Whiskbroom glass could be worth more than you think

By Anita Gold  
Knight Ridder News Service

Q: Can you tell me anything about whiskbroom glass and how and when it was made?

**HELEN ANDERSON, MACON, GA.**  
A: Such handcrafted pressed glass, made in the shape of a whiskbroom, was produced in early 1964 by Imperial Glass. Pieces included 8-inch tall vases, 6-inch high flower holders, an 8-inch high footed covered sweetsowl, and flat 7.5 inch long whiskbroom-shaped open servers, as well as flat 7.5-inch long covered versions of the servers called broombowls, which came in Autumn Amber and Heritage Blue colors, as well as milk glass which included 7.5-inch long wall pockets. Whiskbroom glass is reported to be worth between \$20 and \$40 depending on the piece.

Q: Where can I find information on old board games and their value? I've been collecting them for some time, and was told they could

## Antiques & Collectibles

be quite valuable.

**CELIA PHILLIPS, GREEN BAY, WIS.**  
A: More than 9,000 board can be found listed, described and priced in the book, "American Games Comprehensive Collector's Guide," by Alex C. Malloy (Krause, 715-445-2214). It is available for \$30.20 postpaid, from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 59354, Chicago, IL 60659.

Q: My husband recently became interested in collecting pocket knives. Is there a book on the subject from which he can learn more about them?

**DENA CARLSON, GREEN BAY, WIS.**  
A: He'll love the new 2000 "Big Book of Pocket Knives—Identification & Values," by Ron Stewart and Roy Ritchie (Collector Books, 502-898-6211). It is available for \$22.95 postpaid, from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 59354, Chicago, IL 60659.

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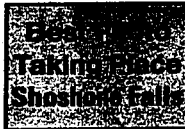
The best time of year to view Shoshone Falls is between October and April. This is when the most water is flowing over its cliffs.

## Falls become picturesque on film

By Kristin Carrico  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - The pioneers following the Oregon Trail saw the elegance of Shoshone Falls, but had no way to photograph it. Also known as the Niagara of the West, these falls are now photographed on a daily basis.

Darla Hancock, a fee collector at the entrance to the falls' park this summer, said, "People travel as far as from Florida, New York, California and Texas to see the sight."



To make a beautiful stop even better, Idaho Power and the City of Twin

Falls will spend more than a million dollars on projects to upgrade the facilities. The projects include remodeling the existing overlook and

constructing a new one to the west and providing more and better picnic areas and better parking.

Some funds for improvements are generated from admission fees to the park - \$3 a day or \$25 annually.

Currently, there is not much water flowing over the cliff due to irrigation. But more water is expected to be released later this summer.

So people continue to make the three-mile drive down Falls or Addison to 3300 E., for a better view.

## How to protect your turf: Mow smart

By Peter Jansen  
The Baltimore Sun

**Protecting Your Turf With Anti-Terrorist Measures: Are you a turf terrorist?** Sure, the grass in your front yard looks lush and green right now, but in your hands, it'll be dead by the Fourth of July. It's not that you want to wipe out every blade. It's just that you treat the lawn-mower like a horticulturally lethal weapon.

How can you be stopped before you kill again? Dr. Trey Rogers, an associate professor of turf grass science at Michigan State University, suggests you stop worrying about fertilizer and sprinklers, and think more

about how you mow.

"Seventy percent of the problems we have with lawns are directly or indirectly related to the way homeowners mow," says Rogers, a consultant to Briggs & Stratton, a manufacturer of lawn mower engines.

Rogers has three rules when it comes to mowing:

1. Never cut grass more than one-third its height during any one mowing.
2. Alternate mowing patterns.
3. Leave grass clippings on the lawn.

By keeping grass blades long, the turf has a chance to feed properly and will grow more densely, leaving weeds

with no place to grow, he says. Changing mowing patterns - east-west one week, perhaps north-south the next - will spare the lawn from the stress of ruts and soil-compacting caused by repeated mowings.

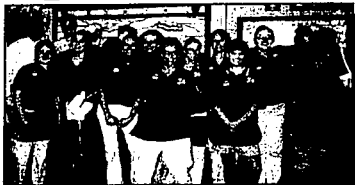
Clippings provide valuable nutrients for the soil, and don't contribute to thatch as many homeowners believe, Rogers says.

"Most homeowners want to bag clippings because they're scalping the grass in the first place," he says. "If you keep your grass taller and follow the one-third rule, you won't even notice the clippings."

More tips are available from Rogers'. Web site: [www.yarddoctor.com](http://www.yarddoctor.com).

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# Made to serve customers' needs

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - With four departments - arts, crafts, floral, framing - the Homestead has many ways to ensure good customer service.

The store was voted number one last year and again this year. Owner Mary Ann Belkman said she appreciates her customers, and the awards will make her try even harder. She said she believes quality of



service and selection helped her store earn its honors.

The store was opened 23 years ago on Main Street by Belkman and her late husband.

After 10 years, they moved the business to its present location in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

The store is famous for a fall "make it and take it" workshop, where some 300 projects have been created by customers. Silk flower arrangements for weddings and picture framing are also popular services at the Homestead.

The Homestead is located at 1211 Filer Ave. E.



Sunny McKevey shops for specialty items at the Homestead craft store.

# Fight those fast-food blues during summer road trips

Knights Ridder News Service

Fight those fast-food blues during road trips this summer by taking along a movable feast.

Pack fruit salads and take-along meals. Take advantage of roadside produce stands or stop for a picnic at a rest area and enjoy packed sandwiches, salads and snacks.

When packing a roadside picnic, think portability and include items that travel well such as fresh fruit and vegetables. If sandwiches are a must, try a pita or tortilla wrap instead of the usual sliced bread.

Be creative with your treats.

Pair savory cheeses such as camembert or blue cheese with walnut or raisin bread. Add apples or figs for a well-rounded snack. Serve with sparkling grape juice or cider.

Instead of potato salad, serve unexpected combinations of fruits and vegetables or colorful pasta salads.

Pack quick individual salads using pre-washed, pre-cut greens and sliced vegetables. Spice up sandwiches and picnic salads with sliced or diced apples.

Make vegetable matchsticks for a colorful, crunchy and convenient snack in the car by slicing carrots, zucchini, yellow squash and green bell peppers into thin strips.

While traveling, fast food restaurants offer the quickest, most convenient meals for your

money. But remember that getting a meal on the run doesn't have to be more of the same ol' burgers and fries. Many fast food restaurants offer lighter fare such as pancakes, low-fat muffins, salads and grilled chicken sandwiches.

Or consider this: Make a quick stop at a grocery store instead of a restaurant for lunch. Buy plenty of pre-washed fruits and vegetables to serve with bagels or bread, some deli meat and cheese.

If you plan to take a picnic along on your road trip, use these tips to keep your meal safe:

- Make sure food is cold or frozen before packing it into a cooler.

- Use plenty of ice or reusable frozen gel-packs. If you don't have a gel-pack or you need to conserve space, try freezing your drinks or water in sealed containers.

- Replenish melting ice as soon as possible.

- Pack the cooler in the air-conditioned part of the car. Keep all perishables in the cooler. When food must be put out, place it in a cool place, not in a hot car or trunk or in direct sunlight.

- Avoid opening the cooler lid repeatedly. Consider placing drinks in a separate cooler, so the food cooler is not opened frequently.

- A full cooler will maintain cold temperatures longer.

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# Readers' Choice

Times-News readers have selected the winners in the newspaper's Second Annual Readers' Choice contest.

The nationally acclaimed accounting firm of Price Waterhouse was not hired to count the ballots, but we've tried our best to make sure no one stuffed the ballot box or violated contest rules.

A few categories were eliminated due to confusing votes or numbers that were too small to indicate a clear preference.

## All-you-can-eat Buffet

First - North's Chuck Wagon  
Second - Cactus Petes  
Third - Mandarin House

## Breakfast Place

First - Buffalo Cafe  
Second - Elmer's  
Third - JB's

## Oriental Restaurant

First - Tse  
Second - Mandarin House  
Third - Wok 'n Grill

## Cup of Coffee

First - Moxie Java  
Second - Java  
Third - Java Express

## Place for Kids' Birthday Parties

First - McDonald's  
Second - Skateland  
Third - Gertie's

## Mexican Restaurant

First - Garibaldi's  
Second - Cafe Ole  
Third - La Casta

## Salad Bar

First - Sizzler  
Second - Jade Restaurant  
Third - Prime Cut

## Steak Dinner

First - Rock Creek  
Second - Jaker's  
Third - Prime Cut

## Sunday Brunch

First - Cactus Petes  
Second - JB's  
Third - Turf Club

## Bakery

First - Costco  
Second - Albertson's  
Third - Jim Bob's

## Bagels

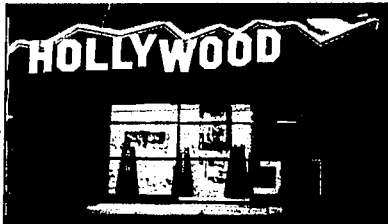
First - Molly's Bagels  
Second - Bagel & Brunch  
Third - Swenmart

## Hamburger

First - Burger Stop  
Second - Chili's  
Third - Wendy's

## Pizza

First - Pizza Hut  
Second - Maxie's



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## Third - Paper money

## Family Restaurant

First - Applebee's  
Second - Chili's

## Dessert

First - Idaho Joe's  
Second (Tie) - Chili's and TCBY

## Fast Food

First - Wendy's  
Second - McDonald's  
Third - Burger King

## Chicken Fried Steak

First - Prime Cut  
Second - Oastle  
Third - Farmhouse

## Bar

First - Muggers  
Second - Honkers  
Third - Boot Scooters

## Local Band

First - Raising Cain  
Second - Cobalt Blue  
Third (Tie) - Eddie Haskell and Bob Nora

## Movie Theatre

First - Twin 12 Cinemas  
Second - Ruel (Now Odyssey)  
Third - Orpheum

## Local Park

First - Twin Falls Park  
Second - Twin Falls City Park  
Third - Harmon Park

## Community Festival

First - Western Days  
Second - Twin Falls County Fair  
Third - Oktoberfest

## People Watching Place

First - Magic Valley Mall  
Second - County fairs  
Third - Twin Falls City Park

## Photo Taking Place

First - Shoshone Falls  
Second - Snake River Canyon

## Gambling Facility

First - Cactus Petes  
Second - Barton's  
Third - Horseshoe

## Skating Area

First - Pomerelle



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Second - Sun Valley  
Third - Mt. Lassen

## Out-of-state Getaway

First - Las Vegas  
Second - Jackpot  
Third - Jackson Hole

## Antique Store

First - Second Time Around  
Second - Snow's  
Third - Treasures from the Past

## Bookstore

First - Barnes & Noble  
Second - Hastings  
Third - Waldenbooks

## Candy Store

First - Fredrickson's  
Second - Daisy's  
Third - Little Red Hen

## Children's Clothing

First (Tie) - The Bon and Target  
Third - Penney's

## Jewelry Store

First - Jansen's  
Second - Barton's  
Third - Schubach's

## Craft Store

First - Homestead  
Second - JoAnn's  
Third - Black Sheep

## Carpeting Store

First - Claude Brown's  
Second - Plonee, Floors  
Third - Cairn's

## Best Computer Store

First - Office Max

Second - Costco  
Third - A1 Laser

## Department Store

First - The Bon  
Second - Target  
Third - Penney's

## Domestic Car

First - Ford  
Second - Chevy  
Third - Lincoln

## Domestic Truck

First - Ford  
Second - Dodge Ram  
Third - Chevy

## Imported Car

First - Toyota  
Second - Honda  
Third - Mitsubishi

## Imported Truck

First - Toyota  
Second - Nissan  
Third - Mazda

## Sports Car

First - Corvette  
Second - Mustang  
Third - Dodge Viper

## Best Furniture Store

First - Cairn's  
Second - Wilson Bates  
Third - Heig Meyers

## Appliance Store

First - Sears  
Second - Wilson Bates  
Third - Blacker's

## Home Improvement Store

First - Home Depot  
Second - Anderson Lumber  
Third - Sears

**Men's Apparel Store**

First - The Bon  
 Second - Demarco's  
 Third - Penney's

**Music/CD Store**

First - Hastings  
 Second - Sam Goody  
 Third - Musicland

**Pharmacy**

First - Rite-Aid  
 Second - Costco  
 Third - Kurt's Pharmacy

**Photo Processing Place**

First - Costco  
 Second - Tom's 50 minute Photo  
 Third - Rite-Aid

**RV Supplier**

First - Gary's Freeway RV  
 Second - Brockman's

**Shopping-hot-drop Place**

First - Magic Valley Mall  
 Second - Costco  
 Third - The Bon

**Shoe Store**

First - Hudson's

Second - Payless  
 Third - Foot Locker

**Sporting Goods**

First - Blue Lakes Sporting Goods  
 Second - Big 5  
 Third - Claude's Sports

**Florist**

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 Second - Absolute Flowers  
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 Second - Sears  
 Third - Rex

**Supermarket**

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 Second - Albertson's  
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 Second - Chevron  
 Third - Maverick

**Video Rental Store**

First - Hollywood Video  
 Second - Blockbuster  
 Third - Hastings



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**Women's Apparel**

First - The Bon  
 Second - Penney's  
 Third - Christine's Clothier

**Auto Repair**

First - Automotive Clinic  
 Second - S & D Auto  
 Third - Harrison Ford

**Best Caterer**

First - Depot Grill  
 Second - The White House  
 Third - Soran

**Child Care Center**

First - Twin Falls Fitness  
 Second (Tie) - CSI and the Boys and Girls Club

**Best Travel Agency**

First - 4 Ways Travel  
 Second - Murdock Travel  
 Third - Desert Sun Travel

**Hair Salon**

First (Tie) - Cost Cutters and The Clip  
 Third - Penney's

**Nail Salon**

First - Nails Etc.  
 Second - Nail Works  
 Third - Hair & Nail Works

**Accountant**

First - Cooper Norman  
 Second - Leroy Hayes  
 Third - Brent Hyatt

**Bank**

First - First Security  
 Second - First Federal  
 Third - Farmer's National

**Oil Change**

First - Automotive Clinic  
 Second - Jifty Lube  
 Third - Q Lube

**Bike Riding Place**

First - Rock Creek  
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First - Salmon Creek  
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First - Twin Falls Fitness Center  
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 Third - Racqueteers

**Hiking Trail**

First - South Hills  
 Second - Dierkes Lake  
 Third - Rock Creek

**In-line Skating Place**

First - Skateland  
 Second - CSI

**Radio Station**

First - The Buzz  
 Second - KEZJ  
 Third (Tie) - Oldies 96.5 and KTFI

**Best Radio Personality**

First - Curt Cruiser  
 Second - Logan Tusow  
 Third - Howard Mayhem

**Best TV Station**

First - KMVT  
 Second - PAX 55  
 Third (Tie) - KTVB and NBC

**Best TV News Personality**

First - Doug Iversen  
 Second - Ken Rickay  
 Third - Charles Lemmon



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# Moxie has best cup of joe



Moxie Java waitress Sarah Barborica prepares a container of gourmet coffee at the place to buy a cup of coffee.

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The staff at Moxie Java is one of the reasons why the business was voted number one by area coffee lovers.

A wide variety of gourmet coffees have been served for nearly seven years at the cozy shop located on Blue Lakes North. For customers who prefer something different,

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there are also Italian sodas and teas.

Between the hours of 11

a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Moxie Java, lunch is served — pannini sandwiches and pastries, such as brownies, cheesecakes, muffins, puddings or scones — all prepared in the store.

The rest of the day, until 10 p.m., patrons enjoy the desserts with their favorite beverages.

Moxie Java is located at 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard N.

## Spice up summer barbecues with KC Masterpiece flavors

By Renee Enna  
Chicago Tribune

KC Masterpiece is venturing into marinade territory with a new line of 30-minute marinades for poultry, beef, seafood and vegetables. Flavors are Original BBQ, Honey Teriyaki, and Garlic and Herb. We found the flavors on the sweet side but everybody felt they got the job done. Each 16-ounce bottle costs about \$3.

### Storage savvy

We liked the versatility and design of Pyrex Storage Deluxe microwavable glass containers. Store them in the fridge and freezer, and use in the microwave and (without the plastic lids) oven. The vented lids have a large lip, so they're easy to remove, and they snap onto the bottom of

### Off the shelf

their respective containers for optimum storage. The design is available in individual bowls and casserole dishes, from \$4 to \$8 each; a 10-piece set costs \$25 at most Target stores.

### Nifty noodles

We enjoyed the full flavor of Uncle Ben's Noodle Bowl entrees, especially since the product is 98 percent fat-free. The four bold flavors—spicy peanut chicken, honey ginger chicken, spicy Thai-style chicken, orange-glazed beef—are complemented by noodles that keep their shape and texture. They take about 6 minutes to make in the microwave. Each 12-ounce bowl costs about \$3.40 to \$3.70.

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# Fast food never tasted so good: Visit Wendy's

By Dore Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Wendy's manager Patty Morrow explained the meaning of fast food — and the meaning of the services she and her crew perform for their customers.

Throughout the Wendy's system, the average time between the placement of a customer's order and its delivery is 150 seconds, Morrow said. In the Twin Falls store, the average time is 104 seconds.

Every station is timed: How long does it take to get the order? How much time is used to put the order up? How quickly does the employee make change — and are the calculations accurate?

In this quest for speed, polite and courteous service is never neglected.

**Best Fast Food Wendy's**

"We have three assistant managers that have served for over 10 years each," said Morrow, who speaks highly of her crew. "Our employees make the work fun and rewarding and are really appreciated."

She added, with a smile, "We serve square hamburgers. We don't cut corners."

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers is located at 818 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. in Twin Falls. There are also Wendy's locations in Burley and Jerome.



Patty Morrow, shown in the sandwich assembly line, is a manager at the award-winning Wendy's.

## Eighties' styles come back to life

By Lenore Skensney  
New York Daily News

Vintage (vin-tij): (a) Clothing from another era that makes teenyboppers look hip. (b) Clothing from another era that is still hanging in my closet and which, if I ever wear it again, would make me look about as hip as Barney in a thong.

If you're over a certain age, you, too, are hoarding a suit that looked just fab about 15 years ago. Strangely enough, it's already back in style.

Yes, like a guest who left at 2 a.m., got halfway to Brooklyn and remembered she left her purse under your couch, the '80s are back.

"I have seen more than a few signs that this despicable decade is rearing its ugly head," writes Kim Hastreiter in uber-trendy Paper magazine: "Slicked-back hair, designer-uniformed girls and money, money, money."

Not to mention labels, leather and dress-for-success shirts with droopy little bows. "That's a trend that's been shown on the runway for fall 2000," reports Patrick McKeon, manager of the Angel Street Thrift Shop in Chelsea, where the sexless silks are flying out the door.

Good for him. Good for the 17-year-olds who probably wear them tied at the waist to show their navel rings and Sanskrit tattoos. But what about the rest of us who dutifully wore this stuff the

first time around and are chagrined about wearing it again? Why isn't fashion coming up with something new?

"We're a much more disposable society," says Christina Lindholm, head of the fashion department at Virginia Commonwealth University. "When you only keep something for six months or a year," she says, it goes out of style immediately. Alas, it comes back immediately, too.

By Marc Schogol  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

A taste for new foods: American diners are broadening their palates, with many of you tasting Vietnamese, Korean, and Latin American cuisines for the first time. More than nine out of 10 Americans surveyed have eaten such ethnic favorites as Italian, Mexican and Cantonese food, while 60 percent have recently sampled Vietnamese, Korean and Latin American fare, according to a National

### Tidbits

Restaurant Association survey. The fastest-growing restaurant cuisines are Japanese sushi and Thai, with establishments featuring Caribbean or Middle Eastern dishes increasingly popular.

Heads in the sand  
Farmers who raise ostriches

and emus, an enterprise that crashed in the early 1990s after thousands of producers had invested lots of money, are hoping that taxpayers will help revive the industry. Congress is expected to consider a spending bill that would require the Agriculture Department to start paying the cost of inspecting emu and ostrich meat. Growers say that would cut the per-pound price of the meat by \$1 to \$2 and boost sales.

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# Merchandisers see magic in Harry Potter books

By Christopher Stern  
The Washington Post

The wizards of marketing were caught by surprise with the huge success of the first three "Harry Potter" books, a phenomenon that took off largely through word of mouth, especially among children.

This time around, the adults are ready.

With a fourth book set to hit the shelves next month and a movie to follow next year, marketing executives from London to Los Angeles are gearing up for one of the biggest promotional and merchandising campaigns since that for the latest "Star Wars" movie.

The great expectations for profiting from the characters created by J.K. Rowling couldn't have been more clear than last week at Licensing 2000, an annual marketing show in New York where Warner Bros. let the world know that it owned the rights to all things Harry - that is, all things except for the rights to publish the novels themselves.

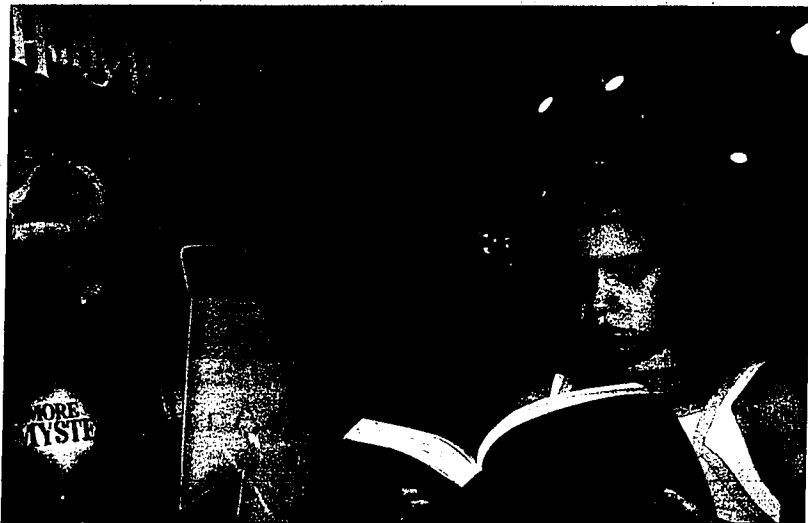
Scholastic Press, which publishes the books in the United States, owns none of the merchandising rights; Warner Bros. procured those in 1999 when it bought the rights to make a "Harry Potter" movie. The licensing machine is already up and running, even though the movie won't be released until Nov. 16, 2001.

Warner Bros. is already predicting Harry Potter merchandise will rival that of its Batman franchise, which has brought more than \$1 billion to the company from the sale of everything from T-shirts to coffee mugs.

"This has that kind of heat, to do that kind of volume," said Daniel Romanelli, president of worldwide consumer products for Warner Bros.

A big advantage of the movie, Romanelli said, is that the material is very "toyatic." The material in the books about young wizard Harry Potter lends itself to the creation of trademarked toys such as magic wands and "invisibility cloaks," a Warner Bros. spokesman explained.

So far, Warner Bros. has



Alison Kimble reads 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' Monday at Taylor Books in Charleston, W.Va. Harry Potter's wizardry has already cast a spell upon children and adults around the world, but bookstore owners hope his magic keeps working with next month's release of the fourth story in the best-selling series.

signed 46 licensing deals for Harry Potter merchandise with companies such as toymakers Mattel Inc. and Hasbro Inc. But licensing deals also include companies such as Johnson & Johnson to make shampoos and soaps for kids. The first products will hit Warner Bros. stores this November. To put the \$1 billion that Warner Bros. expects to bring in from merchandise in perspective, Scholastic Press will ring up \$100 million in U.S. sales from the first four novels. Although the fourth novel in the series won't be in bookstores until July 8, the first three books had the enviable honor of simultaneously holding the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 slots on the New York Times bestseller list.

Rowling has said the entire series will eventually be seven books. Scholastic anticipates a huge demand for the next book, the title of which has been kept secret, and has ordered a first printing of more than 3.8 million books, by all accounts a record. Some 170,000 people have registered with Amazon.com for a first edition of "Harry Potter IV."

And Amazon isn't waiting for Warner Bros. to come out with officially licensed material, pointing interested customers to an online store with a variety of wizard-related toys.

The merchandising potential for the Harry Potter series, which details the education of an English orphan at Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, was more than

evident at Licensing 2000. The biggest attraction by far was Warner Bros.' 3,000-square-foot mockup of Hogwarts' school. The hundreds of people who waited in line to get in received promotional freebies such as Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans (Mystical Morsels) or chocolate frogs, both favorite snacks of Harry and his friends.

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# Selection at its best

**Best Supermarket**  
**WinCo**

By Dore Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "We have a good selection of product," said Brent Preeco, manager of WinCo. "Every department is great. The company is employee-owned, therefore, each employee has a stake in the company's success."

WinCo started as a warehouse grocery store in Boise, under the name Waremart, about 30 years ago. The name change came in 1999. WinCo stands for "Winning Company."

WinCo has enjoyed rapid growth, and now the majority of its stores are updated and expanded 85,000-square-foot complexes.

In 1998, WinCo opened a 900,000-square-foot grocery and perishable distribution center

in Woodburn, Ore. In May 2000, it opened a 110,000-square-foot health and beauty, gourmet and non-food distribution center in Myrtle Creek, Ore.

WinCo's 33-year tradition of success focuses on very large stores with a huge selection of national brands at prices below the competition. The nature of the company's employee stock ownership creates dedicated employees.

Today, WinCo has more than 30 stores in five states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada), all geared toward customer service.

"Business is taking care of customers," said Preeco. "If you don't take care of customers, you don't stay in business."

WinCo is located at 1569 Blue Lakes Boulevard N. in Twin Falls.

# What town did an actress once own?

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. What town in Georgia does Kim Basinger own?

A. Basinger was once an owner of Braselton, a town of 450 northeast of Atlanta. The actress, a native of Athens, Ga., was part of an investment group that paid \$20 million in 1990 for 1,750 acres. The group planned to develop a theme park, but the property was sold for \$4.3 million in 1995. In 1993, Basinger filed for bankruptcy protection after a Los Angeles Superior Court ordered her to pay \$8.9 million for breaching a contract to appear in the film "Boxing Helena."

Q. Cape Canaveral was renamed Cape Kennedy after President Kennedy's death. When was the name changed back?

A. In March 1973, the Florida Legislature passed a resolution calling for a change back to Cape Canaveral. The Board of

Q & A

Geographic Names, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, made it official five months later. A few days after Kennedy's assassination, President Johnson persuaded the board to change the name, which he announced on Thanksgiving Day.

"Quite a number of

Floridians were peeved about changing the name of the cape, which had been called Canaveral for more than 400 years," "Straight Dope" columnist Cecil Adams writes.

The cape, the main launching point for staffed space flights, Earth satellites and long-range missiles since 1947, is the home of the John F. Kennedy Manned Space Flight Center.

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# Recipes 'jar' connotations

By Charles Perry  
Los Angeles Times

These days a surprising number of recipes call for "jarred" ingredients, ingredients stored or sold in jars. In ancient times — until about three years ago — these might have been referred to as "bottled," but evidently recipe writers are now thinking of the distinction between a bottle, which has a narrow neck (the famous bottleneck), and a jar, which has a wide neck.

There was a time, believe it or not, when "jarred" meats would have been referred to as

canned, though they were liberally put up in special glass jars known as canning jars, not metal cans. "Canning" was the procedure of sterilizing and sealing the jars. What we have here is another case of the fading knowledge of cooking, which makes recipe writers believe they should describe everything in terms of visible physical objects.

"Jar," the wide-necked one, actually comes from the name of an Arab pottery jug with a narrow neck, and "bottle" comes from the late Latin word *bottis*, which referred to a sort of barrel.

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## Muggers taps into pleasing customers

By Kristin Carrico  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Besides brewing up beer, Muggers Brewpub in Old Towne has been brewing up some awards.

For four years now, Muggers has been serving the public great food and great beer. But for the last three years, brewpub representatives have been attending micro brew competitions and walking away with more than just a pat on the back.

Representatives just returned from the third largest beer competition in the country, Muggers was awarded five medals: Gold for the Belgium White Lightning Ale; silver for Hefeweizen, Imperial Stout and Golden Lager; bronze for the popular Fall Down Brown.

At Muggers, there are always a number of different beers on tap (it changes weekly). Out back, a hops garden patio offers customers a unique place to relax and take in the sun while enjoying lunch, dinner or an award-winning drink.

Muggers Brewpub is located at 516 Second St. S.

## Black plays it safe as suit color

By Jean Patteson  
The Orlando Sentinel

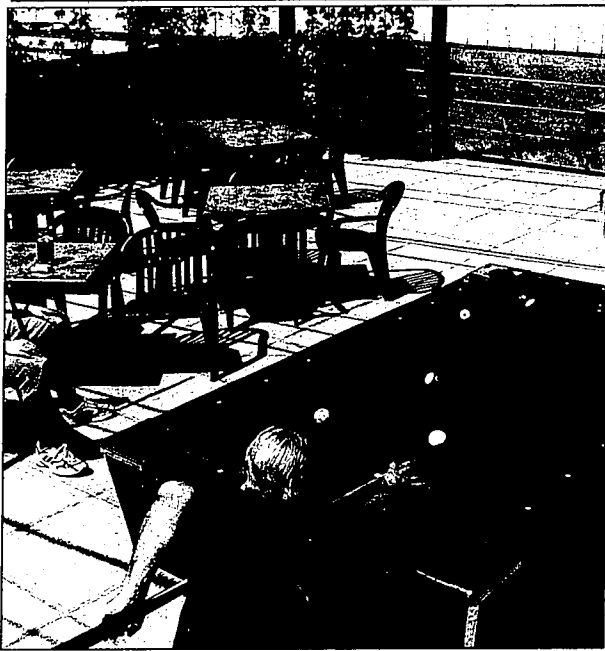
Q. Help! I have two suits on hold. They're exactly the same style, but one is black, the other is orange. Both look good. I can afford only one. But which one?

A. The orange suit will make a huge fashion statement. Orange is one of the season's trendiest colors. Next summer? Forget about it. Orange will be over.

The black suit will look chic this summer - and for several seasons to come. But perhaps you already have a couple of black suits in your wardrobe.

In that case, why not have a fling with the orange? Wear it to death, make it the trend mark for the season, then ship it off to a consignment store for someone else to enjoy.

## Best Bar Muggers Brewpub



Muggers offers a wide array of micro brews and mixed drinks, in addition to quality food.

## New mystery hits book stores

By Nancy PateFe  
The Orlando Sentinel

Writer Harlan Coben and his sports agent sleuth Myron Bolitar score big time with "Darkest Fear" (Delacorte Press, \$23.95, 285 pages) as the past catches up with the former hoops star in more ways than one.

Emily, Myron's girlfriend when he was an All-American at Duke and who married his rival, current NBA player Greg Downing, needs Myron's to help find a missing blood marrow donor. Her 13-year-old son, Jeremy, is dying, and the man who's the only possible match has disappeared. And, oh yes, Jeremy is Myron's son.

The usually flippant Myron-think Robert Crais' Elvis Cole, or Robert B. Parker's Spenser - becomes

more serious once he realizes he may be a father. And even as he's facing some personal demons, he's tracking down a devilish serial kidnapper who apparently delights in making his victims' relatives suffer the agony of never knowing the fate of their loved ones.

Myron's current partner, the invaluable Esperanza, tells him to put aside his Batman complex - "The heroic thing is not always the right thing." But she comes to his aid, along with his longtime friend, wealthy and dangerous Win Lockwood, when Myron takes on the powerful and secretive Lex family, as well as the FBI. The feds, naturally, want to know what Myron knows without giving away any information. "Negotiating," Myron thinks. "Life is being a sports agent-constant

negotiating. He had learned the importance of leverage, of doling out, of being fair. People for/et that last one."

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# Match wits against kids Martha Sandven Lock works to help youth through reality-based theater

By Peter Mucha  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

See if you can answer these questions from kids. The right answers are at the end.

1. Who holds the record for most complete games for a career?

Not anybody pitching today, that's for sure. Today, relievers get into almost every game. In the early days of baseball, pitchers pitched more often. And some finished almost every game, win or lose.

Take last season. Randy Johnson of the Seattle Mariners Diamondbacks led the majors with 12 complete games, and that was four more than the second guy, Curt Schilling of the Phillies.

But at that rate, Johnson could pitch for 60 years and never reach the record. Schilling couldn't do it in 90 years!

The hard-to-believe record is 750 complete games for a career. It was set from 1890 to 1911 by:

(a) Three-Finger Brown (yes, that was the name of a real pitcher).

(b) Walter Johnson (no relation to Randy).

(c) Cy Young, who also holds the record for career wins, with 511.

(d) Old Hoss Radbourn (yes, another real name).

2. How do they make the Hershey Kisses?

The candies are wrapped with foil by machines, after the little flags are added.

That part was easy to guess. More puzzling is how the chocolate gets that shape. It's kind of like a tear drop with a flat bottom. Is that a clue? The answer is:

(a) solid chocolate is chopped into cubes, and then arduvarks lick like crazy till the tops are pointy.

(b) melted chocolate is poured into little cups with that funny shape, and the pieces are popped out after they cool.

(c) chocolate is made that's just thick and warm enough, and then it's kind of dripped on a moving metal conveyor belt, and the candies harden and cool as they move along.

(d) cones of chocolate are heated up, then spun very fast, which makes the bottoms bulge

a bit.

3. Why does cereal float on top of the milk?

Fakes, puffs and other shapes often float for a few reasons. The bits are toasted and often coated, and that helps keep them from soaking up milk. The soggy they get, the more likely they'll sink.

After all, things will float if they're lighter (actually, less dense) than the liquid around them. That's why an even bigger reason is:

(a) lots of cereals are cooked so they'll have tiny bubbles of air, and air helps things float.

(b) grains are naturally full of helium.

(c) the pieces don't have gills, so they can't breathe underwater.

(d) very tiny life jackets.

4. What's the tallest building in Europe?

Today, the 25 tallest buildings are all in the United States or Asia.

Highest of all are the twin Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They rise 1,483 feet, counting the spires at the top.

Our nation's tallest is the Sears Tower in Chicago, at 1,450 feet. The Sears building actually has a lot more floors—110 to just 88 for the Petronas Towers.

Europe's top building is "just" 981 feet, with 63 floors. (The Eiffel Tower is actually a few feet higher, but it's not a "building" with offices and floors.) The skyscraper is:

(a) the Commerzbank Tower in Frankfurt, Germany.

(b) the Leaning Tower in Pisa, Italy.

(c) the Canary Wharf Tower in London, England.

(d) Cinderella, her's Castle at Disneyland Park.

Answers: 1 (c), 2 (c), 3 (a), 4 (a).

By Laura R. Hockaday  
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Martha Sandven Lock sat on the edge of the stage, close to her young audience, and asked, "How many of you know someone who is blind or know someone who has cancer?"

Nearly all 200 children raised their hands.

Lock and her production crew from the Chameleon Theatre Co. had just finished presenting "Juanita and the Magical Paintbrush," for elementary and middle schoolchildren at Penn Valley Community College. In the play, written by Lock, the character of Juanita is a young girl who has become withdrawn, angry and rebellious over the loss of her brother who died of brain cancer.

"My father died of cancer," Lock tells the children. "He tried to beat it for eight years. We were at the hospital a lot."

The Chameleon Theatre Co. was created five years ago to help area youth face real-life problems through theater. Many children have had to deal with the loss of a loved one through illness, divorce, relocation or violence.

Chameleon was co-founded by Lock and Community Children's Theater of Kansas City. Lock serves as artistic director and chief playwright. Community Children's Theater, an all-volunteer organization that began trouping plays to area schools in 1947, is merging into the Chameleon Theatre Co.

While she was studying for her master's in theater and

film at the University of Kansas, Lock earned CTT's Anne Jackson Keller scholarship two consecutive years.

"CCT's purpose has always been to develop audiences for the future, but I felt to do that we needed to get children involved," said Lock, 29, who graduated from the Barstow School before going on to Northwestern University and KU. "If you want a 5-year-old child to buy a ticket to the Missouri Rep when he is 20, you have to do more than select a play and walk away. Children have to be involved and relate to the concept of the play."

During her association with CCT, Lock shared her dream of using theater to teach children. When CCT offered financial and personal support for her concept, the Chameleon Theatre Co. was born. The name was chosen because its plays, costumes and sets change as children offer their thoughts.

"Martha is extremely talented, innovative and good at listening to children and pulling their thoughts together," said Sherry Holmes, who was the last CCT board president. "She listens to the kids in workshops all summer long before writing a play. Fairytale's just are not what kids want to see any more. The last play I was in for CCT portrayed Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and Cinderella as older women, as mothers. The children liked that. One of the first plays Martha wrote and presented at the Folly Theater. Students from Southeast Middle School came away saying they wanted to write a

play. They did and it helped alleviate academic, attendance and attitude problems they were dealing with in school."

Grief is another major problem for kids, Lock learned through surveys and school counseling. She talked to more than 100 children in five school districts and consulted with the Grief Support Network before writing "Juanita and the Magical Paintbrush." It deals with the loss of a brother, a grandfather, a dog and a goldfish. Each vignette is based on a true story learned from a child who had to endure the loss of a relative or a pet.

"Juanita and the Magical Paintbrush" was presented in April 1999 in Baltimore at the Fifth World Congress on Stress, Trauma and Coping. Representatives from 25 countries and 48 states attended, including several counselors from Littleton, Colo., site of the Columbine High School shootings. Littleton asked to have the Chameleon company present the play there. Another indication of its relative or a pet.

At the moment Lock has plenty on her plate. She is working on two future plays and wants to translate "Juanita and the Magical Paintbrush" into Spanish for presentations at the soon-to-open Tony Aguirre Community Center. Lock and her staff are involved in summer programs operated by Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department, the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City and Camp Fire Boys and Girls, which operates Camp Shiloh, a grief camp.

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## Growers know the way to America's heart is through its taste for sugar

By Kristin Eddy  
Chicago Tribune

The traditional wisdom about getting perfect sweet corn went something like this: Set a pot of water to boil. When it is rolling, go out back, pick an ear from the stalk and cook it before the sugar starts to fade.

Now, food scientists are taking some of the hurry out of the harvest. The connection between sweetness and flavor is an important one, and new breeding techniques are finding ways to keep more produce on the sweet side. These efforts, which include new varieties of melons, pineapple and other fruit as well as greater availability of sweet onions, young carrots, sweet peas and sugar snap peas, provide spicier flavors and play into consumers' powerful need for sugar.

The produce in American markets varies in quality for different reasons. Much of what we eat — certainly in the winter months — comes from quite a distance or is held in major distribution centers for days before reaching the market. Because of this, many modern growers breed produce to survive the transition from field to table, with only a secondary emphasis on flavor.

At the same time, consumers have steadily developed a taste for ever-sweeter foods of all kinds, and many are less interested in fruits and vegetables that lack the sweet flavor of other processed foods.

To meet these challenges, new propagation techniques are providing greater and longer-lasting sugar levels in produce. Although corn typically starts converting its sugar to starch after about 30 minutes, Southern Supersweet corn from Florida, for instance, retains its sugar up to 10 days after picking.

Growers also are targeting melons for a sugar high, according to Keith Mayberry, vegetable specialist and farm adviser for the University of California. Breeding programs have produced very sweet watermelons and cantaloupes, and a honeydew melon "with more sugar than Coca-Cola," he

says. Traditional breeding methods and biotechnology both emphasize the role sweet flavor has in making produce taste better.

Food marketers say that consumers associate sweetness in produce with freshness, mainly because over-the-hill vegetables taste starchy and bitter. Conversely, fruit that has been picked and consumed before it has ripened properly, or has been handled poorly, can lose much of its sweet potential. Shoppers know this all too well in their annual search for genuinely sweet strawberries, peaches and other delicate fruits.

"More growers are trying to focus on flavor," says Ben Wood, editor of the Produce Industry trade publication based in Kansas. "For too long, many products were viewed in how they would handle the trip to market, and they were bred for durability and shelf life. But now that we can get a (produce) year-round, there is a lot more choice and a wider variety, and people are looking for flavor."

Peter Testa, owner of Testa Produce, a wholesaler in Chicago, cites examples of the new extra-sweet produce. The Pango Mango is a sweeter, orange-fleshed mango from Puerto Rico; "apriums" are a cross between apricots and plums; the Del Monte Gold pineapple combines a deeper color with sweeter flesh; and grape tomatoes are tiny and sweet.

"The grape tomatoes are a great hit," Testa says. "I think eventually they will take the place of cherry tomatoes for consumers."

In the onion bins, what used to be strictly regional treasures—Walla Walla onions from Washington, Vidalia onions from Georgia, Maui onions from Hawaii and Texas 1015s—have found favor with consumers across the country.

Food technologists point out that the new varieties of produce are not pumped with added sweeteners, but rather are grown in such a way that the inherent sugar content is enhanced. The Del Monte

Gold pineapple and the Pango Mango, for instance, are bred so that they are beautifully ripe at the market, while the sweetness of their relatives on store shelves may be more hit-or-miss.

Sometimes the sweetness level in produce is a byproduct of efforts to simply reduce bitter flavors. For example, sweet onion varieties have been bred to have fewer of the pungent enzymes that make us cry when cutting regular yellow and white onions, Mayberry says. Certain citrus fruit, such as tangerines and grapefruit, are being bred to contain less acid.

In any case, consumer tolerance for lackluster produce has lowered.

"Consumers are interested in an exciting, dazzling palate," says Mark S. McLellan, director of the Institute of Food Science and Engineering at Texas A & M University. "You can go all the way back to early man, who deposits a lot of salt were considered absolutely precious because it would add zip to the diet. Sweetness too," is prized, he says, "because the alternative is a fairly bland taste." Sweet foods were naturally invited, especially once early man discovered that many bitter foods also were toxic.

## Handle produce with care for quality freshness

Chicago Tribune

Handling alters the quality and flavor of produce too. Most fruits and vegetables make a journey from the tree, vine or soil to a packer, then to a shipper, a distribution warehouse, the store and finally, the kitchen. Produce picked when perfectly ripe would be ready to spoil by the time it reached the last stop, so growers get their wares picked early, and try to ensure they ripen along the way.

That's because errors in handling or temperature fluctuations during storage can damage the produce even before it reaches consumers. Sacked fruit, such as apples, can begin bruising even before the discoloration is apparent, says produce wholesaler Peter Testa. Ripening fruit, such as

bananas or peaches, produce ethylene gas that can toughen neighboring asparagus and broccoli, causing yellowing and off-flavors, says Keith Mayberry, a California farm adviser.

And that's before consumers get their hands on them, says Testa, recalling the sight of shoppers slinging bags of fruit onto scales and checkout counters at the supermarket.

"Produce doesn't take well to handling and dropping," Testa says. "Squeezing is OK, but you don't have to give it a death grip."

If you can't shorten the distance between the soil and the kitchen table by growing produce at home, treat the produce the way you would any other food, trying to coax a little sweetness from: Gently.

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# Will Smith became a hit as rapper

The Dallas Morning News

Q: I say that Will Smith's first TV role was in "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," but my mom thinks otherwise. She thinks that he was in a TV show before that about life in the projects. But I'm almost positive he got famous because of his hip-hop career in Philadelphia.

A: Will Smith, a west Philadelphia native, first found success in the rap world with friend Jeff Townes as DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince. Will basically played himself in the hit series "Fresh Prince," which ran for six years on NBC.

Q: I'm interested in the actor Lee Majors. What state did he grow up in? What's he doing now?

A: Majors ("The Big Valley," "The Six Million Dollar Man") was born in Michigan but raised in Kentucky after being orphaned at an early age. He appeared earlier this year as Pamela Anderson's father in her syndicated action series "V.I.P."

## TV Q&A

Q: Back in '59 or '60 there was a TV series called "First Men on the Moon" about a small colony on the moon. The program started with the launch of a rocket. This gave me my first introduction to space and sci-fi, but I have not been able to find any references to it in any TV series anthology. I'm not sure I even have the title correct. It was a very realistic view of life on another world and I never missed it. Could you tell me some particulars about it -- stars, how long it was on?

A: TV's first venture into the space genre was the series "Men Into Space." Produced in cooperation with the U.S. government, the drama starred William Lundigan as Col. Edward MacKenley. Each week, the colonel faced new adventures from his moon-based space station. The show aired Wednesday nights on CBS during the 1959-60 season.

Q: I've recently gotten hooked on reruns of "All in the Family." For the life of me, I cannot make out the last few lines of the opening song. Can you help?

A: Here are all three verses to "Those Were the Days," by Charles Strouse and Lee Adams.

Say the way Glen Miller played. Songs that made the hit parade. Guys like us we had it made. Those were the days.

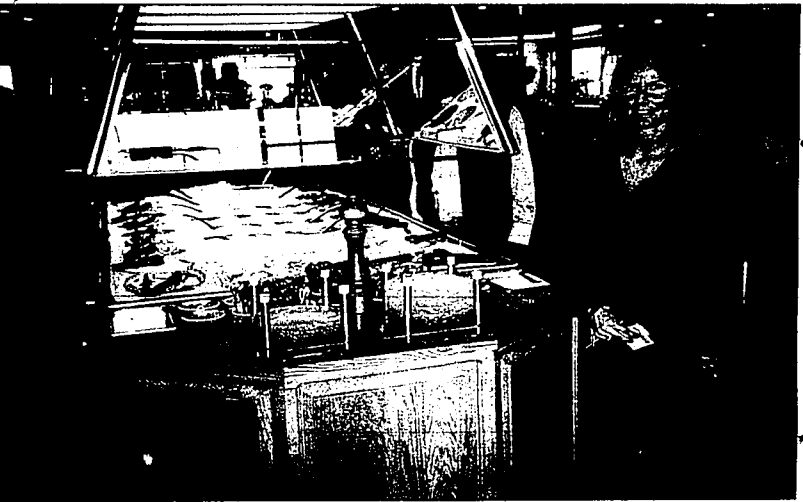
And you know who you were then. Girls were girls and men were men.

Water we could use a man like Herbert Hoover again.

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If you're too young to remember, LaSalle was an automobile that went out of production in 1949.

# Best All-You-Can-Eat Buffet North's Chuck Wagon



Tina Heiken, at the salad bar, owns North's Chuck Wagon with her husband, Gaylen.

# North's dishes it up and more

By Darc Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Our customers and employees are the greatest people in the world, said Tina Heiken, talking about the relationship between North's Chuck Wagon and the Twin Falls community.

Tina and her husband, Gaylen, purchased North's buffet nearly seven years ago. Gaylen Heiken and his father rebuilt the islands and completed other remodeling, while Tina redecorated the interior.

"I'm sure the change is responsible for customer

acceptance," Tina Heiken said, "(and) we are extremely fortunate to have Toni Wanaman working for us. She has been voted employee of the year three years in a row. In fact, all our employees are great."

She continued, "The cooks do a good job. The serving and clean-up girls are great, and I thank heavens for on-the-ball dishwashers."

Wanaman said she likes her job because she likes people.

"It doesn't matter how great the service is if you don't have a good product," she said.

"North's serves great food." Stacy Nelson, a clean-up girl,

added, "There is a good atmosphere and we have nice customers."

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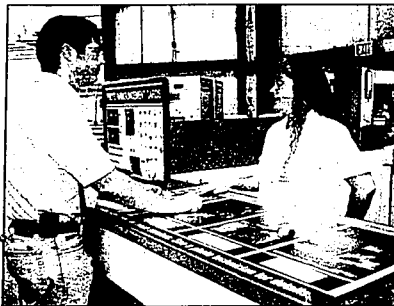
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# Costco develops customer smiles



Costco Photo Department Supervisor Kerry Williams is discussing photo department business with Costco's assistant manager, Kurt Backtold.

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Costco Photo Department Supervisor Kerry Williams said superior quality, customer service and great prices are why Magic Valley residents voted her business number one. She said the ability to offer two passport pictures in 15 minutes for \$4.99 has been especially well received.



The photo department also offers one-hour processing for

both regular film and the newer APS Advantage film. And reprints are a great bargain, at 20 cents a print. —The store policy of paying for only the pictures that turn out is a big draw, too, Williams said. Costco also placed first in the Readers' Choice poll for best bakery. Costco is located at 731 Pole Line Road.

## Crewel and other unusual punishment? Maybe not

By Libby Copeland  
The Washington Post

In what can only be described as a bold voyage into civility, England's hardened prisoners — drug dealers, sex criminals, murderers — are bidding their time with ... needlepoint.

Quilts. Rugs. Cushions. A blanket of geometric shapes called "Child's Play," fit for a crib. Lovely, intricate stuff. What the heck is going on?

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You'd think they'd try to keep this kind of thing quiet. Instead, 25 pillows embroidered by prison inmates are to be auctioned this fall at that bastion of posh respectability, Sotheby's. The pillows are modeled on designs contributed by such luminaries as Ralph Fiennes, Emma Thompson and Doris Lessing. This sounds like a forthright bid for media attention. This sounds like England is not embarrassed. For the most part.

This "won't do much for the street credibility of English prisons," laughs Mike Conway, the governor (that's the person in charge) of Maidstone Prison in Kent.

It started with Lady Anne Tree, who at 72 seems an unlikely influence on prison culture. Tree, a devoted volunteer visitor in English

prisons for 25 years, befriended the inmates and listened to their tales of woe. In the '70s, not long before she retired as a volunteer, Tree decided that what her jailed friends really needed was embroidery.

"I noticed over the years what a terrible waste of time there was" in prison, Tree says. "And as I got such a lot of fun out of embroidery — Enough said.

Tree, who belonged to the Royal School of Needlework,

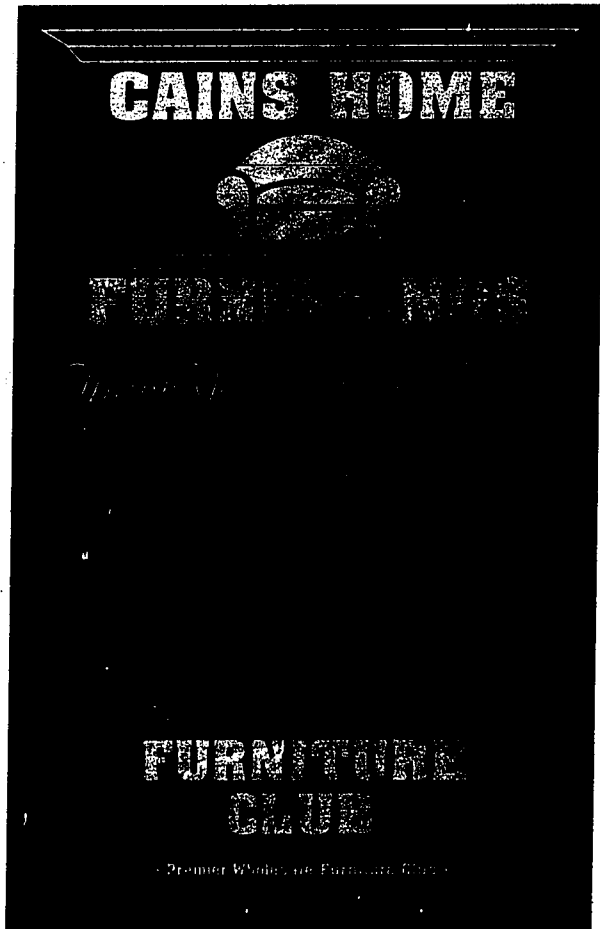
*The image seems downright bizarre: nearly 100 cons across the queen's dominion, hunched over piecework in their drafty cells.*

brought someone from the school into the prison to teach some patterns to a few inmates. Now Tree's program is an official charity. At less than three years old, Fine Cell Work

involves 90 prisoners in eight prisons nationwide. Their work sells at a nice price to design shops, with most of the proceeds going back to the inmates.

Needlework has become the hot hobby of the prison circuit. Other prisoners "get quite jealous, and all our groups have waiting lists," says Kary Emck, who runs the charity.

"There's actually a long tradition of soldiers and prisoners of war doing needlework," explains Emck, who says she encounters little joking when she approaches prisoners about learning needlework. And if they did, Tree says in her tremulous upper-crust accent, "I would say, just straight to them. If you feel this is poulf, don't bother us, because we don't want to train you."



# BL Sporting Goods outfits with quality

By Dure Jensen  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — "Sporting means fun," said Floyd Hazen, owner of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods. "We want the customer to have fun buying an item. We want to have fun selling the item. Above all, the customer should have fun using the item and must be satisfied after the purchase."

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"We have a fine location," said Hazen. "That helps, but our greatest asset is our people. We have a great crew. They pay attention to our customers."

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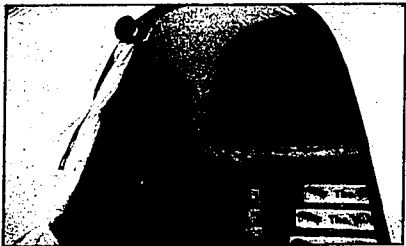
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devoted to guns (deemed one of the best selections in the area), fishing gear and backpacks. Outdoor clothing also is on this floor.

The second floor displays tents, rubber boats, canoes, sleeping bag and other camping gear — everything to make camp life enjoyable.

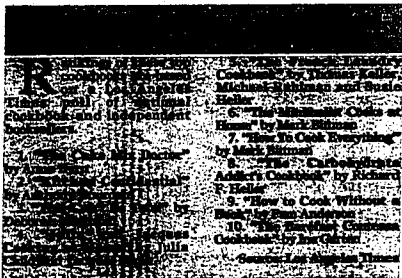
Blue Lakes Sporting Goods has been in business for 38 years, Hazen explained, and it draws customers from throughout the West.

Blue Lakes Sporting Goods is located at 1236 Blue Lakes Boulevard N.



BLSP0007/By Dure Jensen

Jade Johnson, in tariff, sits amid the products that help make Blue Lakes Sporting Goods an award-winning, full-line store for those who love the outdoors.



# Summer beverages get lift with frozen lemon slice

The Baltimore Sun

## Cooking tidbits

Dad won't mind manning the grill for these pork chops with Savory Steak Butter — a recipe from the Pork Information Bureau. Grill six chops, seasoned with freshly ground pepper to taste, over medium-hot coals until just done, about 12-15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat together one stick softened butter, 1 tablespoon of steak sauce, 1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce, 1/2 teaspoon of seasoned salt, 1

teaspoon of liquid smoke seasoning, one crushed garlic clove and 1/8 teaspoon of hot pepper sauce. Serve with chops.

## Frozen lemons add boost

Give summer beverages a cool lemon lift any time with this tip from Cook's Illustrated magazine. Slice lemons into thin rounds and place them on a parchment-covered baking sheet and freeze.

Store frozen slices in a zipper-lock bag until ready to garnish iced tea, lemonade or other drinks.

## Spice up cooking

Spice up your life, or cooking, with some dos and don'ts from Tone Brothers Inc., a leading producer of spices and herbs. Do replace spices every two years. Don't use larger amounts of stale spices instead of the designated amount of fresh spices. Do check out the Web site [www.spiceislands.com](http://www.spiceislands.com) or call the spice hot line, (800) 247-5251.

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