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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny and warm. High 90. Clear and mild tonight.  
Low 58.

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# DARE is done

## TF district takes 'new direction,' opts for resource officers

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A recent decision to scrap the decade-old DARE program has Twin Falls School District officials wondering whether the district even needs an anti-drug curriculum.

This week district administrators meet with the city's police department to reach a decision

about the question. DARE - which stands for the Drug Abuse Resistance and Education program - is a highly publicized, flashy approach used to teach fifth and sixth graders to avoid illegal drugs. Increasingly, the program has drawn criticism at the national level for its lack of effectiveness. Even federal government studies point to a lack of scientific evidence that it

works very well. Those studies, along with problems at the local level in maintaining DARE, caused both the district and the police department to reach an agreement in August to discontinue the program, said Wiley Dobbs, the district's operations supervisor. The district had been allocating \$75,000 a year to keep DARE going.

"The program may have just run its course," Dobbs said. But Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley bristles at the suggestion that the DARE approach has fizzled out. He runs the DARE program in most of the county's outlying school districts.

"Any program that teaches

# School meets fair week

## 4-H'ers juggle schedules

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - Students on horse barn duty Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair caught up on homework between the tending of animals.

Filer High School sophomore Jolene Waymire, 16, took notes from her biology textbook. She said she wasn't close to finishing piles of homework that had to be done in time for classes this week.



4-H'er Jolene Waymire, 16, squeezes in time for homework Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fair.

**Today at the fair**  
Peppel Coupon Day

12 p.m. - Goat Round Robin Showmanship, goat show ring  
12 p.m. - Swine Round Robin Showmanship, swine show ring

12 p.m. - Sheep Round Robin Showmanship, sheep show ring  
12 p.m. - Dairy Round Robin Showmanship, dairy show ring  
12 p.m. - Beef Round Robin Showmanship, beef show ring  
12 p.m. - Round Robin Showmanship, Zebairth Arena

1 p.m. - Jr. Angus Show (followed by Jr. Angus Show, and Open Angus Show, beef show ring)  
1 p.m. - Stock Dog Demonstration, Centennial Arena

1 p.m. - Jersey Show followed by all other dairy, dairy show ring  
2 p.m. - Llama Public Relations, Llama show ring  
2 p.m. - Small Animal round Robin, goat show ring  
3 p.m. - Pygmy Goat Obstacle Course, goat show ring  
3 p.m. - ITLA Texas Lorigom show, beef show ring  
4 p.m. - Eve Lead Fashion Show, sheep show ring  
4 p.m. - Wild Goat Milking contest Twin Falls 4-H only, swine show ring  
8 p.m. - The Imperials/FFH concert, rodeo arena

**Twin Falls County Fair attendance**

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Wednesday	19,320	14,052	12,281	14,599
Thursday	11,889	11,709	8,908	9,793
Friday	12,476	13,064	11,619	13,236

attempting to operate on a common calendar with the College of Southern Idaho, started two days before the fair this year. The common calendar allows schools to coordinate advanced programs for high school students.

Some schools still have fair days, Pitz said. Buhl and Filer dismiss early Wednesday for West End

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# Africans at racism conference ask for apology for colonialism

**The Associated Press**

**DURBAN, South Africa** - African leaders at the World Conference Against Racism on Saturday asked for Western countries to apologize for the destruction caused by colonialism and slavery but were divided on calls for reparations.

An apology would recognize the wrong that was committed against Africans and constitute a promise that such an atrocity would never happen again, Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo said.

With an apology, "the issue of reparations ceases to be a rhetorical option," he said during his formal

address to the conference Saturday morning.

Later Saturday, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned what he called Israel's racist practices but declined to label Israel a racist state, an apparent compromise in how Palestinians would choose to condemn Israel at the world conference against racism.

The speech came a day after the Rev. Jesse Jackson announced that Arafat had agreed to lobby to have language removed from a draft declaration that called Israel a racist state and condemned Zionism as racism.

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# Uncertainty makes for gloomier Labor Day

## Job loyalty wanes in U.S.

**The Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON** - The almost daily announcements of layoffs have created an uncertainty among America's workers that dampens this Labor Day for many.

**Longer hours - A2**

For Monica Hinojos, the headlines are more than just depressing news - they are reality. Hinojos, 32, of Boston has been laid off twice this year, her job among the thousands of casualties of a softening economy.

"I wouldn't say I'm bitter, but I don't see loyalty in the same way," she said.



Monica Hinojos, 32, of Boston has been laid off twice this year. The almost daily announcements of layoffs in the United States have created an uncertainty among many workers.

returning questionnaires to Walker Information, an Indianapolis research firm.

Just 24 percent of the workers responding said they were committed to the company they work for and plan to stay at least two years. Only about half said they would recommend their employer to others seeking a job.

Today's worker makes an average of \$14.27, works 34.2 hours a week, gets an average of 9.3 paid holidays per year and has held the current job an average of 3.5 years, according to the latest numbers from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hinojos got her latest pink slip last

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**Labor Day**

Here is a snapshot of the American labor force, by the numbers.

- 3.5 years Average time with current employer.
- 9.2 Average number of jobs held between ages 18 and 34.
- 7.8 million Number of people holding more than one job.
- \$14.27 Average hourly wage.
- 34.2 hours Typical work week.
- 9.6 days Average annual paid vacation.
- 106 years of service.
- 20.8 days Average annual paid vacation after 20 years of service.
- 8.3 days Average paid sick days per year.
- 66% of adult women work.
- 11% of all jobs are part time.
- 58% of adult women work.
- 11% of all jobs are part time.
- 28% of workers have flexible schedules.
- 7% of employees are self-employed.

Source: Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics

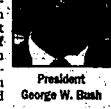
# Center stage

## Immigration issues loom large as Bush prepares for Fox

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - It will be a state visit with all the trappings: an elaborate arrival ceremony on the White House south lawn for the visiting foreign dignitary, a 21-gun salute, a review of troops and, in the evening, a glittering state dinner.

And as is typical for such visits, substantive issues will be discussed. But when President Bush sits down with Mexico's President Vicente Fox on Wednesday, the main item on the agenda - Mexican immigration - will have as much to do with domestic policy as foreign affairs.



President George W. Bush



Vicente Fox

Bush acknowledged on Friday that the problem of 3 million Mexicans living illegally in the United States is proving too complex to reach agreement in time for the meeting.

Rather than the detailed immigration proposals Bush had hoped to announce next week, the two presidents will outline only broad principles for change.

"I'm not sure immigration is one that is a complex issue," Bush said.

President Fox knows that the issue will require more than just the administration's involvement; it requires a willing Congress to address the issue.

Bush and Fox both want to reform the current system to make it legal, safe and humane. But if they are to get anywhere, they will have to deal with those such as Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., chairman of the congressional immigration reform caucus.

**Help for Mexico - A4**  
**Fox's promises - A12**

He says there is an "immigration crisis" in this country because of "massive" numbers who arrive on America's shores illegally.

He believes they should be deported, and has introduced legislation to impose a five-year moratorium on immigration, exempting only close family members of U.S. citizens.

Tancredo's views may not be mainstream, but many others share his concerns about current high migration levels - and the prospect that Bush wants to legalize many of those who came here without documents.

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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**Idaho Extremes Yesterday:**  
 High 82°  
 Pocatello 82°  
 Low 55°  
 Stanley

**Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday:**  
 Temperature 80°/68°  
 Normal high 70°/45°  
 Normal low 45°/25°  
 High/Low last year 72°/49°  
 Normal high/low in 1998 66°/36°  
 Record low 36° in 1968

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"  
 Month to date: 0.00"  
 Normal month to date: 4.02"  
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 4.55"  
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 9.75"

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon: 34%

**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.91 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:**  
 Grass: Moderate  
 Weeds: Moderate  
 Trees: Moderate  
 Mold: High  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

**Shown is today's weather.**  
 Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny and quite warm.	Mostly clear and mild.	Sunshine and some afternoon clouds.	Warm with mixed sun and clouds.	Times of clouds and sunshine.	Partly sunny.
▲ 90°	▼ 58°	▲ 88° ▼ 56°	▲ 86° ▼ 58°	▲ 86° ▼ 56°	▲ 88° ▼ 56°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southwest Idaho:** Very warm today with sunshine for the most part. Highs 82-92. Clear tonight. Lows 44 in some mountain localities and 64 in some of the valley towns. Mostly sunny again tomorrow.

**Boise:** Mostly sunny today. High 82. Clear and quite mild tonight. Low 60. Tomorrow and Tuesday, still warm with sunshine and occasional high clouds. High temps. 70s each day 8-9.

**Northern Nevada:** Mostly sunny today. Highs 78 in the mountains and 96 in some of the lower terrain. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 35-38. Labor Day will offer more sun than clouds.

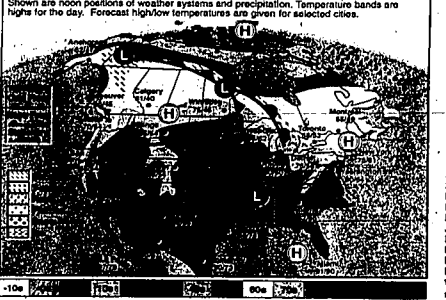
**Northern Utah:** Other than an isolated afternoon thunderstorm in the Wasatch Mountains, today will have a good deal of sunshine today and a warm afternoon. Highs 74-94. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 39-57.

**Northern Idaho:** Sunshine and occasional high clouds today. High temperature 74-84. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 48-58. Some sunshine tomorrow. There is a slight chance for a thunderstorm on Tuesday.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 113° in Death Valley, CA Low 32° in Wadom, MT

## NATIONAL WEATHER



## CANADIAN CITIES

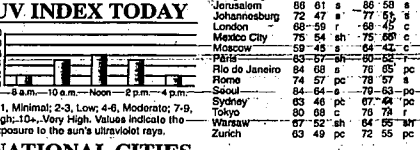
City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Moist.
Calgary	61	40	70	38	pc
Ottawa	67	43	71	44	pc
Edmonton	59	41	67	70	pc
Kelowna	70	41	78	26	pc
Calgary	70	48	78	26	pc
Edmonton	70	41	78	26	pc
Saskatoon	70	41	78	26	pc
Toronto	68	53	78	26	pc
Montreal	69	54	78	26	pc
Victoria	64	43	62	45	r
Winnipeg	76	48	74	55	r

## SUN AND MOON

**Sunrise today:** 7:04 a.m.  
**Sunset today:** 8:10 p.m.  
**Moonrise today:** 8:34 p.m.  
**Moonset today:** 6:37 a.m.

Full: Last Now: First

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## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Moist.
Atlanta	82	86	78	69	r
Atlanta City	77	81	78	63	r
Baltimore	80	81	65	83	pc
Bilings	88	54	88	58	pc
Birmingham	81	58	82	70	pc
Boston	71	58	80	64	pc
Charleston, SC	87	72	86	73	r
Chicago	80	80	62	58	pc
Cleveland	74	59	83	61	pc
Denver	88	68	82	70	pc
Des Moines	84	65	82	62	pc
Las Vegas	82	80	64	80	pc
El Paso	92	80	82	70	pc
Fairbanks	61	41	54	39	pc
Houston	80	46	77	51	pc
Los Angeles	77	71	88	73	pc
Houston	88	74	82	72	pc
Indianapolis	83	62	88	62	pc
Jacksonville	77	71	88	73	pc
Kansas City	84	64	88	67	pc
Las Vegas	88	71	88	73	pc
Little Rock	88	71	88	73	pc
Los Angeles	82	62	82	64	pc
Washington, DC	80	64	84	68	pc

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	High	Low	Wind	Moist.
Boise	92	80	88	82	pc
Bonanza Ferry	78	48	78	44	pc
Burley	92	80	88	82	pc
Coeur d'Alene	78	48	78	44	pc
Elgin	88	50	88	48	pc
Eggen, OR	88	50	88	48	pc
Hagerman	92	59	88	82	pc
Idaho Falls	92	59	88	82	pc
Kalispell, MT	88	54	88	48	pc
Lewiston	78	48	78	44	pc
Malden	88	57	88	55	pc
Maria	78	47	78	43	pc

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## Racism

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U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan reiterated Saturday that the Zionism clause had been removed from the declaration.

"The question of Zionism versus racism is dead," he said.

In his main speech to the conference, Arafat also did not mention the word Zionism, but did say: "The Israeli occupation embodies racial discrimination in its ugliest forms."

"Israeli occupation... represents a dangerous and flagrant violation of the (U.N.) charter, international human rights and human law. The Israeli occupation is a new and advanced type of apartheid," Arafat said.

"Israel, the occupation authority, has pursued policies of racial discrimination."

The conference has been marked by controversy over how to deal with the legacy of slavery and colonialism as well as efforts to condemn Israel.

The Arab League met Saturday morning to coordinate its position on the final declaration. Amr Mousa, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said the section condemning Israel's treatment of the Palestinians and the recognition of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism and so on, so its a package.

"There are racist policies and practices by Israel and they have to be addressed (just) as Israel wants us to address the problem of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism and so on, so its a package."

## Study finds Americans work more hours

**WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. workers put in more hours on the job last year than the labor force of any other industrial nation, outpacing employees in Canada, France, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom, a study by a U.N. agency finds.**

The average American worked 1,978 hours in 2000, compared with 1,942 hours in 1999, according to Jeff Johnson, the economist who headed the study by the International Labor Organization.

"That comes to almost an additional 40-hour work week."

"The increase in the number of hours worked within the United States runs counter to the trend in other industrialized nations where we see declining annual hours worked," Johnson said.

Japan held the title for the most hours worked until the mid-1990s, when the United States surged ahead.

Now, Americans work almost a month more than the Japanese and almost three months more than Germans.

## DARE

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most of the good that was accomplished in foster care is erased.

"The real problem with DARE is that it was never fully implemented," he said.

In the planning stages, DARE was to have been a three-part program that would begin by targeting fifth and sixth graders. The second phase would have police officers reaching out to kindergarten and young grade schoolers, then the third phase would move DARE officers into junior highs and high schools.

The program, which is estimated to cost upwards of \$700 million across the nation each year, never got beyond the first phase.

Dobbs agreed that a continuum from K-12 might have been more effective, but the district's campaign to improve student academic performance has administrators hard-pressed to spare time for their instruction.

"Since 1990 the school day hasn't gotten any longer, but I could give you a list as long as my arm of things that have been added since then that we've supposed to teach," he said. "We have a real strong commitment in the Twin Falls School District to academics, and the time teachers have with students is sacred."

Also, in light of school shootings, more and more districts nationwide as well as locally are placing school resource officers in all buildings from elementary through high school.

The district's efforts to step up security fit in with a new concept called "community policing," said Sgt. Dennis Pullin of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The approach might eliminate the need for formal anti-drug curriculum, Dobbs said, or other programs, such as "Stranger Danger" might take precedence.

"The key word is that we're taking a new direction," Pullin said. "When the kids get used to that, that direction will have a full-time school resource officer at the high school, two at each of the junior highs, Pullin, along with the two junior high officers, will rotate through the district's five elementary schools throughout the week."

"We want to encourage positive contact with the police," Pullin said. "When the kids get used to you and trust you, they'll come and tell you if someone has a weapon. They'll tell you lots of things because it becomes a partnership with the police."

Pullin, who will supervise the officers, also thinks the school district will get more for its money than it did with DARE.

"The officers will have more continuous contact with the students," he said.

In the DARE program, students saw an officer for about an hour a week for one semester.

But if the district does want some formal instruction on the perils of drugs and alcohol, the four officers have developed their own curriculum, Pullin said.

The district will still pay \$5,000 for the resource officers. The amount will pay for 1.5 positions. The police department will pick up the rest.

Like it or not, Tousey is looking at the same transitions. Funding for DARE will dry up at the end of the year, and other districts such as Murtaugh, Hansen and Castleford will have to decide if they want to fund DARE officers, or school resource deputies. For several years federal grants have been available to place part-time DARE officers in those school districts as well as others.

St. Louis County's officer Twin Falls County taxpayers have ever had to dish out for the sheriff's department DARE program is the first year \$25,000 salary for the first-year DARE officer, and since then an annual \$4,000 for student workbooks, Tousey said.

None of the schools under Tousey's supervision have ever had any money toward DARE, other than drug testing, Tousey said.

In addition, the current DARE curriculum is going to be revamped on at year's end, said Tousey said he will take a close look at continuing that particular drug-prevention program when the new program comes out.

But he's also an advocate of keeping police officers in schools.

"The school resource deputy makes the best sense from my standpoint," he said.

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# Comedian recovers in familiar neighborhood



Comedian Bob Hope, sitting next to his wife Dolores, waves to well-wishers during a 1998 parade in Toluca Lake, Calif.

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Bob Hope is recovering from his latest illness in a village full of memories.

The 96-year-old comic's hospital is located off Bob Hope Drive, not far from his Toluca Lake home and across the street from NBC Studios, where he used to tape TV specials.

He has plans to build a Bob Hope office complex on the other side of the studio.

Some call his stomping grounds of more than 60 years "Mr. Hope's Neighborhood."

Hope is recovering from pneumonia at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center. Although frail, doctors expect him to return home next week.

Confined to a wheelchair in recent years, Hope still enjoys being taken to his old hangouts, says Ward Grant, his publicist.

"This is his neighborhood and it has been since 1938," Grant said. "People always called about sightings. 'Was Bob Hope at Yonkers (market)?' I'd say, 'Probably.' 'Was Bob Hope at Priscilla's Coffee?' I'd say, 'Probably.'"

Even into his 80s, the comic could be seen walking his dog along the main strip of Riverside Drive, where he frequented hamburger joints and the weekly neighborhood newspaper office, The Toluca Times.

"He's very influential in putting Toluca Lake on the map," said publisher Mardi Rustom. "He was always willing to support the neighborhood or let us take a picture of him reading The Toluca Times."

Rustom, 67, said he first met

Hope in the early 1970s, when he accompanied a neighbor picking up the comic at the airport.

"(Hope) was very down-to-earth," Rustom said. Hope rented a home in the San Fernando Valley in 1938 while working on a radio show, Grant said. Hope and his wife Dolores planned to move back to New York City after his work was finished.

But the comic fell prey to the boasting of friend and fellow entertainer Bing Crosby.

The crooner already owned a Toluca Lake home and often bragged about the exclusive, Lakeside Golf Club.

Gossip about the famous residents was so rampant that Dolores Hope, now 92, found out her husband wanted to stay before he could tell her.

# Judge sets suspect's bail at \$7M

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — Bail was set at \$7 million Saturday for a man accused of killing seven people, including his girlfriend and her five children who were bludgeoned to death in their sleep with a hammer.

Adam-Matthew Moss, 23, stared at the floor or his hands as he appeared before Woodbury County District Judge Frank B. Nelson.

Seven first-degree murder accusations were detailed in complaints filed by county prosecutors, who said formal charges would be filed this coming week.

If convicted of a single first-degree murder charge, Moss would face life in prison; Iowa does not have the death penalty. No motive was given for the killings.

# Bullet tears through news helicopter

VANDALIA, Mich. (AP) — A news helicopter was hit by a bullet during a standoff between police and the owner of a campground who was due to appear in court on drug and weapons charges.

Police still had the property surrounded Saturday, a day after the shot was fired.

The bullet tore through the helicopter's rear stabilizer, but the helicopter was able to land safely and no injuries were reported, reported the Indiana television station operating the aircraft.

Sheriff's deputies went to the Rainbow Farm Campground about noon Friday after neighbors reported the owner, Grover T. Crosslin, 46, was burning tires on the property in southwest Michigan.

Deputies evacuated six houses and watched as three buildings burned. Gunfire came from the campground and the helicopter from WNDV-TV of South Bend, Ind., was hit, Cass County Sheriff Joseph Underwood said.

"We're trying to set up some negotiations right now, to get a

phone line in and do some talking," Underwood told The Truth newspaper of Elkhart, Ind. "Obviously, (Crosslin) is in an agitated state at this time."

Calls to Rainbow Farm on Saturday met with busy signals. Crosslin's sister, Shirley DeWeese, of Elkhart, Ind. said her brother wanted to be left alone.

"I can't talk to him ... he was very angry with the government and the way they have done things," DeWeese told the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

# Shark attacks boy

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — A shark attacked a 10-year-old boy swimming off the Virginia coast Saturday, releasing the boy's leg only when his father hit the shark on the head, officials said. The boy was hospitalized in critical condition.

David Peltier, 10, was bitten as he swam about 50 feet from shore in about 4 feet of water, said Ed Brazle, division chief for the city's Emergency Medical Services.

A shark about 8-feet long grabbed him off Sandbridge Beach, witnesses said.

# Fair

Continued from A1

Day. Castleford dismisses classes Wednesday through Friday.

Castleford teachers would need to re-teach fair week's lessons if school remained in session, Castleford School District Superintendent Kelly Murphy says.

"We have a tremendous percentage of our children involved with 4-H and FFA," he said.

The school wants students to have the experience, and some students use livestock sales to save up for college, he said.

Buhl High School junior Jodi Elam, 16, has a college nest egg started thanks to many years participation in the 4-H steer sale.

Jodi's family camps at the fairgrounds. Days begin at 6 a.m., watering and feeding her 1,240-pound steer, Jay.

"It doesn't stop there. Stalls must be cleaned, and Jay must be monitored."

"You have to check in with your steers every three hours," Jodi said.

The day ends just before midnight, with one last check on Jay.

By Saturday, Jodi had showed Jay three times. She also had finished all of her homework but Chemistry.

The hard thing about missing

# Industry encouragement — D1

## Keeping traditions — E1

classes is playing catch-up. "You don't get the experience of being a teacher and listening for yourself," she said.

For Jodi's mom, Vona Elam, fair week is a lot of work, too. With two children juggling school, sports and 4-H, and a new kindergarten, the week is intense. Between supporting her children's activities, Vona Elam filled-in for her high school students' shift at the 4-H food booth so they could attend school Wednesday.

Students can make the first two days of school Monday and Tuesday, and some attended the early West End dismissal day Wednesday.

Twins High School's attendance policy counts 4-H fair activities as excused absences, Principal Ben Allen said. Students who miss only three days of school or less a semester may waive final exams. Students and teachers created the policy to reduce absenteeism and reward good attendance, Allen said.

Many quality extracurricular

education programs exist, Allen said. It's too difficult to decide which ones should or should not be exempt from the attendance policy, he said.

He tells students and their parents, "if you have an opportunity to participate in something that is going to be a good learning experience, do it."

Allen said he wishes fair week started earlier. Beginning school later can pose conflicts with summer school dates the following year.

The Twin Falls County Fair is sandwiched between other big Idaho fairs and rounds out the local county fairs it otherwise could find itself competing against.

"Boise is just ahead of us. Blackfoot is just behind us," said Linda Gwyn, fairgrounds office manager.

Holding the Twin Falls fair over Labor Day weekend fits in with the livestock and carnival contractors' fair rotations, she said.

Tina Dickard, an assistant University of Idaho extension educator, said 4-H participation most of that to students opting for FFA. FFA is a school-based program, so students aren't counted absent from class.

# Labor

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week, from Computerworld magazine, where she worked in the events department. She had been there for two months.

"It was the last one in, so it just kind of made sense," she said.

The job was not a perfect fit for Hinojos, so it was not devastating news. She took the job in almost a panic after being laid off April 30 from the marketing job she loved at Allaire Corp., an Internet software company that was bought by Macromedia Inc.

"There was a lack of communication — nobody really knew what was going on," she said of her first layoff. "There was a lot of speculation and rumors, and all of a sudden it hit. It was tough — and to see a lot of people go who were really solid was hard."

Layoffs have driven the nation's unemployment rate from a 30-year low of 3.9 percent in October to 4.5 percent in July.

Many economists are predicting the jobless rate will continue to rise, but remain at or below 5 percent.

A gloomy economy has created some unhappy workers. Even the prosperity of recent years could be adding to that with higher career expectations.

"The question people are asking is 'Why should I make myself miserable in a job I hate, especially if it will mean more hours and more headaches?'" said Ed LaFreniere of The Marlin Company in North Haven, Conn., a developer of workplace communications products.

Nearly three in four workers surveyed by Marlin said they would not want the job of their boss. But workers with the highest incomes were more likely to say they wanted it. The telephone survey of 751 American workers had an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

"Today people find it important to strike a balance between dedication to their personal lives, spending time with their families and pursuing personal goals," said Marlin's president, Frank Kenna III.

What American workers are saying and the reality appear to differ. Americans actually are putting in the longest hours in the industrialized world, spending nearly one week more on the job per year than they did a decade ago, according to a study by the International Labor Organization.

The average American worked 1,978 hours last year, up from 1,942 hours in 1990. Americans are working only less than workers in Korea and the Czech Republic, said the study by the U.N. agency.

"Hours are increasing and productivity is increasing, but at what cost?" said Jeff Johnson, an ILO economist.

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# Fox approaches Bush meeting with doubt over development plan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — When Mexican President Vicente Fox arrives at the White House on Wednesday to meet with President Bush on migration issues, there is one thing the administration would rather he not talk about: how the United States can help keep Mexican workers in Mexico.

Fox came to office trumpeting the need for increased U.S. development aid to Mexico to alleviate the poverty that millions of Mexicans flee for jobs in El Norte. But in talks this summer with their Mexican counterparts, Bush administration officials have made it clear that there is little political appetite — and no surplus budget funds — for addressing the issue any time soon.

That leaves Fox facing the prospect of endorsing an agreement with Bush on regulating the immigrant flow, that doesn't deal with what he insists is the genesis of the problem: demand for the sort of high-paying jobs Mexicans can't find at home.

"But Fox might not have a choice. This is not an administration that is in the realistic position of providing massive support to Mexico. We're no longer in the business of Marshall Plans in the United States," said a senior U.S. official involved in the talks. "The political realities on the ground just are not in favor of this."

Fox and his advisers still are trying to convince Washington, D.C., that putting money into Mexican development is worthwhile.

"We need investment resources to stem migration," Fox told the Los Angeles Times last year. "It is easy for the U.S. to say, 'Get the resources on the market,' because (it) can do it. But for Mexico, and other developing countries, that is very difficult. So although we can get part of what we need from the market, we must get part of what we need from foreign direct investment."

Such a support program for Mexico first was proposed by Mexico years ago, when the two countries negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement, which took effect in 1994. But the United States did not agree to the proposal.

Since Fox took office, he has called for the expansion of the North American Development Bank, a public-bank designed to finance anti-pollution measures along the shared border. He has called for bigger loans to Mexico from the World Bank and the International Development Bank, both heavily funded by the United States.

And Fox has made a strong pitch for a new development assistance program modeled on the regional development funds the European Union has set up to bolster the economies of its poorest mem-

bers, Spain and Portugal. That aid program was designed to spur job creation and reduce the incentive for people from those countries to immigrate to richer nations within the European Union.

Fox aides are scrambling to keep the idea on the table. Senior Mexican government officials said this week that they will come to Washington with a broad menu of proposals for development programs on the border and in the Mexican interior.

Enrique Berueta, Mexico's deputy foreign minister for North America, said a program promoting economic development in migrant-sending regions "has to be part of the overall solution. You have to entice people to stay where they come from. Both for economic and demographic reasons, we want the migrant flow to decrease dramatically in the next decade. ... We cannot give up the generation that is going to produce prosperity for this country. We cannot have this bleeding of people."

He noted, however, that until mechanisms are created for cross-border development initiatives in migrant states, "We will have to do it on our own. That is part of our burden, and we have to do it for national reasons. But if it can be part of a wider (U.S.-Mexico) package, even better, because it is in the U.S.' interest as well."

## U.S. and Mexico: a volatile history

As the presidents of the United States and Mexico prepare to meet next week, here is a look back at past 194 years.

- 1821 — Mexico ejects Spain and becomes an independent republic.
- 1830 — Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna defeats pro-Texas forces at the Alamo; signs treaty recognizing Texas independence after his defeat at San Jacinto.
- 1845 — Texas votes to join the United States.
- 1846 — Mexico refuses to recognize earlier treaty and maintains claim to Texas.
- 1848 — United States declares war on Mexico after border clash.
- 1846-1847 — U.S. troops invade Mexico and occupy the capital.
- 1848 — Mexican president signs with Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; Mexico cedes territory.
- In part of what are now seven U.S. states.
- 1862 — Emperor Napoleon III orders French troops into Mexico, exploiting U.S. preoccupation with the Civil War.
- 1864 — France installs Austrian Archduke Maximilian as emperor of Mexico, leading to guerrilla war.
- 1866 — United States puts pressure on France to remove its troops from Mexico.
- 1867 — Franco-Warwick Maximilian is executed.
- 1874 — U.S. occupies Cuba; President Woodrow Wilson supports independence.
- 1918 — Francisco "Pancho" Villa raids Columbus, Ariz., sends U.S. troops into Mexico under Gen. John J. Pershing.
- 1917 — Germany's Zimmerman Telegram proposes an anti-U.S. alliance with Mexico and encourages Mexico to renounce its "lost territory."
- 1938 — Mexico nationalizes American and British oil companies.
- 1942-1945 — Mexico joins Allied forces in World War II.
- 1950s — An era of bad feelings over Mexico's support for left-wing forces in Latin America, corruption, narcotics smuggling and illegal immigration.
- 1982 — President Ronald Reagan arranges billion-dollar emergency loans to help Mexico avert financial crisis.
- 1994 — Mexico joins the North American Free Trade Association.
- 1995 — At President Clinton's urgent request, Congress OKs \$20 billion bailout to head off another financial crisis.
- Mexico repays ahead of time.
- 2000 — Election of Vicente Fox ends seven decades of one-party rule, containing a trend toward greater friendship and cooperation with the United States.
- Mexican Gen. Alvarez Obregon and Pancho Villa assassinated.
- John Pershing at a 1917 meeting.



SOURCE: Compiled from AP wire reports

# Immigrant communities bring challenges to lawmakers

Different languages, cultures cause delays

CITRUS HEIGHTS, CALIF. (AP) — Police nearly missed capturing a Ukrainian immigrant suspected of brutally killing six relatives because they couldn't speak the language.

Most everyone they talked to spoke Russian or Ukrainian, forcing investigators to abandon the usual rules. And when the crucial case came in to 911, it took police several minutes to find a Ukrainian translator and learn from the caller that Nikolay Soltyis was hiding in the backyard of his mother's house in the Sacramento suburb of Citrus Heights.

It's a phenomenon that is happening nationwide as law enforcement agencies cope with new immigrant communities.

About 11 percent of the nation's 30 million people — is now foreign-born, up from less than 5 percent in 1970, according to the 2000 census.

Minority enclaves are increasingly appearing outside the traditional entry points of California, Florida and New York. The Center for Immigration Studies



Vera Bovodovityayna, a Ukrainian immigrant, walks past two Sacramento County Sheriff's patrol cars Wednesday, across from the home where Ukrainian immigrant Nikolay Soltyis allegedly murdered four relatives.

found states with fast-growing populations like Colorado, North Carolina and Nevada each experienced jumps in foreign-born residents of more than 180 percent since 1990.

"The U.S. may be the most diverse country in the world. It means the community no longer has the shared understandings of what acceptable and unacceptable behavior is," said

Northwestern University law professor Paul H. Robinson, who helped develop criminal codes for Ukraine and Belarus.

Columbus, Ohio, police carry language identifier booklets to figure out which translator can help with the 30 to 40 language groups in central Ohio.

"It's certainly intensified over the last 10 years," said Columbus Sgt. Earl Smith. "And law

enforcement has to always be in a process of adapting."

It's not just language that challenges police. Deep-seated cultural differences also have an effect.

For instance, Hmong women who have been raped rarely come forward because of the extreme stigma imported from their homeland in the mountains of Southeast Asia.

"They're really abandoned by their families. They're seen as damaged goods," said Michael Jordan, a spokesman for St. Paul, Minn., police.

Police there also have run into cultural differences on what constitutes domestic violence.

"You're charging me with hitting my wife? She's mine. I paid for her," Jordan said, paraphrasing one argument. "In that culture they often pay a dowry, so they feel they own her."

Detroit police have had a tough time persuading members of the Bangladeshi community to testify against a countryman suspected of harassing fellow immigrants.

"They want to take care of it their way," and can't understand American concepts such as due process, said Lt. Paul Janness. "Nobody's killed anybody."

That's not the case in

Sacramento, where investigators with authority and other cultural differences hampered an investigation conducted largely within the region's growing community of 75,000 Russians and Ukrainians.

Police had so little cooperation that Senior Pastor Adam Bondaruk of Bethany Slavic Missionary Church had to plead at the victims' funerals for his countrymen to put aside the fear of police they brought with them from the former Soviet Union.

Soltyis was eventually captured Thursday after his brother alerted police when he spotted the 27-year-old fugitive hiding in his mother's backyard.

Immigrants often distrust even institutions such as banks and motor vehicle departments, said Marouf Jawmery, of the National Crime Prevention Council in Washington, D.C.

That distrust made tracking Soltyis difficult: He had no known credit cards, and his vehicle was unregistered so police didn't know his license plate number.

Cultural differences facing police also can involve seemingly mundane issues.

Members of some Asian cultures avoid eye contact, a sign of disrespect that police often misin-

terpret as evasiveness, said St. Paul's Jordan. "Improperly touching people from certain Southeast Asian or Muslim cultures is a sign of disgrace that can spark confrontations."

It's all about respect and dignity, said Sharon Rummyer of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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# Texas' open-container law heads out on highways

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Texas' tolerant mix of cars and alcohol, which generations made it easier to drink and drive, became another roadside casualty Saturday.

For the first time since biggies became horseless, it's illegal to drink and ride.

The open-container law outfits what many Texans came to view as a staple of road trips, drives to sporting events or just the ride home from work — an open can, bottle or cup of anything with alcohol in it.

Safety advocates and law enforcement groups, who tried to get the restriction passed for more than a decade, finally have seen their efforts produce a law that they say is founded on simple common sense.

"We really want to stop drinking and driving, we need to get the alcohol out of the cars," said Bill Lewis, a spokesman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "The only way to do that is for the law to apply to everybody in the car."

"It's been too easy for drivers to drink and then pass it to their buddy and say, 'It's not my beer.' It's his."

The prohibition represents a big stride away from the state's free-wheeling reputation involv-

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— Bill Lewis, Mothers Against Drunk Driving spokesman

ing alcohol and the open road.

"Texas has always been different," said Roger Hodges, 55, who had beers with friends this week around the tailgate of a pickup at Keller's burgers-and-beer drive-in in northeast Dallas.

"I don't like the law. I don't see anything wrong with having an open container if you're not driving."

It's been illegal in Texas since 1987 to drink while driving, and police considered the law virtually unenforceable since it required them to see a driver consume a clearly alcoholic beverage before stopping a vehicle.

About two-thirds of the states now have laws banning open or resealed drinks in passenger compartments.

Arguments over the issue are hardly one-sided, however, which

may explain why car and truck passengers have retained their drinking rights for so many years. It's counterproductive to the fundamental safety concerns, others view the question as a matter of individual responsibility and personal freedom.

"There's no reason to have an open-container law for passengers," said Lee Sammons, 45, who drank a beer while riding to a Dallas concert from Tyler, Texas, this week.

"If there's a suspicion about the driver drinking the police can give him a Breathalyzer test."

A prevailing attitude that people could make their own choices about having a beer when they're merely riding in a vehicle kept supporters of the new law frustrated for years.

"That's probably the number

one reason we didn't get the law changed sooner," said Dallas police Lt. John Branton, a traffic section supervisor.

Drinking while riding — and even driving — is part of a "good of boy" outlook that's been slow to change, he said. "People kind of winked at it. Now people see it for more of the evil it is."

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# After boy's death, new cameras watch for drownings inside pool

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)**—No one noticed when swimming class ended that 13-year-old Shuai Jiang hadn't shown up on deck.

Nothing appeared wrong to the instructor until he noticed the boy missing across the high school pool. All four lifeguards saw the freshman's swim extra laps.

But 12 feet below the surface, Shuai's young life was draining out of him. It took almost 20 minutes before a student entering the pool for the next class saw the freshman's body. By then, it was too late.

Two years after Shuai's drowning, the pool where he died is now equipped with an underwater camera system that detects motionless swimmers. The system is designed to spot what lifeguards cannot immediately see.

The St. Cloud public school system is the first in the country to install the drowning detection system, called Poseidon. It sounds an alarm when a swimmer is motionless for 10 seconds, alerting lifeguards by beeper to a specific area of the pool.

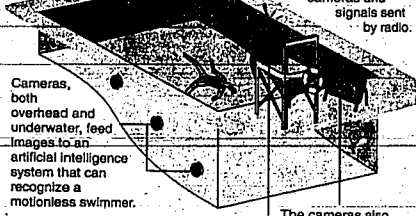
"Nearly 14 people drown each day in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Behind motor vehicle deaths, drownings were the second-highest cause of accidental death for youngsters ages 1 to 14, the 1998 statistics show."

In the 10,000-student St. Cloud school system, where swimming is a required part of gym class, the Poseidon system has been installed at all four of the district's pools. The system will not be fully operational until training is complete in a few more weeks.

"After Shuai's death, police determined that the water exchanger had caused a cloudy swirl in the pool, and lines painted

## Lifeguarding with radio waves

Here is a look at the Poseidon system, a way of alerting pool lifeguards when a swimmer is in danger that uses cameras and signals sent by radio.



AP

ed on the bottom further obscured the view.

A January trial date has been set in the wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the boy's family against the school district. The lawsuit seeks more than \$50,000, alleging negligence in operation, supervision and maintenance of the pool.

Today, the pool has digital cameras above it and within its walls. The Poseidon system taps a large computer database of "normal swimming actions" and sounds an alert when an object remains still, said Steve Bagby, president of Vision IQ, the French company that began creating the program five years ago. The security system can differentiate between shadows and

# Supermarket workers share in jackpot

**BRICK, N.J. (AP)**—Shoppers at the local Pathmark supermarket might have to wait a little longer for someone to ring up their purchases.

Thirty-three of the store's 250 employees shared one of the two winning tickets for a Big Game lottery jackpot worth \$115 million.

The other half of the Friday night jackpot in the multistate game goes to the holder of a first-of-its-kind ticket.

Paul Silecchia was the first Pathmark worker to realize he and his colleagues were rich. He came in early Saturday to go through their pool of tickets, and found that one had all six numbers.

"I stared at it for about a minute," he said. "I saw the numbers, but it didn't seem real."

"I'm still numb in shock, total disbelief," said fellow employee Lillian Mahaffey. "I can't even find the words to describe it."

Mahaffey, a customer-service representative at the supermarket, had been up all night caring for her ailing young son.

"When I came in and they said we won, I said 'Don't tease me; I'm in no mood for it today.'"

Store manager Bernadette Lemke, who also had a share of the winning ticket, said she had to remind her fellow new millionaire several times Saturday morning to go back to work.

She had another problem: "My

husband doesn't even know yet. I just did an interview with the radio, and when he hears my voice, he's gonna die."

"Everyone is happy for us," she said. "Even the customers are happy for us."

The 33 colleagues each put \$10 into the pot — enough for 330 tickets.

Taking their winnings as annuities with payouts spread over 26 years would mean a total of about \$1.7 million per person.

Taking the one-time cash option would reduce that by about half.

The workers initially chose the cash option but several said they were considering changing to the annuity.

## Neighbors rescue smoking cancer patient from fire

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — A 49-year-old cancer and tracheotomy patient who fell asleep while smoking through his stoma, the hole in his throat, lit his futon and nearly himself on fire this morning before being rescued by neighbors.

The man lived in a first-floor studio apartment at 4354 Mission Road in Kansas City, Kan. A neighbor, Bob Brewer, 51, smelled smoke coming from the adjoining apartment shortly after 10 a.m.

Brewer rushed to get the manager of the apartment complex. Together, they entered the apartment from which black smoke was billowing. They crawled in, dragged the unconscious man off his futon and onto the grass just outside the front door. The victim began breathing in the fresh air.

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# Calif. HMO limits access to doctors

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Kaiser Permanente, California's largest health maintenance organization, restricted patients' access to doctors during an ad campaign that urged their accessibility, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

The HMO's campaign used the slogan "you're in the hands of doctors."

But the newspaper's review of documents, including e-mails and notes of private meetings, reveals Kaiser encouraged its doctors in Northern California to make themselves as unavailable as possible to their patients in order to lower patient demand and costs.

Dr. Robert Pearl, chief executive of Kaiser, said at a private meeting that "we chose not to provide our patients with what they desired," the Times reported.

Later, Pearl recommended a change in the way the company conducted business to his physician group's board of directors, saying the policy was making patients and doctors very unhappy and wasn't saving money.

Pearl said cost-saving measures failed because most patients persisted in efforts to get an appointment, according to the minutes of a July 2000 meeting.

He recently told the Times that the HMO had become a leader in improving patient access.

Other internal documents show that Kaiser encouraged the use of non-doctors and this worried other employees who said it went against their 1998 "in the hands of doctors" campaign.

Kaiser official Cecilia Runkle complained in an e-mail that "the big line may promise more than we can deliver."

The internal documents were obtained from a nurses' labor union and a consumer group that sued the HMO for false advertising. The lawsuit is pending.

There was no comment Saturday from Kaiser Permanente.

Spokeswoman Laura Bristow said the HMO's headquarters in Oakland did not immediately respond to telephone messages and pages.

The Times said the company denied it misled anyone and cited favorable results from an independent survey of its 3 million Northern California members. When it came to patients' access to primary care physicians, Kaiser was rated above average in the late 1990s compared to other HMOs. Kaiser's Southern California services were rated about average.

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# Slow economy looms over fall agenda

By Ron Fournier  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush, whose father lost the White House during bad economic times, views America's financial slump as a potential threat to his own presidency. He hopes to use the fall budget debate and soothing words to convince Americans that he cares.

That is the consensus of top presidential advisers as Bush, fresh from a 26-day respite from Washington, tackles a crowded fall agenda: 13 government spending bills, four major foreign

policy events, a new values initiative and legislation dealing with education, patients' rights and trade.

When Bush returned to the White House late last week, a new round of bad economic news sat on his desk. Consumers tightened their spending habits in July, even as tax-rebate checks were headed their way. Stocks tumbled.

"I'm deeply worried about the working families all across the country," Bush said, testing his new rhetoric.

His advisers said the president plans to use the bully pulpit to

express sympathy with hard-bitten workers, and the budget debate to shape his economic message. He is borrowing time, hoping his tax-cut package turns the economy around before midterm elections in 2002, when control of Congress is at stake.

A top adviser to his father during the 1992 presidential campaign, Bush watched helplessly as then-Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas portrayed the incumbent as insensitive to working Americans while the country struggled out of its last recession.

Friends and advisers say the son has vowed to avoid his

father's plight.

Thus, Bush has embarked on a fall campaign to prove to voters that he is working on the economy while improving their lives in ways no accountant can measure - better schools, stronger communities and safer retirement benefits.

"Nothing is more important to the president's opinion than to get the economy going and growing," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. Borrowing a phrase from Clinton's campaign, Fleischer said Bush would "focus like a laser beam" on the economy and other priorities.

Bush will carry that message to several states in September, starting with a Labor Day trip to Michigan and Wisconsin to chat with union members.

A White House memo distributed to GOP operatives across the country says: "Remember to make this point to everyone you talk to today - the president has taken immediate action on his strong economic recovery plan to cut taxes to get working families immediate help, to pay off historic levels of debt, and to increase trade and create American jobs to sell more goods and services to the world."

# Bush neighbors depend on D.C. to stay afloat

## Texas com, wheat growers, ranchers struggle with prices

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - At a recent session with reporters at his Crawford, Texas, ranch, President Bush extolled his neighbors for ignoring "partisan squabbling" in Washington and being interested mainly in their families, the weather, and the price of fuel and insurance.

But when it comes to one thing - the federal farm subsidies that are a mainstay of Crawford's corn and wheat growers - many of the president's neighbors in central Texas take a keen interest in events in the nation's capital.

From 1996 through 2000, 110 Crawford farmers pocketed \$3,577,091 in government payments under 14 separate programs, according to Agriculture Department records obtained by the Washington-based Environmental Working Group, a research and advocacy organization.

Last year, despite a record corn crop that yielded some farmers an unprecedented 120 bushels an acre, the checks from Washington kept coming. Crawford growers, for example, collected \$306,954 for "market loss assistance" approved by Congress to compensate for low commodity prices regardless of yields. There were a variety of other subsidies for grain farmers and \$39,837 for cattle ranchers whose grazing areas had been depleted by drought.

The president, who leases back his 1,600 acres to the rancher who sold the property to Bush, received no payments, but records indicate that many of his neighbors did.

Interviewed by phone, several Crawford growers conceded they often have trouble figuring out what government check is for



President Bush walks down a dirt road on his ranch near Crawford, Texas, last month. "It's the real world," Bush said of the ranch he purchased about two years ago. "It's part of keeping one's perspective."

which subsidy program. "Since we're making it pretty good we don't always pay attention to the details," said Richard Westerfeld, one of three brothers who run Westerfeld Farms, the area's largest farming operation.

Westerfeld described himself as a staunch Republican. The experience of Westerfeld Farms, headquartered about three miles from the Bush ranch, suggests that the farm program enacted in 1996 has been a fairly blunt instrument in Washington's effort to support farmers. The

1996 farm bill was intended as a way to force farmers to rely less on government intervention and subsidies; instead it has been used as a means to channel even more government money to them.

With 5,500 acres devoted to corn, wheat, sorghum and oats, Westerfeld Farms enjoys the advantages of scale and efficiency, such as the ability to store most of each year's crop to take advantage of price fluctuations that always occur between one harvest and the next. But the operation also captured the

largest share of government payments in Crawford - \$985,618 over five years, nearly a third of the total, according to the USDA records.

In 1996 and 1997, with the agriculture economy booming and commodity prices held up by strong demand abroad, Westerfeld Farms still received more than \$200,000 in federal payments. As prices dropped in 1998, 1999 and 2000, Westerfeld Farms continued to collect the payments but also got emergency assistance for "market losses," as

well as federal "deficiency payments," representing the difference between the government's mandated support price and what the local grain elevator was paying.

Under the legislation Congress passed in 1996, Westerfeld Farms was allowed to collect the deficiency payments when corn prices dipped, then store the grain and sell it for a higher price if the market rose, without having to return the federal check.

Last year, according to Richard Westerfeld, the farm harvested a record 446,000 bushels of corn and sold it for an average \$2.25 a bushel. That was well above the \$2.16-a-bushel support price. But the farm still collected an average 40 cents a bushel in deficiency payments. That was because, by deft timing, Westerfeld Farms booked the deficiency payments with the local USDA office during a period when corn prices were still far below the support price.

Transition payments amounted to 12 cents a bushel for corn in 2000, and "market loss" payments added another 12 cents a bushel. The cash return and federal payments together came to close to \$2.84 a bushel by Westerfeld's calculations.

"We could make out real good on that," Westerfeld said. "Last year was a wonderful year, the best year we ever had."

But according to W.T. Dryer, executive director of the USDA's Farm Service Agency for McCannan County, which includes Crawford, there will be no repeat this year. A wet spring that delayed planting and a hot, dry summer portend meager corn income to farms such as Westerfeld's.

"This year the corn's pitiful," he said. But prices have moved to \$2.25 a bushel, well above the support price, so farmers such as Richard Westerfeld won't be able to count on deficiency payments when they are most needed.

"You're gambling on the prices all the time," Westerfeld said.

# President says schools must ready for new era

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush urged lawmakers who return this week from vacation to act quickly on his legislation to raise classroom standards. Educators need time to prepare for changes that will hold schools more accountable for student performance, he said Saturday.

Democrats responded that the proposed reforms will be meaningless unless Congress gives schools enough money to carry them out.

"Our educators need to get ready for the new accountability era that's coming to our schools," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

In an appeal to Congress, he added: "Send me a good education reform bill to sign, and send it quickly."

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The House and Senate in the spring each passed similar versions of the revised Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides most of the federal support for K-12 schools.

Negotiators are working out a compromise between the two bills. Most of the provisions would not take effect until July 2002.

Both versions require that schools test students annually in math and reading in grades three through eight and once in high school. Students at schools in which scores do not improve could use federal money for tutoring or transportation to another public school.

Other than the tutoring idea, the legislation generally gives schools more flexibility in their use of federal funds, a provision sought by Bush.

Bush and Republicans have said the government has failed schools by increasing education funds without requiring better student performance on standardized tests.

In the Democratic radio address, Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana said Congress must give schools enough money to help students perform better on tests.

"While investment in education without accountability is a waste of resources, demanding accountability without making investments is a waste of time," she said.

# Trade restrictions hang over farm legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) - As lawmakers spend the fall overhauling federal farm programs, they have to keep one eye on an international trade agreement that could limit how much money they give to growers.

The United States committed under the World Trade Organization to spend no more than \$19.1 billion a year on "trade-distorting" farm subsidies. Those primarily are crop price supports that underwrite the cost of growing certain commodities.

A 10-year farm bill that the House is scheduled to take up this month could break that limit next year, economists say.

"We'd look for that to be kind of a problem for the first two or three years of a bill," said Bob Young, co-director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute, which advises Congress

on farm policy.

In an analysis of the House bill, his group estimated there was a 36.5 percent chance that the \$19.1 billion limit would be broken in 2002. After that, the probability is less because commodity prices are expected to rise. Subsidies that are tied to market prices decrease as the prices rise.

A bigger problem in the long term, given the government's shrinking surplus, is whether there will even be enough money to fund the \$168 billion House bill, Young said. The House bill is based on money Congress set aside for farm spending during the spring when the budget outlook was much rosier.

"If you don't have the money to spend, the rest of this gets pretty moot in a hurry," Young said.

Still, the trade issue gives ammunition to environmental-

ists, some farm groups and others who want to reduce the price-based payments that go to grain and cotton producers - traditionally the biggest recipients of federal farm spending.

The issue also pits free-trade advocates such as Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman against lawmakers allied with grain and cotton interests, such as Texas Republican Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Veneman, in an interview last week, declined to discuss the specifics of the House Bill. But

she said, "We want to make sure any farm bill is consistent with our obligations under the WTO."

The House bill would retain existing price supports for corn, wheat, rice, soybeans and cotton and create a new "countercyclical" program to provide additional payments when prices drop below certain levels.

The new program is designed to replace the emergency payments Congress has voted each of the last four years to supplement the subsidies farmers receive under the 1996 farm law, which expires in 2002.

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# What caused the swift drop in energy prices?

By Peter Behr  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In June of last year, fuel prices soared around the country. Electricity prices quadrupled in San Diego, launching California's energy crisis. Gasoline shot above \$2 a gallon in Chicago.

In November, crude oil prices reached a 10-year peak and natural gas heating bills more than doubled nationwide.

This June, just as suddenly, the storm subsided.

Energy prices tumbled across the board, even in California. The nation's stocks of gasoline and natural gas recovered, and power-plant construction surged. Gasoline prices "calmed" in time for the summer driving season in most of the nation.

So who gets the credit for causing this summer's price retreat? The ups and downs appear to be coming faster now, some analysts say, and so understanding the changes for this roller coaster is more important than ever.

### Conservation

The surprising news from California is that energy conservation worked.

The state used 10 percent less electricity this spring compared with a year earlier, a dramatic and unexpected drop that played a crucial part in keeping power blackouts at bay during the summer.

Some of that savings came from a break in the weather, which shaved power demands for air conditioning. Power plants that had been off line during the winter were running by the beginning of summer.

But the voluntary power diet by consumers was a key factor. Consumers reduced their energy use by nearly 3 percent, according to a computer analysis by Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Oakland.

### Regulation

Electricity prices for daily power purchases in Southern California averaged \$234 a megawatt-hour from January through May, three times the levels in the rest of the country.

California officials furiously demanded that federal regulators impose tough wholesale price caps. But the Bush administration, its Republican allies in Congress and a majority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission were dead set against doing so.

Then Democrats regained control of the Senate and warnings

of new Senate investigations of California's prices were heard. FERC, with two new activist appointees in place, unanimously approved cost-based price limits on California and 10 neighboring states.

Coincidentally or not, in the first week of June, Platt's Southern California power price dropped from \$158 on Monday to \$44 on Friday, beginning a slide that lowered the average for July and August to \$59. Natural gas prices, a key factor in electricity costs, also plummeted.

### Producers

In contrast to the California conservation story, there is little evidence that motorists let the gyrations in gasoline prices in the past year guide their buying behavior.

After hitting the \$2-per-gallon mark in many major cities last summer, gasoline prices fell over the winter. They jumped up again in March, then fell as the summer driving season began around Memorial Day. At summer's tail end, pump prices are up again, particularly in the Midwest.

The main reason for the sudden shifts was the fast reaction of gasoline manufacturers and importers to prices and profits in their hair-trigger market, analysts agree. Shortages triggered high prices, which bred more supply, which trimmed prices, said Adam Sieminski, energy analyst with Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown Inc. Consumers of a future of more volatile energy prices, with high and low cycles recurring at a faster pace, Sieminski and other analysts say. That's mostly because suppliers don't want money tied up in holding large inventories of the cushion that keeps prices from jumping violently.

### The economy

"The predominant reason for lower prices is that we are in the midst of a global economic recession that is undermining global energy demand," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com, a West Chester, Pa., research and consulting firm.

Nationwide, sales of electricity to industry are down 5.6 percent over the past year. "That's the deepest plunge since the 1982 recession," Zandi said.

While price swings for gasoline and natural gas are likely to remain volatile in the year ahead, Zandi and other analysts say that the overall direction for energy prices will hinge mainly on the world's economy and how soon it recovers its thirst for energy.

# Funeral home operator charged with improper disposal of bodies

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - The operator of a funeral home where five bodies were found decomposing in a garage was arrested and charged with running the business without a license and improperly disposing of bodies. Michael Wade, president of Wade Funeral Home, was charged Friday and held in lieu

of \$100,000 bond. The funeral home closed June 26 after police searched the garage on a tip and found the remains of five people who had all been dead at least three years, authorities said. Only one of the five bodies has been identified. Dr. Wayne Carver, the state's chief medical examiner, said his office was

searching the funeral home's files to identify the others. The home had been operating without a license for a year. Wade and embalmer Monica Hammie-Richardson were cited for numerous state health code violations, and both face possible sanctions and fines from the state Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral

Directors. The violations led to the hiring of two funeral home inspectors by the state Department of Public Health. In an administrative hearing after the problems at the funeral home, the department admitted the state had not had an inspector for more than 300 funeral homes since a part-time worker retired 11 years ago.

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# Denver cleans up air, sets pace for major U.S. cities

DENVER (AP) - An intense battle against air pollution is finally paying dividends for officials in Denver, which will likely soon have the distinction of being the first major city to achieve compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Denver was once among the worst-polluted cities in the country, with a brown cloud a constant reminder of its pollution woes. In 1977, only Los Angeles had worse air quality.

But Denver has been turning its pollution woes around in recent years, and the Environmental Protection Agency has approved the state's request to redesignate Denver a "clean-air city for ozone. Last week, federal air-quality officials also proposed designating Denver a clean-air city for carbon monoxide.

If the EPA accepts a plan submitted this summer to limit particulate levels, Denver will be the first city in the country to come all the way back to clean-air status. Officials say approval is likely.

"We're finally eliminating the stigma of Denver being a dirty-air city," said Doug Benevento, manager of the state's environmental programs. "Nobody can say that about us anymore."

Tim Russ with the EPA's air and radiation division said the designations are significant and set Denver apart from other major metro areas.

Denver had extreme difficulty with all three pollutants back in the 1970s and 1980s, Russ said. "Cities like Atlanta and Houston are still violating the ozone standard, so they're not even in the ballgame yet."

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Despite assurances from both political parties that the Social Security program is safe, its substantial surplus is a coffer the Bush administration and the Treasury Department have plans on tapping to help pay for other debts, leaving Social Security ...

# Not so secure

The biggest drain on Social Security is the country's changing demographics. The U.S. retirement population is outgrowing the working population — with people

living longer and healthier lives. Economists and government officials alike predict that within a few years after the first baby boomers retire in 2008 the program's surplus will begin

to be drained in order to pay the swelling number of beneficiaries. Current projections indicate that the agency will be insolvent by 2038.

### Another day, another dollar

American workers and employers each pay 7.65 percent of each paycheck to Social Security. Currently, there are slightly more than three taxpaying workers for every beneficiary, down from 40 workers in 1940. By 2030, it is estimated that number will have dropped to just two workers for each recipient of Social Security. \$462.5 billion was collected from nearly 150 million workers in the U.S. in 2000.

### Cutting the checks

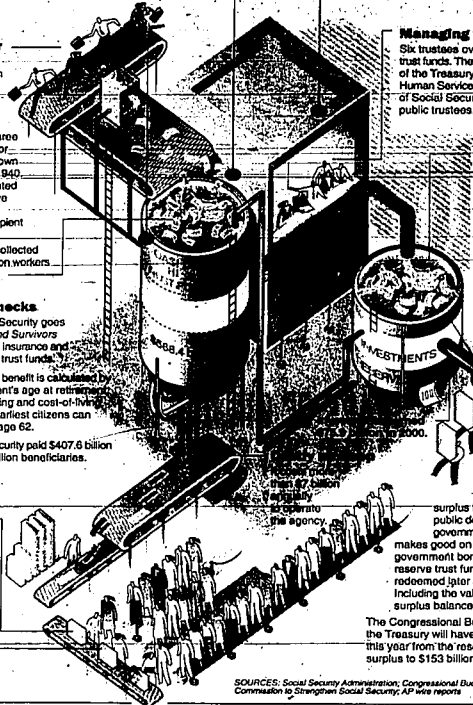
The bulk of Social Security goes into the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, Disability Insurance and Hospital Insurance trust funds.

The Social Security benefit is calculated on the potential recipient's age at retirement, length of time working and cost-of-living adjustments. The earliest citizens can receive benefits is age 62.

Last year, Social Security paid \$407.6 billion to more than 45 million beneficiaries.

### Who's getting what on average

7 million survivors each received \$810 monthly. 6.6 million disabled beneficiaries each received \$785 per month. The bulk of Social Security goes to 31.8 million retirees. Each benefit amounted to \$844 per month.



### Managing the money

Six trustees oversee the OASDI trust funds. They are the secretaries of the Treasury, Labor, Health and Human Services, the commissioner of Social Security, and two other public trustees.

### Put away for a rainy day

The reserve funds were created in 1983 for surplus revenue and are invested in government securities. Last year, the average interest rate return was 6.9 percent. The surplus is worth \$162 billion for 2001.

### An IOU from the Treasury

The Treasury can borrow money from the surplus for two things: to pay public debt and to fund other government programs. It then makes good on the loan by issuing government bonds back to the reserve trust fund. These will be redeemed later as repayment. Including the value of the bonds, the surplus balance exceeds \$1 trillion.

The Congressional Budget Office projects the Treasury will have to borrow \$9 billion this year from the reserves, reducing the surplus to \$153 billion.

SOURCES: Social Security Administration; Congressional Budget Office; Commission to Strengthen Social Security; AP wire reports

# Breaking open the 'lockbox' will be key issue in Congress

Mining of Social Security may not be such a bad deal

### Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Politicians say a dip into the Social Security surplus to cover the nation's expenses is a big deal. But is it?

That question will hang over spending debates when Congress returns next week for the final showdown on the 2002 budget, which is supposed to be completed by Oct. 1.

Although full political battles usually center on spending priorities and attempts by fiscal conservatives to hold the line, this year promises to be different.

Lawmakers in both parties will have to decide whether to take a small amount of the so-called Social Security trust fund to cover their pet programs — such as a defense buildup and a prescription drug plan for the elderly — or cut other programs to pay for the new ones.

Already, because of a downturn in the economy and the cost of this summer's tax rebates, \$3 billion will be needed from Social Security to cover this year's expenses, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

Using the Social Security surplus is not new. In past years, it has been routine for Congress to use the surplus when income and corporate tax revenues fell short of covering all federal budget expenses.

As of April, Social Security was projected to collect enough money to cover benefits for the next 37 years.

Throughout the 1980s and into the 1990s — peaking in 1992 and 1993 — Congress regularly borrowed from Social Security. That Congress may again tap Social Security is news this year only because politicians have promised not to do so.

Beginning in the late 1990s, better-than-expected corporate tax revenues and a healthy economy produced large budget surpluses. That allowed lawmakers in both parties to promise the public they would keep their hands out of the Social Security pot and put the money away in a "lockbox."

But things changed this month with the release of new fiscal outlook reports, which indicated tax revenues were expected to fall drastically and evaporate the budget surplus, excluding Social Security.

Some fiscally conservative lawmakers say they'll keep Congress' hands out of the Social Security pot, even if they have to cut programs. But it remains to be seen if the GOP is unified around that message.

The White House insists it's not a big deal to take money from Social Security to make up for slight shortfalls in the budget, even if that means the public debt will be paid down more slowly.

The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates that the slowdown will cost roughly \$400 billion in added interest payments over the next 10 years.

"That \$400 billion is the cost of doing business," said OMB spokesman Chris Ullman. He said the country remains on schedule to pay off as much of the public debt over the next decade as the bond market will allow, "which, if we achieve it, will be a huge underachievement."

Meanwhile, Democrats hope to turn the government's need to take money from Social Security into a political issue they can use against Republicans in the 2002 elections.

"The administration is in denial," said Sen. Kent Conrad, a North Dakota Democrat and chairman of the Senate Budget Committee. "It is claiming there really isn't much of a problem or that if there is any problem, it is just a short problem of a downturn."

But to cut through the partisan numbers games requires a full understanding of how Social Security works, something neither party is offering.

For example, experts point out that excess Social Security taxes must be used for something. By law, the money can't sit in a bank account waiting for baby boomers to retire.

Roughly 152 million people have Social Security taxes withheld from their paychecks as part of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. The tax was part of the 1935 law that created the nation's mandatory, universal retirement plan — named Social Security by its creator, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Today, there are 3.4 workers for every Social Security beneficiary.

That creates mind-bogglingly huge surpluses each year that, by law, must be used to buy government-backed bonds. This year's surplus will exceed \$150 billion.

The surplus money is moved to the Treasury Department — from the government's left pocket to the right pocket, so to speak — where politicians decide how to use it.

By law, they can either pay down the debt owed to the private sector, or pay for anything from missile defense to school construction.

So far, Social Security holds \$1.2 trillion in government bonds. The program is expected to continue running annual surpluses for at least the next 10 years, building securities worth \$3.3 trillion. Those bonds will be called up to help pay benefits when a crush of baby-boomers begins to retire in 2011.

For the last few years, politicians have vowed to use the money borrowed from Social Security strictly for paying down the country's \$3.3 trillion public debt — money owed to corporations, foreign investors and other private parties.

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# Development fight is a battle for Telluride's soul

**TELLURIDE, Colo. (AP)** - Hip enough for movie stars and small enough to walk to work, this old mining town has reached a crossroads.

There is a growing upper class in this ski resort at the end of a spectacular box canyon, including part-time residents in million-dollar homes perched on hill-sides above town or hidden among the pines and aspens.

The question now is whether Telluride should build on its appeal to the rich by developing its lush, 880-acre valley floor.

Similar dilemmas are becoming increasingly familiar in Western resort towns, including Jackson, Wyo., and Ketchikan, Alaska.

The battle over Telluride's valley has landed in court. Officials in this town of 2,200 want to condemn and then set aside the cow pasture as mostly open space, saying Telluride's small-town feel would be ruined by new neighborhoods that would sit empty most of the year.

The valley floor is seen by developers as an ideal spot for condominiums, businesses, a hotel and a golf course, said Charles Haas, president of San

Miguel Valley Corp., the company that owns and wants to develop the valley floor, disputed the notion that this is a fight for Telluride's soul. He said the town's character already has been destroyed.

"Quite frankly, it was a lot nicer before all the growth," Haas said. "What has destroyed the character is the fact that only the wealthy and trust-funders and second homeowners can live there."

He also said the project will include affordable housing as required by county zoning ordinances.

Telluride is a place where residents wave hello to each other and stop to chat as they walk to and from work. Brick buildings once filled with gold and silver miners are surrounded by the towering San Juan mountains. Waterfalls are visible from Columbia Avenue, the main street.

"It's beautiful," said Julie-Van Eenehaam, who works in a bookstore and pays \$370 a month in rent for a home she shares with two other women. "It's a little hard to save money, but I make it work."



Amy Lavak serves as Telluride's mayor.

Over the past three decades, Telluride has drawn attention and new residents with its beauty, its recreation and its film, bluegrass and jazz festivals. In 1970, there weren't 2,000 people in all of surrounding San Miguel County; last year, there were 6,600 - an 80 percent increase from 1990.

The town has become a destination for the well-to-do - not as expensive as Aspen, not as easily reached as Vail. It built an airport big enough for private jets in 1984. A decade later, supermodel Christie Brinkley married local developer Richard Traubman in ski boots, just a few months after they survived a

helicopter crash on the ski slopes.

Homes at the base of Telluride Ski Resort sell for about \$3.5 million, and homes in town average \$1.5 million.

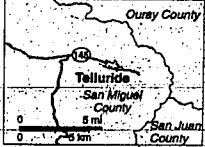
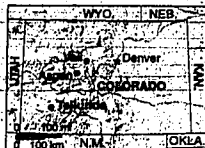
Nearly half the people who work in hotels, shops, government offices and in construction manage to live in town, though officials have struggled for years to preserve affordable housing by setting income requirements for people renting or buying certain properties.

Rising land values make that difficult. Two years ago, officials estimated that one of every four apartments, condominiums or houses was set aside as affordable housing.

With new upscale construction, that number has dropped to one in 40.

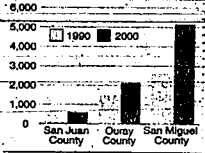
"We want to build more affordable housing to keep people here," said Steve Ferris, a city planner. "It's the soul of Telluride. That's a big factor and political motivation."

He pointed to Vail and Aspen, where just 35 percent of those who work there live there. The rest commute from surrounding towns.



### Head to the hills

Number of housing units



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# Utah Schools show an increase in diversity

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Second grade teacher Karen Trujillo was in for a few surprises when she began teaching at the public elementary school with the state's highest proportion of young immigrants.

For example, she hired for the earthquake drill tremored for the Bosnian students. All the African students in her class spoke different languages. Some of the children didn't know how to use scissors or a bathroom.

After years as a special education teacher, she found that her first year at Salt Lake City's Mountain View Elementary School required a steep learning curve for a year of experience behind her. Trujillo was ready for the new school year which began last week.

About 25 percent of the Salt Lake School District's students are learning to speak English. At Mountain View Elementary, where Trujillo teaches, about 80 percent of the students come from a non-English speaking background, said Principal John Erlacher.

At last count, the school's students spoke 19 different languages, said Wendie Nilson, who teaches English as a second language to the school's newcomers' center.

Like many other Utah public schools, Spanish-speaking children make up the bulk of those learning English at Mountain View. About 40 percent of the students come from Spanish-speaking homes, Erlacher said.

Census numbers bear this out. They show Utah's Hispanic population more than doubled during the past 10 years, with Hispanic residents making up 9 percent of the population.

And two-thirds of the state's Hispanic immigrants came from Mexico, according to 2000 census figures.

As for the rest of the elementary school's 500 students, about 30 percent are Pacific Islander and 12 percent "come from everywhere else," Erlacher said.

The elementary school offers four separate classes for Spanish-speaking children. But students who speak other languages are

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placed into the mainstream classes with special education in English during part of the day.

Although Trujillo is fluent in Spanish and speaks passable French and German, dealing with the many languages in one classroom was a crash course for her.

"My Bosnian is getting pretty good," she said with a laugh.

Trujillo said she does worry that these students will lag behind their English-fluent peers. "At the end of (last) year, most of all of them could keep up in math. Their English fluency had really come a long way. But reading and writing were still difficult," she said. "It is concerning. When you come to the United States as a second grader or a third grader it's difficult to catch up."

Nilson, who spends half of the school day teaching students who speak no English and the other half teaching those who speak limited English, said the students typically graduate from the program in a year and then attend only the mainstream classes.

"They're extremely anxious to learn English. It's survival for them," she said.

In the newcomers' program the basics are more than reading, writing and arithmetic. They also are learning how to ask for a pencil, get directions to the bathroom and the cafeteria. A nurse comes and talks to the students about hygiene.

Despite the emphasis on learning English, students are encouraged to speak their native language at home and on the playground, Nilson said.

"This all marks a dramatic shift for teachers. We're just constantly in training now. It's much different than it was five years ago and certainly different from when I went to school. It's a different planet," Nilson said.

It's a shift that's happening quickly in Utah's schools. About seven years ago most of the students at Mountain View were white English speakers, Erlacher said.

# Decaying schools need funds

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The leaky roof over parts of Ferndale Elementary is only half the problem - the school in Glen Burnie, Md., also sits atop an underground stream.

"We've got water coming from the top and from the bottom," said principal Mary Grande. The basement occasionally floods and water has ruined the backstage walls in the 77-year-old auditorium. Most days, Grande reluctantly keeps the curtains drawn, holding assemblies in front of the stage.

"As public schools throughout the nation age and enrollments grow, principals find themselves in urgent need of new or remodeled school buildings. Even conservative estimates put the cost of repairs at about \$2,700 for every public school pupil in the nation."

A report released last year by the U.S. Education Department found that 11 million children - nearly one-fourth of all public school students - attended a school that had at least one building in "less than adequate" condition in 1999. Of those, 3 million attended schools with at least one building in poor condition or in need of replacement.

At an average age of 42 years old, the nation's public schools need an estimated \$127 billion in repairs, the report said.

Although most school buildings are in relatively good shape, one-fourth of the 900 walls surveyed in 1999 had at least one substandard building. Schools that serve poor students were more likely to report problems.

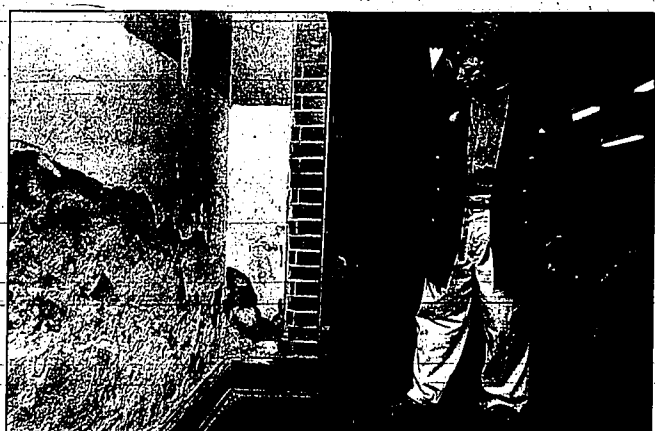
Urban schools, on average, were one to five years older than those in suburban and rural areas, with slightly more buildings needing repair.

The same report said half of all public schools were either close to capacity or overcrowded. About one-third had portable buildings.

And the problem is expected to worsen a bit, with enrollments rising by nearly 1 percent over the next decade. Six Western states are expecting double-digit jumps and are building schools to keep up. In fast-growing Clark County, Nev., builders are finishing a new school every 37 days.

The federal government, which provides about 8 percent of school construction funding, isn't likely to provide additional aid anytime soon. Senates in both the House and Senate failed last spring and Republicans generally oppose expanding the federal role.

President Bush has championed a measure to help build more charter schools, but his Straight A's proposal, which would allow school districts to spend much of their federal money as they see fit, likely won't prompt school boards to spend more on construction, said Bruce Hunter, of the American

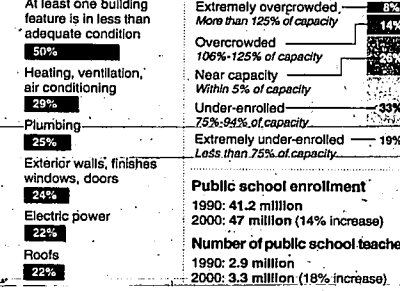


Ferndale Elementary School Principal Mary Grande looks at a crumbling wall in the auditorium of the Glen Burnie, Maryland school, Tuesday. As public schools throughout the nation age and enrollments grow, principals find themselves in urgent need of new or remodeled school buildings.

## Substandard school buildings

Many students will be returning to a public school building that needs repair, or is too small to house its student body.

**Public schools reporting less than adequate conditions in 1999**



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education

Association of School Administrators.

"I'm not going to hold my breath for that one," he said. "There's going to be enormous pressure to use those new dollars for instructional purposes."

In the past decade, school districts in 30 states have gone to court in an attempt to force their state legislatures to change the way education is funded, deriding a system by which school dis-

tricts get most of their money from local property taxes.

School districts in 11 states have sued for more money for construction and repair. In sev-

eral cases, states such as Arizona, Utah, Ohio and Virginia have made major changes to their school finance systems.

Hunter and others said lawmakers and taxpayers have been more generous to schools in recent years, but at a cost of \$10 million for a new elementary school and \$40 million to \$60 million for the typical high school, many communities can't afford raising taxes for new buildings.

Katherine Peele, a Raleigh, N.C., architect who specializes in school design, said many schools built in the 1950s and 1960s are unworkable now as districts rush to install miles of computing cables and more efficient heating and cooling systems. Also, their flat-roof-leak more and their huge, single-pane windows waste energy, she said.

"Those are the schools that we're tearing down now," she said.

Steven Binder a New Orleans architect, said many of these schools "were built fast and cheap," often on land isolated from their communities.

"They were built to solve an immediate problem called the baby boom, and it was more important to build a lot of schools than it was to spend the money on schools that were meant to last," he said.

# Chicago plans to split up big high schools

**CHICAGO (AP)** - In a city where bigger is considered better in everything from food to buildings, officials hope small schools "will benefit some high schools."

Mayer Richard Daley and education officials announced a plan Thursday to spend more than \$18 million to help four to six struggling large high schools by dividing them into 15 to 20 smaller schools within the existing buildings.

The new small schools would be limited to 450 students each. Officials hope that with more individual attention from a smaller pool of teachers, students' attendance and academic performance will improve and fewer students will drop out.

"Despite all of our efforts, many children in our high schools are not prepared," Daley said.

About two-thirds of the money for the five-year project, expect-

ed to start next fall, is coming from a foundation established by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda. Other philanthropic groups also have pledged support.

The Gates foundation is also funding small-school efforts in New York, Cincinnati, Oakland, Calif., St. Paul, Minn., and throughout Washington state.

The Chicago Public School system is the country's third largest with almost 600 schools and more than 431,000 students.

Chicago Teachers Union President Deborah Lynch said that before any school is converted to a small school, teachers should be allowed to vote on whether they think it is a good idea. The union has said it would have been included in the planning.

"This will be a failure if the people charged with carrying the plan out, the teachers, don't buy into it," Lynch said.

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# Move stuns China

U.S. applies sanctions on Chinese missile transfers to Pakistan

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The United States has told China it must meet four conditions for controlling the proliferation of sensitive missile technology if economic sanctions imposed Saturday on Beijing are to be lifted in time for President Bush's visit there in late October, a senior administration official said.

"If they want to lift the cloud from the president's visit, there's a clear way for doing that," the official said Saturday.

He added that Beijing had previously dismissed American threats to impose trade restrictions on a major Chinese arms manufacturer and refuse to issue licenses for U.S. companies to launch their satellites on Chinese rockets. But those measures were authorized by John Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, after at least four meetings last week between Chinese and American officials in Washington and Beijing failed to resolve U.S. concerns over missile technology transfers to Pakistan.

"They were stunned that we actually sanctioned them and didn't waive it at the same time," the senior administration official said.

The decision to impose the sanctions - which are not expected to take a major economic toll on China - came over the objections of Asia experts in the State Department who had warned this could further fray Sino-American relations.

For the restrictions to be lifted before Bush's scheduled trip to Shanghai and Beijing, the administration has insisted that China must first put a halt to sensitive exports from the China Metallurgical Equipment Corp. U.S. officials said that private company, which operates closely with the Chinese government, has sold technology to Pakistan to aid its development of Shaheen 1 and Shaheen 2 missiles for carrying nuclear warheads.

China must also reaffirm its agreement last November with the United States to refrain from helping other countries develop missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. The administration is further looking for China to drop its argument that missile contracts signed before November are not covered by the accord.

And finally, U.S. officials are demanding that Beijing establish a system of export controls to regulate the transfer of sensitive technology to an unregulated fashion.

Both Chinese and Pakistani officials have denied allegations of missile technology sales.

The senior administration official said, however, that the United States is aware that missile components and technology have been sent across the border both before last November's agreement and in the months since. "We keep seeing evidence of new shipments and new dealings and new transactions," he said.

The importance of the imports to Pakistan's missile program is evident by its determination to secretly continue them despite grave international concern about nuclear proliferation between Pakistan and India, he said. "It's obviously something they've wanted to continue. That's why it's still going on," he said.

The sanctions that took effect yesterday would bar the Chinese arms manufacturer from importing U.S. items that the State Department and Commerce Department deem as having possible military use for two years. A similar restriction has been applied to the National Development Complex of Pakistan, a state-owned enterprise that allegedly imported the Chinese missile technology.

At the same time, the Bush administration has invoked a ban on new licenses for U.S. companies to put their satellites on Chinese rockets or transfer satellite technology. The United States had held out this form of cooperation as an incentive for Beijing to share the agreement last November.

# China's leader spends final days cementing a Marxist-capitalist legacy

BEIJING (AP) - President Jiang Zemin has saved his biggest battle for last: changing the bedrock dogma of China's Communist Party.

In July, Jiang surprised the world by inviting capitalists to join the ruling party.

Now, as he nears the end of his years in power, he wants to give them a formal place in the charter that has guided the party through 80 years of war, revolution and reform.

Doctrinaire Marxists are furious.

Picking such a risky ideological fight is a striking change for Jiang, a cautious dealmaker who has survived as party leader for 12 years by avoiding battles.

But, having confounded skeptics who wrote him off even as he became party leader in 1989, the 75-year-old former soap factory manager has finally amassed enough power to force a major decision and make it stick.

"Jiang Zemin's position as 'first among equals' is now beyond dispute. You can't chal-

lenge him," said Joseph Cheng, director of the Contemporary China Research Center at the City University of Hong Kong.

Mao Tse-tung led China through its revolution.

Deng Xiaoping unleashed forces of free enterprise that have turned it into an economic power.

To Jiang Zemin fell the task of meshing his country into the globalized world.

While keeping up intense pressure on dissidents in defi-

ance of human rights critics, he has presided over strong economic growth, launched a military modernization drive and led Beijing out of the diplomatic isolation that followed the 1989 crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

Now he has set out to write a new party line.

Jiang's contribution to official theory - maintains that the Communist Party - until now, "vanguard of the working class" - has to change and embrace

forces that are creating jobs and prosperity in China.

That means making peace with entrepreneurs who are viewed with suspicion and disgust by party hardliners.

Jiang's term as president ends in 2003, but he is expected to give up his more important post as party general secretary next year.

Rewriting the party charter is the "biggest item on an agenda meant to secure his power and place in history.

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# Former Argentine leader denies smuggling charges

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina** - Former President Carlos Menem denied himself Saturday against charges he led an arms smuggling ring, and said months of house arrest have left him yearning for freedom and a return to politics.

Federal judges placed Menem under house arrest last June 7 after accusing Argentina's flamboyant former leader of heading up a small group of former government officials who allegedly smuggled weapons to Croatia and Ecuador.

The more than 6,500 tons of weapons had been officially destined for Panama and Venezuela. The shipments of cannons and submachine guns, totaled more than \$100 million, would go to Croatia in 1991 and Ecuador in 1995 despite international arms embargoes.

Menem said the sales of weapons were legally carried out and that the evidence he had signed do not provide legal grounds for a trial. But Argentine investigators say they are probing whether Menem and his inner circle profited from the sale.

If convicted, Menem could face five to 10 years in prison.

## Japanese officials scramble to check building safety

**TOKYO** - An investigation into Japan's deadliest blaze in more than 20 years has uncovered a long list of safety violations, and Tokyo fire officials drew up plans Saturday to conduct emergency inspections of thousands of buildings in the city.

The early morning fire killed 44 people as it swept through a crowded mahjong parlor and bar occupying the top half of a narrow five-story building in the city's most popular entertainment district. Only three people survived.

The cause of the blaze and of an explosion that rocked the building about 1 a.m. shortly after smoke was seen pouring out of its only stairway was still under investigation late Saturday.

But the first day of the probe left no doubt that negligence of basic safety rules was partially to blame for the deadly blaze. The tragedy has raised concerns that similar buildings - which are sometimes shared by more than a dozen tiny night clubs and are common in Japan's dense urban areas - may be at risk.

## Queen Mum misses games on advice from doctor

**BRAEMAR, Scotland** - The 101-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth missed Scotland's most famous Highland Games on Saturday after being warned by her doctors that she must rest.

It had been high that the much-loved mother of Queen Elizabeth II would be able to attend the annual Braemar Gathering, but doctors recommended she stayed at home on the royal family's Scottish estate Balmoral.

Last month she was hospitalized in London for a blood transfusion to treat anemia.

## Gunmen kill prosecutor investigating massacre

**BOGOTA, Colombia** - Gunmen on a motorcycle assassinated a government prosecutor investigating one of Colombia's bloodiest paramilitary massacres in years and a U.S. human rights group said Saturday that two of her colleagues are missing and feared dead.

Two investigators working with Paternina on the case disappeared in June and are feared dead, said Robin Kirk of Human Rights Watch.

The three were probing allegations of state complicity in a massacre in which dozens of paramilitary gunmen hacked to death 26 people in the northern village of Cheigue after accusing them of collaborating with leftist guerrillas.

## Catholic church sues Liberia over news ban

**MONROVIA, Liberia** - Catholic Church leaders in Liberia are suing the government for banning shortwave broadcasts by church-run Radio Veritas, calling it a violation of constitutionally guaranteed free speech.

Liberia's government has yet to respond to the lawsuit, but an official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday that authorities were assembling a team of "crack lawyers" to fight the suit.

The government wrote the station management in July, withdrawing the station's authorization to broadcast on shortwave frequencies.

The move leaves a pro-government station, Radio Liberia, as the only one transmitting news via shortwave, which can be heard outside the country.

## Macedonia peace process continues to crumble

**SKOPJE, Macedonia** - A NATO envoy warned Saturday that the alliance's role in Macedonia's peace process could be in jeopardy after parliament suspended debate on reforms to grant greater rights to ethnic Albanians.

NATO's ambassador to Macedonia, Hansjorg Eiff, told Macedonian officials that parliament cannot put up new conditions that would stall a step-by-step deal to end the six-month insurgency.

He spoke after parliament speaker Stojan Andov adjourned debate saying that discussions of proposed constitutional changes could not be held while barricades remained on roads and protesters persisted on parliament.

## Officials arrested in probe of deadly tin mine accident

**SHANGHAI, China** - Investigators have concluded that illegal blasting was to blame for an underground flood in a tin mine last month that killed up to 81 miners, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

China's cabinet took the unusual step of sending the investigators after press reports that local officials had covered up the July 17 disaster in the southern region of Guangxi.

Four officials have been arrested on charges of failing to enforce an order to close the mine for safety reasons, Xinhua said Friday. Eleven officials of the mine already are in custody. The four officials arrested included the top political leader and top Communist Party official in Nandan, the county where the mine is located.

According to Xinhua, investigators concluded that miners were blasting underground when they ripped a 9-by-3-foot hole in a wall separating them from an unused shaft full of water.

A - compiled from wire reports

# Fox presents state of the union speech

## Mexican president vows 'I am not going to fail you'

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** - Vowing "I am not going to fail you," President Vicente Fox told Mexicans on Saturday that his government has avoided the crisis that critics had predicted. He then quickly faced a minor crisis himself.

In a weekly radio program hours before his first state of the union speech, Fox said that his

Dec. 1 inauguration, which ended 71 years of single-party rule, was historic.

"Many people thought we would destroy the country, that there would be a crisis, that there would be evaluations. And look: now nine months have passed and nothing extraordinary has happened," he said.

But Fox suffered a blow even before he began to speak when Green Party Sen. Jorge Emilio Gonzalez announced it was breaking away from the coalition with Fox's National Action Party.

"We declare ourselves in opposition so long as the government

of Vicente Fox does not return to the promised path," said Gonzalez, whose father is the small party's chairman.

Gonzalez accused Fox's government of breaking promises and of failing to set Mexico on a new path.

"Today, disgracefully, that is all that we have: more of the same," he said.

The Greens, with only 16 of 500 seats in Congress, were only loosely allied with Fox's party and the impact of their declaration will be largely symbolic. Party leaders were disgruntled at being shut out of high-level

appointments in the Fox administration.

In his radio address, Fox insisted that his government has improved aid to farmers, schools and health care and has overseen increases in wages, though he admitted that some 215,000 workers have lost their jobs.

But protests by farmers, union members and university students denouncing Fox's free-market policies marred traffic Saturday around the Congress building where Fox was to deliver his report - a solemn ritual that in recent years has also been a playground of political protest.

# Expelled aid workers leave Afghan capital

## Beleaguered city suffers under Taliban

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** - About two dozen foreign aid workers traveled a dusty, war-ridden road out of Afghanistan on Saturday, expelled by the Taliban for allegedly preaching Christianity in this devoutly Muslim nation.

The expulsions came as the parents of two American women also accused of proselytizing met for a second time with their jailed daughters. They said the women, Danya Curry and Heather Mercer, were still in good spirits as they awaited their trial.

The workers expelled Saturday were from the international aid organization SERVE and the U.S.-based International Assistance Mission. They were ordered out of the country but were not tried.

The groups' offices were shut down Friday by the Taliban, Afghanistan's hard-line rulers.

Ans carrying the expelled workers arrived in neighboring Pakistan at the end of an eight-hour trip over a war-ridden road. The workers refused to talk to reporters at the Pakistani border town of Torkham.

The latest action against relief groups comes as Taliban prepares to try Curry, Mercer and six other foreign aid workers with Shelter Now International - two Germans and four Australians - on charges of spreading Christianity. The workers were arrested nearly a month ago along with 16 Afghan staffers.

The Taliban's foreign minister, Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, said the expulsions of the International Assistance Mission and SERVE workers was the result of the Taliban's investigation of the Shelter Now case.

"The investigation will soon be finished and the trial will be soon," said Muttawakil, without giving a date.

The penalty for proselytizing Christianity in Afghanistan is jail and expulsion for a foreigner. For an Afghan, the penalty is death.

On Saturday the parents of Curry, 29, and Mercer, 24, visited their daughters for about 30 minutes accompanied by U.S. diplomat David Donahue.

Curry's mother, Nancy Cassell of Thompson's Station, Tenn., said her daughter was reading books and receiving letters sent to her.

Both families said the women were keeping their spirits up. "I think right now they would just like to get home to see their families," said John Mercer of Vienna, Va.

The parents said they promised to return with bottled water for the women. Cassell wore a black shawl out of respect for Afghan traditions.



Taj Mohammad, left, polishes a shoe in Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday. Mohammad, who earns less than one U.S. dollar a day, said 'life in Afghanistan is hell and inflation is killing us.'

# New Zealand accepts asylum seekers

**CHRISTMAS ISLAND, Australia (AP)** - New Zealand and the Pacific island state of Nauru agreed Saturday to accept more than 400 asylum seekers stranded on a cargo ship in the Indian Ocean, breaking a six-day diplomatic deadlock over the fate of the refugees.

The asylum seekers - mostly Afghans - were adrift in a leaky Indonesian ferry when the Norwegian cargo ship Tampa rescued them on Monday. But when the freighter tried to deliver them to remote Christmas Island, Australia refused to accept them.

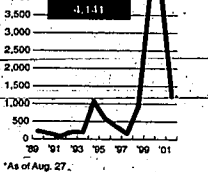
When the Tampa ventured closer to the port on Wednesday, Prime Minister John Howard ordered elite commandos to storm the ship, widely criticized for the action. Australia engaged in frenzied negotiations with other countries to solve the crisis while still saving face by not allowing the migrants to come ashore.

Howard rejected a U.N. plan proposed Friday that called for the group to disembark temporarily on Christmas Island. Saturday's agreement calls for 150 of the estimated 460 refugees to go to New Zealand. The remainder would go to Nauru, a tiny island about 4,500 miles east

## Arriving by sea, seeking asylum

Australia, a country with a long history of immigration, is the final destination for waves of asylum seekers arriving illegally by boat. Recent arrivals come from the southern provinces of China, the Middle East, Afghanistan and Indonesia.

## Arrivals by boat



As of Aug. 27.

SOURCE: Australia Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs

is a major trading partner for Nauru, an 8.5-square-mile island with a population of less than 12,000. The major industry there is phosphate mining.

Howard said he had informed the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees of the plan after speaking on the phone with New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark and Nauru president Rene Harris.

UNHCR spokesman Ron Redmond said the agency was planning to learn details of the plan before reacting, and representatives from the nations involved were to meet in Geneva. "As far as we're concerned, Christmas Island is still the most logical place for at least temporary disembarkation, but that's without having heard the details," Redmond told The Associated Press.

Clark said in a statement that asylum seekers sent to her country who were found to be genuine refugees would be allowed resettlement as part of New Zealand's annual refugee quota.

Those going to Nauru and found to be genuine refugees would be resettled in third countries, including Australia, she said.

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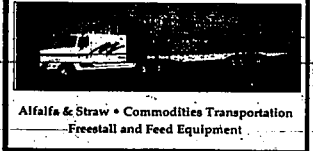
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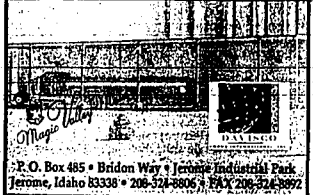
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Mike and Matt Quesnell  
*"I thought about quitting," Mike said. But he loved the business too much to stop.*

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With the economic slump of the early 90's poor dairy and crop prices once again forced Mike and his family to look at their future in dairying. But by this time, Mike's children knew they would pursue a career in agriculture. That made the decision to stay on the family farm easier.

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When Matt was a sophomore, majoring in microbiology at the University of Idaho, they started planning for his return, building the herd to 270 cows. When Matt finished his masters in Animal Science at Washington State, he returned to Twin Falls where he now manages herd, health, and employees. His sister, Elizabeth is studying to be a veterinarian at Washington State University.

Harvey-Quesnell Ranches, Inc. has been run with this same vision since the Quesnell family began shipping milk out of the current dairy barn in 1947.

Outside of their responsibilities on the farm, all of the Quesnells, remain active in both their industry and community. Their office is filled with awards from 4-H, FFA, Idaho State Dairy Bowl teams and a number of industry organizations on both the local and national level.

While studying at the University of Idaho, Mike met Valerie, who later became his wife. The couple was married in 1970 and raised two children, Matt and Elizabeth. Mike continued in partnership on the farm and Valerie pursued a career in education.

*"I've always said I've never gone to work a day in my life. This is what I love. It's what I do."*

Mike Quesnell  
Harvey-Quesnell Ranches

In 1972, Mike, his father Harvey and his brother Archie incorporated the family business.

"Dairy farmers really take care of things like youth programs," Mike said. "Dairymen like to contribute to the community, even if they aren't getting anything directly from it."

But, Harvey passed away in 1984, when the farm consisted of 700 acres of farmland and a herd of 100 to 150 milk cows, along with a flock of 200 ewes. Shortly thereafter in 1989, Archie suffered a heart attack and died.

But in the midst of anti-dairy sentiment throughout Twin Falls County and the Magic Valley, the Quesnell's don't see leaving the farm anytime soon.

The death of his father and brother were a terrible loss to Mike and his family, who was forced to seriously consider the future of the business.

"It is difficult to measure success of a career by money," Mike insists. "I think what keeps you going is the love of the business."

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## EDITORIAL

## Promise scholarships enhance CSI's future

It isn't hard to identify the many plus-ones that are attracting more students to the College of Southern Idaho. Preliminary numbers are pointing to a second consecutive year of double-digit enrollment growth for CSI, and a major factor is the success of the Idaho Promise Scholarship.

A fledgling program created by the state just a few years ago, the Idaho Promise Scholarship awards \$250 to every high school graduate with a 3.0 grade point average who enters an Idaho public college. By matching the state dollars with an additional \$250 per student, CSI alleviates most of the cost for in-state students to go to college. CSI's support for the Promise Scholarship has helped the school become the trendsetter among Idaho colleges, and it has enhanced the appeal of our local campus.

While other colleges in the state hesitated to embrace the program, CSI's support has paid off with more than 500 full-time student enrollments for this year. Based on a figure of 3,153 full-time students at CSI last year, the number reflects an increase of 15 percent from the Promise Scholarship alone — numbers which reinforce the school's reputation as the fastest-growing college in the state. Apparently CSI's pioneering role with the Idaho Promise Scholarship has made believers out of the University of Idaho and Idaho State University, which recently overcame their hesitancy to begin supporting Promise Scholarship funds of their own.

Keeping Twin Falls' best academic tal-

ent at home for higher education proves the benefit of our taxes and our support for what CSI offers. College administrators said that last year, 60 percent of the Twin Falls High School seniors who went on to college stayed at CSI. Students and their parents are choosing to begin their college educations at a progressive school that has its students' best interest in mind.

Just as the Promise Scholarship plan has proven beneficial for CSI, even more progress is on the horizon with the school's proposal for a \$12 million, 55,000-square-foot university center building. By providing UI, ISU and Boise State University with permanent facilities at CSI, the center will expand the opportunities for students who want to earn four-year degrees without the burden of commuting.

By approving state funding for the building, the Legislature and Dirk Kempthorne would be wise to see what more college students realize each year that Twin Falls' location and the teaching atmosphere on CSI's campus are worth planning seeds for tomorrow, even as the community harvests more students today.

The numbers don't lie. Students' satisfaction with the education they are getting at CSI is demonstrated by how many more of them come each year. The potential for CSI to become a four-year school has been long debated, and the idea may not become a reality anytime soon. When it finally does happen, CSI's reputation may not just equal those of the current four-year schools, but may supersede them.

*CSI's support for the Promise Scholarship has helped make the school the trendsetter among state colleges.*

## A new hand joins the crew

Today we welcome a new voice on this page and a new face in our community. David Cooper has joined our staff as editor of our Opinion pages. He'll be involved in crafting our editorial positions, writing the editorials, and editing the contents of these pages.

Cooper, 29, is a Pocatello native with a bachelor's degree in mass communication from the University of Utah. He formerly worked at the Deseret News and most recently was business editor of a Idaho Falls newspaper.

His political philosophy emphasizes limited government, individual accountability and the role of the family. That perspective meshes well with our editorial outlook — and with the values of Magic Valley farmers. We think readers will enjoy what he has to say about local issues.



David Cooper

In addition to the Opinion pages, Cooper will be responsible for our Outdoors section.

He and his wife, Tamara, have two children: Taylor, 4, and Sydney, 1. He's delighted to have brought the Cooper family home to Idaho, and we're confident they'll be a fine addition to our community.

Cooper replaces William Brock, who is leaving Twin Falls to pursue graduate studies at Washington State University. Brock will stay with the newspaper through September, working on various projects and helping his replacement learn the ropes.

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## Farm antibiotics pose no threat to humans

National Public Radio recently broadcast a frightening report. It claimed that the use of antibiotics on farm animals may result in those same antibiotics no longer working against human bacterial diseases, because the strain has become resistant to the drugs. There's not much evidence to support this idea, however.

Even NPR admits that the biggest factor in antibiotic-resistant bacteria is human doctors, who too often prescribe the drugs for non-bacterial ailments they can't cure, such as flu viruses and allergies.

Every medical professional knows that the rapidly reproducing bacteria will inevitably develop resistance to every drug. Our real safety comes from continual research to develop new antibiotics.

Meanwhile, the 30-year debate in the medical profession is over whether antibiotics on farms contribute to antibiotic resistance in human medicine.

NPR did not advance that debate. NPR anchor Linda Wertheimer opened the report by declaring, "America's cattle and pigs take antibiotics far more often than you do." But humans use about 10 times as much antibiotic medication for each pound of body weight as do food-producing animals.

Moreover, there's little complaint about the 90 percent of farm antibiotic use in treating animal diseases. These drugs save the lives of millions of creatures each year.

About 10 percent of farm antibiotic use is at low levels, in the feed itself. This antibiotic use helps the birds and animals grow faster on less feed. This is controversial, but it helps prevent disease epidemics from starting in the herds and flocks.

Most of the medication in poultry

DENNIS T. AVERY

feed contributes nothing to antibiotic resistance in humans. It's mostly drugs known as ionophores, a type of antibiotic that can be used to kill microscopic parasites called coccidia.

NPR put a human face on the resistance problem — a man deathly ill from a severe bacterial infection (campylobacter) in his intestinal tract. NPR suggested he might have gotten it from eating chicken. The man was given a strong antibiotic called ciprofloxacin (CIPRO), but it failed to cure him. Later, the man's intestinal tract was found to contain CIPRO-resistant bacteria.

NPR didn't tell us, however, that the man was not tested for bacteria until after he'd been given CIPRO! Shouldn't we expect the bacteria surviving in his stomach after CIPRO treatment to be CIPRO-resistant?

Reporter Daniel Zwerdling reported the Food and Drug Administration "wants to go after antibiotics again," though it did note FDA officials say the case against antibiotics in feed is purely circumstantial.

Zwerdling took his listeners to Denmark, where the government has banned use of antibiotics in hog and poultry feeds. While Zwerdling traveled at the careful sanitation on a Danish poultry farm, he failed to report the biggest difference between the Danish and American poultry industries: Danish consumers use more than five times as likely to get sick from campylobacter bacteria as Americans, and more than twice as likely to get a salmonella infection.

Is this related to the ban on antibiotics? There's been no documented improvement in Denmark's antibiotic resistance picture since the ban.

Meanwhile, more Danish hogs and poultry are getting sick. Therapeutic use of antibiotics in Danish poultry houses has increased 30 percent since they stopped antibiotic use in feeds.

In the United States, the campaign against veterinary use of antibiotics is discouraging research on new antibiotics that could help protect our food animals and our pets. If farmers announced that city folks should go back to horse troughs and hand-crank telephones, they'd be laughed out of town.

Today's city folks can recommend a return to 19th century farming mainly because they don't understand the consequences. Britain's recent mass hog and cattle burials due to foot-and-mouth disease were startling to see on TV, but they would have seemed commonplace in 1850. Massive disease epidemics were then common among herds and flocks, but today's veterinary medications largely prevent them.

Today's urban dwellers have never seen hogs (which can't sweat) splashing in the summer sun and destroying a creek bank to get relief in the mud.

The most critical problem in moving First World farms back to the 19th century model, however, is that outdoor pastures for our cattle, hogs and poultry would take many millions of acres of land away from wildlife habitat.

If I love to hear National Public Radio, do an in-depth report on the lost wildlands, polluted streams and animal suffering that would accompany the return to outdoor animals and "natural farming" recommended by such groups as Greenpeace and PETA's Keepers' Alliance.

That would be less than one percent, but recycling elderly, undocumented European food scares, but it would contribute more to the American dialogue.

Dennis T. Avery is based in Churchville, Va., and is director of global food issues for the Hudson Institute of Indianapolis.

## LETTERS

Guidelines were written behind closed doors by the dairy lobby, the Legislature had to pass five pieces of legislation in an attempt to correct the glaring deficiencies in nutrient management, odor, dust, dead animal disposal and others. The latest, *Dear Rules* charade to "not deal" with dairy odor has just been completed behind closed doors. A dairy operator can stink for more than 12 years and then simply draft an ineffective *Odor Management Plan* that gives him another three years to infinity to stink.

If prominent members of this dairy lobby make statements about "killing" someone in public, what sort of statements do you think they make behind closed doors? When do we remove this abhorrent perversion from our schools, community and chamber of commerce?

MAX D. HATFIELD  
Dallas, Texas

**Condit coverage is set to seduce**  
In our "market economy," formerly called capitalism, advertising appears to be the most important element, if not the downright essential to it. Sex has been used in advertising the products and services of corporate business for many, many years, perhaps from the beginning in the 1830s when a quantum leap in industrial society occurred.

Hollywood has used it extensively and effectively over the decades. So, too, has the radio and television industries. It appears to me that last week's grilling of

Gary Condit over and over again about the details of his sex life was yet another exploitative use of sex by commercial television to sell their sponsors' products. It was not an exercise in legitimate journalism. Whether or not Condit is possibly culpable with respect to capital crime may only be incidental to ABC's purpose. The questioning seemed only minimally designed to help find a missing person.

If Condit were to disclose the sexual details of his relationship with Ms. Levy, would that somehow lead law enforcement to her whereabouts? If he were to confirm in an unambiguous, straightforward manner, without disclosing details, that there was indeed a sexual encounter between them, would that help solve anything? The answer to either question may be affirmative but what is the rationale? Is the rationale such that investigation of their probable sexual liaisons might disclose a pattern of behavior that would somehow implicate Condit in Ms. Levy's disappearance? (Kenneth Starr) Perhaps this observer is overlooking something obvious.

It is reasonably certain that Mr. Condit is not what is generally called an honorable man; but would knowing the nature of his sexual connection with Ms. Levy help find her? If not, then ABC may indeed only be up to the usual ploy of using sex to sell products and services. Was that the real deal?

JACK HARTLEY  
Twin Falls

### Consensus move is contemptible

Shame on you, CSI and chamber! Last time we checked, free speech was considered OK and disagreement was encouraged but not silenced.

You know, if you don't want to hear someone, don't go. My wife and I made a decision several years not to hear Gerry Spence speak when he made his Success Breakfast appearance. It was our decision; no one made the decision for us.

Is this a lesson we want to teach our kids? It is OK to think in Twin Falls but be careful because if you don't agree, they will just cancel you.

Mr. Rifkin, we hope you collect your full fee. We'll read the book; thanks for the tip.

KEVIN AND DEBORAH DANE  
Twin Falls

### Jerome Car Show was a success

The Third Annual Jerome Car Show was a great success with thousands of onlookers and hundreds of cars exhibited.

It is too bad that Mrs. Geiger, promoter of the Antique Car Show was so disappointed at the success of the show, a show that resulted in pleasure for the crowds and a large economic benefit to the Jerome area.

To write that my husband, Joe, sabotaged her show was very unfair. He purposely delayed the Jerome Car Show for one week to avoid a conflict with the antique show.

As for the banner placement on South Lincoln Street, Joe made a request last May to use the banner space for 12 days preceding the Jerome Car Show. No one at the city hall was ordered to do anything. The employees merely followed the schedule as requested by any party who desires banner placement.

The Jerome Fire Department, realizing there would be a huge crowd, watered down the surrounding area the day before the show out of courtesy to the attendees as well as the show cars.

Although the Antique Car Show has become smaller over the past few years, success is desired for those people. However, their director should not take out her frustrations on others who work for the benefit of the community

with no compensation taken nor expected.

LOIS SKAUG  
Jerome  
Editor's note: Lois Skaug's letter originally appeared in Friday's paper, but a misprint changed the meaning of a key sentence. The Times-News regrets the error.

### Dairy lobby stinks of corruption

Jeremy Rifkin's "success breakfast" snubbing may have done more to expose the radical, right-wing, parochial, bigoted nature of the little political gaggle that dominates our community, schools and chamber of commerce than if he had actually spoken. Would you accept a "success" award from this Posse Comitatus bunch now?

We read comments in the paper concerning a prominent member of the dairy lobby and a local county commissioner who became so agitated that he "stomped" out of the Rifkin meeting saying he had to leave before "he killed someone." I can relate to this because myself and some 30 folks from Filer had one of our own county commissioners do a red-faced "stomp" out on us when we presented him with 256 pages of industrial dairy campaign contributions, illegal appropriations, unauthorized discharges into U.S. waters and odor complaints. This same county commissioner's wife had the temerity to question Jeremy Rifkin's biotechnical credentials. Since the infamous Dairy Waste

OPINION

# Tax cuts could prove costly for GOP

One thing I learned on my summer vacation was how difficult it is to stay on top of the news. In this media-saturated society, to insulate oneself from all things political, especially if it's August, of an odd moment in time, Congress is home on recess, and the President is down at the ranch.

From time to time, though, a few news items did penetrate my consciousness. The last of which was the declaration by President Bush that the shrinking of the budget surplus was "incredibly positive news" for America. The less money coming into the government, and the less for Congress to spend. Never mind that the reasons less money is coming in are that unemployment is up, corporate profits are down and people aren't making money on the stock market.

The disappearance of the non-Social Security surplus is most assuredly not good news. But it isn't as bad as the Democrats, who are vying with the Republicans for an edge in the coming year, would have us believe. Nor do the Democrats have all that much credibility in railing about it.

It's no mystery why the surplus projections of six months ago

**LARRY EICHEL**

have turned out to be overly optimistic. One reason is the economic slump, which Republicans blame on Clinton, Democrats pin on Bush, but surely is the result of forces larger than any president. No matter the cause, less economic activity means less government revenue.

The other is the tax cut, which at this point consists primarily of those rebate checks, \$300 per person in most cases, now being sent out to everyone who pays income tax.

It was the administration and the Republicans, of course, who pushed the 10-year tax package through Congress this past spring. But the rebates, intended as a short-term economic stimulus, had broad, bipartisan support. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle actually endorsed them before Bush did.

Besides, the Democrats are guilty of fudging the issue when they claim that the long-term size of the tax cut (put officially at \$1.35 trillion but said by some economists to exceed \$2 trillion) and its tilt toward the wealthy are to blame for the current situa-

tion. At this point, only the across-the-board rebates are in effect.

Now comes word from the Congressional Budget Office that the government will need to grab a few billion dollars from the Social Security trust fund to pay its current bills. Given that the president promised not to allow such a thing, the situation presages a difficult few months in Washington, what with spending decisions on defense and education still to be made.

The nation and the Social Security system will survive. In the context of a \$1.9 trillion federal budget, a few billion here or there don't matter that much. Taking money from the trust fund is less dire than it sounds; it means only that a little less of the national debt will be paid off this year, marginally reducing the government's ability to borrow money in the future to pay benefits for baby boomers.

What's more important than the way the books are balanced today is the economic outlook a year from now. That's true in both fiscal and political terms.

The last national election was largely about values, personality and leadership. It was the product of a time when the condition

of the economy was not clear enough to be decisive. The way things look now, the next election, like so many in years past, will almost certainly focus on pocketbook issues.

If the economy bounces back, then Bush and the Republicans are likely to do reasonably well in November 2002. They'll be in position to claim that their tax rebates were the impetus for economic recovery. And they'll have a reasonable chance of preserving the big-ticket tax cuts slated to take effect starting in 2004.

But if the slump continues, the GOP will likely lose the House and Senate. There'll be no money for any new programs. A weakened president will be faced with new, ever-gloomier budget projections that will make it increasingly difficult for him to argue that the nation can afford to go ahead and eliminate the estate tax or cut rates in the higher brackets - changes that do benefit the wealthy.

In the politics of the federal budget, the present isn't nearly as important as the future.

Larry Eichel is a columnist and editorial-board member for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

# U.S. should step up involvement in Iraq

Iraq may be the most frustrating problem on the American foreign policy agenda. More than 10 years after the Persian Gulf War, Iraq remains an unfinished business as Saddam Hussein faces his fifth American president.

International sanctions and containment of Iraq have weakened the country's economy and military, but Saddam maintains a firm grip on power and a change in the Iraqi government is unlikely any time soon.

U.S. policy toward Iraq aims to keep Saddam in a box, prevent Iraq from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, and encourage a change of the Iraqi regime.

We pursue these objectives by defending the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq, supporting United Nations inspections of Iraq, and seeking inspections of Iraq's weapons facilities.

However, for more than two years, there have been no U.N. inspectors in Iraq. Some experts believe Iraq is rebuilding its nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons programs.

The serious contradiction in U.S. policy is that while we want to resume inspections of Iraq's weapons facilities, we also aim to replace Saddam and indict him for war crimes. How can we get Saddam to agree to inspections when we have a gun at his head? We must choose whether it is more important to have a successful inspection regime or to try to force a change in Iraq's government.

Sanctions on Iraq can only be effective with the support of other Iraqis. We can verify that Iraq enforces them. But in recent years international support for comprehensive sanctions on Iraq has eroded. Countries ranging from China to France want to permit more trade and investment, to permit more civilian trade, while maintaining strict prohibitions on commerce in military goods and technology. That way the Iraqis can help pay for their essential goods, such as food and medicine, but Saddam will have great difficulty building up his dangerous weapons programs.

Military sanctions should not be the only help we should provide. Iraq has complied with UN resolutions and terminated its development and acquisition of weapons of mass destruction.

While advancing this "smart sanctions" approach, we should provide assistance to Iraqi opposition groups to help them remain active in Iraq's political arena and prepare to play a positive role in a free, post-Saddam Iraqi society. This aid will help bolster the capacity to counter Saddam's propaganda and provide greater assistance as they make progress in challenging his rule. But expanding substantial military support to the opposition is problematic because it is not sufficiently strong or united to take on Saddam in the near term. We should not promise more assistance than we are willing to pro-

**LEE H. HAMILTON**

vide. A commitment to assist the opposition militarily could encourage an armed challenge to the Iraqi regime that is unlikely to succeed without massive U.S. military intervention.

President Bush should let Iraq know that the U.S. will respond aggressively to any effort by Iraq to attack its neighbors, threaten U.S. forces or allies, or acquire or deploy weapons of mass destruction. He should state that while we oppose the current Iraqi government we bear no ill will toward the Iraqi people.

The president should emphasize that we will lift the sanctions, seek improved relations, and be prepared to provide generous support to Iraq once it complies with U.N. resolutions, respects basic international norms,

accepts the independence and territorial integrity of all its gulf neighbors, and no longer poses a threat to Middle East peace.

Saddam Hussein is almost certainly searching for ways to exit his box in the United States. But, if we work with our friends and allies in the Middle East and around the world, we can develop a new Iraq policy of smart sanctions and containment that pro-

jects international peace and security while encouraging positive change within Iraq.

Lee H. Hamilton is the director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He served as a U.S. representative from Indiana from 1965 to 1999 and as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee from 1993 to 1995.

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## BRIGHT IDEAS

An Aug. 16 article in *The Wall Street Journal* focused on the amount of power a typical resident uses and described most people today as "electricity hogs" compared to their grandparents.

The newspaper reported that since 1949, when the federal government started keeping national energy-use figures, Americans collectively have hiked their yearly use of household electricity from 67 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) to 1.1 trillion kWh.

The article went on to say the average home uses more than 4,000 watts of electricity at a peak time, such as late in a hot summer afternoon. Modern homes are wired to provide at least 12,000 watts of electricity and an average room will have anywhere from 12 to 16 power outlets. Also, homes now have power-driven devices such as computers, fax machines, waterbeds and hot tubs that our predecessors did not.

Idaho Power records show that in 1931 the average kilowatt-hour usage per residential customer was 1,333 kWh per year. Today, a typical residential customer uses an average of 1,100 kWh per month.

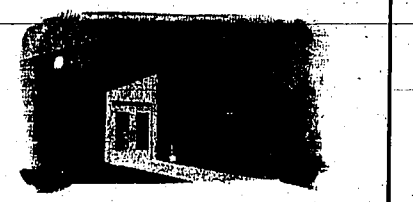
The *Wall Street Journal* article pointed to a variety

- of appliances it called "Wastage Wasters" including:
    - Recharger devices for cell phones, toys, batteries and camcorders, which use electricity even when not charging. (Unplug these devices when they're not actively recharging.)
    - Remote-controlled appliances such as TVs, stereos or VCRs consume electricity whether they are running or not. (To prevent power waste, unplug these appliances when not in use for an extended period of time.)
    - Incandescent and halogen light bulbs produce light as a byproduct of heat and waste approximately 90 percent of the electricity they consume. (Compact fluorescent bulbs are far more efficient.)
    - Empty refrigerators and freezers use more energy than full ones because they must cool more air.
- And finally, according to *The Journal*, using disposable batteries to power electronic equipment costs about \$130 per-kilowatt-hour compared to about eight cents for line power.

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The West Boise Wastewater Treatment Facility has saved hundreds of kilowatts this summer compared to last year. How did they do it?

Richard Dees, operations division manager for Boise City's Public Works Department said, "credit should be given to an internal energy committee. Our team of operations staff and engineers was challenged to identify areas where significant power savings could be realized, while not adversely impacting the quality of the water being discharged."

Committee members implemented suggestions on ways to better utilize the facility's 75-horsepower motors and ultraviolet lamps used for disinfection. According to Dees, these are the two most significant power consumers and the areas that saved the most energy.

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The new Euro coins are seen at the Black Central Bank in Hanover, Germany.



# Euro coins emerge Saturday under heavy security

PARIS (AP) -- Euro coins stashed in trucks with security escorts began their journey Saturday to banks or brief temporary storage in some of the dozen European countries that will start using the common currency on Jan. 1.

Tons of coins were moved out in France, Germany, Belgium and Spain and some other countries in an operation expected to take several months.

But, with security a top priority,

everywhere the word was mum. Officials refused to say how much was being moved to where.

Euro notes, considered the riskier cargo, were to be delivered this month in a handful of countries -- Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Ireland and Finland.

France and the Netherlands are not starting to deliver euro notes until Dec. 1.

On Saturday, trucks with police escorts began moving out some

7.6 billion euro coins from temporary depots around France to tens of thousands of banks, post offices and offices of the Treasury.

The 32,000 tons of coins that must circulate France over the next 13 weeks are equal to the weight of four Eiffel Towers.

In Germany, guarded trucks began transporting coins across the north of the country.

The first truck set off from a storage point in the city of Hanover, according to Joachim

Nagel, a spokesman for the regional central bank of Lower Saxony, Bremen and Saxony-Anhalt.

The trucks -- carrying up to 15 tons of coins each -- were departing about every 45 minutes, Nagel said.

Unlike in France, Germany was transporting the money for interim storage at armored car companies' warehouses. It is to be moved next week to commercial banks.

## Israel denies involvement in car bomb

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) -- A powerful explosion ripped a car carrying a top aide to the Palestinian intelligence chief on Saturday, killing him and critically injuring a bodyguard. Palestinians accused Israel of assassinating the official, but Israel denied involvement.

Later, a blast in a taxi near the West Bank town of Tulkarem killed a 22-year-old Palestinian woman and injured four other people, according to Palestinian security officials. The cause of the blast was not immediately known.

In the first explosion, Col. Tayser Khattab, 52, was driving toward his office at Palestinian intelligence headquarters north of Gaza City when his car exploded. Palestinian police said a bomb apparently was planted in the car and set off by remote control.

One witness, grocery store owner Ziad Sharkh, said the blast sent car parts flying into the air. "I saw Khattab passing by and then a minute later I heard a big explosion and I saw fire coming from the car," Sharkh said.

Parts of the car landed 65 feet from the blast site. A car seat was thrown more than 30 feet. Khattab was taken to Shifa Hospital in Gaza City in critical condition but died soon after, said Dr. Moawi Hassan.

## Putin to double average salaries for teachers

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW -- It was a day of proud parents, starched white shirts, scrubbed faces and big hair bows Saturday as 40 million Russian children and teachers headed back to school on the traditional Sept. 1 start of the academic year.

President Vladimir V. Putin made the annual back-to-school observance -- known as Knowledge Day -- just a little bit more festive for educators when he promised to double the size of the average teacher's salary, now about \$35 a month.

In a speech to the country's premier-teaching college, Putin also pointed out that education will for the first time next year receive more government money than national defense.

"Nothing is possible -- not building a democratic society, not creating a market economy -- nothing is possible without educated people," he told the faculty and students at the Moscow State Pedagogical Institute. "We have to be honest: The state has not been giving enough attention to education in recent years."

The Sept. 1 start-of-school habit is so entrenched in Russia that principals of public and most private schools ordered pupils to show up even though the date fell on a Saturday.

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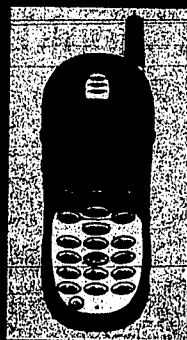
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## It's time to retire your mower

After a co-worker narrowly escaped a serious eye injury recently by a rock ejected by his lawn mower, I decided it's time to stop the madness.

So this morning I'm announcing the formation of the Mower Liberation Front, a militant group dedicated to making your lawn go to seed.

I've long believed that manicuring and edging hybrid fescues is against God's plan. He didn't even let the lawnboy invent Kentucky bluegrass, and there's a lesson in that.

It seems to me that you can date America's decline to the point in our history when endless vistas of waving grasslands gave way to endless fairways.



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

In the MLF, we'll engage in an activist agenda - blatant taunting of the lawn-mowing public, spraying of Miracle Grow on weed-choked vacant lots adjacent to your property, perhaps even burning crop-circles into your front yard.

Our motto: "Weed-free-free by 2003."

And of course, once there's no need to mow, there will be no need to water. Join us, and you'll save enough on your city utility bill to spend next winter in Palm Springs (it's in a desert, you know, grass is superfluous).

We're expecting resistance from the Manicured Lawn Cartel, that unholy alliance of gardeners, landscapers and purveyors of horticultural potions designed to keep you in indentured servitude every Saturday for the drop dead at the tiller of your Roto-turf.

These malefactors of great greenness can expect to be called on the carpet - specifically, AstroTurf - on every possible occasion.

For they are, so many cases, hypocrites - folks who rail against dandelions while heedless of the crabgrass flourishing in their own souls.

We had a neighbor when I was a kid in Fresno who owned a nursery. Mr. Clark's front lawn was so perfect that Mrs. Clark wouldn't even let the neighborhood kids walk on it.

But the Clarks' back yard, safely hidden behind a redwood fence, was a weed-choked tangle, home to everything from cheetahs to porcupines. One of the neighborhood toddlers disappeared for two days one time before being discovered, frightened and hungry, wandering in a nasty outbreak of zinnias.

Well, the jig was pretty well up after that. Mr. Clark had to sell his greenhouse and went to work for the Forest Service.

I remember thinking of the unfairness of our society's obsession with greenwards after reading - actually, I was supposed to be mowing the lawn at the time - that the largest single concentration of lawn in the world, 500 acres' worth, was at Versailles, the fabulous royal estate outside of Paris.

The story goes that King Louis XIV's architects tore out vineyards in order to plant all that grass, and frankly, France just went to hell thereafter. Soon came the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, three invasions by Germany within 70 years, lost colonial struggles in Algeria and Indochina, and eventually, Maurice Chevalier, and tragically, Jerry Lewis.

It's not a pretty picture, and I think frankly, it would have happened if the French had not been so obsessed with Weed-Whacking.

Even today, Versailles is tended by Japanese gardeners, which explains not only France's chronic trade deficit but also the Sony sign hanging on the Eiffel Tower.

And don't think the same thing couldn't happen here.

We in the MLF now you're toying with the idea of testing up your garden and replacing it with, sod. Think about that long and hard.

For we've seen the way you attire yourself when you mow the lawn on Saturday mornings - floppy-hat, muscle-shirt, shorts, and a 30-year-old with a pot-belly and hairy legs.

We at the MLF have cameras and we have computer scanners, and we'd feel just awful if photographs of you mowing in the neighborhood were generally circulated on the Internet.

That's what did in Louis XV, you know, that, and the Blabby thing.

*Times-News features editor Steve Crump contends that mowing could save a riding lawn mower if they could see themselves riding it from behind.*

# No conflict

## Sheriff's entry into jail business raises no red flags

**By Mark Helz**  
Times-News writer

**HAILEY** - A Magic Valley sheriff who is boosting a project to open a jail in Twin Falls' old Norco Windows building said his stake in the project does not equal a conflict of interest.

Other officials also said they don't think Blaine County Sheriff Walt Felling - a founding partner of one of three private companies involved in the

project - is doing anything wrong.

"The only problem would be if he was working on private business on Blaine County time, and I know Walt doesn't do that," said Bill Lynn, president of the Idaho Sheriff's Association.

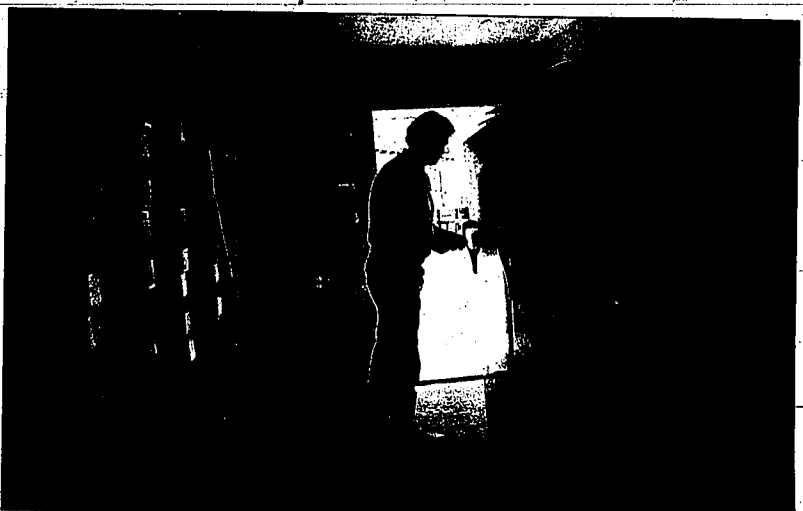
Felling is a partner in Rocky Mountain Corrections Inc., one of three companies pitching a private jail plan. The idea is to put a jail and possibly some office space in the Norco building on Washington Street South and lease it

to Twin Falls County.

Under the agreement, the county would sign a lease - renewable each year - with an annual payment of just over \$1 million. The county would own the building and the property it's on after 30 years, boosters of the plan say.

The county hopes to make the lease payments with money it would make by charging other counties and agencies to

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Ken Robinette, executive director of the South Central Community Action Agency, walks past a row of freezers that hold some of the agency's frozen foods. The agency has acquired some land and hopes to build a new building on it because its current building is filled to capacity.

# Community agency wants new digs

## Counties pledge money to help SCCAA get grant

**By Lorraine Cavener**  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - With help from the community and a block grant, the South Central Community Action Agency could be replacing a dilapidated, inefficient facility with a brand-new building that could give Magic Valley more bang for its buck.

Ken Robinette, executive director of SCCAA, has been making presentations throughout the valley about the advan-

tages of having a new facility to replace the old one in Twin Falls. A new facility has been proposed that would be located about one-half mile from the current one.

SCCAA is seeking financial support for the project. The agency has applied for a \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant through the Idaho Department of Commerce. The grant money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said Carleen Herring, who manages the economic development division of Region IV Development Association.

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## How to help

Community action agencies are private, nonprofit organizations that contract with the Department of Health and Welfare to provide assistance to low-income people. Programs include low-income home energy assistance, low-income energy assistance, weatherization, child care resource and referral, Community Service Block Grants, and the USDA Commodity Food Program. For information about the South Central Community Action Agency's proposed project to build a new facility or to get involved, call 734-2307 or 878-0404 in the Minidoc area.

# New principal takes the helm at Dworshak School

**By Corson Hart**  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - After 20 years in the Cassia County School District, Irma Bushman has moved behind a desk. It's like a coming home for her.

"I taught at Dworshak 11 years ago," she said. "I always liked this school."

She taught school in the elementary grades for 13 years before becoming principal at the Springdale kindergarten for three years. She then headed the Newport Center, an elementary school program for students who speak no English, for three years.

Bushman is part of a family that takes principalship in stride. Her husband, Kevin Bushman, is principal at Declo Elementary School. And their youngest, None-so, Michael, 11, saved the most reading points at his school and earned the right to be "principal for a day."

Michael took that day very seriously, Bushman said. "He put on a necktie and a suit. He participated in the principal's job. Kevin and I went over for a little while and we had a picture taken together."

She received both her bachelor's degree in education and her administrator's degree from Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Bushman said the district is initiating a new program this year called Standards and Benchmarks. The curriculum will emphasize reading and mathematics. In

*'You know what? I like children. When you're a teacher, you get one classroom. When you're an administrator, you can go in every classroom.'*

- Irma Bushman, Dworshak School's new principal

order to increase student performance in those fundamentals.

"It gives certain goals and objectives to help the child succeed," Bushman said. "If you can read and do basic math, you can learn anything. This program is the way the staff is going. We're just a little bit ahead of them."

Dworshak School is also adding a kindergarten program for the first time. Previously it was available only at White Pine School.

She is enthusiastic about her post at the kindergarten through third-grade school.

"You know what? I like children. When you're a teacher, you get one classroom. When you're an administrator, you can go in every classroom," she said.

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# Car hits pedestrian; victim suffers serious injuries

**TWIN FALLS** - A 38-year-old man suffered serious injuries after being hit by a car Saturday night, Twin Falls police reported.

The incident occurred shortly after midnight Saturday on the 400 block of Addison Avenue West, Staff Sgt. Steve Benkula said.

The man was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he was in critical condition.

The pedestrian was hit by a car driven by an 18-year-old female motorist, Benkula said.

"It is believed alcohol may have been a factor in the incident, which remained under investigation Saturday, he said. Police released no names or further details Saturday.

## Motorcyclist hurt in crash

**TWIN FALLS** - A motorcyclist suffered head-and-pelvis injuries in a Twin Falls crash at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday when his bike collided with a pick-up truck, Twin Falls police reported.

No helmet was found at the scene of the collision, Staff Sgt. Steve Benkula said. The motorcyclist was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The accident occurred on Blue Lakes Boulevard South. No further details were available Saturday.

Compiled from staff reports

# Stampede crowns queens

The Times-News

Kathleen Michele Colson was crowned the 2002 Magic Valley Stampede Senior Queen, and Tara Ann Rushton was crowned the Junior Queen at Saturday night's rodeo performance at the Twin Falls County Fair and Magic Valley Stampede.

Kathleen Michele Colson, 19, of Meridian, is a 2001 graduate of Meridian High School where she's active in FFA marching band and dance club. She won awards for appearance as well as poise and personality, and was named Miss Congeniality.

Her hobbies include horse and dog training, collecting horse drawn vehicles and air and ground search and rescue.

She was the Outstanding FFA Senior Student of the Year for 2001 and was awarded reserve Hi-Point English and gymkhana at the 2000 Western Idaho Fair.

Teresa Stewart, of Hagerman, was Stampede Senior Queen runner-up. She won awards for horsemanship, public speaking and rodeo knowledge.

Tara Ann Rushton, 17, of Hailey, is a senior at Wood River High School, where she's active in the National Forensic League and varsity sports. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing and basketball.

Rushton qualified for the State High School Rodeo finals in barrel racing, has been voted most

inspirational basketball player for three years and is the captain of the basketball team.

Trish Filer was Junior Queen first runner-up, and Miranda Nye of Heyburn was second runner-up. The Miss Congeniality award went to Angela Slack of Rupert.

# Trans IV colleagues mourn driver

**By Loretta Burkhardt**  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - When George Michael "Mike" Magee lost his courageous battle with cancer last week, Trans IV Buses lost a key employee.

And his passengers - particularly those with special needs - lost a friend.

"He always went the extra mile for everyone, but when there were 'special needs,' he was exceptional," said Trans IV Buses Administrative Coordinator Linda Vining.

Magee began working for Trans IV Buses more than 10 years ago. The company, a nonprofit rural public transport system located in Twin Falls, takes its passengers to and from the surrounding communities.

The route Magee was assigned to was an early run that took him to the north side of the Magic Valley. And according to Vining, "early" for Magee meant exactly that.

He made a habit of coming to work at 5 a.m. - long before he was scheduled to start his route. He also stayed late and was known as the "guy who liked to take care of a situation before it became one."

On cold mornings he would warm up every bus that was scheduled for a morning route, then line them up and have them ready to go before the other drivers arrived, Vining said.

"He had already done what you need before you realized you needed it," said driver and dispatcher Ed Spiera.

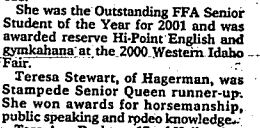
And he always had coffee brewing. "The constant coffee in the world," Vining said.

That wasn't all. Schedules were

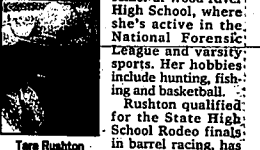
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BURLEY



(REUNTED)

Leah E. Johnson

Leah E. Johnson, 78-year-old Burley and former Heyburn resident, died Thursday, August 30, 2001, at the home of her daughter in Burley. She was born June 25, 1923, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Albert Leroy and Lydia Ann Tolman Egbert. She graduated from Mountain High School. Leah married Virgil Hays Johnson on January 4, 1943. They resided in Washington. Their marriage was later solemnized on May 21, 1943, in the Logan Temple. Leah and Virgil spent their entire married life in the Magic Valley area, but mostly in Paul and Heyburn. Leah operated Kiddy Kampus Day-Care Center in Heyburn from 1963 to 1975. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in the Primary for many years. She also served as 1st Counselor in the Relief Society Presidency and was a faithful Visiting Teacher. She served an LDS mission in 1989, to Independence, Missouri. From 1990, to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Leah had a very strong testimony and love of her Savior, Jesus Christ. In 1992, Leah was diagnosed with Renal Failure and spent the last nine years of her life going to dialysis three times a week. In 1993, she moved to Orem, Utah, to be closer to dialysis and to her children. She made many friends while in Orem. In March of 2000, she was in an accident and fractured her pelvis in seven places and wasn't expected to ever walk again. In May of 2000, she moved to Helper, Utah, to be with her son and daughter-in-law, who helped her very much and she was able to walk again. In August of 2000, she moved back to Burley to live with her daughter. Leah enjoyed gardening and had large raspberry patch, where she and Virgil spent many hours picking. Leah loved to share with others. Leah loved her family very much and they will miss her dearly. Survivors include two daughters, Alona (Jesse) Huilaker, of Springville, Utah, and Janiene (Gene) Watson of Burley; four sons, David (Sharon) Johnson of Deer Park, Washington, Wayne (Kris) Johnson of Coeur d'Alene, Brent (Sandy) Johnson of Helper, and Byron (Jacque) Johnson of Orem, Utah; two sisters, Emma Larson of Preston and Ruth (Wing) of 2000, Utah; four brothers, Roy Egbert of Tulsa, Oklahoma, James Egbert of Ridgecrest, California, Dale Egbert of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Burl Egbert of St. George, Utah; twenty-eight grandchildren; and twenty-four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Virgil, on January 22, 1986; a daughter, a sister; a grandson; and three grandsons-in-law. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 4, 2001, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 105 S. 200 W. of Burley, with Bishop V. Paul Hobson officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the church from 9 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

Lynn Miller and Florence Roseanna Mason Orthman. He received his education in Lexington, Nebraska, and Vale, Oregon. Jim married Shirley in an early year in Oregon. In 1953, in Ontario, Oregon, in a double wedding ceremony with their best friends, Marvin and Carol Dixon. Jim and Shirley made their home in Vale, prior to moving to Albion; Idaho, in 1958. They purchased their home in Albion, residing there for 29 years. In 1978, they moved to Declo, where Jim operated Orthman's Service and Orthman's Repair where he served the community as a mechanic. Jim was respected by his expertise and mechanical knowledge by those he worked with. He retired last year. Prior to opening Orthman's, Jim worked for Clinton Ranch and Elliott's John Deere. In May of this year, he and Shirley moved to Burley where he has since resided. Jim loved to play the guitar, and he played and sang every weekend with his friends, Jim Rudolph and Jerry Bailey, and his father, Lynn Orthman, who lived in the area. His face would light up when he was on stage, doing what he loved to do, playing to make people happy. From the time he was a boy until a year ago when he became ill, he would play his guitar faithfully every night. As children, Jim and Shirley spent every night to the sounds of his guitar and gentle voice. His music will be greatly missed by all of us. Our loss has left a deep, empty place in our hearts. Jim loved his game will never be forgotten and we feel blessed for having such a wonderful man in our lives. Jim is survived by his loving and dedicated wife; Shirley Orthman of Burley; and their five children, Cathy (Chuck) Thompson of Declo, Cindy (Dennis) Frantz of Rupert, Russell Orthman and Randi Orthman, both of Burley, and Joani (Brock) Winnall of Rupert; his stepmother, Elie Orthman and gentle step-sister, Wanda (Robert) of Klamath Falls, Oregon; a stepbrother, Jerry Burt of Oregon; two aunts, Joyce Krings of Lexington, Nebraska and Fern (Tom) Spina of California; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and Jim and Shirley's three children, John, Carol Dixon of Vale, Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents; three grandsons, Steven Thomas, Jesse Thomas and Daniel Orthman; one great-granddaughter, Orion Allen; and his beloved sister, Marianne Halben. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley. Interment will follow at Albion City Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley, on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, from 6 until 8 p.m. and on Wednesday prior to the funeral.

Jr. and Jo Anna Erickson, both of Rupert, and Tony Garro, a six-month resident of Sheep Mountain Ranch near Bone, Idaho, and the balance of the year at the River Ranch near Rupert. He has grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He is also survived by his brother, Rocco, and many nieces and nephews. Larry was the champion of any less fortunate than himself and in his travels never knew a stranger. Larry spent his entire life doing exactly what he wanted to do, whether it be trucking livestock, caring for the sheep and herders, farming, raising hay for the Corporation's sheep, and finally the most enjoyed; working with the shepherds of the eleven western states securing herders through the H2A program for the Western Range Association. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 1st Street, Rupert, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in remembrance of Tony Garro to the United Methodist Church, 802 E. Main, Catholic School, 802 E. Main, Rupert. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Nevada; died August 29, 2001, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Center in Jerome. Marlyne was born August 11, 1918, in Ely, Nevada, the son of Joseph and Ida Mae Mechem Olson. Marlyne was a U.S. Navy "Sea Bee" and served in the Philippines during World War II. He was a machinist for Kamehachi Copper in McGill, Nevada, until he retired in 1980. Marlyne is survived by two sons, Gary Olson and Dale (Ruby) Olson, both of Burley. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one brother. At his request, there will be no formal services. Interment will take place in the Jerome Cemetery under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

BURLEY

Jimmie Lynn Orthman

Jimmie Lynn Orthman, 65-year-old Burley resident, formerly of Declo and Albion, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, September 1, 2001, at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on April 19, 1936, in Lexington, Nebraska, the son of

RUPERT

John Laurence Garro

December 30, 2001. Larry Garro, age 64, passed away at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Ken and JoAnna Erickson, in Rupert, Idaho, August 30, 2001. He was born December 2, 1936, to John M. and Frances Tolmie Garro in Pocatello, Idaho. He lived in Blackfoot five years of his life, and moved to the Mini-Cassia area where his father purchased an acreage near the sugar factory for lamb raising. The Garros were early-time sheep ranchers and continued on in that profession until his father's death at the age of 70. After the passing of John Garro, Larry, his brother and his mother incorporated as Garro Sheep Company Inc., raising sheep and breeding high quality cattle. The sheep were sold in 1982 after many years of poor markets and slackening demand for wool. Larry attended Pioneer school as a youngster, graduated from Rupert High School in 1955 and attended Idaho State College. In 1984, Larry, who served as president of the Western Range Association, moved to Sacramento, California, to fill the void left by the departing executive director of the association. After the expiration of his term as president of the association, Larry continued on as executive director of the association until his health forced him to take a medical leave of absence in late March 2001. He made his home in Rupert while convalescing from heart surgery. Larry served his fellow shepherds as director of Eastern Idaho Grazing Association for many years. He was elected director of that association to replace his father who served in that capacity prior to his death. Larry was a member of the Idaho Wool Growers' Middle-Coke Grazing Association, and served many years as director and eventually president of the Western Range Association. He was a dhand fisherman, loved boats and water, and loved seeing new country. He spent his last months with his good friends, Doug Green and Richard Olex, fishing nearly every day or idling the country for new sights and renewed his love for Idaho. He is survived by his wife, Loretta; three children, John Garro

WENDELL

Ed King

March 15, 1918 - August 29, 2001. Ed King was born on March 15, 1918, in Columbia, Oregon, Washington. His father, Edwin King, had also been born in Washington, but his mother, Rena King, was an immigrant from Columbia, New York. Ed had two older sisters, Betty Murray and Winifred Strong. Betty lived in Egan, and Winifred lived in California, and it was the highlight of the summer when Winifred and her son, Ron, would come to visit the King household. The King sisters were very proud of their younger brother, Ed. Ed's family moved from Washington to Kimberly, Idaho, in 1929. At age 11, Ed started working for the Bunches, helping out with farm chores and feeding and tending the livestock. At this young age, Ed already had an inborn ability to work effectively with all kinds of animals, especially horses. Horses just naturally liked Ed, and throughout the course of Ed's life, he rode and trained some exceptional working cowboys. Ed was never known in his community for driving elaborate, fancy pickup trucks, but he had a wide-spread reputation in Idaho and Nevada for owning and riding beautiful horses. The San Jacinto Ranch in Contact, Nevada, was the place where Ed and his horses pigged the interest of many young and old cowboys. Ed owned grazing permits there, and even though he would take himself along with several well-trained horses to the ranch. There he would help gather the cattle and separate them into bunches as indicated by their brands. It was his privilege to watch Ed King and his horses cut cows. Ed married Lorna Lundy on December 30, 1939. They lived in Albion, Idaho, for several years where they met new people who became their lifetime friends. Ed made his last trip to Albion in June of this year. Albion was still as enjoyable for Ed then as it had been fifty-some years ago. When Ed and Lorna left Albion, they purchased a home and farm in Rock Creek, Idaho. By this time, their daughter, Leg, was a teenager. Ed and Lorna worked hard as well as helping Ed farm the fields. Ed was very proud of Leg's ability to be able to work alongside all the young men in the community and comfortably "hold her own." Ed was well-known in the Rock Creek community just because he was a genuinely "good neighbor." Ed did more than one occasion. Ed put off doing his own work in order to help a neighbor with theirs. He was a good man and true friend. Ed and Lorna were especially proud of their adopted grandson, Steve King. Steve shared their home in Rock Creek while he finished high school and attended college. Ed's last years were spent living in Wendell in an acreage with his wife, cats, dogs, and horses. He never joined a gardening club, but his garden vegetables always proved him worthy of master gardener status. His special family and friends with delicious tomatoes, peppers and corn. A good time for Ed was taking a big bunch of vegetables to his daughter and her family's home in Rock Creek canyon. There everyone would eat together and visit long into the evening. Ed King died in his home in Wendell on August 29, 2001. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Twin Falls County Humane Society. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2001, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Family and friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, September 4, from 8-9 p.m.

JEROME

Maryne Dale Olson

Maryne Dale Olson, 83, of Jerome and formerly of McGill, Nevada; died August 29, 2001, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Center in Jerome. Marlyne was born August 11, 1918, in Ely, Nevada, the son of Joseph and Ida Mae Mechem Olson. Marlyne was a U.S. Navy "Sea Bee" and served in the Philippines during World War II. He was a machinist for Kamehachi Copper in McGill, Nevada, until he retired in 1980. Marlyne is survived by two sons, Gary Olson and Dale (Ruby) Olson, both of Burley. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one brother. At his request, there will be no formal services. Interment will take place in the Jerome Cemetery under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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# Principal

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— Irma Bushman, Dworshak principal



Irma Bushman, Dworshak School's new principal, consults registration records before the start of the school year.

...said of Bushman's selection. "We had many applicants. At least 18. We had a committee narrow that down until we had two choices. Mrs. Bushman was the in-district member, and we try to hire from within the district whenever possible.

"Mrs. Bushman has been a kindergarten principal before, and she has a very great knowledge of reading. In addition, she is bilingual. The percentage of minority students is growing. We are excited to have her."

Chesley said he was confident that Bushman would do "an excellent job."

She acknowledged her Hispanic heritage by giving encouragement to others.

"I have come from a migrant, non-English speaking, very poor family to a professional level. To others who are in that situation, you can do it. You can. It's hard, but you can do it. Education is the key," she said.

# Agency

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But the project will cost \$500,000, so SCCAA has to raise \$400,000. Herring said SCCAA is hoping to borrow part of the money from USDA rural development. The more the agency can raise from the community, the less it will have to pay back, Herring said.

"They would rather put their dollars in programs that help people than pay back a debt," she said. "Whatever the community can do for themselves makes a difference."

While filling the needs of many people, SCCAA is suffering from a lack of space and other problems related to facilities, Herring said.

"There are so many different buildings. It's not functioning for folks," she said.

Commodities trucks have to be unloaded by hand.

"You can't get a forklift in there," Herring said. "Talk about inefficiencies."

"Often, trucks with food donations have to be turned away because space used to store food is not adequate," Robinette said. He listed a myriad of problems with the buildings.

All four buildings are nearly 100 years old and are in marginal or substandard condition, he said.

"The main building has a small and inadequate reception/waiting room where people initially arrive, regardless of the services being sought. The weatherization shop/warehouse has no private

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— Carleen Herring, Region IV Development Association

space for gathering confidential information from participants... In the two-story building where Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program services are provided, participants wait in a small room on the first floor. Participants must climb a narrow set of stairs to access offices. The first-floor space also serves as a group meeting room and a very crowded training or board room.

In addition, the building has a number of building code problems, and Robinette has been told the rent will be going up. The list of problems goes on.

Robinette, who will also be approaching city council members, organizers and business leaders, said so far SCCAA has been getting a great response from the counties that have been approached. Lincoln County commissioners have pledged \$1,000 to the pro-

ject, Minidoka County has pledged \$2,000, and \$5,000 has been given by Twin Falls County. Jerome and Cassia counties have not yet responded. Presentations are also scheduled for Gooding and Blaine counties.

Why is it that commissioners have responded so well to the agency's request?

Lawrence Calcins, a commissioner from Lincoln County and a director of SCCAA, agrees with Robinette that pitching in on the SCCAA project is like an investment. County officials can see the benefits of pitching in on a project like this, he said.

With 101 Lincoln County residents and 32 households in 2000 and 40 residents and 69 households in 2001 receiving some type of assistance from the agency, Lincoln County Commissioner Rusty Parker could see how the agency had benefited the county.

"Even at \$1,000, that is only \$10 per person by the number we serve," Parker said.

Robinette had said that those who benefited from the agency would be knocking at the county's door for assistance if the agency did not exist.

"Without the combination of local support and tax dollars, this project is not going to happen," Herring is saying. "This project means a lot to a lot of people."

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# Sheriff

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house inmates at the new jail. The county would also count on a sizeable sublease from the Jerome Cheese Co., which is using part of the building to store wheat.

Marvin Hempleman and other members of the Twin Falls County Commission have said the agreement includes a "safety clause" that would allow them to back out at any time.

"There would be no financial penalty for early withdrawal from the lease, said Fleming and Rosemary Emory, Twin Falls County's chief deputy prosecutor. Emory is in charge of most of the legal details of the plan for the county.

Fleming said he and his partners in Rocky Mountain Corrections Inc., which is about 5 years old, won't own the Norco building or of the property. Richer, the other two companies — Durant Justice and Engelman Inc. — will hold the mortgage, he said. Rocky Mountain Corrections is acting only as a consulting agency during the lease. The county would have little or nothing to do with the jail once it was up and running, Fleming said.

"I primarily just bring people together — the builders, finance people," he said.

There's only one possible snag

lem tied to Fleming's involvement in the jail project, said Blaine County Commissioner Dennis Wright.

"I think the only place there could be a potential conflict would be if he used that jail for Blaine County prisoners," Wright said. "If that happens, that's the time when questions might be asked," said Wright.

But that won't happen, Fleming said.

Instead, he said he plans to shift some state prisoners from Blaine County to Twin Falls. Such prisoners, already sentenced to state prison, typically sit in a county jail while awaiting vacancies in state cells.

"My state prisoners, I like get out of here immediately," he said. "I get 12- to 15 state inmates a year in here. The state offers me \$40 to \$45 a day to hold them here. But I don't want the state's money. I want the space."

Blaine County has been shipping most of its state inmates to the Mini-Cassia jail, Fleming said. Taking them to Twin Falls would save his deputies about 70 miles of driving each way. Also, the county would save fuel costs and overtime pay for deputies making the transfers, he said.

Wright and Blaine County Deputy Prosecutor Tim Graves said they haven't chosen any coun-

plaints and haven't been asked to probe Fleming's involvement in the jail project.

"The issue has not come up at all," Graves said. "Nothing has come across my desk regarding it."

The next hoop the jail project has to go through is a review by a District Court judge, Emory said.

The Twin Falls County Commission is expected by Sept. 10 to approve a petition to bring the proposal before a judge, she said. It was not known this week which judge that might be, but the judge would be responsible for making sure the jail plan doesn't violate the Idaho Constitution or state law, Emory said.

Considering judges' packed calendars, it could be a month or more before the jail proposal could be considered, she said.

Twin Falls commissioners have said they plan to carry out the plan without raising taxes. Emory said a judicial approval of the plan wouldn't give the commission authority to levy a tax specific to the jail project, she said.

"The petition, even if it is granted, will not grant them any more taxing authority than they have right now."

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# LUNCH MENUS

## The Times-News

**BUHL SCHOOL**  
Breakfast Menu  
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day.  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal, graham crackers  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Pancakes, maple syrup  
Friday: Cereal, toast  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cold cut sandwich, chips, apples, carrot sticks, cookie  
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, french fries, breadstick, pineapple  
Thursday: Tacos, lettuce, cheese, corn, fruit, Jell-O  
Friday: Little Smokies, tater tots, oranges, muffin

**CASTLEFORD SCHOOL**  
Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hash browns  
Wednesday: Sweet rolls  
Thursday: Donuts  
Friday: Breakfast muffin  
Lunch menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich  
Thursday: Cheeseburgers  
Friday: Burritos

**FILER SCHOOL**  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Wednesday: Chicken party  
Thursday: Tacos  
Friday: Pig in a blanket

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice  
Wednesday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice  
Thursday: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice  
Friday: Long johns, cereal, fruit  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, roll, green beans, fruit  
Wednesday: Enchiladas, green salad, fruit  
Thursday: Finger steaks; tater tots, rolls, mixed vegetables, fruit  
Friday: Burritos, corn, tater tots, fruit

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
Choice of milk every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hot dog on a bun, chili, french fries, peas, zucchini, bread  
Wednesday: Italian dunkers, green salad, assorted dressings, peaches, whole wheat sugar cookie  
Thursday: Sloppy joe, green beans, fruit crisp, whipped topping  
Friday: Chicken strips, barbecue sauce, bread sticks, spaghetti sauce, carrot and celery sticks, ranch dressing, fruit, caramel sauce

**KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, carrot sticks, rolls, fruit cup  
Wednesday: Hamburgers, french fries, ketchup, pickles, apple half  
Thursday: Tacos, salsa, corn, bread stick, peaches  
Friday: Chicken wrap, baked beans, hash browns, applesauce

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, rolls vegetables, fruit bar  
Wednesday: Hamburgers, french fries, vegetable and fruit bar  
Thursday: Tacos, salsa, bread sticks, vegetable and fruit bar  
Friday: Chicken wrap, baked beans, vegetable and fruit bar

## MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Mexican fiestada, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, french fries, chilled pears, cinnamon churro  
Wednesday: Italian lasagna, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, garlic french bread  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country, style gravy, Jell-O, whipped topping, dinner roll  
Friday: Malibu chicken sandwich, Lay's Cool Ranch Doritos, grapes, cute pie

**MURTAUGH SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hamburger, french fries, peach slices, graham crackers  
Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, mixed vegetables, pear slices, roll  
Thursday: Potato bar, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, sliced bread  
Friday: Burrito, salsa, tossed salad, applesauce, gingerbread

**ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH**  
Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal, apple juice, toast  
Wednesday: Waffles, syrup, scrambled eggs, pineapple  
Thursday: Cereal, pears, muffin  
Friday: Pancake on a stick, syrup, fruit cocktail  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Barbecue beef sandwich and soup and sandwich or crispy tacos, seasoned corn, applesauce, cinnamon churro  
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza, vegetables, ranch dip, fruit, soft pretzel  
Thursday: Deli sandwich or potato bar or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, cool fruit Jell-O, hot dinner roll  
Friday: Rib-b-cue sandwich or salad bar or chicken sandwich, crisp-cut potatoes, banana, snicker-doodle cookie

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal, apple juice, toast  
Wednesday: Waffles, syrup, scrambled eggs, pineapple  
Thursday: Cereal, pears, muffin  
Friday: Pancake on a stick, syrup, fruit cocktail  
Lunch menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, garlic bread sticks  
Wednesday: Crispy tacos, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, french fries, pears, cinnamon twist  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country style gravy, hot dinner roll  
Friday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce, mayonnaise, potato chips, french fries, frozen fruit juice bar

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
Breakfast is served every day  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day; taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

**DIETRICH SCHOOLS**  
Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Burritos  
Wednesday: Mashed potatoes, roll, turkey gravy  
Thursday: Nachos  
Friday: Nuggets, fries

**GLENN'S FERRY**  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Mini-corn dogs, tater tots, baby carrots, ranch dressing, cookie  
Wednesday: Taco, lettuce, cheese, Spanish rice, corn  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, cheese potatoes, tossed salad, dinner roll  
Friday: Potato soup, may beuno cheese stick, fruit, cookie

**GOODING ELEMENTARY**  
Breakfast menu  
Cold cereal, milk and juice offered daily  
Monday: No school

## IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, Ham, toast, jelly  
Wednesday: Choice of juice, cinnamon apples, choice of cereal, scones, honey  
Thursday: Choice of juice, fruit, choice of cereal, sausage patty, english muffin, jelly  
Friday: Choice of juice, cinnamon apple, hash browns, fried eggs, toast, jelly  
Lunch menu  
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti, green beans, sliced peaches, french bread, peanut butter bars  
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza, celery and carrot sticks, banana, hot sauce  
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly, seasoned potatoes, strawberry shortcake, ketchup, mustard  
Friday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, orange or mandarin oranges, chocolate walnut cookie, ketchup, mustard

**JEROME SCHOOLS**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Pizza pocket or spaghetti, french bread, green salad, dressing, grapes or chilled peas  
Wednesday: Oven baked chicken or finger steaks, green beans, honey dew melon or juice bar, dinner roll, jam  
Thursday: Canadian bacon pizza, french fries, green beans, chili, salad, fresh strawberries, pineapple  
Friday: Lasagna or steak and bacon roll-up, cole slaw, kiwi or cool applesauce

**RICHFIELD SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal, cherry turnovers  
Wednesday: Pancakes, sausage  
Thursday: Cereal, Pop Tart  
Friday: French toast, scrambled eggs  
Lunch  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hot dog, tomato soup, crackers, bar cookie, applesauce  
Wednesday: Chicken fajita, lettuce, cheese, salsa, green beans, sugar cookie, mixed fruit  
Thursday: Malibu chicken sandwich, potato wedges, white cake, apple wedges  
Friday: Crispy taco, lettuce, chicken, french fries, corn, maple bar, pineapple tidbits

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# Driver

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always checked and the morning paper was neatly refolded — with a finished crossword puzzle inside — before his work day began.

His friend Scott Laird used three words to describe Magee: loyal, dependable and patient.

"We miss him, but in a lot of ways it's as though he is still around," Laird said. "I think he

fostered something of himself in all of us."

His family, and some of his special passengers, opted to take the bus rather than a limousine to Magee's funeral Saturday.

"My father was always so understanding and I know he will like this arrangement," said his daughter Valerie Rae Borg.

And even though another driver will take over the early run,

Magee's passengers and co-workers will miss the man who always went out of his way to make someone else's day a little bit brighter.

"We have very good drivers but no one will ever replace Mike," said Trans IV Buses Director Jim Vining.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at Twin Falls at 734-3990.

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Democratic senator steps down

POCATELLO (AP) - Weary of partisan politics and uphill battles in the perennial mid-term, Democratic state Sen. Lin Whitworth of Lakom announced his resignation from the Idaho Legislature effective Oct. 1.

Officials put off Burley skate park

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

BURLEY - The construction of a Burley skate park will be delayed until spring, but city officials say that almost all of the project money has been pledged to the city.

Convicted killer presents taped talk with victim

MOSCOW (AP) - Convicted killer Dale Carter Shackelford defied defense attorneys' wishes by airing a taped recording of his conversation with an alleged young victim of sexual abuse.

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Officials put off Burley skate park

who have submitted bids to the city have agreed to hold those bids until spring, Milton said. The council will probably accept the bids next week, Milton said.

Potato growers still in business enjoy good prices

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Idaho potato growers who have survived years of poor prices for their crop may actually make some money this year.

Several thousand dollars have been collected in the last few months from various fundraisers, and the city is waiting to hear back on \$21,000 worth of grant applications, Milton said.

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# Ketchum's Wagon Days Parade draws 15,000

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By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - A record crowd turned out Saturday to watch the return of the jerk line to Ketchum's Wagon Days Parade.

The Big Hitch parade went off without a hitch as Bishop, Calif., rheskinner Bobby Tanner rode his team of draft horse-sized mules down through Ketchum streets re-enacting the way mules once hauled the tall, skinny ore wagons that used to bring silver and ore out of the mountains north of Ketchum.

Tanner, believed to be the only man in America who can drive a jerk line today, gave a flurry of verbal commands, pulling steadily on the jerk line in his hand, as his team rounded street corners, stepping over the chain as they did.

Stories abounded as old-timers recounted earlier times: Bud Hegstrom recalled how he and former Ketchum Mayor George Venable organized Ketchum's first parade in 1958 to showcase the wagons that had been owned by Venable's relative, Horace C. Lewis.

There were two entries in that parade, he said. The behemoth Big Hitch wagons that now occupy a spot in Ketchum's Ore Wagon Museum and the "Little Hitch," a series of children's sized wagons that grew progressively smaller.

Wendy Jaquet, one of this year's Grand Marshals, recalled how organizers used to have to recycle horses through a parade, using them to pull more than one wagon, because they had more buggies and wagons than horses.

The parade also had a stretch where grand marshals seemed to die shortly after the parade. Consequently, what had once been an honor was greeted with some horror for awhile, Jaquet said.

Sun Valley Road turned into one giant ralgate party on Saturday, with spectators staking out spots as soon as light broke.

Jack and Debbie Hetherington, who practically had to beg people to join them at their annual barbecue during last year's rainstorm, had more than 50 fair weather fans duck under their canopy to get respite from the bright sun.



Above, Christopher Hone of Cedar City, Utah, drives an English Shire Hitch along Sun Valley Road during Saturday's Wagon Days Parade. The English shires, the war horse of England, stand more than 18 hands and weigh approximately one ton each. Below, Bobby Tanner's lead mules get ready to lead Ketchum's ore wagons out of a field along Sun Valley Road on Saturday's two-hour Big Hitch parade.



"We started with a gourmet brunch five years ago and now we're down to hot dogs and chips it's grown so big," said Debbie Herrington, of Twin Falls. The crowd, which exceeded 15,000 by some counts, gave police

officers like David Avelar a workout as they tried to erect parade barricades in places where the crowd was already 10 people deep.

"I love this parade. It's so cool," he said. "Just the whole non-motorized thing."

Winnis Nikolaisons and other Sun Valley Suns hockey players entertained the crowd as they skated through the streets showing up horse poop with big broad smiles.

"They never made us do this in Latvia," he grinned.

That left people like Tonia Bruess, of Hailey, privy to some royal whiffs sitting behind the manure bucket.

"I get the scents of the parade along with the sights," she said as she wrinkled her nose. This year's parade, one of the biggest non-motorized parades in the West, featured 87 entries, including an Abbott & Downing Mud Wagon used in 1927 to host Will Rogers and a year later to

transport the first airmail delivery to Great Falls, Mont.

Other entries include miniature horses from Moon Creek and Eagle Rock Ranch in Shoshone. Though small, the miniatures can pull more than a ton. They are also smart-enough that they're replacing seeing eye dogs, owners noted.

A few diehards gathered along Saddle Road as the parade was winding down to watch the mules haul the Big Hitch ore wagons up the hill. It was a rare sight - wagons were loaded onto a truck at Highway 75 in the past for fear that the Percheron draft horses hauling them couldn't make it up the hill.

Charlene Linford, who owns a ranch near Park City, Utah, said she had been to 40-some Wagon Days parades since she was 6 but that she still thrills to the sights of the Big Hitch wagons turning the corners.

"They are just so beautiful!" she said.

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## SERVICES

Charles Thomas 'Chuck' Koch of Twin Falls private service will be held at 3 p.m. today in Twin Falls. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Lydia G. Stutzman of Filer, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery; friends and family may call from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Filer's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Edith Bailey Handy of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn; burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel, 321 E. Main and 10-10:45 a.m. before the service at the church.

Earl D. Fallon of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel, Third and Fillmore, Jerome; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel, 321 E. Main and 10-10:45 a.m. before the service at the church.

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Released  
Gerald Anderson of Twin Falls (deceased Aug. 19); Cora Park of Twin Falls; and Shirley Snay of Buhl.

Monday at the chapel. Lucyle Elizabeth Rolland of Wendell, memorial service at 5 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

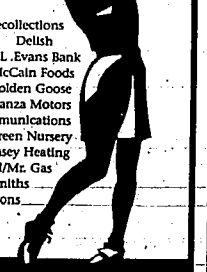
Mary Barbara Mendini Baker of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth

Ave., Buhl; viewing will be held from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Bessie F. Lowe of Placerville, Calif. and formerly Buhl, grave-site service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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# Rural Idaho schools struggle with enrollment declines

**BOISE (AP)** — Shelley School District Superintendent Jon Abrams was pleasantly surprised by the initial attendance numbers as classes resumed for the new academic year.

"We projected that we'd have 1,957 for the first day, and it came in at 1,997," he said. "My clerk said, 'You can smile, but don't celebrate, because those numbers tend to drop.'"

The number of schoolchildren in the eastern Idaho farming community has been dropping for a decade — more than 12.6 percent, from 2,403 in 1990 to 2,100 in 2000.

As in many other rural districts, the growing number of empty desks has left administrators struggling to educate the remaining students with a shrinking share of the state's financial support.

While the number of students attending Idaho public schools climbed 11 percent overall during the 1990s, enrollment fell almost by half of Idaho districts. Hardest hit were those in areas where the decline of industries such as timber and mining prompted an exodus of families with school-age children.

Fewer students means less

money from the state, which allocates it based on average daily attendance.

Every district is getting more money, but for the most part during the past decade was less than half the statewide percentage.

"It's becoming real critical in a lot of districts," said Teton High School Principal Elaine McInelly, president of the Idaho School Administrators' Association. "They're making decisions about not only closing schools but laying off teachers, cutting programs, and that really affects the quality of education being offered in

those small communities."

Mainly its own eastern Idaho district has the opposite problem. Schools are bursting at the seams in the fast-growing resort area at the western base of the Grand Tetons.

But in northern Idaho's Silver Valley, families who made their living in mines and smelters for generations are leaving for better employment opportunities in Montana, Nevada and elsewhere. School enrollment declined 16.7 percent in Kells, 17.7 percent in Wallace and 23.4 percent in Muller from 1997 to 2000.

Two of the Wallace School

District's four buildings were closed last spring. Two school counselors and an administrator were laid off, and five teachers who resigned were not replaced. The jobs of 18 clerks, janitors and other support personnel also were eliminated.

Districts with declining enrollment are buffeted by a state guarantee they will receive at least 90 percent of the previous year's personnel funding no matter how many students they lose.

State Schools Superintendent Mark Edward said the plight of rural schools also is a focus in many of the decisions the agency

makes on allocating money for special programs, such as teacher training. But for the most part, local school officials are on their own.

"Each cope with it in their own way," she said. "These are districts that have traditionally had smaller populations. They've developed strategies they'll continue to employ."

"The personnel costs safety net" has saved our tail, a lot," Grangeville School District Superintendent Wayne Davis said. "We'd have had more people laid off, and it would have happened quicker."

## Western Nevada is hotter and drier than ever before

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** — Never, in more than a century of record-keeping, has western Nevada been hotter and drier than it is right now.

The area is four weeks away from its skimpiest water year and just ended its warmest six-month period, according to state climatologist John James.

"I've never seen a string like that before," he said. "The northern two-thirds of Nevada are in an extreme drought. In some places less than a quarter of the normal precipitation has fallen."

Reno's just over a quarter at 2.04 inches since the water year began Oct. 1 compared with the normal 7.53 inches. The rainless record for the past 133 years is 2.59 inches in 1923-24.

And it's warm. Last month was 6.5 degrees above average in Reno, making it the hottest August on record. In the past six months, May also was No. 1 for warmth at 10 degrees above normal. March was No. 2, June was fifth and July sixth.

Of the past 36 months, James said seven were 5 degrees or more above normal.

The National Drought Mitigation Center shows extreme

drought across northern Nevada through the southern half of Idaho and the western halves of Colorado and Montana along with the northeast corner of California abutting Nevada and Oregon.

Some 300 miles to the east in Elko, where the Humboldt River is nothing but scattered puddles in shady spots, the fourth warmest August averaged 72.1 degrees, 3.4 degrees above normal. Its 0.02 inch of precipitation left it 1.71 inches shy for the water year.

Along with Elko, the Humboldt is dry in Battle Mountain and Inlay, according to George Roush of the U.S. Geological Survey office in Elko.

"The primary drought impacts to the area are to agriculture, fire danger, ranching and wildlife habitat," Gary Barabato of the USGS in Reno said.

James added, "This has caused rangelands to be useless in many areas and left irrigation water at a very low level."

James, who analyzes the historical sequences of weather patterns, said no amount of climatology can forecast what might follow the past six months.



A hole is all that remains of an outhouse at the Cammie Road entrance to Glacier National Park in Montana, Saturday, after the Moose Fire swept through the area.

## Wind-driven Montana fire doubles in size as it moves

**WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP)** — A wind-driven wildfire exploded overnight, more than doubling in size, as it burned into Glacier National Park and threatened upscale homes.

The fire, expanded on all sides, wiping out containment lines that firefighters had established in the previous week and it grew from 19,000 acres on Friday to 40,000 acres by Saturday morning, information officer Wayne Johnson said. That included 6,000 acres inside the west edge of the park.

More than 900 firefighters were battling the blaze Saturday, when wind up to 40 mph was forecast. "This fire is going to get extremely large," incident commander Larry Humphrey told some 200 area residents Friday night. "We could have the 5th Army in here and they couldn't stop it."

The flames near Glacier advanced five to six miles Friday as wind blew at 30 mph, grounding helicopters.

On Saturday morning, the fire's leading edge was about 10 miles from the north end of Lake McDonald, where expensive homes stand and eight miles from Apper Campground near the park's west entrance.

Under the right conditions it could approach the park's headquarters at West Glacier, Humphrey said.

"This isn't a fire you just run in and put out," Humphrey said. "It's going to take a long time."

Homeowners Jack and Regine Hoag calmly read the newspaper Saturday at their summer home.

"We feel vulnerable, but we don't feel panicked," Regine Hoag said.

Doug Miller, another homeowner, was planning to move his horses.

"The main thing is just don't panic. Fires have a life of their own," he said.

The blaze was one of 22 major fires that had burned more than 222,000 acres in the West on Friday, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

In southern Montana, near Yellowstone National Park, federal aviation officials were investigating Friday's crash of a fire-fighting helicopter that killed all three men on board.

The twin-engine craft went down in a brushy ravine during a routine maintenance flight, said Jon Lazzarini, spokesman for the aircraft's owner, Columbia

Helicopters Inc. of Aurora, Ore. Pilot Rich Hernandez, 37, of Florida; co-pilot Santi Arovitz, 28, of Hillsboro, Ore.; and crew chief Kip Kristbaum, 45, of Emmett, Idaho, were killed.

The fire near Yellowstone did not expand significantly Friday as crews worked to strengthen fire lines, officials said.

Elsewhere in the West, the National Interagency Fire Center said firefighters had the upper hand and were close to containing most of the largest wildfires.

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### ATLANTIS THE LOST EMPIRE

# Ex-detective Fuhrman finds life after O. J. Simpson trial

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Mark Fuhrman now and the former Los Angeles police detective is quick with a response: "Whoa."

It's hard to blame him for wanting to forget. Of all the people who gained notoriety from Simpson's murder trial, Fuhrman arguably had the rockiest ride.

Caught lying on the witness stand about his past use of racial epithets, forced to retire and plead no contest to perjury, the man who found the bloody glove was ruined — until he relocated to Idaho, scored a book deal and penned the best-selling Simpson retrospective "Murder in Brentwood." Since then, Fuhrman's become one of the most successful of the Simpson alumni.

Now a full-time true crime writer — with two more "Murder In..." titles behind him — Fuhrman also hosts a twice-weekly local radio talk show called "All About Crime." Two of his books have been optioned for TV movies.

Fuhrman, a Tacoma native, owns a ranch near the resort town of Sandpoint, Idaho. He said he's adjusted to small town life — mending fences, driving his '94 Chevrolet truck, shepherding his two sons to weekend soccer games. But, Fuhrman admitted, he sometimes pines for the old days.

"Is it the thing I'd like to do the most?" Fuhrman said. "No. I'd rather be nobody, working on a case with my partner in the middle of the night, making civil service wage. I can't have that. This is the next best thing."

His 1998 book "Murder in Brentwood" examined the 25-year-old slaying of Connecticut teenager Martha Moxley. Some have credited Fuhrman with leading the charge to arrest



Former Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman autographs copies of his book "Murder In Brentwood," February 15 in Spokane, Washington.

Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel's trial is pending.

Author Dominick Dunne, who wrote the forward to "Murder in Greenwich," is a staunch Fuhrman supporter. "He's been able to carve out a new life for himself as a great detective and a commentator on crime," Dunne said. "I'm happy for him."

At Simpson's trial, defense attorneys used tapes of Fuhrman — a key witness for the prosecution — using racial slurs to cast doubt on his testimony. Dunne said Fuhrman is not a racist and he believes Fuhrman's comments were blown out of proportion, allowing a guilty Simpson to go free.

"It became a bigger crime than slitting two people's throats," Dunne said.

Fuhrman's new career as an author can make for strange bedfellows. The man who once punched a news photographer in an airport recently spoke here at a meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists. Fuhrman is now a dues-paying member of the SPJ.

"There came a time that I realized I'd become a journalist," Fuhrman said. "Believe me, that was kind of a scary thought."

The ex-cop once vilified by the press has turned his pen against some of his former counterparts in law enforcement. A favorite target is the Spokane County Sheriff's Department.

His latest book "Murder in Spokane," charged local officers with bungling their three-year investigation into serial killer Robert L. Yates Jr. Fuhrman contends the sheriff's department spent too much time establishing a computer database, while ignoring old-fashioned leg work he said could have caught Yates — who preyed on area prostitutes — two years and nine victims earlier.

For a time the sheriff's department fired back, saying Fuhrman was denied access to their case files, so he doesn't have enough information to criticize their methods.

"He's guessing," said Cal Walker, a leader of the task force that caught Yates.



Mark Fuhrman

Wrote a book about the O.J. trial

The sheriff's department also said that Yates' confession to 13 killings and sentence to 408 years in prison was the result of their high-tech investigation.

These days, the sheriff's office declines to discuss Fuhrman, saying they don't want to help him sell books.

"They've taken all their marbles and gone home and they don't want to play anymore," Fuhrman said. "... They know that they made major mistakes in that case and they know that nine or 10 women would be alive if they were the aggressive, proactive department that they claim to be."

Sheriff Mark Sterk asked a cit-

izen's panel to investigate Fuhrman's allegations of incompetence. The panel returned quickly with a judgment that Fuhrman's book was riddled with errors. The sheriff's office is now cooperating with a freelance writer on a book they say will give the true details of the Yates investigation.

Sterk and his officers are frequent targets during Fuhrman's afternoon radio program. Fuhrman brands local cops as lazy, inept investigators who take long lunches.

"Mark Sterk is a small town boy and he's trying to be a small-town leader in a small place," Fuhrman said.

Fuhrman said he's won a listening audience with a straightforward approach.

He said if the topic was anything but crime, he wouldn't be interested. "We talk about police stuff, like 'people understand,'" Fuhrman said. "Nor like some captain or some chief that wants to suck up to somebody or be really careful. I say it the way the guy in the street says it."

With a book examining the death penalty planned, Fuhrman said, he's content to live from project to project. He doesn't know how many more books he'll write.

"There's good job security in murder," he said.

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## Man sentenced to life in 1999 trooper slaying

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — The man accused of gunning down state trooper James Saunders in 1999 has been sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Nicolas S. Vasquez entered a modified guilty plea Thursday in Franklin County Superior Court to a charge of aggravated first-degree murder and two firearms charges.

He did not admit guilt but acknowledged it was likely, based on the evidence, that jurors would convict him at a trial.

Franklin County Prosecutor Steve Lowe said documents his office recently received from the defense indicated Vasquez is mentally retarded.

One test indicated Vasquez has an IQ of 65 and another indicated 67, Lowe said. In death penalty cases, the U.S. Supreme Court threshold for mental retardation is 70.

"I think this is both the best

result for the family and the citizens of Franklin County," Lowe said after the sentencing.

Saunders, 31, was fatally shot during a traffic stop just off Lewis Street near the Blue Bridge in Pasco on Oct. 7, 1999. Residents in the neighborhood heard shots and found Saunders dead at the scene.

Witnesses said there was one person, wearing a white cowboy hat, in the pickup truck Saunders stopped; Vasquez was arrested the next day in Basin City. A 9 mm handgun, the murder weapon, was recovered.

In a statement to police, Vasquez said he was a passenger in the pickup and was very drunk.

He said the driver was the shooter.

Vasquez, an illegal alien from Mexico, did not address the court but listened to the proceedings as they were translated into Spanish. He is believed to be 30.

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Idaho wetlands plan will shape use, access in new playground

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - It's dry country. Where the ground isn't covered by short, brown grasses or peppered with sagebrush and dried cow pies, yellow sand soaks up the heat from the sun.
Given the place, a few years and it will be different.
It's the Chester Wetlands, known otherwise as the Hoorary Ranch, on the northeastern bank of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River - just a few miles northwest of St. Anthony.
"In the next couple years," said Denis Aslett, director of the Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area, "you'll see a major change in the looks of this place."
Aslett hopes student groups from near-

by schools will come to the 1,501-acre former ranch, which the Nature Conservancy officially handed over to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on Aug. 1 to restore habitat along the shore of its 34 ponds, including the 71-acre Singleton Pond.
Aslett hopes the ponds, important habitat for sandhill cranes and trumpeter swans, will once again attract nesting pairs once the habitat bounces back.
He hopes hunters will find the big game animals they want, and that bird watchers will see the bald eagles that nest on the property.
All that will be planned out, as Aslett

and others put together a management plan for the ranch, the wildlife management area.
But first, the answers to a few questions:
"Will the area be open this fall," Aslett said.
Future hunting access for the property will be reviewed as the area's management plan takes shape over the winter.
Vehicular access?
Not now, Aslett said, but very likely in the future, as maintaining access for motor vehicles has been discussed all along. The road from the ranch entrance along the Henry's Fork will stay open, with a parking area proposed some-

where along the road rather than at the ranch house, now headquarters for the wildlife management area.
"This is such a high-interest area for the public to have access that we want the public to be able to take advantage of this area as soon as possible," said Alan May, who worked with the Nature Conservancy to acquire the property.
Cattle grazing?
Probably not, but the possibility won't be completely ruled out, Aslett said. A local rancher currently holds grazing permits on the land and will be allowed to keep cattle there until the permits expire in October.
More comment?

Fish and Game has already held two public meetings, one with the public in general and another with adjacent property owners.
They brought out a lot of good issues and interesting ideas," Aslett said.
They range from establishing duck blinds for hunters and for wildlife viewers to planting small patches of grass on the property to provide food for sandhill cranes who have been feasting in grain fields nearby. They will be incorporated into the area's management plan.
And, "more comments won't be refused."
"We really want to hear from people on what they want out here," he said.

BLM pick draws dual responses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - If confirmed as director of the Bureau of Land Management, Kathleen Clarke will preside over about one-eighth of the land in the United States, from Alaska's high arctic to Utah's sagebrush desert. And opinions of her stewardship of Utah resources are as varied as the BLM terrain.

"I'm just encouraged that they've picked someone with a solid land management background," said Brent Tanner, president of the 500-member Utah Cattlemen's Association.

But Craig Axford of the Utah Environmental Congress isn't encouraged. "Frankly, what we have in store is someone who is willing to sacrifice the environment to special interests."

The 264 million acres of BLM property, most of which is in 12 western states, is leased to cattle ranchers and oil and gas companies, serves as a playground for all-terrain vehicle riders and hunters, and represents a pristine refuge to environmentalists.

It won't be the first time Clarke, 51, has been asked to balance disparate interests.
As director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, she now manages seven divisions that are responsible for mining, water resources and endangered species protection, among other areas. Gov. Mike Leavitt said Clarke is one of the most able people he knows when it comes to reconciling divergent opinions.

"She has shown some real strength in conflict resolution," agreed Tanner. He said he is impressed with the deference she shows people who will be affected by government decisions.

He faults past BLM administrators with failing to seek local input and tending toward one-size-fits-all policies for lands that are vastly different.
"We know something about those lands," said Tanner, who said his family has ranches in northern Utah for generations.
But don't count on local control with Clarke at the helm of the BLM, an environmentalist warned.

"Kathleen Clarke has not only done nothing to solicit public input, her agency has done everything to curtail public input," said Zach Frankel of the Utah Rivers Council.
Frankel said Clarke's work on the Bear River Development, a huge water project in northern Utah, designed to quench the thirst of rapidly growing Salt Lake City, has slighted concerns about flooded agricultural land and dried-up wetlands.

"The problem we have with Kathleen Clarke is there has been a lack of public participation - a lot of people who don't have any avenue of input," he said.

Clarke, whose confirmation is pending before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, did not respond to several requests for interviews. Interior Department spokesman Mark Pfeifle said it is customary for nominees to avoid speaking to reporters before confirmation.

Utah officials praised her as someone who truly listens and weaves delicate peace.
"Please know her. If we need to get the director of the BLM on the phone, that's the deal," said Marnie Fure, spokeswoman for Rep. James Hansen, R-Utah, chairman of the House Resources Committee.
Hansen has tried to shrink the 17 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah and supports energy exploration in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Clarke was Hansen's director of non-thrust services before joining the Leavitt administration in 1993.



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“Nobody’s badder than me on Sunday.”

— Tampa Bay

Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp

## TRIVIA

### QUESTION:

From what state do the most Oregon and Oregon State players hail?

...answer below

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Golf**  
— Magic Valley Amateur, at TF Muni

## IN BRIEF

### Hagerman hosts Water Rodeo today

HAGERMAN — Sportsman's River Resort will be the site of the 15th annual Water Rodeo today. Events include horse shoes, golf, basketball and live music.

For more information, call 837-6364.

### Filer Rec District holds soccer signups

FILER — The Filer Community Recreation Department will hold fall youth soccer registration on Wednesday at the Filer Fire Department from 6-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 with an additional \$8 for insurance, if needed. For more information, call 326-3168, 326-4258 or 326-5441.

### Local soccer players lead Northwest Nazarian

PORTLAND, Ore. — Roberto Martinez, Jr., of Gooding took a pass from Twin Falls native Greg Kester for the Northwest Nazarian University men's soccer team's only goal in a 2-1 loss to Cascade College Saturday. Martinez scored in the 57th minute to tie it at 1-1, but Cascade's Chris Langford booted home the winner, his second goal of the game, in the 72nd minute to get the win.

NNU (0-1) plays Warner Pacific on Monday.

### Keith Poole among 18 players cut from Broncos

DENVER (AP) — Wide receiver Keith Poole was among the 18 players cut by Denver on Saturday as the Broncos reduced their roster.

Poole, signed as a free agent to provide depth at the receiver position, sustained a hamstring injury during a June mini-camp and aggravated the injury in the first few days of training camp. He missed all four exhibition games.

In four seasons with New Orleans, Poole had 91 catches for 1,696 yards and 11 touchdowns. Second-round draft pick Paul Tolsess, a defensive end who had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Aug. 7, was placed on injured reserve.

The Broncos also cut running back Aaron Coleman; wide receiver Scottie Montgomery; tight end Billy Miller and Matt Domingue; offensive linemen Jay Leuewenburg, John Feugill, Donnie Young, and Todd Fordham; defensive linemen Maa Tanuessa, Cyron Brown, and Scott Eason; linebackers Ricardo McDonald, Linebackers Marshall; and defensive backs Jason Suttle, DeAmae Brown and Billy Gustin.

The Broncos will announce one more cut today to reach the NFL.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## TRIVIA ANSWER

California. Entering fall camp, the Ducks roster listed 55 players from California and 45 from Oregon. The Beaver roster listed 52 players from California and 31 from Oregon.

# Wolverines exact revenge

## Eagles fall in UVSC tourney championship

**The Times-News**  
OREM, Utah — After eight seasons of ruling the Utah Valley State College Invitational, the College of Southern Idaho's winning streak ended with a third and an embarrassing one at that.

The Golden Eagles suffered their first defeat of the season Saturday, falling to the Wolverines in five games for the tournament championship: 30-26, 30-22, 28-30, 25-30, 12-15.

The Eagles (16-1) had won the tourney eight straight seasons dating back to 1993. The win gave a measure of revenge for

### Utah Valley State Invitational

Semifinals: CSI def. Western Nebraska, 30-20, 30-19, 30-24.  
Championship: UVSC def. CSI, 26-30, 22-30, 30-28, 30-25, 15-12



Utah Valley, which had lost to CSI at the Outback Steakhouse Invitational in Twin Falls a week ago.

“We were in complete control and the wheels just fell off,” Southern Idaho coach Ben Stroud said. “Key people made mistakes, we missed some serves, and then the

pressure just started to build.”

CSI stormed to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five match, hitting nearly 500 in both games, before struggling with its control. The Eagles' hitting percentage sank to .178 in the third game and fell to a dismal .178 with just 14 kills in the fourth.

With CSI leading 24-23 in Game 4, the Wolverines ran off seven straight points for the win. The rally seemed to re-energize UVSC for the crucial deciding game. The Wolverines jumped out to a quick 5-1

lead before CSI clawed back into an 11-11 tie.

Fran Pozzi hammered a kill to give Utah Valley back the lead, and after a pair of sideouts, the Wolverines led 13-12. Melissa Bennett and Mandi Kiholm teamed up for a block to make it 14-12, and Pozzi smashed another kill to give UVSC the win.

The Wolverines went unbeaten in the tournament, winning 10 straight matches. Freshman Liana Bortota finished with 23 kills to lead UVSC and Pozzi added 19 kills.

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Carl Sklavos chips out of the sand trap on the first hole Saturday at the McDonald InsurServ Magic Valley Amateur on Saturday. Sklavos struggled on the day, shooting a 4-over 72.

# Curtis captures Amateur lead

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It wasn't exactly Babe Ruth calling a home run.

But when Twin Falls golfer Aaron Curtis called in his chip from 20 feet out, the shot was good enough to give him a two-stroke lead after the first day of the McDonald InsurServ Magic Valley Amateur Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

### Leaderboard

Aaron Curtis	65
Bert Elliott	67
Brett Kleinkopf	67
Jason Meyerhoeffer	67
Nate Stinson	67
Jim Parves	68
Bob Adamson	69
Roger Harris	69
Five tied at 70	

I told them I'd make it," Curtis said of the 20-foot birdie on No. 16. "It was an easy chip."

The shot followed a birdie on 15 and gave the former professional a momentum boost heading into the final stretch. The 1998 tournament champion missed an eagle putt on 18, but still got the birdie to finish with a 3-under-par 65 in his first event since finding out late in the week that he had regained his amateur status and was eligible for the tournament.

His 65 was two shots better than the foursome of Bert Elliott,

defending champion Brett Kleinkopf, Nate Stinson and Jason Meyerhoeffer — who all shot 1-under 67s.

After the round, bogeys on 6 and 7 were still eating at Curtis as he erased a pair of early birdies to move to even after the two holes.

"I finished good and I started good," he said. "I didn't hit the ball well but I missed good. I wasn't in any terrible situations."

Most golfers on Saturday weren't so lucky as the five at the top were the only ones to break par.

"I love this tournament," Curtis said. "A lot of people underestimate the course because of the length. But the greens are nice and fast."

Elliott, of Elko, Nev., broke out of the gates quickly, going to 3-under after 10 holes before "giving a couple of 'em back" to finish with his 67.

"I've been coming here for 25 years," he said. "My wife likes to shop here in Twin and it gets me out of Elko."

Meyerhoeffer has won the event several times.

The three-day, 54-hole tournament will cap a great summer of golf for Kleinkopf. The 17-year-old high school senior, who placed second at

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Bob Lutz putts on the first green during the first round of the McDonald InsurServ Magic Valley Amateur Tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course on Saturday. Lutz won the tournament in 1999.

# World renowned rodeo champ Wardell takes bareback lead

By Terrell Williams  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Kelly Wardell of Bellevue drew the very horse he wanted at the Magic Valley Stampede, riding the stout dun to a commanding 84 points Friday night.

"I was pretty excited," Wardell said of drawing "Dunny."

The current bareback event leader in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association standings, Wardell, 38, knew his could coax a good ride out of the bronco.

"I got on him in Cody and was second in the first round up there," he said. "I was hoping I'd ride him better here than I did at Cody, and it sure felt pretty good."

Wardell made it look easy, spurring gracefully from shoulders to saddle skirts as the horse bucked in hard but rhythmic jumps across the arena to the main grandstands.

A member of the PRCA since

1985, Wardell is having his best year ever with more than \$102,000 in earnings this year.

"It's been good," he said. "I've won more this year up to now than in any previous year, counting the (National Finals Rodeo) and everything."

Most recently, Wardell won both bareback riding rounds at Colorado Springs, Colo., and won the Winter Tour Finals in Las Vegas. He also has qualified for the prestigious Summer Tour Finals in Dallas, Oct. 25-28, and, as one of the top five cowboys in his event, has secured a spot on the new Olympic Rodeo team that will compete against Canada in the next Olympiad in Beijing.

Wardell's score Friday was the highest of the first two days of competition at the three-day Stampede. In second place was Thursday's best rider, Marvin Watson, who scored 84 points aboard "Dunny" for first place.

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# South Carolina batters Broncos 32-13

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina tailback Derek Watson put his off-the-field troubles behind him, scoring twice as the No. 21 Gamecocks beat Boise State 32-13 Saturday night.

Watson had a 16-yard touchdown catch to start South Carolina's scoring and a 5-yard TD run in the third quarter as the Gamecocks opened with a victory for the fifth time in six seasons. A 1,000-yard rusher last year, Watson finished with 71 yards on 13 carries.

### College football - C5

Boise State had won seven straight, including the Humanitarian Bowl on its home field last season. But the Broncos couldn't recover after Rashad, Feison returned a blocked field goal 82 yards for a touchdown on the longest such score in Gamecocks history — as time ran out in the first half to put South



South Carolina's Kalimbe Edwards tries to bring down Boise State quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie in the first quarter Saturday in Columbia, S.C. Carolina ahead 19-7.

Andrew Pincock added a 5-yard touchdown run for the Gamecocks, and Phil Perry was 18-of-25 for 220 yards and two touchdowns.

But the evening belonged to Watson, who has given coaches fits when not playing football since arriving at South Carolina as probably the highest-profile recruit in

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The world's top bareback rider, Kelly Wardell of Bellevue, wraps his arm before his ride on Friday during the Magic Valley Stampede at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Wardell scored 84 points aboard "Dunny" for first place.

SPORTS

Raft River rumbles through Minico juniors

The Times-News

Local sports

Raft-River rumbles through Minico juniors 55-13. MALTZ - Brock Goff and Chase Erickson scored three touchdowns apiece and combined for 296 yards rushing as Raft River crushed the Minico juniors 55-13 in Malin on Saturday.

The Trojans blew the game open in the second quarter with 26 points for a 40-6 lead at halftime.

Quarterback Kade Ward went 5-of-3 passing for 73 yards and a touchdown and freshman Joe Edwards rushed for a 74-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to end the scoring for the Trojans (1-0).

"It was a good way to open the season," Raft River coach Randy Spaeth said. "After they scored in the first our defense really stepped up in the second quarter."

Raft River plays at Rimrock on Friday at 7 p.m.

Late Results

Valley 21, Aberdeen 12

ABERDEEN - Senior running back Tristan Rogers scored two touchdowns and quarterback Kyle Anderson scored on a 5-yard run as Valley held off Aberdeen 21-12 late Friday.

"For the first game it wasn't too bad," Vikings coach Martin Müssmann said. "We killed ourselves with penalties."

Valley (1-0) hosts Filer on Friday at 7 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: School, Score, and Date. Includes Valley 21, Aberdeen 12; Filer 14, Minico 13; etc.

Hansen 24, Richfield 6

RICHFIELD - "It was a good game," said Richfield High School football coach Garr Ward, of Friday night's loss to Hansen 24-6.

Husky senior D.J. Rouse scored on runs of 60 and 35 yards to give Hansen a 12-0 lead at halftime.

After Richfield came within a touchdown on a 12-yard scoring

run by Kyle Jones, Hansen quarterback Tom Blokhuis had the game away with touchdown runs of 20 and 25 yards.

"They just executed better than we did," said Ward, adding that Richfield had 282 yards rushing, while Hansen had 197.

Richfield (1-1) travels to Southside power Castleford next week. Hansen (1-0) plays Dietrich.

Table with 2 columns: School, Score, and Date. Includes Hansen 24, Richfield 6; etc.

Wendell 14, Wood River 6

HAILEY - Senior Skylar Stevenson rushed for 160 yards, including a 63-yard touchdown on the second play of the game, as Wendell defeated Wood River late Friday night.

The win snapped a three game losing streak for the Trojans (1-0) against the Wolverines.

"This is our fourth year playing them and each game has been pretty tough," Wendell coach Jerry Diehl said. "We made fewer mistakes this time."

The Wolverines pulled within two points at the end of the first half after quarterback Ryne

Reynoso found the endzone, making the score 8-6, but a 35-yard touchdown run by Sean Goodbody near the end of the third quarter sealed the game.

Wendell hosts Kimberly on Friday.

Table with 2 columns: School, Score, and Date. Includes Wendell 14, Wood River 6; etc.

Cross country

Burley boys take third in Blackfoot

BLACKFOOT - The Burley High boys' cross-country team placed third at a five-team meet in Blackfoot on Thursday. Drew Johnson paced the Bobcats with a sixth-place finish in 18 minutes, 25 seconds.

Overall, Burley posted 77 points in the meet, which was won by Skyline with 18 points.

Madison came in second with 65 points. Pocatello took fourth with 100 followed by Blackfoot with 109.

Erica Hill led the trio of Bobcat girls with a time of 25:48. Klisa Ward came in at 33:47 and Diane Gerret finished in 38:56.

Skyline won the girls' meet with 23 points.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bernstein leads Top Fuel qualifying

CLERMONT, Ind. - Kenny Bernstein led Top Fuel qualifying Friday in the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals with a quarter-mile run of 4.540 seconds at 323.58 mph.

Longtime stars Don Garlits and Shirley Muldowney returned to competition in the event at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Garlits, the 69-year-old driver who has eight U.S. Nationals titles, drove his Matco Tools dragster to a planned half-track shut-off run of 5.322 at 190.46. It is Garlits' first NHRA event as a driver since 1992.

Muldowney, 61, the three-time Winward champion, had a run of 4.647 at 319.98 in her pink Mac Tools dragster.

John Force, Mark Osborne, Angelle Savio and Randy Daniels also topped their divisions in the \$2.6 million event.

Force led Funny Car qualifying with a track record run of 4.810 at 315.56 mph. Del Worsham, who qualified third, set a track record of 316.08 mph.

Osborne paced the Pro Stock order, covering the distance in 6.903 at 198.44.

Savio was quickest in Pro Stock Motorcycle with a run of 7.245 at 178.90. Shawn Gann qualified second, posting a 7.275 with a track record speed of 184.67.

Randy Daniels set a track record to lead Pro Stock Truck qualifying. He covered the distance in 7.522 at 178.71, while '99 winner Mike Coughlin qualified second with a 7.534 at a track record speed of 179.11.

Suggs hurts knee in Virginia Tech victory

CHARLESBURG, Va. - Lee Suggs, the Virginia Tech tailback who led the nation in scoring last season, injured his left knee in the third quarter of the No. 9 Hokies' 52-10 victory over Connecticut on Saturday.

An MRI exam showed Suggs has both a torn anterior cruciate ligament and medial meniscus. He is scheduled to have arthroscopic surgery Monday to repair the meniscus and determine if the ACL tear is new or a previous injury.

If the ACL tear is an old injury, Suggs could return this season and wait until January to have surgery to repair it. If it is not, Suggs will be out for the season.

Suggs gained 99 yards on 12 carries, including scoring runs of 1 and 49 yards before hurting the knee with about nine minutes left in the third quarter.

High school football player dies after tackle

GENEVA, Ala. - A 17-year-old high school football player died after he was tackled while returning a kickoff.

Brandon Scott Hutcherson of Geneva County High School did not get up after he was tackled in the season-opener Thursday night against Geneva High School.

The 6-foot-3, 167-pound junior was taken to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan. Coroner Robert Byrd said Hutcherson died at about 12:40 a.m. Friday. An autopsy was planned.

School Superintendent William Burns said Hutcherson had no known health problems.

Dan Washburn, the executive director of the Alabama High School Athletic Association, said he had spoken with the principal at Hutcherson's school and believed the death was "injury-related," but he had no other details.

The last player death during a game in the state occurred Sept. 22, 2000, ARSAA spokesman Alan Mitchell said.

Compiled from wire reports

Sparks sap Sting for first WNBA title



Los Angeles center Lisa Leslie shoots over Charlotte center Tammy Sutton-Brown during the first half of game 2 of the WNBA Championship Saturday. Leslie scored 24 points, blocked seven shots and pulled down 13 rebounds to help defeat the Sting, 82-54, and earn the team's first WNBA title.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Reeking of champagne, Lisa Leslie, DeLisha Milton and Nicky McCrimmon rapped out a rhyme as Mwadi-Mabika pounded out a beat against the wall in celebration of the Los Angeles Sparks' WNBA championship.

"OK, that's enough," Leslie said, signaling that she was eager to talk about the Sparks' 82-54 victory over the Charlotte Sting on Saturday.

"This is a dream come true," said Leslie, who grew up in nearby Inglewood and played collegiately at Southern California.

"We learned so much from having the good record, but just not getting over that hump. This year we were just mentally tough, focused and we had a great team effort," she said.

Leslie had 24 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and a title game record of 13 blocked shots to help the Sparks sweep the series in two games, dicking the 5-year-old league its first champion other than the Houston Comets, who were swept by the Sparks in the first round.

"We'll be back again next year," said coach Michael Cooper, the first person to win NBA and WNBA titles. He earned five NBA titles playing with the Lakers in the 1980s.

The Sparks' victory - by the largest margin in championship series history - gives Los Angeles two pro basketball championships in the same year. The Lakers beat Philadelphia in

June for their second consecutive NBA title.

"Watching the Lakers win has been a huge motivation for us," Leslie said. "We'll talk about a repeat soon, but right now we're going to enjoy this victory."

The last time two teams in the same city won league titles in the same year was 1988 when the Lakers were champions and the Dodgers won the World Series.

The Sparks finished with a 34-5 record, including a 19-1 mark in their first season at Staples Center.

Leslie recorded her sixth double-double in seven playoff games. She was a unanimous vote for most valuable player of the finals, being named on all 15 ballots.

She was named to go with her MVP awards from the regular season and All-Star game. She is the first WNBA player to sweep the trophies.

"Lisa is our rock," said guard Tamecka Dixon, who along with Leslie and Mabika are only holdovers from when the Sparks were formed in 1997.

"She's our foundation and it's our job to go out there and support her."

Milton added 15 points and Dixon, who shook off a right heel injury she aggravated in Game 1 on Thursday, had 13 points.

Tammy Sutton-Brown was the only Sting player in double figures with 12 points. Charlotte committed 14 turnovers, was outrebounded 36-28 and never challenged in the second half, when its deficit was double-digits.

Broncos

Continued from C1. Holtz's three seasons at the school.

Watson was suspended by Holtz for the Outback Bowl after crashing in a teammate's car in December. He was disciplined by Holtz in February for allegedly showing a student referee during an intramural basketball game.

The junior was again suspended in May after he was arrested and charged with misdemeanor assault on a female student.

Holtz gave him a list of requirements to meet before football camp began last month.

Watson spent part of the summer at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp in North Carolina and roomed with former Alabama standout Shaun Alexander, learning how to handle the attention that comes with the game.

Holtz was satisfied enough with Watson's progress to bring him back. Watson has applied for a pretrial intervention program that would wipe out his assault arrest, but it has not yet been approved by prosecutors.

None of that mattered to the

83,019 at Williams-Brice Stadium who loudly welcomed him home when he hit the field after six plays.

Teammates surrounded Watson after his opening touchdown and he pointed his finger to the crowd in celebration.

The Broncos of the Western Athletic Conference had their moments.

Brock Fötzyer ran in a 1-yard touchdown following a fumble by reserve quarterback - and former first-round Boston Red Sox draft pick - Corey Jenkins that cut the lead to 13-7.

take anything positive from the loss; it's humility.

"Maybe now they'll realize they aren't as good as they think they are," Fötzyer said. "I really hurt because we were in control of that match."

In the semifinals, CSI defeated Western Nebraska for the second time in three days, 30-20, 30-19, 30-24 to advance to the championship. Uceda again led the Eagles with 16 kills while Palva

Boise State was driving again right before halftime and set up for a field goal on South Carolina's 12 with four seconds left.

But Langston Moore blocked the try by Nick Calyagan, who had made 15 of 16 field goals a year ago, and Falson brought it all the way back for South Carolina.

The Gamecocks started the second half by Boise. Pinnock had a 9-yard run and Watson an 18-yard before he finished the 79-yard drive with his 14th touchdown in his past 12 games.

added 11. Freshman Jayli Jackson finished with five blocks.

"We had our chances to win," Stroud said of the tournament.

"We just need to get some production out of some more people."

CSI opens the scenic West Athletic Conference season on Friday with road matches against Dixie State and Snow colleges. The Eagles next meet Utah Valley (16-1) on Sept. 15 at the CSI gymnasium.

CSI

Continued from C1 and four service aces.

Freshmen Jessenia Uceda and Keliane Paiva combined for 43 kills in the contest and were both named to the All-Tournament team for Southern Idaho. Despite finishing the championship match with 23 kills, Uceda, who was coming back off a sprained ankle, committed 13 hitting errors while taking a whopping 54 swings.

"Uceda struggled," Stroud said. "She hit the ball out of bounds a lot. We don't pass the ball well and that makes it hard to run our offense."

The Eagles managed just 26 blocks in the match, just one more block than the team posted in a three-game sweep of the Wolves last weekend at the Outback Steakhouse Invitational in Twin Falls.

Stroud said if the Eagles can

Hogan Cup in Portland, Ore.

"I never had any national exposure before this summer," he said. "It was a great experience."

Kleinkopf said he isn't feeling any extra pressure to win as the defending champion.

the hurt again.

He begins at 7:30 this morning with the championship fight, teeing off first.

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Rodeo

Continued. Garrret of South Dakota, with a score of 80.

Stock contractor Ike Sankey said Wardell's draw, "Dunny," has been to the PRCA four times as a saddle

bronc horse and now is a big favorite of riders in the bareback event.

"I think he's a real candidate for Horse of the Year in the bareback this year," Sankey said. "He bucks hard. He's extremely strong. They win a lot of money on him."

Another local favorite, Kimberly native Cody Demers, took second place in bareback Friday with 79 points. He also scored 79 points in the saddle bronc. Demers, 22, most recently competed for the College of Southern Idaho Rodeo team.

At the National College Finals Rodeo this year, Demers won the bronc riding event and took second in bareback to win the national All-Around title.

Demers, a PRCA member for five years, said he has no trouble covering two events at rodeos.

"It's fun," he said, shrugging when asked which event he prefers. "I love them both the same."

Cassie Viestra of Twin Falls, clocked a first time of 17.01 sec-

onds to win junior barrel racing Friday night.

Viestra, 12, was named World Champion Cowboy Mounted Shooter at age 10. Last year she won the All-Around Cowgirl title at the Southern Idaho Jackpot Rodeo Association and was the Bull Pee Wee Rodeo All-Around champion.

"She gets a little wild sometimes, but she loves it," said her mother Susan Viestra said. "It's in her blood."

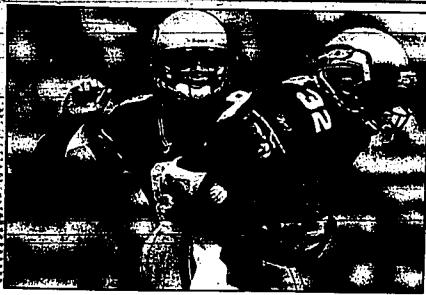
Storme Sears placed second in junior barrel racing with a time of 17.07. Katie Garcia was third in 17.57. In the Mutton Bustin' event, Jesse Nelson took home the big trophy for his 83-point ride. Kayley Niehaus was second with 81 and Leon Roper was third with a score of 80.

A drill by the Filer Junior Riding Club, led by Shadow Seaman of Jerome, provided the entertainment.

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# NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck hands off to Ricky Watters during the first half of their preseason game against the New Orleans Saints in Seattle, Saturday.

## Hasselbeck leads Seahawks past Saints

SEATTLE (AP) — Matt Hasselbeck passed for two touchdowns in his first two series and the Seattle Seahawks completed their exhibition schedule with a 28-14 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Saturday.

Duce McAllister, New Orleans' first-round pick from Mississippi, rushed for 108 yards on 19 carries, all in the first half as Ricky Williams sat out the game.

McAllister also had a 36-yard punt return in the second half. Hasselbeck, who will be the starting quarterback in Seattle's opener in Cleveland, had a 60-yard TD pass to Darrell Jackson and a 12-yard scoring pass to Karsten Baller in the opening period before he came out.

Hasselbeck had three touchdown passes in the first quarter in a win in San Francisco last week.

As with the 14 other games this weekend, replacement officials were hardly noticeable although there were a couple of key calls in the second quarter.

McAllister's fumble and the recovery by Cedric Woodard at the Seattle 2 with 1:18 left in the opening half was challenged by the review assistant, but the challenge was upheld.

The Saints' first touchdown, in the second quarter, was set up by a personal foul-penalty called against cornerback Harold Blackmon that gave New Orleans the ball on the Seattle 12. Blackmon delivered a blow with his helmet on receiver Robert Wilson when Wilson was out of

bounds after catching an 18-yard pass from Jake Delhomme.

Delhomme then passed 12 yards to rookie Onome Ojo for the New Orleans touchdown.

On Hasselbeck's touchdown pass to Jackson, Saints safety Sammy Knight fell down at the New Orleans 15 and Jackson went into the end zone for the game's first touchdown.

In their final three exhibitions, the Saints surrendered 11 plays of 25 or more yards, including three Saturday.

Delhomme, New Orleans' third-string quarterback, also had a 26-yard scoring pass to Ojo, a fifth-round draft choice from Cal Davis, who 550 to go.

Shaun Alexander scored on a 4-yard run in the third quarter.

After Delhomme's second TD pass, the Seahawks scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Brock Huard after Huard and Alex Bannister teamed on a 43-yard pass.

Delhomme completed 22 of 29 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. Aaron Brooks and Jeff Blake, New Orleans' top two quarterbacks, each played one series.

Hasselbeck was 4-for-6 for 99 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions, while Huard was 9-for-18 for 132 yards, with no TDs and no interceptions.

Ricky Watters, Seattle's top running back, had four carries for 16 yards, while the Saints' No. 1 ball carrier, Ricky Williams, did not play.

### Record milestones

A look at some records that can be set this season.

#### Fleet of foot

Dallas Cowboys 12-year running back Emmitt Smith is within 1,561 yards of one of pro football's most cherished records. Last season Smith was the NFC's fourth-leading ground-gainer with 1,203 yards on 294 attempts.

All-time rushers	Yds.
Walter Payton	16,726
Barry Sanders	15,289
Emmitt Smith	15,166
Eric Dickerson	13,259
Tony Dorsett	12,739

#### Arms race

Brett Favre can become the first quarterback in history to pass for 3,000 yards in 10 consecutive seasons.

Quarterback	Seasons
Brett Favre (current)	9
Dan Marino	9
Drew Bledsoe (current)	7
John Elway	7
Boomer Esiason	6

#### Going for the Triple Crown

The Colts' Edgerrin James can claim the rare distinction of leading all NFL rushers for the third successive year. Not since Earl Campbell (1979-1981) has anyone won the rushing crown in each of his first three years.

Earl Campbell	Att.	Yds.
1979	302	1,450
1980	373	1,934
1981	368	1,697

#### Edgerrin James

1999	369	1,553
2000	387	1,709

#### Games to watch

Here are some interesting regular-season matchups of 2001.

Sept. 9  
St. Louis at Philadelphia  
Plenty of offense in QBs Kurt Warner and Donovan McNabb and running backs Marshall Faulk and Duce Stacy.

Oct. 7  
Tennessee at Baltimore  
One of the league's fiercest rivalries. Tennessee running back Eddie George and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis will resume their spirited head-banging.

Oct. 22  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants  
This midseason showdown features the NFC East favorites and two of the NFL's best defenses.

Nov. 26  
Tampa Bay at St. Louis  
Preseason NFC favorites with contrasting styles. The Bucs are one of the few defenses fast enough to stay with the Rams' speedy receivers.

SOURCES: National Football League; compiled from AP wire reports



NFL MVP: St. Louis Rams running back Marshall Faulk scored a record 26 touchdowns last season.

### Top 2001 draft pick

The Atlanta Falcons' biggest long-term addition was quarterback Michael Vick, obtained by trading up with San Diego for the No. 1 overall draft pick out of Virginia Tech.

**Strengths:** Combines John Elway's rocket arm with Steve Young's elusiveness and straight-ahead speed of a sprinter. Great scrambler who can turn broken play into TD. Good feel for pass rush. Powerful build. Throws nice deep ball. Can comfort body and complete the most difficult passes. Unlimited potential. Prototype for today's mobile NFL passer.

**Weaknesses:** Very raw. Limited experience. Not accurate enough. Not as tall as scouts would like. Small hands. Must learn to protect ball better.

### Realignment coming in 2002

When the expansion, Houston Texans begin play next season, the NFL will field 32 teams, realigning the league into eight divisions of four teams each.

#### AFC

EAST	NORTH
Buffalo	Baltimore
Miami	Cincinnati
New England	Cleveland
N.Y. Jets	Pittsburgh

#### SOUTH

WEST
Houston
Indianapolis
Jacksonville
Tennessee

#### NFC

EAST	NORTH
Dallas	Chicago
N.Y. Giants	Detroit
Philadelphia	Green Bay
Washington	Minnesota

#### SOUTH

WEST
Atlanta
Carolina
New Orleans
Tampa Bay

## NFL holds ground after replacements

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press NFL writer

NEW YORK — A slate of NFL exhibitions with replacement officials went off with no major problems. Starting next week, though, the games are for real, mistakes will be magnified, and coaches and players will get a lot angrier about bad calls.

"I thought they were great, they were fine," Arizona coach Dave McGinnis said of the replacements after the Cardinals beat the Chargers 16-3 Friday night.

"They were very good. You could talk with them. I thought they did a nice job under some real tough circumstances."

McGinnis, of course, had gotten the league message about not criticizing replacements. But his comments seemed genuine, as did the comments of players and other coaches.

Basically, the official line was: "These guys are pros, too."

The NFL is playing hardball because it thinks it's in the right and that the public thinks so, too.

So the league is unlikely to move much from an offer that doubles the salaries of its officials by 2003.

Its reasoning: Is there any other industry where workers would turn down a such a proposal?

That was one reason commissioner Paul Tagliabue went over the heads of the NFL Referees Association leadership last week and made an appeal to all 119 officials, hoping to stir some dissent against the leadership by the rank-and-file.

The union, on the other hand,



Minnesota's Robert Griffith argues a penalty call with referee Perry Havener, right, Friday at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. Havener, a replacement official along with other members of the officiating team made a total of 13 penalty calls in the first half.

seems ambiguous.

In the days before the NFL lockout was announced, Tom Condon, the lead negotiator for the officials, continued to predict there would be a settlement. He is now most labor disputes are how settled until the last minute. He reiterated that this weekend, saying he was willing

and ready to resume talks at any time.

In an effort to keep tensions down, the union decided not to picket any of the games this weekend, nor did it seek union support at games in such labor strongholds as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Detroit.

But Ed Hochuli, the president

of the organization, isn't optimistic.

"There is a real probability that we still will be locked out for Week 1," Hochuli, one of the NFL's top referees, told ESPN.com, citing the league's action doubling its guarantee for the replacements to four weeks at \$2,000 a game.

Hochuli, who is a lawyer, should study NFL history.

NFL players went on strike in 1982, costing the league nine games and leading to a 16-team playoff format and a spoiled season. Condon, an offensive

lineman for 11 years, was a member of the players union board of directors during that walkout.

Five years later, when the players struck again, the league went through the regular season in replacements. The quality of the football was terrible and attendance in many cities was negligible, but the players caved after three games, finally winning the free agency they wanted in an antitrust suit settled five years later.

"I still remember that very vividly," former quarterback Boomer Esiason said this weekend during the test of the Jets-Eagles game. "If these officials think the NFL is kidding around, they're wrong. They're deadly serious. I know from experience."

"There is a rough difference of 50-75 percent right now between the offer the owners have on the table and the counteroffer made by the officials. The owners aren't about to back down."

If the regular officials want to work this season, the decision seems up to them.

## Broncos rout 49ers; Davis regains old form

By Karon Simpson  
The Gazette

DENVER — He took the handoff and headed to the outside, nothing but new grass and the end zone ahead of him. By the time he reached the goal line, his momentum was carrying him out of bounds, but he tapped both feet into scoring territory, balletstyle, adding a graceful exclamation point to a powerful run.

A ripple of excitement went through the stands at Invesco Field at Mile High, because it's not often the resurrection of a player is so obvious, so dramatic. It was only one play in a preseason game, but a 20-yard touchdown run by Terrell Davis is more than just a 20-yard touchdown run.

It's a glimpse of what was. "And what could be again."

Although backups and other roster hopefuls played almost all the way in the Denver Broncos' 35-7 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Friday night, in the final preseason game, Davis was a starter who not only had plenty of time on the field but also, once again, had plenty to prove.

For the second consecutive exhibition game he passed his test in flying colors, giving every indication that when the Broncos open the regular season a week from Monday against the New York Giants at Invesco Field, the running-back controversy that has hung over the preseason will be left in the past, as difficult to remember as any of these games.

Davis carried the ball eight times for 42 yards and added one reception for seven yards, scored the touchdown that gave the Broncos a 14-7 lead in the second quarter, and, as number three, Logan noted from the television booth at one point during the game. "He's starting to look

healthier by the carry."

Davis displayed both power and grace. On one carry he bulldozed his way seven yards, leaving defenders in his wake, en route to the Niners' 2-yard line. On another, he patiently bumped his way to the outside, breaking free from a pair of would-be tacklers to tip-toe down the sidelines for a seven-yard gain and a first down.

"That's not the old TD, and it's not the new TD, that's the healthy TD," Davis said. "That's the way I look at it. I know what I can do when I'm healthy. When I'm healthy, anything is possible."

As he came off the field following his scoring run Davis was greeted almost simultaneously by court reporters Olandis Gary and Mike Anderson, the first teammates to congratulate him. Everyone, it seems, is pulling for Davis. Even the two players who have the most to lose from his return.

"Oh man, it's like I told him, my idol is back," Gary said. "He's been my idol since college."

Anderson, for one, can't afford to lose anymore ground, considering how many times he's lost the football of late. He had a key fumble and a dropped pass in an exhibition loss at Green Bay, and on Friday fumbled the ball at the Niners' 2-yard line, ending a drive 72 inches from pay-off.

"You never help yourself when you fumble the ball," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "Mike has gone through most practices without fumbling the ball. We always stress ball security. Mike has been good about that. But obviously he made a mistake there." Shanahan has indicated that he will wait, deep into next week, before announcing which running back will start the season opener even though Davis has been listed at No. 1 since the first depth chart was released during training camp.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# 'Canes tame Nittany Lions

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Ken Dorsey threw three first-half touchdown passes and No. 2 Miami scored on six of its first seven possessions in a dominating win over Penn State.

The Hurricanes kept Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno at 322 career wins — one shy of Bear Bryant's major-college record. They did it by equaling the

largest margin of victory over Penn State at home in Paterno's 26 seasons as head coach.

On an emotional night inside Beaver Stadium, a record crowd of 109,313 stood and cheered as once-paralyzed Adam Tallaferro hopped and skipped onto the field before the game.

But when the season-opener for both teams began, the night belonged to the Hurricanes, who turned Larry Coker's coaching debut into a rousing success. In the first half alone, Dorsey hit 12 of 18 passes for 205 yards, including TD tosses of 27, 28 and 10 yards to three receivers.

**No. 1 Florida 49, Marshall 14**  
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Rex Grossman set his career high by halftime and finished with 375 yards passing to lift top-ranked Florida.

Grossman, a sophomore, threw for three touchdowns and Earnest Graham scored three times as the Gators improved to 12-0 in openers under Steve Spurrier.

Marshall played without two starters — running back Franklin Wallace and nose tackle Marlan Hicks — and two key reserves, as the Herd learned of several NCAA suspensions Thursday.

**No. 3 Oklahoma 44, Air Force 3**  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Quentin Griffin ran for a career-best 201 yards and quarterback Nate Hybl had mixed results for the second straight week for Oklahoma.

Hybl, making his second career start, was 14-of-31 for 161 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw an interception inside the Division I-AA opener at Oklahoma.

The defending national champion Sooners (2-0) forced four turnovers and held Air Force to 249 total yards en route to their 15th straight victory.

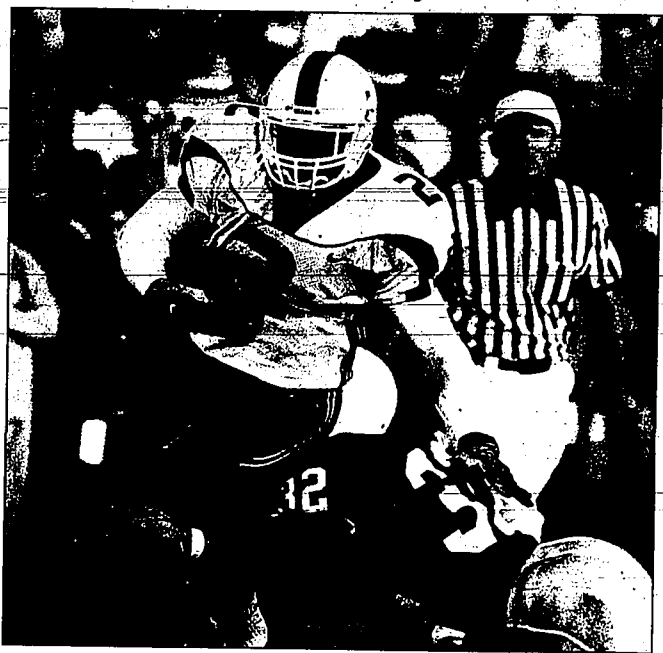
**No. 4 Nebraska 42, Troy St. 14**  
LINCOLN, Neb. — Dahrnan Dieckrick rushed for 177 yards and three touchdowns in his first start and No. 4 Nebraska held off a newcomer Troy State to 165 yards.

The Huskers (2-0), who fell behind 7-0, allowed just 2 yards of offense in the second half and sacked Brock Nutter eight times. Eric Crutch and T.J. Under Collins also scored for Nebraska, which had 457 yards of offense.

**No. 5 Texas 41, New Mexico St. 7**  
AUSTIN, Texas — Chris Simms threw two touchdown passes and Texas narrowly missed its first season-opening shutout in 23 years.

Simms fought through an erratic night but connected with Montrell Flowers on TD passes of 9 and 10 yards in the second and fourth quarters. Simms finished 17-of-37 for 182 yards.

Walter Taylor rushed for 113



Penn State's Bryan Scott tackles Miami running back Willis McGahee during the first quarter of play in State College, Pa., Saturday.

yards for New Mexico State.

**No. 6 Florida St. 55, Duke 13**  
DURHAM, N.C. — Chris Rix eased into the post-Chris Weinke era with two touchdown passes and Florida State blocked two punts.

Coach Bobby Bowden replaced Rix late in the third quarter with the Seminoles up by 39 and en route to their 13th straight season-opening victory. Florida State also improved to 7-1 in Atlantic Coast Conference games.

**No. 7 Oregon 31, No. 22 Wisconsin 28**  
EUGENE, Ore. — Joey Harrington threw two TD passes and scored on a 1-yard fourth-down leap with 4:03 left as Oregon rallied to beat Wisconsin.

Harrington was hardly perfect, throwing two interceptions, but he was great when it counted most as the Ducks (1-0) won their 21st straight home game. He was 22-for-47 for 277 yards and touchdowns of 23 and 11 yards to tight end Justin Peele.

The Badgers (1-1) came back several times during the thrilling, back-and-forth battle, but their chances ended when quarterback Jim Sorgi fumbled after being hit by Quinn Dorsey with 3:34 left.

**No. 8 Tennessee 33, Syracuse 9**  
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Casey Clausen threw a 37-yard fourth-down pass to Donte Stallworth on Tennessee's first play from scrimmage of the season and John Henderson recovered a fumble to set up another score.

**No. 9 Virginia Tech. 52, Connecticut 10**  
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech found a replacement for Michael Vick. The ninth-ranked Hokies might need to find one for running back Lee Suggs.

Grant Noel threw three touchdown passes in a near-perfect debut as Vick's replacement Saturday, but Virginia Tech lost Suggs to an injured left knee in a 52-10 win over Connecticut.

**No. 11 Georgia Tech 35, The Citadel 7**  
ATLANTA — George Godsey passed for 224 yards and two touchdowns and directed scoring drives on four of Georgia Tech's first five possessions.

Godsey completed his first 11 passes and was 14-of-16 when he left with 8:50 remaining in the second quarter and Tech up 28-0. He threw TD pass of 40 yards to Jonathan Smith and 13 yards to Kerry Watkins.

**No. 12 Michigan 31, Miami (Ohio) 13**  
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — John Navarre completed 19 of 32 passes for 205 yards and a touchdown for Michigan.

Michigan, already the victory leader in Division I-A football, won its 80th game to tie Yale for the most wins in any division.

**No. 14 LSU 48, Tulane 17**  
BATON ROUGE, La. — LaBrandon Toiefield scored three touchdowns and Roban Davey passed for two more as LSU opened the season with a victory over Tulane.

The game renewed a 94-year rivalry that had been suspended

for five years. LSU picked up where it left off, beating the Green Wave for the 14th straight time and 37th in the last 41 meetings.

**No. 17 UCLA 20, No. 25 Alabama 17**  
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Deshaun Foster rushed for 110 yards and Cory Paus threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Tab Perry as UCLA beat Alabama.

UCLA overcame an early 10-0 deficit and spoiled Dennis Franchione's Alabama coaching debut with the Bruins' second straight season-opening victory over the Tide.

UCLA — converted two Alabama turnovers into 10 points, didn't commit any penalties and had a fourth-quarter goal-line stand. The Tide, repeating the mistake-prone ways of last season, were flagged 15 times for 93 yards.

**No. 19 Clemson 21, Central Florida 13**  
CLEMSON, S.C. — Woody Dantzler was 15-of-25 for 152 yards and ran for 46 yards as Clemson beat Central Florida.

The rest of the Tigers accounted for only 92 yards as Clemson's offense sputtered.

**Colorado 41, No. 24 Colorado St. 14**  
DENVER — Defensive backs Donald Strickland and Michael Lewis returned interceptions for touchdowns, and Colorado avenged two straight losses to Colorado State.

In a dominating performance, the Buffaloes (1-1) outgained the Rams (0-1) 410-294.



Utah running back Damon Hunter tries to break a tackle by Utah State defensive tackle Jorge Tapia during the first quarter Saturday in Salt Lake City.

## Utah nips Aggies 23-19

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Walk-on Marty Johnson ran for 95 yards and Adam Tate added 76, each scoring a touchdown in Utah's beat Utah State 23-19 in the opener for both schools Saturday night.

Ryan Kaneshiro connected on field goals of 37, 21 and 33 yards as the Aggies fell to 0-1 in the fifth straight year.

Utah coach Ron McBride climbed the drum major's stand and led the band as it played "Utah Man."

The Utes seized control with a 20-point second quarter and the game wasn't as close as the score suggested. Utah State scored two late touchdowns, including one on a 64-yard punt return by Roger Fernandez as time expired.

Utah rushed for 213 yards and threw for 147 as the quick-reload offense installed by new coordinator Craig Ver Steeg made its debut. But the results were mixed and the Utes will need a better effort next week at Oregon.

While Johnson broke free on a 67-yard run to set up his 4-yard TD, sophomore quarterback Lance Rice missed two sure TDs by twice overthrowing wide-open Cliff Russell near the end zone.

The Utah defense, which ranked 10th nationally last season, turned in another strong effort, holding Utah State's Emmett White in check.

White, who last season set an NCAA record with 578 all-purpose yards in one game, was held to 81 rushing yards, 11 receiving yards and 17 return yards as the Utes kicked away from him most of the night.

The Utes led 20-6 at halftime after scoring twice in the last 30 seconds of the second quarter. Kaneshiro made a 21-yard field goal with 24 seconds remaining. After Utah State's Tony Walker fumbled the ensuing kickoff,

### Regional scores

- Bighorn Young 52, Nevada 7
- Colorado St. 41, Colorado St. 14
- Illinois 44, California 17
- New Mexico 26, UTEP 6
- Oklahoma 44, Air Force 3
- Oregon 31, Wisconsin 28
- Southern Cal 21, San Jose St. 10
- Utah 23, Utah St. 19
- Wyoming 20, Furman 14
- St. Mary's, Calif. 6, Sacramento State 13
- Portland State 16, SFA 13
- So. Utah 28, Weber State 21
- Montana 31, Cal Poly-SLO 10, 4th quarter

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- Cal State-Northridge 17, Northern Arizona 30
- Montana State 13, UAB 41

Kaneshiro added a 33-yarder with four seconds on the clock.

### Wyoming 20, Furman 14

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Casey Bramlet passed for 331 yards as Wyoming snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 20-14 victory over Division I-AA Furman in the season opener for both teams.

Jarvis Wallum kicked four field goals for the Cowboys, who were just 1-10 last season and won for the first time since a 31-10 win over Central Michigan on September 16.

Bramlet, who is taking over for the departed Jay Stoner, completed 30-of-48 passes in his first start. Sophomore wide receiver Ryan McGuffey caught 10 passes for 134 yards.

Wyoming (1-0) rallied from an early 7-3 deficit with a 29-yard touchdown pass to a one-yard TD run by Bramlet with 1:14 left in the first half.

Furman (0-1) tied the game with 3:23 left in the third quarter on a 19-yard, 44-yard touchdown run. Louis, the 2000 Division I-AA Offensive Player of the Year, rushed for 136 yards on 19 carries.

Wallum added field goals of 22 and 28 yards in the second half.

## Fresno State gets spotlight against Beavers

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — When Pat Hill took over at Fresno State four years ago, the coach promised to rebuild the program by getting big victories in big games against big-name opponents.

It doesn't get much bigger for the Bulldogs than their nationally televised meeting with No. 10 Oregon State tonight. In fact, it's the hottest ticket in years.

"When I came here, I said we were going to play big-time football at Fresno State, and now we're starting to play at that level," Hill said. "I don't think there's any doubt in anyone's mind that we are playing Division I football here."

The Beavers will open a season of high expectations by putting their streak of 13 straight non-conference victories off the line in Fresno, where the Bulldogs have 15 consecutive home games.

About 2,000 extra bleacher seats and a large video replay screen have been installed at

Bulldog Stadium for what Fresno State quarterback David Carr called "the biggest game Fresno State has ever played at Fresno."

Hill policed for a sellout on Wednesday when he discovered that a few thousand tickets remained unsold. The house should be packed, and Hill thinks his team has earned it.

"They've got a lot of momentum going," said Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson, who was an assistant at Fresno State under longtime coach Jim Sweeney in the 1970s.

"They've got great fans down there. They've created some great atmospheres down there over the last few years. It's going to be a tough atmosphere for us to go to play in, but it's a challenge for us, and something we're looking forward to."

The game matches two up-and-coming programs that probably didn't know they were getting when they scheduled the game. Neither team likely expected its oppo-

nent today to be so strong; just a few years ago, Oregon State was a perennial doormat in the Pac-10, while Fresno State was a beatable Wee Wee team.

Since then, Erickson has taken the Beavers to the top of college football, while Hill's resurgent program made a bowl game last season and won at Colorado in its season opener, attracting national attention.

"I don't think we'll have any problem maintaining the intensity throughout the season," Hill said. "If you watch the way we practice, everything we do is at a high level of intensity. We believe in being physical. I don't think there was any question, watching from the sideline, who the more physical team was."

"If they circled this game as being a big one for them, good," Oregon State running back Ken Simons said. "It's a big game for us. We want to come out and look sharp and play hard."

## Saturday's stars

- Rex Grossman threw for a career-high 375 yards - 343 yards and three touchdowns in the first half - as Florida routed Marshall 49-14 to improve to 12-0 in openers under Steve Spurrier.
- William Green ran for 204 yards and three TDs in three quarters as Boston College beat West Virginia 34-10, spoiling Mountaineers coach Rich Rodriguez's debut.
- Quentin Griffin ran for a career-best 201 yards as No. 3 Oklahoma routed Air Force 44-3 and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games.
- Jason Lee completed 34-of-52 passes for 426 yards and three touchdowns, and John Stephens had four interceptions for 153 yards as Dartmouth defeated Rhodes 38-17.

- Stephens also returned six punts for 109 yards.
- David Greene, a redshirt freshman, completed 21-of-29 passes for 285 yards and two touchdowns in his first college game as Georgia beat Arkansas State 45-17 in Mark Richt's coaching debut.
- Dave Ragone threw for a career-high 368 yards and three touchdowns as Louisville beat Kentucky 36-10.
- Stephen Lewis rushed for 248 yards and tied a school record with five rushing touchdowns, leading New Hampshire to a 45-29 victory over Hampton.
- Cassy Bramlet completed 30-of-48 passes for 331 yards as Wyoming beat Furman 20-14 to end an eight-game losing streak.

# Hart: Ichiro's no rookie

SEATTLE — By now, the Rookie of the Year award is relatively small potatoes (or is that small sushi?) for Ichiro, who has placed himself firmly in the heart of the American League's MVP race.

Ichiro will no doubt win the rookie honor in a landslide — quite possibly unanimously — in following teammate Kazu Sasaki last year and the Dodgers' Hideo Nomo in 1995 as Japanese imports to win the first-year prize.

But Cleveland General Manager John Hart voices an opinion held by many, that players with long, established careers in Japan are not rookies in the purest sense, and that thought should be given to removing them from eligibility for the award.

Hart, of course, is biased toward his own dynamic rookie, 21-year-old C.C. Sabathia, whose 14 wins are the most by a Cleveland rookie in 19 years.

"Ichiro has had a great year, but it's too bad if the best true rookie doesn't get it (the award)," Hart said. "When they put the Rookie of the Year award in, nobody thought it'd be bringing in 30-year-olds from Japan. That's not to take anything away from Ichiro. He has had a great season and he's a great story for baseball. But C.C. is a pure rookie in every sense of the word. If both of them were free agents after this season, it would be interesting to see which player a club would take first. Ichiro or C.C. I think it would be our guy."

## Angels in the clubhouse?

The Angels had an interesting dispute with umpire Chris Guccione, who ruled a Red Sox runner safe at second on an attempted double play by Anaheim.

Guccione claimed that shortstop Benji Gil missed the bag on a play that would have sent the runner safe at second on an attempted double play by Anaheim. Guccione said that umpires routinely cut second basemen slack if they are close to the base. The protocol is to give the runner a "neighborhood play," as in being in the neighborhood of the base. The Angels stated their case to Ralph Nelson, baseball's vice president of umpiring. "No other guy is calling it like that," Angels Manager Mike Scioscia said.

"You're going to make that call by the letter of the rule book, you're changing the way the game has been called as long as I've been in it, for the last 25 years at least."

## Next stop: Big leagues

Dewon Brazelton, the Devil Rays' No. 1 draft pick in June out of Middle Tennessee State, already is in the big leagues, a stipulation in the contract he finally signed last week. If Brazelton makes an appearance, he would be the 19th player to jump directly from amateur ball to the majors, since the draft began in 1965. The most recent to do so was Xavier Nady last year with the Padres, but he was limited to a pinch-hitting appearance on the next-to-last day of the season, and has spent all of this year in the minors. The last player to forge a long career without a minor-league stop was the Mariners' John Olerud, who went from Washington State to the Blue Jays in 1989.

—Seattle Times

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# Push for the pennant



Seattle Mariners' Bret Boone and Ichiro Suzuki congratulate relief pitcher Kazuhiro Sasaki following their victory over the Detroit Tigers in Seattle on Aug. 21. In photo in Seattle. As Labor Day approached, more than a dozen teams were smack in the middle of playoff races, hoping to make a postseason push in the final month. The Mariners are the only team sure to make the playoffs. Three weeks ago, Seattle received permission to start selling postseason tickets.

## As Labor Day nears, 12 teams run for the playoffs

### The Associated Press

Curt Schilling can feel the tension building with every fastball. "One mistake can cost you a game," the Arizona ace said. "One game can cost you the pennant."

And this year, perhaps more than any other, a lot of big leaguers feel the same way. As Labor Day approached, more than a dozen teams were smack in the middle of playoff races, hoping to make a postseason push in the final month.

For fans, it promised to be a frantic four-week stretch — mostly because baseball's unbridled schedule ensured so many head-to-head matchups the rest of the way.

All that, and mix in the retirements of Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn. Ripken, whose home run was the highlight of the All-Star game, finishes at Yankee Stadium. Gwynn winds up at Pacific Bell Park, where Barry Bonds might very well be trying to set his home run record.

Then again, it's already been quite a season. The runaway Seattle Mariners, with a chance to set baseball's all-time wins record. They're led by rookie Ichiro Suzuki — he's 27, and there's no dispute about his age.

The surprising and feuding Philadelphia Phillies, trying to end Atlanta's record streak of nine straight division titles.

The Cleveland Indians, stunning Seattle with a 12-run comeback and then setting off Mariners reliever Arthur Rhodes by forcing him to take off his earnings.

— Bonds, Sammy Sosa and Luis Gonzalez

connecting like crazy, along with Colorado pitcher Mike Hampton. Pedro Martinez, Nomar Garciaparra, David Wells, Ken Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire among the stars missing time with injuries.

The NL champion New York Mets collapsing and the young Minnesota Twins contending.

The three-time defending World Series champion New York Yankees led the AL East with help from Roger Clemens, who at 18-1 was tops in the league in victories. Their weekend series against the second-place Red Sox began a stretch of seven games in 11 days between the teams.

"This is a very important time. We're in our division now and to back. We're in series almost back-to-back," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We don't have to play scoreboard watching anymore."

No need to tell the AL Central-leading Indians what each win meant. "Guys who were here last year understand how important games in August and September are because they saw what happened," center fielder Kenny Lofton said.

This time around, the Mariners are the only team sure to make the playoffs: Three weeks ago, Seattle received permission to start selling postseason tickets.

"Winning series is what we're all about," All-Star second baseman Bret Boone said. "That's what we focus on as you can come. While Jason Giambi and the Oakland Athletics have surged into the AL wild

card lead, the NL playoff scramble seemed to be getting wilder each day, partly because there were no killer teams. At least, not yet.

Houston is hoping to hold off Sosa and the Chicago Cubs in the Central. Schilling, Randy Johnson and Arizona are trying to stay ahead in the West.

And what a chase for the wild card! Bonds, getting closer and closer to McGwire's record of 70 home runs in a season, leads the way for San Francisco. Kevin Brown, back in the rotation after an elbow injury, boosts Los Angeles.

The Giants and Dodgers, on the 50th anniversary of one of the most famous pennant chases ever, have the possibility of restaging the "great race." There are six games left between the longtime rivals, could Bonds deliver another version of the Shot Heard 'Round the World?

"Now, it's really important," Bonds said. "Time doesn't stop. The clock keeps ticking. These games just keep going by. You want to be as close as you can come September. If not, it's going to be a lot harder."

"McGwire and the St. Louis Cardinals, the Cubs and either Atlanta or Philadelphia also could end up going down to the last day with a chance to reach the postseason.

"We have a mission to finish in first place and go to the playoffs," Sosa said. "We've got to make the playoffs."

The Cubs will certainly get their chance to catch Houston. They play the Astros seven times in the last 10 games, finishing with a four-game series at Wrigley Field.

"It's the fairest way," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "Let the teams decide it among themselves."

# Reds' youngster turns it up

## CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds

Manager Bob Boone is ecstatic about the hitting of one of his outfielders, and it's not the guy with the diamond earring and lame hamstring, Ken Griffey Jr. is heating up, but it's Adam Dunn, the 21-year-old man-child, who has the Reds babbling. The 6-foot-6, 240-pound Dunn had 13 homers in his first 39 major-league games through Friday, many of them of the tape-measure variety.

By all appearances, a new slugging sensation has been born, and the Reds can't wait to see what he can do in a full season. Dunn's early output projects to a full season of 50 homers, 140 runs batted in and 145 runs. "He has the potential to be in that magic class," Boone said. "Dunn will be in the next wave of hitters in the Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire, Jose Canseco class for his career."

## Around the NL

Arizona's Luis Gonzalez, asked to pick between teammates Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling for the National League Cy Young, was diplomatic. "They should cut it right down the middle and put half of it in one locker and the other half in the other locker."

Here's Houston Manager Larry Dierker on the Diamondbacks: "Everybody's hoping that if you're going to get in the playoffs, that those two guys have to pitch the last two games of the season because they have to win those games (and) can't open up the playoffs against whoever has-to play them."

Big Daddy clone: Rookie Jason Jennings, who has made a huge splash in Colorado, is a Rick Seal deal done, and those of you who remember Big Daddy know what that means — he's a tad on the large side. Jennings became the first pitcher in history to throw a shutout and hit a home run in the same game. He then followed with a solid six-inning effort against the Dodgers on Wednesday for another win. Reuschel, by the way, isn't a bad guy to emulate. He won 214 games during his 20-year career.

Talking head: Former Dodgers' General Manager Kevin Maloney appeared as guest co-host of a radio talk show in Los Angeles last week, and his first topic was "negativity in the clubhouse." That's not surprising for a guy who firmly believes he was run out of town by the Los Angeles Times. Maloney had strong praise for Gary Sheffield, who he believed was the Mets' efforts to trade for Sheffield during spring training while the outfielder was engaged in a bitter contract dispute with the Dodgers. "The Mets basically tried to steal him," Maloney said. "They offered a couple of fungoes and used batting-practice baseballs. They never made a fair offer."

Southpaw slayer: After Ryan Klecko had four hits against left-handed pitcher Tim Lincecum, Klecko had a guy who couldn't hit lefties in Atlanta — Cardinals closer Dave Veres accused the Padres' first baseman of using a corked bat. It was Klecko's 472-foot homer off rookie Bud Smith, the longest homer by a visitor at Busch Stadium since distances were first announced in 1988, that raised Veres' suspicions. "That ball got out in a second," Veres said. "He's strong and all, but I'd never heard Klecko. 'A loaded bat, huh? He can check it out. I'll give it to him. He can have it if he wants to look at it.'"

—Seattle Times

## Sosa slams 53rd season homer in Cubs' win

ATLANTA (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his 53rd homer, a 471-foot shot that was the longest ever at Turner Field, as the Chicago Cubs beat Atlanta 5-3 Saturday to give the Braves their third straight defeat.

The Cubs won their fourth in a row. They lead San Francisco by 1.5 games for the NL wild card.

The Braves lost for the 13th time in their last 17 home games.

## Giants 2, Rockies 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Andres Galarraga hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants over the Colorado Rockies.

Justin Speier (1-2) retired the first two batters he faced, but Galarraga hit a 3-0 pitch into the left-field seats.

Robb Nen (4-3) retired the only batter he faced to pick up the victory. The Rockies had runners on second and third with two outs, and Nen came in to retire Juan Uribe on a grounder.

## Mets 3, Marlins 2, 11 innings

NEW YORK — Jay Payton hit a two-out double in the 11th inning to give New York the win over Florida.

## American League

## Yankees 2, Red Sox 1

BOSTON — Bernie Williams hit a tiebreaking home run in the ninth inning to give Orlando Hernandez his first victory in nearly a year as the New York Yankees rallied for a 2-1 win over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday.

Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 43rd save in 49 chances.

## Mariners 6, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — Ichiro Suzuki lined a bases-loaded single off reliever B.J. Ryan's leg that capped a four-run rally in the sixth inning, and the Seattle Mariners kept their record on track by beating the Baltimore Orioles.

## Jays 3, Tigers 1

TORONTO — Rookie Brandon Lyon won his third straight start and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Detroit Tigers.

## Indians 4, White Sox 3

CHICAGO — Roberto Alomar drove in two runs, and Ryan Orselle won his first major league start Saturday as Cleveland beat Chicago.

## Angels 11, Twins 9

MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Glaus hit a two-run homer to get Anaheim started in the first inning, then hit an RBI double in the ninth.

## Devil Rays 6, Athletics 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Oakland's eight-game road winning streak ended when Jason Tyner hit an RBI double during a three-run rally in the eighth inning that sent the Tampa Bay Devil Rays over the Athletics.

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# PETE FINDS HIS PACE

## Sampras advances to fourth round at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Pete Sampras wasn't perfect. He double-faulted, blew two easy volleys and dumped an overhead into the net.

And that was just in the first game.

But for the most part on Saturday, Sampras played like the Pete of old, dominating with his serve and blanketing the net to beat Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-2, and reach the fourth round at the U.S. Open.

The performance suggested Sampras may be ready to make a run next week at his fifth Open title — and his first tournament title since Wimbledon last year.

"Everything is in place," he said. "I'm very hungry. I'm mentally fine. I'm physically fine. Everything is in one piece. I can't complain about the way the first week has gone."

Sampras came into the tournament mired in a losing slump and saddled with a No. 10 seeding, his lowest since winning the first of his record 13 Grand Slam titles at the 1990 Open.

But through three rounds he has yet to drop a set, winning three tiebreakers, and he was particularly polished against Youzhny. Sampras lost only seven points on his first serve, never faced a break point and won 52 points at the net.

The road turns tougher next week. Sampras' likely opponent Monday will be two-time champion Pat Rafter, who was scheduled to play a third-round match Saturday night against Nicolas Pietrangeli. The Sampras-Rafter winner would likely next face two-time champ Andre Agassi, who also won Saturday.

"I'm going to have my hands full," Sampras said. "It's a tough section of the draw for all of us. There are a lot of U.S. Open titles in that little section, but that's the way the draw works and let's play it."

Agassi had the same attitude. "You've got to beat the best to win here," he said. "Sometimes you play the best before the final."

The No. 2-seeded Agassi advanced by beating qualifier Ramon Delgado 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-3. His next opponent will be No. 13 Roger Federer, who ended Sampras' reign at Wimbledon two months ago.

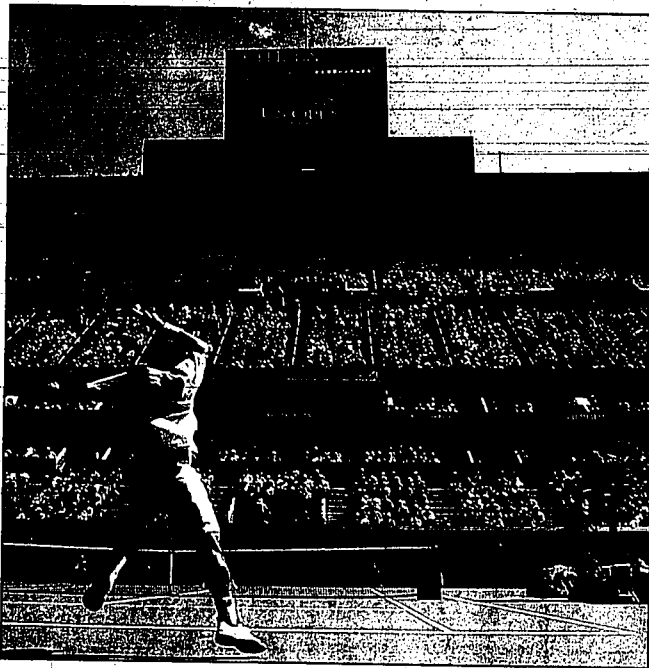
Defending champion Marat Safin, seeded third, beat Hicham Arazi 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (5). The expanded seeding system protected the top players in the early rounds, just as intended, and the tournament remained mostly upset-free Saturday.

The seven top-seeded men and the 11 top women were still alive, but one prominent casualty was No. 9 Tim Henman, who blew a 3-0 lead in the fifth set and lost to Xavier Malisse 6-7 (6), 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. The match carried extra meaning for both players because Malisse-hired-Henman's coach, David Felgate, earlier this year.

On the women's side, defending champion Venus Williams, seeded fourth, beat Lisa Raymond 6-3, 6-4 but was unhappy with her serve.

"It seems I never play as well as I want to in the early rounds, but I just seem to get better in the later rounds," Williams said. "My hope is that will be the trend at this tournament also."

No. 5 Kim Clijsters, No. 8 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 9 Nathalie Tauziat and No. 11 Elena Dementieva also won.



Pete Sampras returns to Mikhail Youzhny, of Russia, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Saturday. Sampras defeated Youzhny 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

## Venus sets sights on fourth Grand Slam title

NEW YORK (AP) — The celebration was polished because it's well-rehearsed.

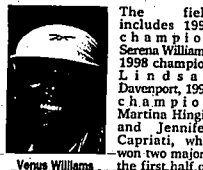
When Venus Williams secured her latest victory, she smiled and waved to the crowd as she proudest.

Williams, who beat fellow American Lisa Raymond 6-3, 6-4 at the U.S. Open on Saturday, has won three of the past five Grand Slam events.

"I've just started," Williams said. "I only have three, I'd like to just kind of keep counting them until you've got to start counting my toes."

She's into the quarterfinal round, which means she needs four more wins for her second consecutive Open title.

The competition among the women has rarely been so fierce.



Venus Williams

The field includes 1999 champion Serena Williams, 1998 champion Lindsay Davenport, 1997 champion Martina Hingis and Jennifer Capriati, who won two majors the first half of this year.

"It's up to Venus," two-time Open champion Tracy Austin said. "If Venus plays her best tennis and other people play their best tennis, Venus is going to win."

Williams was inclined to agree. "I definitely think if I play my best, I have a wonderful shot at winning the tournament," she said.

"But I don't always play my best. If I can play near my best, that will be great, too."

This summer, Williams has won 15 of 16 matches, including her second consecutive Wimbledon title. At the U.S. Open, she has won nine matches in a row and is 9-0 at night.

What does she like about playing under the lights? "I'm a marquee match, match of the day," she said. "That's nice."

Williams started this year poorly. She endured the most lopsided loss of her career, 6-1, 6-1 against Hingis in the Australian Open quarterfinals, and lost in the first round at the French Open.

But she rebounded at Wimbledon and appears poised to dominate the sport the way she did the second half of 2000.

## At the U.S. Open

Highlights of Saturday's play at the \$15.76 million U.S. Open tennis championships.

Weather: Sunny and mild. High temperature of 80.

Attendance: Day session: 32,078 (single-session record).

Results: Men - third round: No. 2 Andre Agassi, No. 3 Marat Safin and No. 10 Pete Sampras won in straight sets. Other winners included No. 13 Roger Federer, No. 14 Thomas Johansson, Mariano Zabaleta and Xavier Malisse, who eliminated No. 9 Tim Henman in five sets.

Women - fourth round: No. 4 Venus Williams beat No. 30 Lisa Raymond in straight sets. No. 5 Kim Clijsters topped No. 29 Hannek Nagova; No. 8 Amelie Mauresmo defeated No. 28 Chanda Rubin; and No. 9 Nathalie Tauziat stopped qualifier Jana Nejedly. Also advancing to the fourth round were No. 11 Elena Dementieva, No. 19 Barbara Schett and No. 18 Sandrine Testud.



Andre Agassi serves to Ramon Delgado, of Paraguay Saturday. Agassi defeated Delgado 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

## Sorenstam stretches lead to five at State Farm Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam posted her third consecutive round in the 60s on Saturday and stretched her lead to five strokes after three rounds of the LPGA State Farm Classic.

Cristie Kerr was alone in second after a career-best 63 Saturday, one off the tournament record.

Seeking her seventh win of the year on tour, Sorenstam offset three bogeys with eight birdies in a 67 that gave her an under-199 total after three days around the 6,405-yard Rail Road Course.

Sorenstam shared the first-round lead after opening with a 65 and boosted the margin to three shots with a second-round 66.

Harrington rallies at BMW International Open

MUNICH, Germany — Padraig Harrington shot a 10-under-par 62 to take a one-shot lead over John Daly through three rounds of the BMW International Open.

The Irishman put together an eagle and five birdies from the third through eighth holes, then birdied three of the last four to



Annika Sorenstam of Sweden celebrates her birdie putt on No. 18 during the third round of the LPGA State Farm Classic in Springfield, Ill., Saturday. Sorenstam shot a 5-under-par 67 and leads the tournament at 18 under.

move to 22-under 194. Daly, who had by four shots Friday after rounds of 63-64, managed a 68 in the cold and wind Saturday. He is seeking his first victory since the 1995 British Open at St. Andrews.

## Nelson, Thorpe share lead at Kroger Senior Classic

MASON, Ohio — Larry Nelson and Jim Thorpe shot 5-under-par 65s and were tied for the lead in the Kroger Senior Classic, reduced to a 36-hole event because of an opening-round rain-out.

Hale Irwin, Dana Quigley, John Mahaffey and Bob Murphy, were all at 66. Tom Jenkins and Jim Dent, the winner here in 1990, were another stroke back.

## Edwards holds lead at Air Canada Championship

SURREY, British Columbia — Joel Edwards shot a 3-under-par 68 and held a three-shot lead in the Air Canada Championship, the first time the 11-year PGA Tour veteran has led a tournament after 54 holes.

Edwards, who hasn't had a bogey since his 10th-hole Thursday's opening round at the Northview Golf and Country Club, was at 13-under 200, three strokes ahead of Grant Waite. Waite's 65 was the best score of the third round and left him at 203, one shot in front of Fred Funk, who had a 67, and David Gossett, who shot a 69.

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## American cyclists win at Goodwill

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Erin Mirabella, who never finished higher than sixth in a major international cycling event, won the women's 15-kilometer points race at the Goodwill Games on Saturday.

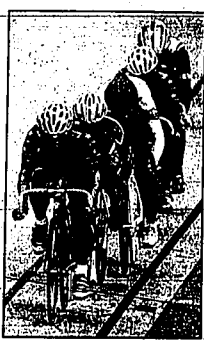
Mirabella, 23, from Colorado Springs, Colo., finished the competition with 23 points, after winning three of the seven sprints, including the last one, at the Chandler Velodrome.

Katherine Bates, winner of two sprints, finished second with 16 points, and Katrin Meinke of Germany, winner of the other two sprints, was third with 10.

The United States collected a bronze medal in the women's elimination race as Rebecca Quinn of Quakertown, Pa., finished third, behind Meinke and Bates.

Meanwhile, Russian-Velentina Popova set three world records in the women's weightlifting.

"I'm glad I came to the Goodwill Games... partly for monetary reasons," Popova said, after winning the 152-pound division.



American Erin Mirabella leads the pack during the women's 15 km points race at the Goodwill Games in Brisbane, Australia, Saturday. Mirabella won the race with 23 points.

Weightlifters get \$25,000 for each world record.

## Goodwill Games

Popova, an Olympic and World Championships silver medalist, earned \$84,000, including \$2,000 for winning each of her three gold medals, \$1,000 for each personal best and the bonus payment for each of her records in the snatch, clean-and-jerk and total.

Popova opened with a record in the snatch, lifting 250 pounds, surpassing the mark of 248 set by Hungary's Erzsébet Markus at last year's Sydney Olympics.

In the clean-and-jerk, she lifted 316 pounds, breaking the mark of 315 that China's Sun Tianni set at Athens in November 1999.

Her record for the total surpassed the 557 set by China's Lin Weining in March 1999.

Australia excelled as surf lifesaving debuted at a major international, multi-sports event, winning nine of the 12 events Saturday.

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SPORTS

# Hall, House hold envied records

High school football players, coaches are still chasing records

As the high school football season opens across America, every running back is chasing Ken Hall. Every quarterback is aiming for J.R. House. Every coach has his eyes set on John McKissick. Every team is chasing Concord De La Salle.



Ken Hall, a former Sugar Land, Texas football player is shown in this undated photo. Hall, the so-called 'Sugar Land Express,' rushed for 11,232 yards from 1980-83 - one high school record that may never be broken.

In the more than 125 years that high school football has been played in the United States - a span in which two Connecticut schools, New London and Norwich Free Academy have played every year since 1875 - no one has run for as many yards as Hall. Or thrown for as many yards as McKissick. Or won as many games as McKissick. Or won as many games in a row as De La Salle.

All are included in the most extensive national record book ever compiled, one that is a fascinating cross-section of the known and the not well known, the seemingly impossible and the highly improbable, the overwhelming - and, too, the underachieving.

It includes records that might never be broken, such as John Giannantonio's 739-yard rushing game in 1950 for a small New Jersey high school, and others that seem to be broken every year (yards passing in a game, for one). It is a list populated by big schools and little towns, tall receivers and tiny running backs.

And a guy named Roger Maris. His major league baseball record of 61 homers was broken three years ago, but Maris still holds the national record of four-kick touchdowns in a game for Shanley High in Fargo, N.D., in 1951.

Other names that show up among the record-holders or career leaders in the National High School Football Record Book: Tim Couch, Don Gullett (72 points in a single game by the ex-Reds pitcher), Billy Sims, Emmitt Smith, Herschel Walker, Ty and Key Deamer, Josh Booty, Todd Marinovich.

For many, the only common thread is that for one night, one season or one moment they throw the ball longer, run it farther or carried across the goal line more often than the millions of players who have ever strapped on a helmet at high schools in all 50 states.

"Were some of the records against inferior competition? Were some setups by coaches who intentionally wanted a player to set a record? Sure, they were," said editor Doug Huff, who first began compiling the records while a student at Magnolia High School in New Martinsville, W.Va., more than 40 years ago.

"But they're numbers - they're not emotional. If it happens, you record it, no ands, ifs or buts. If a player throws for 500 yards in a game, even if it is against inferior competition, you document it."

Among the more remarkable records:

- De La Salle, coached by Bob Ladouceur in Concord, Calif., has not lost a game since 1991. One note: California does not have statewide playoffs, so De La Salle hasn't always played the best teams in the state.
- A 10-season, 82-game losing streak by Glascock County High in Clifton, Ga., that ended two years ago.
- A 256-point game by Haven, Kan., in 1927 • and a 71-point game in a 74-71 loss by Gentry High of Indiana, Miss., against Reville last year.
- Harrisburg (Pa.) Tech's shutout season in 1919 in which it outscored its opposition 701-0.
- Jersey Shore (Pa.) High's 75.1 scoring average in 1922.
- A 14-touchdown game by John Cook of Beatrice, Neb., in 1912 and Leroy "Boney" Matthews of Roff, Okla., in 1927.
- Dominic Gutierrez's nine field goals in a 1990 game for Manual School of Albuquerque, N.M.
- Tyler Ebell's 4,484 yards rushing last season for Ventura, Calif.

Arthur Smith's 15 touchdown passes - in one game - for Cozad, Nev., in 1921.

A punt that traveled 132 yards, 6 inches by Bruno Kopopka for Manual High of Denver in 1937, 77 yards in the air. It is the longest ever documented on the high school, college or pro level. Because the measurement includes distance covered by the ball when it left the playing field, an "official kick" could never measure that long. Despite his long kick, Kopopka's team lost 7-6 - on his missed extra point.

Jabo Leonard's 8-for-8 game for Barbers Hill, Texas, in 1971 - 8 passes attempted, 8 completed, 8 for touchdowns, in a 59-0 victory.

David Koral's 764-yard passing game last season for Pacific Pinesides, Calif.

The undisputed kings of the record book are Hall, the so-called "Sugar Land Express" from Sugar Land, Texas, who rushed for 11,232 yards from 1980-83, and Mike Anderson, who played briefly for Seabreeze High in Daytona Beach, Fla., before piling up more passing yardage than any high school quarterback ever at Nitro (W.Va.) High. Hall, a 210-pound runner in an era when many high school backs weighed 160 pounds, still holds a nearly 1,800-yard career lead over any other high school runner. In college, he was a backup to Heisman Trophy winner John David Crow at Texas A&M, but later played for the AFL's Houston Oilers.

House dropped back to pass on nearly every play of his high school career, enabling him to complete a record 1,077 of a record-1,682 passes for a record 14,457 yards and 145 touchdowns from 1995-98.

House also owns a share of the modern-era record of 10 touchdown passes in a game - and it wasn't against inferior opposition, either. It came during a 594-yard effort in West Virginia's Triple-A championship game in 1998.

"We called it showtime," said House, now a highly regarded Double-A catcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates. "In practice, we would throw the ball around and catch it and score some and it would be the same way when we played."

"We played a lot of good teams, too, but we were able to take them down pretty easily. Even in the 1990s, when a lot of teams were throwing the ball, nobody threw for the kind of yards we did. It was special."

"Some records probably have been lost to the ages, and there never will be a complete, perfect record book," said Huff, a retired sports editor in Wheeling, W.Va. "But we've been able to bring to the light of day some things that really happened."

"A lot of great players aren't in there, but a lot of great players are."

# Teen golfer's pro life has been a grind

By Steve Elling  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO - It's easy for Sean O'Hair, now 19, to recall the fateful date he turned professional. It was Sept. 9, 1999. For the numerologists that's 9-9-99.

Perhaps he should have said nein instead. Before Orlando's Ty Tryon, before Southern California's Kevin Na - two teens who have generated considerable hand-wringing this summer by turning pro at age 17 - there was O'Hair, who attended Bradenton Academy before pulling the pro trigger.

O'Hair, a former American Junior Golf Association All-American, was a pioneer of sorts, becoming the first notable United States teen to forgo the college route in decades. For other would-be pros looking at shortcuts to the major tours, O'Hair's decidedly mixed experiences rank as a cautionary tale.

During the past 10 days, O'Hair and his father have driven from Odessa, Texas, to Salt Lake City, with stops in Colorado and Washington. They are vagabonds, grueling the country in a 1999 Ford Taurus that already has more than 90,000 miles on the odometer.

They are either chasing the dream or chasing their tails, depending on your perspective. Lumping together his earnings on the minor-league Hooters and Buy.com tours, O'Hair has won \$2,697 in 2001. He has spent an estimated \$70,000 on golf and related expenses.

"I would definitely do it over



Teen golfer Ty Tryon follows his tee shot during the B.C. Open in July. Tryon, along with Sean O'Hair and Kevin Na, is part of a number of teen-age golfers making the decision to turn pro.

again," O'Hair said via cell phone as his father piloted the car through New Mexico. "I'm playing more golf right now and gaining more experience than any college kid. I'm learning faster."

There have been hard lessons along the roadway. O'Hair started the year as an exempt member of the Hooters Tour but disliked the way the events were organized. Ever since, he has been driving from city to city, following the Buy.com Tour, where he has no playing status.

Each week he plays in the Buy.com's Monday qualifier, a grueling process through which

dozens of players vie for perhaps a few spots in the field. There are no guarantees. In 12 tries, O'Hair has made the field four times through the qualifier tour. All told, he has made one cut and earned \$1,201-to-rank-284th-on-the money list.

It's not that surprising, given the grind. After enduring the qualifying, he plays in two hairy practice rounds, must locate lodging for the week and psychologically catch up to his peers in time for the first round.

"By the time Thursday rolls around, I am usually dead-god tired," O'Hair said.

By Friday night, the O'Hairs

usually are back on the road. Marc O'Hair, 49, retired early from the family business in order to shuttle his son around the country. Sean's mom is home in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Weston, where father and son have been seen in four months.

When Tryon said he planned to play a limited pro tour schedule despite having two years of school remaining at Dr. Phillips High, most PGA Tour veterans openly questioned whether his social development would suffer. For O'Hair, that sacrifice already has been made.

Asked if he has time to date to meet many girls while touring the country with his dad, O'Hair said he has long skipped social outings with his peers in order to concentrate on his sport.

"If I don't meet a girl at a tournament or whatever, I'll meet one down the road, maybe when I have more free time."

His pro career, however, couldn't wait. Limited success hasn't left O'Hair discouraged. He views his pro career to date as closely akin to that of a minor-league ballplayer working his way up to the big leagues. He is a prospect and should be judged as such.

Marc O'Hair considers the thousands spent on his son's career to be an investment.

"I can honestly say that I have not seen one guy out here who was better than me," Sean O'Hair said. "Just guys who are more experienced. But I'm already two years ahead of guys coming out of college."

# Honduras snaps Americans' 16-year streak

WASHINGTON (AP) - RFK Stadium looked like it had been taken over by a Central American country.

Honduras danced in the crowd, celebrating a 2-2 victory over the United States in an unusual Saturday morning game. The Americans slowly walked off,

World Cup soccer

had they given up three goals in a home qualifier. Defensive breakdowns gave Honduras four breakaways, and U.S. midfielder Earnie Stewart missed a penalty kick late in the first half, swinging the momentum.

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"I'm sure there are a lot of teams that wish they'd sit where we do right now," Arena said.

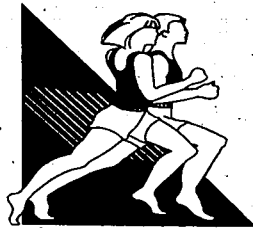
Costa Rica (4-1-1), which played at Trinidad and Tobago (0-5-1) last Saturday, tied with the United States (4-2-1) at 13 points but leads on goal difference. Honduras (3-2-2), Jamaica (2-2-2) and Mexico (2-3-1) follow.

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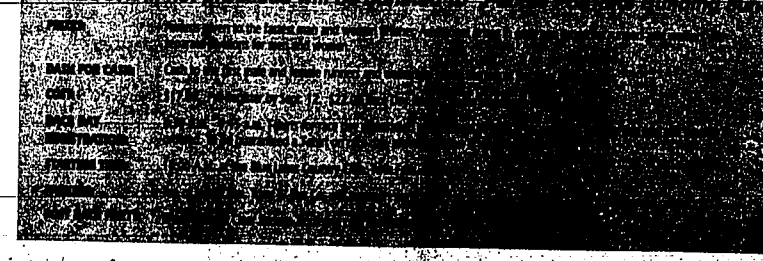
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Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development members with the highest level of part-time employment, 1999:

Netherlands	30%
Australia	28%
Switzerland	25%
Japan	21%
New Zealand	21%
United Kingdom	21%



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**'E-Commerce Basics' gets businesses online**

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho is starting a new business and technology course Sept. 10. Classes will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room A-23 of the Evergreen building.

"E-Commerce Basics" is a three-credit course for students or business professionals. It will give participants skills they need to begin organizing and managing a company's e-commerce Internet Web site, the college said. Students will be allowed to use established businesses in their course study or may create companies of their own to use as backdrops for their semester projects.

The course is designed to teach students how to organize and map a company's Web enterprise. Knowledge of HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is not necessary; however, students must have taken an introductory computer class or have the instructor's permission to enroll.

"An established business can use the Internet as a tool to enhance the company's existing business plan and also give better customer service to their clients," instructor Mary Jones said. "The students in this course will learn the many advantages of having a business Web presence, and they will be able to create their own hands-on, e-commerce project."

In addition to learning how to incorporate the Internet into a business plan, students can upgrade their skills in Internet Web page management, mapping and design, marketing and payment-processing options; security concerns; and customer-service issues.

For information or to register, call Jones at 733-9554, Ext. 2419, or send e-mail to mjones@csi.edu.

**New Directions center presents WorkSmart class**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "WorkSmart: Career/Educational Planning Skills" class for people who want to identify their personal values, interests and existing skills.

This information will direct participants toward their education and job options. Whether employed or not, students can take the first step in developing personal and career goals and make a plan of action to pursue them, organizers said.

Classes are scheduled for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 13-27 at the Center for New Directions. Registration deadline is Sept. 10. One credit is available; cost is \$70.50. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

For information, call Sherry at 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

**Agencies team up to offer forum on home loan program**

**TWIN FALLS** - The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Idaho Business Administration and the Idaho treasurer's office will present a free forum about the new "Idaho Prime" loan program for small businesses.

The forum will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

For information, call Sherry at 733-9554, Ext. 2455.

**CSI invites businesses to participate in orientation**

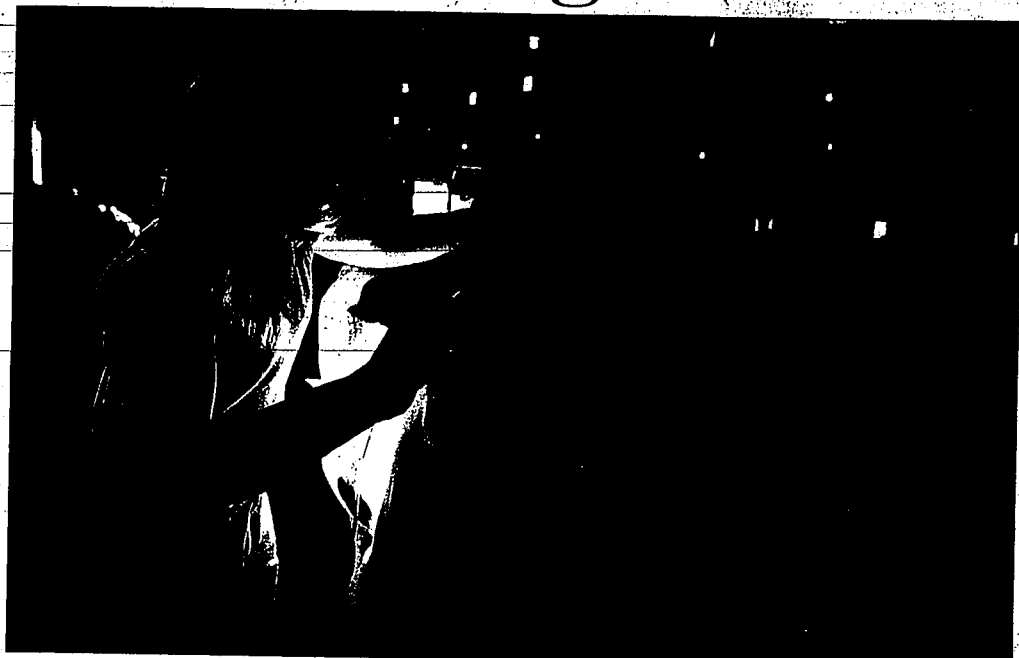
**TWIN FALLS** - Area businesses are invited to take part in a student orientation event at the College of Southern Idaho from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Organizer Jamie Shetter said College and Community Development has hundreds of new CSI students to the campus and to the businesses and services offered in the community. The event is an open-air fair that allows CSI programs and local businesses to display what they offer. A free barbecue for CSI students and their families is included.

The event will be held between the Taylor and Fine Arts buildings on the CSI campus. Businesses interested in participating should call Sherry at 733-9554, Ext. 2112, or the CSI Student Information Office at 733-9554, Ext. 2221.

Compiled from staff reports

## Nose to the grindstone



Andrea Brubaker gives 'Prance' a final trim in the dairy barn before a 4-H show at the Twin Falls County Fair. The cow belongs to Brubaker's brother Michael, who obtained 'Prance' through the Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program.

### Industry keeps interest strong in children's dairy projects

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
 Times-News writer

**FILER** - Those children tending livestock at the Twin Falls County Fair are a shrinking class.

As more folks leave farming and rural lifestyles - and as youngsters encounter more difficulties juggling fair participation with school activities - the county's participant numbers have dropped steadily since 1997 in

most traditional livestock programs. Livestock extension educator Bob Ohlenschlaeger said.

"Which is kind of discouraging for us," he said, pausing from his duties on the first day of the fair.

But visit the dairy barn and you'll observe an exception to that trend.

"Numbers of children taking on dairy projects - though they don't comprise the largest livestock group at the fair - have held steady since 1997,

Ohlenschlaeger said. This year Twin Falls County has 45 youngsters in various dairy programs. That far outshines the six children in the county's dairy programs in 1990.

Several factors share the credit, but they all point to a thriving, tight-knit local industry.

Dairymen and some related businesses - such as milk processors and agricultural insurers - pay generous (and motivational) prices for chil-

dren's project dairies. They help sponsor the largest local scholarship program for youngsters raising animals. And they take a hand in the dairy education that helps ensure an agriculture-friendly future population in Magic Valley.

Dairymen share the leadership of the four-county Magic Valley Dairy Heifer Replacement Program for 4-H and FFA youngsters. Regional educa-

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## Valleywide construction falls sharply in June

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - For Magic Valley's construction sector, June was chillier than weather reports reveal.

Despite the beginning of a high-profile, high-cost retail development on the Snake River Canyon rim, the region's construction sector in June logged a significant 37.8 percent shortfall in estimated building values valleywide compared with a year earlier.

Without June 2000's rash of new apartments - and more-than-million-dollar homes, selected areas of Magic Valley finished the most recent June with \$25.2 million in overall building activity.

The value of projects receiving building permits in June fell short of June 2000's total by \$15.3 million for combined building types in surveyed areas of the valley, according to data compiled in Wells Fargo Bank's recently released statewide report.

That performance continued the negative trend that predominated in the first half of the year.

Construction values valleywide were up a small but encouraging 5 percent in January compared with year-earlier levels, then down a significant 20 percent in February and 12 percent in March. April's values shot up 44 percent above those from a year earlier before May's performance logged a 10 percent shortfall.

Wells Fargo's reporting is delayed by several months, so June's numbers are the most recent available.

In June 2000, Magic Valley home builders had three new

single-family homes' values up to more than double their year-earlier average, and developers broke ground on the first affordable-housing development in Blaine County in years. Still, the value of projects receiving permits then had fallen short of June 1999's total by 13.5 percent for combined types.

In June this time around, Gooding, rural Blaine County, Shoshone, Twin Falls, rural Twin Falls County, Rupert and rural Minidoka County all improved on their year-earlier values for combined construction types.

Sun Valley and Jerome lost ground in June. A few parts of the valley are not included in the bank's survey.

In the valley's major city, one project in June accounted for a bigger chunk of construction than all of June 2000's activity in Twin Falls. The first building permit for a canyon-rim retail development proposal listed a \$3.8 million value and helped send June values in the city's construction sector up 89.1 percent from a year earlier.

That project leads this sampling of June activity in Twin Falls' commercial sector.

Developer Nielsen and Co. plans a retail center at 2068 Bridgeview Blvd., just south of the Ferrine Bridge; a building permit for just the shell lists 138,152 square feet for stores, plus 3,831 square feet of canopy for a total construction value of \$3.78 million.

Twin Falls School District re-roofed Ferrine Elementary School - a \$25.75 project.

Twin Falls Highway District erected a 5,400-square-foot,

### Magic Valley's construction-permit values - totals for all construction types

Area	June 2001	June 2000
Gooding	\$32,638	0
Hailey	\$1,978,705	\$10,173,823
Ketchum	\$4,874,898	\$8,238,748
Sun Valley	\$1,331,000	\$8,880,680
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	\$6,385,725	\$6,300,000
Jerome	\$283,284	\$638,350
Shoshone	\$15,400	0
Twin Falls	\$6,688,423	\$3,537,351
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$1,154,697	\$868,050
Cassia County (entire county)	\$1,523,600	\$1,168,915
Rupert	\$66,529	\$3,100
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$827,529	\$755,961
Total	\$28,218,839	\$40,841,478

### Permits for new single-family homes

Area	June 2001	June 2000
Gooding	0	0
Hailey	6	10
Ketchum	2	7
Sun Valley	1	8
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	10	8
Jerome	0	0
Shoshone	0	0
Twin Falls	21	15
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	6	7
Cassia County (entire county)	12	10
Rupert	2	3
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	0	0
Total	63	68

Source: Idaho Construction Report by First Security Bank. June report is most recent available.

\$104,976 heated storage building for snowplows, sand trucks, paint and the paint-stripping truck, south of the highway district's office building at 1234 Highland Ave. E.

Prassi's Thai Cuisine, at 428 Second Ave. E., took on a \$101,001 expansion.

On the regional home-building scene meanwhile, the areas of the valley surveyed issued permits for 63 new single-family homes in the month - down slightly - 7 percent - from the

68 of June 2000.

At the same time, the average estimated value of those Magic Valley homes plummeted to \$168,429 in June - a 53 percent drop from the impressive \$396,842 of a year earlier. But before you choke on those numbers, consider this:

In the pricey Wood River Valley, many new homes far outshine those in the rest of south-central Idaho. The 15 new single-family homes permitted in Ketchum and Sun Valley in

June 2000 averaged more than \$1 million each. In the most recent June, Ketchum permitted more modestly priced homes, and Sun Valley issued a permit for just one million-dollar house.

Exclude that million-dollar structure, and the valley's June average for new single-family homes falls to \$175,339.

The Wood River Valley a year ago also saw the start of new housing classed as "affordable."

Balmoral Family Community in Hailey - the first affordable-housing development to be built in Blaine County in years - accounted for most of the 123 new multifamily dwelling units for which Hailey issued permits in June 2000. Twin Falls that month issued four.

Don't expect that kind of building burst every June.

By contrast, the most recent June saw no apartment permits at all in the reporting areas of the Magic Valley.

Rural Twin Falls County permitted the only mobile home in June, while Gooding, Shoshone and Rupert had no new residential building of any kind for the month.

On the statewide scene, total construction value for authorized building-permit construction in 57 major Idaho locations for June was \$211.3 million - an increase of 9.2 percent from June 2000. Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews said.

"Idaho's construction industry recorded a solid performance in June, thus completing the 2001 first half with a more rapid growth rate than earlier anticipated," he said.

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## MILESTONES

**TWIN FALLS** — Ray Stroberg of the Stroberg-Leavitt Agency was elected to executive committee of the Incidental Insurance Agents of Idaho Inc. during the recent annual agents' convention in Sun Valley.

Stroberg will serve on the board of directors and help the president formulate plans for continued growth of the association, and consumer awareness.

Greg Bloomfield of Wood River Insurance in Hailey was elected as a regional director of the IAIA.

Bryan Craig of Prescott & Craig Inc. in Jerome received the Outstanding Service Award from the American Association of Managing Insurance Agents and the IAIA for his efforts as chairman of technology and for community service.

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls builder John Devine of Devine Homes was installed as the Idaho Home Builders Association president during its annual awards banquet in Sun Valley.

The IBCA has 1,900-plus member companies. Devine is an active member of the Magic Valley Builders Association.

The MVBA can be reached at 736-8991 or by e-mail at [mvsb@magicleak.com](mailto:mvsb@magicleak.com).

**TWIN FALLS** — CableOne conducted its yearly divisional customer satisfaction survey and service competition.

Eddy Cordova of Twin Falls was named winner of the Northwest Division CableOne Challenge. The senior customer service and sales representative competed against the top five centers from the division's 12 cable systems, which include Boise, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Fargo, N.D.

Cordova, who worked in the local industry for one year, was judged on his customer service skills, programming knowledge and presentation ability.

Companies will compete on the national level next year for a chance to win a seven-day trip for two to Nassau in the Bahamas.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates Inc. designated Cathie Blevins of Twin Falls as a Fine Homes Specialist.

Blevins was awarded the designation after exemplifying professional and commitment to representing buyers and sellers in the fine homes marketplace.

Since 1998, Blevins has been a Realtor with Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties, concentrating on upper-tier properties in the Magic Valley. She also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for 2001's second quarter for closed transactions.

Blevins can be reached at Prudential Idaho Homes & Properties, 1615 Addison Ave. E., or at 733-5336.

**TWIN FALLS** — Clorinda McBurney, owner of the industrial safety and health consulting firm Safety Solutions & Services, recently received an Environmental Protection Agency certification as a lead-based paint risk assessor of residences.

The certification involved several examinations and EPA's scrutiny of her 15 years of industrial hygiene and safety experience.

The Magic Valley now has a local resource for evaluation of lead exposures due to deteriorating lead-based paint in homes, McBurney said.

McBurney can be reached at Safety Solutions & Services, 420-5811, or via e-mail at: [safety.solutions@sunvalley.net](mailto:safety.solutions@sunvalley.net).

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls resident was named to receive an award from the National Business Aviation Association.

Robert L. Parrish, at the 54th Annual NBAA Convention and Trade Show in New Orleans Sept. 18-20, will receive the Platinum Wing Award, which includes an honorarium. The award recognizes a 40-year career as an aviation writer, editor and public relations executive.

During his career Parrish was employed by leading aviation publications. He also served four terms as president of the International Aviation and Space Writers Association. He retired in 1993.

Washington, D.C.-based NBAA was founded in 1947. Its membership includes about 6,100 companies that own or

operate general aviation (non-airline) aircraft, or that are involved with business aviation.

The NBAA Platinum Wing Award was established in 1996. Aviation journalists throughout the world are considered each year for the honor, association officials said.

**TWIN FALLS** — Terri Moulton of Uoulpa Salon is joining The Wild Hair Salon effective Tuesday.

She has more than 14 years of experience, as well as basic and advanced training from Gene Juarez Salons in Seattle.

Moulton can be reached at 280-1878 at 1100 Blue Lakes Circle in the Medicine Shoppe building.

**Mulberry Cottage Floral** opens doors in Burley.

BURLEY — Mulberry Cottage Floral, at 1510 Overland Ave. in Burley, is now open.

The business is owned and operated by Merete Mai and Lane "Godfrey" Mai. She has several years of experience in floral arranging in silks and fresh flowers.

The store offers a variety of silk and fresh arrangements for weddings, sympathy, birthdays and the like. It also offers custom designs, as well as all-occasion gifts and gift baskets. Store owners plan a "Teacher of the Month" promotion throughout the school year, having students name in and nominate teachers to receive a free honorary floral arrangement.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The phone number is 878-7705.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Gaye Purdy, certified nursing assistant at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation, had her house painted by SunBridge staff Aug. 25.

The staff was scheduled to paint a home this summer but had to wait due to rainy weather and not enough houses to paint.

Employees who owned their own homes, but lacked money to paint them, put their names in a drawing.

### TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

YourBusiness is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, please e-mail us:

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- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Notable business activities.
- Other business news.

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# Companies can offer severance pay with strings attached

By Kenneth Brodemeler  
The Washington Post

The slowing of the economy continues to disrupt the lives of workers. Companies are looking to cut costs wherever and however they can, and the victims of the penny-pinching strategies will often be the employees.

Q: My tech firm has just laid me off and they're offering me severance pay, but there's a catch. They said that if I take another job while they're still paying me severance, they'll stop doing so. Is this common practice, and is it legal?

A: When one starts a new job, a company's severance pay terms are probably the last benefits anyone is concerned about. But now, as more firms are dismissing workers, it's an issue.

Here is the first thing workers need to know about severance pay: It is not mandated by law. In fact, only four states — Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Maine — require that severance be paid, and then only under certain circumstances when a manufacturing plant closes.

unlikely to move to another e-mail service even if I don't like AOL. Some people have tried to solve the identity problem by setting up separate accounts for different parts of their lives. I find it's too difficult to remember all the accounts, let alone the passwords.

The clearest way to solve this problem sounds futuristic but is being discussed seriously today. Being discussed seriously today, being discussed seriously today, being discussed seriously today.

This is beginning to become an issue as we increasingly rely upon e-mail. When my e-mail isn't working, I'm grouchy that I would have been two years ago because now I'm really counting it on — probably too much.

## On the Job

Nevertheless, severance payments are common when workers are laid off or are fired, unless their actions are so egregiously wrong or unethical that a company just says good riddance.

Companies can set the terms of the severance nearly any way they like, but it often amounts to pay for a week or two for every year someone has been at a company.

And yes, some companies do stop paying severance when the former employee gets a new job, although On the Job wonders just how the former employer would know that this has happened.

Philip M. Schwartz, a Washington lawyer who represents employers, said, "The purpose of severance is to eliminate hardship for a former employee. When you've got a new job, you no longer have a hardship. Absolutely, companies can set rules on severance."

Lynne Bernabei, a Washington lawyer who represents workers in employment disputes, said cutting off the severance would be perfectly legal unless there is a company handbook or a contract that spells out the terms of severance payments at the firm.

She said most firms offer severance because "they want to engender a little bit of goodwill (among departing employees) so they won't sue them. It's a little bit of a chain for employees. Many companies make their willingness to pay severance conditional on departing workers signing agreements that they won't sue the company for any reason."

Q: My wife has a serious issue regarding her company, specifically \$5,000 to \$10,000 in previously paid commissions that are now being taken out of her paychecks. She has been employed by this company, a top sales executives for more than six years.

Because of a difficult pregnancy, my wife had to leave work on short-term disability from Feb. 15 to May 18. Since the disability leave ended, she has been using her vacation and sick leave.

By word of mouth, she found out that her pre-employment commissions from before she took her maternity leave would be taken back by the company because a client filed for bankruptcy. Nothing in her original agreement contract with the company addressed this action of wages specific to this kind of situation.

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A: What happened here is that the workers the woman found work for a technology firm started work, but the technology company did not pay the full recruitment firm the head-hunter fees it owed.

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Apparently, the company sent an internal memo, while my wife was out on disability, advising the employees of this action.

Consultants and managers had also collected commissions based on my wife's efforts, but now they're only targeting the sales staff to recollect wages.

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Bernabei said, "If it says she is to be paid based on the placement of workers, then she should be getting it."

"But some contracts say the commission is contingent on the revenues being paid" to the recruitment firm, Bernabei said.

In this case, "then she may be in trouble. But it sounds like the former."

If she is owed money under the agreement, Bernabei said, "she could sue for breach of contract."

Schwartz added that "in most jurisdictions, you cannot change a commission agreement or wage rate retroactively."

Q: My daughter was recently let go from a job because the office in her city closed. The company asked her to not seek other employment because it would probably be reopening the office or it would offer her a position at an office in a city close by. They gave her severance pay. They catch when they called her back.

Yes, they gave her a job, it was in a different city, which was fine, but she lost disability, vacation and pay status. She was

hired as a new employee. She admitted that she never talked about this with the company because she assumed she would get the previous pay scale and status.

Does she have any options? She did not know about any of this until she received her first check.

A: Schwartz said that while the woman here might have been caught off guard by the change in her salary and other benefits, "my position would be that the burden is on the employee to ask" at the point of hiring what the terms of the employment will be.

Bernabei said, "You could make an argument that they made promises that they'd take her back at the same level as another location. If you rely on someone's representations, then you can recover, even if it's not in writing."

Bernabei said, "Did she rely (on the company's representations) to her detriment by bypassing other, more lucrative employment? If not, then I think it's going to be hard" to make a claim.

# Mobile people tend to lose e-mail

New service will forward messages, keep you in touch

By Shannon Henry  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — We're all at risk of losing our e-mail identities if we switch jobs, or our Internet service provider goes out of business, or we jump from one service to another.

If you're in the real world, we fill out change-of-address cards and set up a "can now be reached at" number.

But when you move your online address or it's yanked from you, your old e-mail service usually disappears. It's the opposite of the privacy problem. Your e-mail friends and colleagues can't find you, although somehow, some way, those spammers

always do.

# Projects

Internet providers about paying to redirect customers. Re-route is agency will take any provider's money and will switch to whatever service the customers request. Services are paying between \$25 and \$100 per new customer.

Consumers pay, too. For a fee of about \$10 a month, Re-route will forward e-mail to the original address and deliver the original sender a note with the forwarding information. That message also acts as advertising for Re-route, of course. It features a great network marketing effort," Skowlund says. The service can redirect mail from AOL, EarthLink and a growing list of other providers.

The 10-person company has angel investors, including Ed Bertson from BTG and Alan Merten, president of George Mason University. Re-route is currently in a proposal for the government to help manage changing e-mail addresses of military personnel, and it is also trying to get corporations to pay for e-mail management.

These e-mail change-of-address companies will generate consumer interest and should help make it easier for those who need to manage their electronic overload.

But it's less clear if the companies will generate profits for owners as stand-alone businesses or will disappear, just like the old e-mail addresses themselves.

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national sessions, offered in addition to individual clubs' activities, cover technical topics like animal health, nutrition and selection — plus environmental issues facing the dairy industry.

That program — the most popular of Twin Falls' dairy programs — might inspire a few participants to enter dairy-related careers. But every one of those children was a consumer in a world with increasing conflicts between ag and non-ag sectors.

"We're trying to show these kids that dairymen are not all Darth Vaders or villains out there," he said.

In the dairy heifer replacement program, children buy local calves that they raise from April to September of the following year. The animals are bred after the first year's county fair, then sold at fair time in the second year, when they're able to calf.

Industry still gets children's attention.

If certain ag prices are good, youngsters take on more projects in that ag field the following year — "just depending on the economy in the area," Dickard said.

In the dairy barn last week, a "Bayer" was a consumer in a world with increasing conflicts between ag and non-ag sectors.

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Area dairymen often buy back their animals, offering more than market value.

"They pay very good money for those heifers," said Tina Dickard, a 4-H assistant employed by Twin Falls County.

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# Stock market plunges, exhausts optimism of many investors

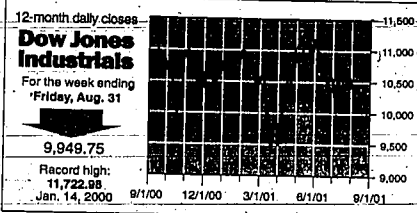
NEW YORK (AP) — The summer of 2001 will likely be a bitter memory for investors who watched their already battered stock portfolios sink yet again as hopes of a business turnaround evaporated.

Unfortunately, the market's plunge this past week, including a 503-point drop in the Dow Jones Industrials over four days, suggests an increasingly bleak prognosis for September and perhaps beyond.

"I think there's less optimism now among investors than there was earlier this summer," said Matt Brown, head of equity management at Wilmington Trust.

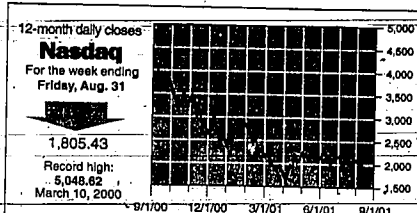
"Everyone has been hoping that this week will be the week it gets better, and if not then, the next week, but it's not happening."

Indeed, this past week's selling was triggered by a series of discouraging economic and corporate news.



Two economic reports — one Tuesday from the Conference Board, the other Thursday from the Commerce Department — suggested consumer confidence and spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the economy, are weakening. Another report Wednesday, also from the

Commerce Department, showed economic growth during the second quarter at the most anemic level in eight years. Meanwhile, Sun Microsystems and Advanced Micro Devices issued revenue warnings for the current quarter, citing softening demand for their products. And



Gateway and Corning announced significant job cuts because of sluggish business. The result: By Thursday, the Dow and Nasdaq composite index had recorded their lowest closes since April 9. The Dow's four-day slide sliced 4.8 percent from its value, while the Nasdaq tumbled

125 points or 6.5 percent. The selling eased Friday, partly on an expected rebound, but also because of a government report showing orders to U.S. factories inched up in July. Still, the selling stopped short of a rally. Analysts blamed low volume ahead of the Labor Day

holiday and also investors' growing exasperation. The last months of watching rallies fizzle, many investors have stopped buying in a market that has so far defied prediction. Even technology stocks, responsible for much of the bull market of the late 1990s, have lost their appeal.

The Dow finished the week down 473.42, or 4.5 percent, at 9,949.75, despite climbing 30.17 Friday.

The Nasdaq lost 111.37, or 5.8 percent, to 1,805.43 for the week after advancing 13.75 Friday.

For the week, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 51.35, a decline of 4.3 percent, to 1,132.58. The index rose 4.55 Friday.

The Russell 2000 index, the barometer of smaller company stocks, dropped 12.25, or 2.6 percent, to 468.56 for the week after rising 0.50 Friday.



Klamath Falls, Ore., farmer Jim Earles watches tearfully Aug. 23 as the headgates of the A Canal of the Klamath Project begin to close.

## Southern Idaho irrigators rely on 'willing seller' protection

TWIN FALLS — While irrigators in the Klamath Basin continue to battle the federal government over water rights, some Magic Valley farmers continue to wonder — in a drought year — if the same situation could happen here.

Though Bureau of Reclamation officials say "differences" in the two areas would preclude the same scenario here, the Magic Valley has had a brush with federal water taking in the past.

Norm Semanko, executive director of Idaho Water Users Association, said in 1993 Idaho was headed for a Klamath situation.

"The Bureau was legally authorized to take water for endangered species," he said.

And conditions were ripe. But the Bureau adopted a "willing seller" policy in Idaho, which said that in order for the Bureau to take water the agency had to buy it from willing sellers.

"We saw the train wreck coming," Semanko said. "But John Keys went to bat for us."

Keys, who was the Bureau's Pacific Northwest regional director at the time, was just recently chosen as commissioner of the federal agency.

Senator Larry Craig, who is concerned with the court's decision to take Klamath water, said he believes Keys will find a solution that will prevent the need for a legal remedy.



The decision came against the Heald and By-Products Corp. in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. The court upheld a U.S. Customs Service ruling that blends of sugar and molasses imported through Canada are subject to the quota limitations on sugar imported into the United States.

Stuffed molasses occurs when companies purchase sugar at the world price in Canada and then process it into molasses. The companies then transport the molasses into the United States, remove the sugar, sell it and replace sugar that is grown by American producers or that has entered the country legally.

### Minor species supporters eye Senate for drug bill

TWIN FALLS — Supporters of a bill that would make it easier for new animal drugs to be approved for use by the federal government have set their eyes on the U.S. Senate.

The Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2001, known as MUMS, was introduced in the U.S. House in May and in the Senate just before Congress adjourned for its summer break.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to address the critical shortage of approved animal drugs for minor species, species other than cattle, horses,

swine, chickens, turkeys, dogs, and cats. Randy MacMillan, president of the National Aquaculture Association and chairman of the MUMS coalition, said the aquaculture industry has pushed for legislation like this for a long time because of the shortage of drug availability for fish. Because the aquaculture drug market is small, manufacturers are reluctant to fund the research needed to collect data required for approval.

### Sparse trading on U.S. bean market baffles industry

Trading in the bean market has a lot of folks scratching their heads these days. Despite declining acreage and production problems, trading is slow.

Though harvested acres of beans have maintained a fairly average pace over the past 10 years, acreage since 1998 has continued to decrease. In 1998, harvested acres in the United States were around 1,917,700. This number dropped to 1,377,000 in 1999 and to 1,606,400 in 2000, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

In addition, recent rain in some areas has eased drought conditions but not enough to guarantee that crops will pull through without damage. Limited trading so far this year, despite a double whammy of production woes and fewer acres, leaves dealers and growers wondering what to expect for 2001.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that trading on beans is slow to moderate this week, while demand is light to moderate. Demand for new crop beans, however, looks fairly good.

## At age 50, retirement funds gone, it's time to rethink expectations

By Liz Pulliam Weston  
 Los Angeles Times

Question: Due to severe illness, all of our savings and retirement funds are gone. We even used the money from the sale of our house to pay medical bills. So, in our late 50s, we are starting over with only one salary. How do we build up a retirement fund again? My husband's employer does not make any contributions to employees' 401(k) plans. Is this the best place for his retirement money? If not, what would you suggest?

Answer: Before answering your question, let's take a moment for a public service announcement. Readers: Don't let this happen to you.

Wanting to pay your bills is good and honorable, but you can take honor too far when you start assets that generally are protected from creditors (your retirement funds and home equity) to pay debts that could be wiped out in Bankruptcy Court (such as medical and credit card bills).

When such comes to very hard shove, the hospital or credit card company can get along without your payments. How are you going to get along in retirement with no money?

The sad fact is that it may be too late to build up a substantial retirement fund on one income starting in your late-50s. Whether you need a substantial retirement fund, however, isn't clear. If your income and expenses are low, you may be able to get enough to live on from Social Security (assuming one or both of you have been contributing all these years). If your income and expenses are high, you probably will have to continue working well past the usual retirement age or accept a significant reduction in your standard of living.

Contributing to a 401(k) is often a smart move even without an employer contribution. You also might fund an individual retirement account. Congress has raised the contribution limit for IRAs and Roth IRAs to \$3,000 a person starting next year, and people 50 and older can contribute an additional \$500.

Consider investing \$25 in Ralph Warner's book "Get a Life: You Don't Need \$1 Million to Retire Well" (Nolo Press, 2000). This inspirational book discusses how people can have a successful retirement without a lot of money as long as they have strong relationships,

decent health and absorbing activities to keep them going. Warner's premise is that even if you can't have the retirement you planned, you still can have a retirement that's full of fun and growth. Good luck to you both.

Q: Three years ago, a friend borrowed money to be repaid in one year. On and off, she repaid part of the money at 10 percent interest. Her last payment was in February and she still owes me \$500. She claims she can't repay the balance left, even in small monthly installments. Her only asset is her house. Can I place a lien on the property and how do I go about it? Do I need to take this matter to small claims court first? She signed a note. Do I have any recourse at this point or is the money she owes me, as well as the friendship, lost?

A: One has to wonder what you would do to an enemy, if this is how you want to treat a friend. Perhaps there's a future for you in corporate raiding or vehicle repossession.

You can find out what you want to know by reading "Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court" by Ralph Warner (Nolo Press, 2000). But you're a lot smarter to just leave it alone.

Loans to friends or family often turn into gifts anyway, and it's hardly worth the expense and hassle to place a lien on her property or to go to small claims court.

You should be able to deduct the loan as a bad debt. Unpaid loans that aren't related to a business can be entered as a short-term capital loss on a Schedule D; consult a tax adviser or tax guide such as "J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax" for details.

Whether the friendship is lost is up to the two of you. Presumably, you wouldn't have lent her the money if you couldn't afford to part with it. You simply could acknowledge that the last \$500 now is a write-off and reassure her that you were happy to help in her time of need. Whether she buys that may depend on how much of your original collection plans you shared with her.

Q: My husband and I are in the process of securing a \$32,000 home equity loan through an out-of-state lender at an interest rate

of 12.5 percent. How does one know what are fair and equitable costs for a home equity loan? The fees to that processing costs will be about \$5,000. Does that sound reasonable? The payments are going to be affordable for us. Also, other lenders wouldn't do the loan because they felt we didn't have enough equity in our home, or they thought our credit rating fell a little short.

A: If you were my sister, I'd tell you to cancel that loan right now.

Paying \$5,000 to get a \$32,000 loan is outrageous. Paying a 12.5 percent interest rate on a home equity loan isn't much better.

Visit any major bank Web site or Bankrate.com and you can find the rates and fees charged to borrowers with good credit. Many home equity loans now carry interest rates of about 9.3 percent, and reputable lenders charge these customers no more than 1 percent to 2 percent of the loan in fees and processing costs. You would be paying nearly 16 percent in fees.

If your credit is bad enough that those are the best terms you can get, then you have no business taking out another loan. You should be concentrating on paying down your current debt, rather than taking on more. You can improve your credit rating by always paying your debts on time, by not running up your credit cards and by not taking out new loans until the old ones are paid off.

You also shouldn't be tapping all your equity unless you're in extremely dire straits. Having at least 20 percent equity in your home gives you a comfortable cushion in case of emergency.

Many people see home equity loans and debt consolidation loans as magic pills that will end their problems with high-interest debt. In fact, these loans can be just the opposite, particularly when accompanied by exorbitant fees and interest rates. You'll just be digging yourself in deeper and making yourself a slave to debt payments while putting your future financial freedom at grave risk.

Pulliam Weston will answer questions submitted — or inspired — by readers but cannot respond personally to queries. Questions can be sent to her at [liz.pulliam@latimes.com](mailto:liz.pulliam@latimes.com) or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90012.

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Age-bias complaints rise in the wake of job trimming

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - In a sharp reversal of a long downward trend, the number of age-discrimination complaints has soared in the past 18 months...

Last year, as the economy began to cool, 16,000 people filed age discrimination complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission...

Underlying the increase in age-discrimination complaints, experts say, is a harsh new reality: As the economy slows, older workers are feeling more than their share of the pain.

Perceived as less productive than younger employees and earning relatively high salaries, these workers are often targeted for termination or denied promotion, advocates say.

"There is a sense that age discrimination is more acceptable, more tolerated," than other kinds of discrimination, says Sara Rixes, senior policy adviser with AARP...

Retired Persons. "We are also seeing a significant aging of the labor force, so there are more to experience or perceive discrimination."

The issue of age discrimination has been getting more attention lately, partly because of high-profile lawsuits filed against Ford Motor Co. and Lucent Technologies Inc. in each instance, lawyers assert that employee evaluation systems were used to target older workers.

Michigan lawyer Michael Pitt, who represents one group of Ford workers, said Ford gave his clients poor evaluations because of their age, not because of their work performance.

"You may not lose your job, but you are still punished in the sense that you don't get a full bonus and merit increases," Pitt said.

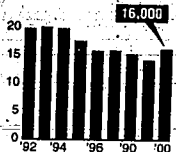
Daniel Klein, a Georgia lawyer who is suing Lucent, said his clients were victimized by a talent review process in which managers were charged with identifying the top 10 percent and bottom 10 percent of management employees.

"Lucent's own disclosures showed that only 2.5 percent of all management employees in their 20s, 30s and 40s" were ranked as inadequate, Klein said.

Spokesman for Ford and

Age bias

Age-discrimination complaints filed with the U.S. government by fiscal year, in thousands.



NOTE: Fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Source: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Chicago Tribune

Lucent denied that their employee appraisal systems discriminate against older workers. And at both companies, the employee reviews are conducted as mandated by law.

Ford said it would no longer mandate that at least 5 percent of its workforce be rated unsatisfactory as it had earlier.

Lucent, a spokesman said, the employee appraisal system was modified to ensure that all workers are treated fairly.

cut costs target their highest-paid workers.

It's a simple function of corporate life, observers say, that those people are more likely to be older.

The law remains unclear on how far companies can go in targeting employees with higher salaries before they cross into discrimination.

"The law says you can't fire a worker because of age, but it says you can fire them because they're making more money."

Sometimes, salary is just a proxy for age, said Laura Hartman, professor of business ethics at DePaul University in Chicago.

In some cases, courts have rejected the economic argument and punished companies for pushing out older, better-paid workers to make room for younger, cheaper employees.

The EEOC earlier this summer announced a \$55,000 settlement in an age discrimination and retaliation lawsuit filed against a Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on behalf of a 51-year-old woman.

Lynell Killian, a former customer service manager, was 47 years old when she was passed over for a promotion to head of customer service at her store. Killian said she had performed the duties of the position in the

past. A younger woman got the job.

"She was making \$11 an hour and I was making \$8.75," Killian said. "It didn't take long to figure out she didn't know what she was doing."

When Killian complained to her supervisor, she was demoted and her weekly wage was cut by 50 cents. After Wal-Mart refused to reinstate her to her previous position, she filed an age discrimination complaint with the EEOC.

Wal-Mart retaliated by firing her, the EEOC said. Retaliation is itself an offense under age discrimination law.

Bill Wertz, a spokesman from Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., said that a large percentage of the company's associates are over age 55. He called Killian's case an isolated incident.

"We were not satisfied that we handled this situation properly," he said. "We didn't feel age discrimination was involved. We did feel our manager did not act consistently with our principle, which is to treat all of our associates with respect."

The manager who fired Killian is no longer with the company, Wertz said.

Professor Howard Eglit of Chicago College of Law, who studied age discrimination decisions handed down in federal court in 1996, has put together

the profile of a typical age-discrimination claimant: a white male, 55 or older, in a middle management position.

For the population as a whole, the reason for the increase in age-discrimination claims. This is the first year that Boomers began turning 55.

He predicts the number of complaints will continue to increase as more Boomers hit that mark, even in a strong economy.

In his research, Eglit follows the growth trend in the number of 55-year-olds between 1994 and 2005. There were about 15.5 million 55-year-olds in 1994. By 2005, that number will increase to 22.1 million, he said.

Curiously, while complaints of age-related discrimination are rising, complaints about most other forms of job discrimination are not.

Federal law in general prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, sex, place of national origin, disability and age.

The number of complaints based on race, sex and religion have changed little in recent years.

Complaints based on national origin rose through the economic boom of the 1990s. Complaints based on disability have declined for several years. Retaliation complaints have steadily risen.

Job cuts may trim muscle, not just fat

By Robert Dodge The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - Economic troubles often force companies to cut the fat - and that includes excess employees.

But some experts think corporations are going too far. A parade of big corporate job cuts - nearly 1 million announced so far this year - suggests companies are cutting beyond the fat and into the muscle, leaving them less able to spring back when growth resumes.

"In many cases, companies feel they have little choice because of the downward pressure on profits," said Lynn Ressler, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management Inc. in St. Louis.

Indeed, investors' pressure to boost stock prices has led many forces companies to take dramatic actions. But business experts warn that an overreaction has both short- and long-term consequences.

For starters, the first wave of job cuts often prompts the best employees to flee. They leave behind the least-qualified workers, who can sour customer relations with bad attitudes and contribute to lower product and service quality.

And companies that cut deep into their labor forces have a time taking advantage of a rebound. Knowledge, expertise and a sense of employee dedication to the company have all been sacrificed.

The upshot is that managers must navigate carefully between doing the cost-cutting necessary to stay in business and positioning themselves to grow again in the future - all at a time when skinny profits leave no margin for error.

"The minute the economy rebounds, they have to go into a quick hiring mode," said Darrell Rigby, a director at Bain & Co., a Boston global consulting firm.

Announcing job cuts

July 2001

Table listing job cuts by industry for July 2001. Telecommunications: 44,908; Computer: 28,321; Electronics: 22,800; Industrial goods: 20,381; Transportation: 15,285; Financial: 14,108; Media: 8,291; Food: 7,919; Retail: 7,894; Services: 6,888; Chemical: 6,752; Consumer goods: 6,834; Automotive: 4,195; Commodities: 4,087; Health care: 3,397; Insurance: 1,750; Utility: 1,100; Entertainment: 782; Aerospace/defense: 735; E-commerce: 735; Apparel: 13; Total: 205,975.

Monthly totals

Table showing monthly job cut totals for 2000 and 2001. January: 2000 (200,655), 2001 (142,208); February: 2000 (35,415), 2001 (101,781); March: 2000 (55,783), 2001 (162,887); April: 2000 (37,291), 2001 (165,584); May: 2000 (27,036), 2001 (80,140); June: 2000 (17,241), 2001 (124,652); July: 2000 (63,967), 2001 (205,975).

Chief executive John Challenger predicts that profit pressures will prompt more payroll slashing. "No CEO can last for too long with poor earnings reports," he said.

recession. That means the job market has not deteriorated as much as it did during the last recession, in 1990-91. Many positions eliminated in recent months were temporary jobs, and were held by students and retirees who were persuaded to enter the labor force during the 1990s boom.

All this has had on the unemployment rate is to no higher than 4.5 percent. And economists do not expect it to go much higher than 5 percent.

That's one indication that employers may find it difficult to hire workers when it's time to rehire.

"Some companies may run up fairly quickly against barriers," Ressler said.

Of course, the timing of a turnaround remains uncertain. The Federal Reserve Board's early Beige Book reported in early July that the economy stalled in June and July.

A survey of more than 50 economists by Blue Chip Indicators showed that the nation's top analysts have lowered their outlook for third- and fourth-quarter growth.

And job cuts are accelerating. Corporate employers cut 205,975 jobs in July, according to the Chicago outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. The firm's tally of announced cuts by big companies is 983,337.

Chief executive John Challenger predicts that profit pressures will prompt more payroll slashing.

"No CEO can last for too long with poor earnings reports," he said. "In a time of slowing revenues, there will come a time when cutting the muscle wins out."

Other analysts agree. "It really takes an enlightened CEO to balance layoffs and manage corporate profits," said Sung Won Sohn, the chief economist at Wells Fargo Bank in

Minneapolis. "They are caught between a rock and a hard place."

Rigby said Bain & Co. research provides ammunition for executives trying to protect their work forces.

The research shows that companies that cut workers during the 1990-91 recession saw no long-term benefit to their stock price. In fact, some companies actually did worse than those that lay off employees," he said.

Those results showed up in an analysis of nearly 300 Fortune 500 companies by Bain & Co. The analysis found that employees that chopped 15 percent or more of their work forces during the last recession performed significantly below average for the three-year period that followed the downturn.

"Those companies doing repeated layoffs are particularly damaging to those employee productivity declines dramatically," Rigby said.

"Employees feel more justified in looking for work while on the job because they feel no more security."

Some companies are trying to minimize the damage - both to employees leaving and those remaining on the job. They are offering more generous severance packages, extending health insurance and telling departing employees they hope to be able to call them back to work.

David Rich, a managing partner at the consulting firm Accenture, said he sees a silver lining in the job reductions. "When business trends improve," he said, the tight labor market will force companies to provide work to outside contractors and to invest in new productivity-enhancing technology.

"They will not have the people to get all the work done," Rich said. "When there is a rebound there will be a renewed focus on automating work and improving productivity."

The Labor Federation sponsors Web site to celebrate Labor Day

The Associated Press

Workers across the country will be able to unite online over the next few weeks at an AFL-CIO-backed cyber celebration of Labor Day.

The labor federation, which represents 13 million workers, will commemorate the holiday at www.aflciorlaborday from Tuesday to Sept. 21.

Site visitors can register to vote, contact members of Congress, sound off against anti-union employers and learn about their rights at work.

The AFL-CIO said the site drew more than 100,000 visitors in 2000, and expects more this year.

How to wrest rooms; finding last minute accommodations

A last-minute trip to New Orleans during Mardi Gras or Pamplona during the annual running of the bulls doesn't have to mean sleeping on a sidewalk - according to the September issue

Around the watercooler

of Conde Nast Traveler, there are several ways to land a room in a "sold-out city."

A travel agent with solid contacts at hotels can sometimes generate a miracle, the magazine said.

In the absence of an agent, travelers should call a hotel and see if it has a minimum-stay policy, the magazine advises. In some cases, guests reserve a room for the minimum, even if they don't stay the whole period.

Also, it might behoove you to befriend the hotel's reservation agent, and remember his or her name. Show anything open up, you might be the first to know.

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# Credit scores can help consumers, too

By Jim Fuqua  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

For decades, lenders have used credit scores to rate potential borrowers, but borrowers rarely got to see their scores.

That's changing, and it's expected to help level the playing field.

"It's kind of like knowing the dealer invoice" when shopping for a new car, said Ed Mierzwiński of U.S. Public Interest Group, a consumer advocacy organization, about knowing one's credit score. "If I don't know it but you do, I can't bargain as much."

Credit scores are three-digit numbers, usually between 300 and more than 800, that represent a borrower's creditworthiness.

"They've long been a staple of credit-card issuers and other lenders, and in the past decade have become widely used in mortgage banking."

Scores are based on credit reports, the huge databases of borrower history that lenders review when deciding whether or not to grant credit and at what interest rate.

There are different scoring systems, but in all of them, a score of about 700 or higher generally marks a borrower as a good risk.

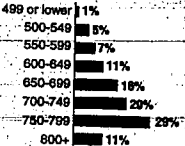
And that's why they've become so popular: They sum up a multiple credit report in one simple number.

## Rating borrowers

Lenders rely on credit scores to decide whether to make loans to consumers and at what cost.

Percentage of U.S. borrowers in each credit score range

Higher score means less credit risk



© 2002 Fair, Isaac and Co. Mike Shea, executive director of ACCORN Housing, which counsels homebuyers, said knowing your score is extremely valuable.

"They're used on everything," he said. "You need it to be an informed consumer. Otherwise, you're at the mercy of a lot of predatory lenders" who might tell you your credit isn't good enough for the best interest rates and insist that you need to pay a higher rate.

Sometimes, the rate can be much higher. On a mortgage, a poor credit score can add 2 or 3 points to the interest rate; on an auto loan, it can add 10 points or more.

That's no small difference. On an \$80,000, 30-year mortgage, the monthly payment for a 10 percent loan would be \$169.82 more than for a 7 percent loan.

Beginning July 1, a California law requires lenders to give borrowers in that state a copy of their credit score. Two bills have been introduced in Washington that would do the same nationwide.

The Senate version is called the Consumer Credit Score Disclosure Act and is sponsored by Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Wayne Allard, R-Colo. That measure would also require lenders to describe how the score was calculated and what actions could raise the score.

In the House, Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., has introduced HR 1176, a credit reporting act that would require disclosure of credit scores.

Both measures had been referred to committees. Borrowers don't have to wait for legislative action, however. Fair, Isaac & Co., the nation's dominant credit scoring service, and Equifax, one of the three big national credit reporting agencies, have teamed up to sell scores to consumers for \$12.95.

The service is called Score Power and is available online at www.myfico.com or www.equifax.com. Other independent services have been calculated by using other methods.

But Fair, Isaac is considered the "gold standard" because of its wide use by lenders. Fair, Isaac says its systems are used for "three out of four mortgage applications and virtually all credit card issuers."

Craig Watts, consumer affairs manager for Fair, Isaac, said that since the companies launched the online service in March, about 40 million unique visitors have viewed the Web pages featuring Score Power. He declined to disclose how many consumers have purchased their score through the site but said that "overall, we've been pleasantly surprised."

Not only can consumers get their score, they also get the exact step in understanding what goes into the score and how to improve it.

Score and that might prove to be the most helpful information yet, Shea said.

"There needs to be more disclosure," he said. "And after that, the next step is understanding what's in the score."

For example, he said, if a borrower's score is low, how can it be improved? And that's not the easiest thing to learn.

"The formulas they use are proprietary," Shea said. "The consumer has no idea how the elements are weighted."

Score Power gives borrowers the most important "reason" or categories of information that are most influential in determining the score.

# Gateway layoffs offer example to other firms

Knight Ridder News Service

HAMPTON, Va. — When Gateway announced layoffs at its Hampton, Va., plant and call center last week, newly hired workers left with no hard feelings.

That was due in large part to the severance package they received. Two months' full pay and benefits, two weeks of severance pay and another week of pay for every year on the job.

Workers said Gateway was rightly following its in-house mantra and treating people well. But for the biggest portion of that financial package the two months of pay and benefits the computer maker was also following federal law.

Because it has more than 100 workers, the Gateway manufacturing plant and call center in Hampton fall under the requirements of the "WARN" law which requires that employers give a 60-day notice before they can shut down a plant or drastically cut its work force.

A "drastic" work reduction, as stipulated, entails more than a third of the work force. The layoffs at Gateway met that criterion, falling to 965 workers from 1,715 a few days ago.

Because Gateway didn't give workers the required 60 days of notice, workers could have taken Gateway to court and forced it to dish out two months' worth of pay and benefits. By simply paying the workers up front, Gateway headed off such a move.

"The company simply decided to pay the penalty in advance," said Kate Dugan, a spokeswoman at the U.S. Department of Labor.

The WARN law has applied in several cases in Hampton Roads over the last several years, said Harold Kretzer, the manager of the dislocated worker unit at the Virginia Employment Commission. But he could not immediately say Thursday afternoon which companies those were.

Gateway could have contended that it met one of the exceptions

to the 60-day requirement: unforeseen business circumstances. Gateway could have said, for example, that an unexpected downturn in demand for computers led to the cutbacks.

The problem with that exception, a labor department spokesman said, is that it's often tough to get judges to agree that it's warranted. And Gateway, for its part, said it never considered trying to win an exception.

"We never discussed that notion," said Gary Snyder, senior manager of human resources at the Hampton plant. "We felt like paying it was the right thing to do because of the impact on the layoffs on the Hampton population."

The reason for the 60-day notice law was simple, said Maurice Birch, a U.S. Labor Department spokesman: to help workers plan ahead. "It's to give people sufficient time to know what they will be in store for," Birch said. "They may need to pay for a car or they might face some tough financial times at the end. They may need to think of the consequences for themselves about that."

Companies fall under the provision of the act if they have at least 100 employees and undergo any of these scenarios: (1) a plant shutdown; (2) a mass layoff affecting more than 500 people; (3) a mass layoff affecting 50 to 499 workers; or (4) a sale of the business that results in cutbacks.

Gateway could have conceivably had workers come in over the 60 days to do some work if there was any left.

But experts say that production and reliability often fall when workers know they're not going to have the job in 60 days. So most companies in that situation, they say, simply decide to call it a day and let workers go.

In Gateway's case, Snyder said, the company decided having the workers around was not sound either for business reasons or for helping them find new work.

# Index funds celebrate their 25th anniversary

By Lisa Singhania  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twenty-five years ago this month, the Vanguard Group introduced a new type of mutual fund that would revolutionize the industry: the index fund.

What made this investment unique was its lack of active management. Instead of relying on a fund manager's expertise for direction, an index fund conformed to the composition of a specific stock index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500.

It was a controversial strategy in an industry that predicated itself on the profits made by fund management fees — and the idea that research and manager skill could improve shareholder returns.

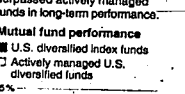
"Initially, there were a lot of skeptics, a lot of critics, who believed that active management was superior," said Gus Sauter, a managing director at Vanguard.

How times change. Today, the Vanguard 500 index fund is the world's largest or second-largest mutual fund, depending on when you do the calculation. Index funds have gone from an oddity fund to an established part of many investors' portfolios, thanks to savvy marketing that emphasizes the funds' lower fees and relatively strong performance.

"From everything I've read, they do as well as managed funds," said Michael Sauter, an individual investor in Rochester, N.Y., who owns shares in two index funds that he contributes to monthly. "Although managed funds will have a few winners

## An unwatched pot boils

Index funds, which conform to the composition of a specific stock index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500, have surpassed actively managed funds in long-term performance.



every year, over the long run they generally will beat the index funds because index funds have lower costs."

Indeed, as a category, index funds have, over time, surpassed actively managed peers in most categories.

U.S. diversified growth index funds have reported an average annual return of 12.47 percent over the last 15 years, compared with 11.67 percent for actively managed funds, according to Morningstar Inc., a fund data firm.

The Vanguard 500 index fund, which debuted in 1976 as the First Index Investment Trust, has averaged an annual return of 14 percent.

Studies also suggest long-term performance isn't hampered by the market's difficult years, despite the theory that stock-picking expertise and top-notch research give managed funds an edge.

"Experts say that's because index funds tend to have lower fees — an average expense ratio of 0.26 percent excluding distribution costs in 1998, according to the Investment Company Institute, the mutual fund industry association — and execute trades less frequently, all of which add up to savings for investors."

"Index funds also slightly outperform in down and up stock markets," said Bryan Olson, vice president at Schwab Center for Investment Research. "I think it's because, whether the markets are up or down, it's just incredibly difficult to predict where the market is going. There are very few investment managers who can do that and add value to their investors' money."

But index funds are not guaranteed winners — for example, the strategy appears to be less effective with small-cap stocks. The Morningstar data shows small-cap index funds reported average annual returns of 10.3 percent over the last 15 years, compared with 11.48 percent for actively managed funds.

"Index funds also seem to have a harder time with foreign stocks," said Peter Dierker, senior fund analyst at Morningstar.

He attributes the variance to the fact that research can make a bigger difference in both sectors, since they aren't as widely followed or reported on as, for

example, the larger stocks tracked by the S&P.

"Big-cap stocks tend to be fewer in number and pretty closely followed by Wall Street and media, so it's hard to find out something about them that everyone doesn't know," he said. "But there are a lot of small-cap and mid-cap companies that have little or no coverage. So it's possible to find out information that not everyone is going to have. As a result, there's a better chance that a fund manager is going to be able to beat the indexes."

The skeptics haven't gone away either. "You get what you pay for," said Duncan Richardson, manager of the Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Growth Fund, who contends that the indexes themselves tend to be overvalued and, therefore, riskier investments than many investors realize.

"I use the analogy of a plane on autopilot, which works great if there's no bad weather," he said.

"But in times of volatility, when there are storms and mountain ranges to avoid, you really want a pilot, a manager who can keep your investment safe."

Indeed, the S&P 500 is down about 12 percent this year because of the market's ongoing troubles, putting many index fund holders' accounts in the red for 2001.

Still, those declines haven't stunted the growth of small-cap or any other categories of index funds. Today there are more than 130 U.S. diversified index funds, accounting for nearly 6 percent of all U.S. diversified funds, up from about 22 funds or 3.5 percent a decade ago, according to Morningstar.

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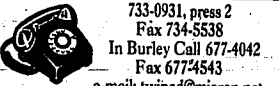
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**RESOLUTION 2001-7**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, FOR THE BURIAL OR CREMATION OF DECEASED INDIGENTS.**  
 WHEREAS, costs are incurred by the county in burying and/or cremating persons that have been determined to be indigent and are constantly increasing; and  
 WHEREAS, Twin Falls County is receiving an increasing number of requests for help with paying funeral, burial, utilities, and burials by persons that have been declared indigent; and  
 WHEREAS, Twin Falls County is facing increasing budget restrictions to pay for costs associated with burials; and  
 WHEREAS, the Twin Falls County Board of County Commissioners desires to adopt uniform procedures for the burial or cremation of deceased indigents, pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 31-2-14 through 31-2-16;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Twin Falls County Commissioners that the following procedures will be in effect upon passage and publication of this resolution until further resolution of this Board:

**A. Requirements for Assistance**  
 1. Written application on a form approved by the Twin Falls County Commissioners must be filed in the County Assistance Office before burial services are rendered.  
 2. The Twin Falls County Commissioners must approve the application before a claim for payment is allowed.  
 3. Twin Falls County shall not pay for any services rendered for the burial or cremation of indigent persons to the relatives pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 31-2-14 through 31-2-16.  
 B. Restrictions  
 1. Twin Falls County will allow payment for the burial or cremation expenses of indigent persons as follows:  
 2. By acceptance of county assistance, an applicant agrees to repay the county for all or any expenses paid, when the Board of County Commissioners determines all or any portion of the charges over a reasonable period of time and/or has assets which can be encumbered for future repayment.  
 3. Burial benefits provided by the Veterans Administration, insurance policies, or any other resources available for payment of burial expenses must be used to the extent of county assistance.  
 4. All remaining personal funds belonging to deceased nursing home residents must be used to defray the cost of the funeral home providing services to be applied toward the burial or cremation costs.  
 5. Proceeds from personal assets and real property must be used to offset county assistance.  
 6. Applicants for county assistance who have divested their property or resources within three (3) months prior to applying for county assistance may be denied assistance.  
 7. Personal assets and merchandise not included in the county burial or cremation fund may be used to defray the cost of the burial or cremation for any person.  
 8. The County maintains the right to seek reimbursement from responsible family members and the deceased person's estate if and when the County determines that there is an ability to reimburse any portion of the assistance.  
 9. Twin Falls County will assume no obligation for burials or cremations outside of Twin Falls County.  
 C. Approved Services/Merchandise and Payment  
 1. It shall be the obligation of the funeral home to provide at least the following for a county burial:  
 a. Transfer of body to crematory.  
 b. Minimum services of staff including a graveside service.  
 c. Limited use of the funeral home facility including one two hour visitation of the deceased.  
 d. Embalming, if necessary, or other preparations of the body.  
 e. Provision of a minimum floral casket only.  
 f. The County will not pay for flower arrangements, memorial folders, guest books, memory tables, picture boards, or other items of a decorative nature, music arrangements or thank you cards.  
 2. Twin Falls County shall allow \$695.00 as the established rate for the above listed goods and services. Such payment will be considered payment in full.  
 3. Twin Falls County shall allow \$475.00 as the established rate for the above listed goods and services. Such payment will be considered payment in full and will be applied to the crematory.  
 4. If the deceased does not own their own burial plot, the County will provide, at no additional charge, a burial plot in the Rialto Cemetery, Canyon, Idaho, and purchase the concrete grave liner and opening and closing costs directly to Rialto Cemetery.  
 5. It shall be the obligation of the funeral home to provide at least the following services and goods for a cremation:  
 a. Transfer of the remains to the funeral home.  
 b. Cremation tray.  
 c. Minimum cremation container.  
 d. Transport of body to crematory.  
 e. Crematory fees.  
 f. No service included.  
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 6. Twin Falls County shall allow \$695.00 as the established rate for the above listed goods and services. Such payment will be considered payment in full.  
 7. If a funeral home does not participate in the established rates for Twin Falls County indigent burials and/or cremations for the above costs, Twin Falls County will provide a referral to another funeral home that participates at these prices. Twin Falls County will reimburse non-participating funeral home \$150.00 if the funeral home picks up and loads the body into their funeral home prior to a person being deemed indigent. Such payment will be considered payment in full.  
 8. If a non-participating funeral home embalms a body before or after the person is deemed indigent, Twin Falls County will not reimburse embalming fees and the fee for transportation of the body to the participating funeral home.  
 DATED this 27th day of August, 2001.  
**TWIN FALLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
 /s/William J. Brockman, Commissioner  
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 ATTEST: /s/Robert S. Fort, Clerk

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**\$33,500** Very clean and quiet 2 bedroom, 2 bath. 1058 sq. feet Manufactured Home, with two carports, two decks, central vac., central air, forced air, electric heat. A must see! Call Carol Bullen 410-2003 or 737-3911 #110495

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**\$50,900** Nice older home on large lot. Eastside of Buhl, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Gas heat, updated wiring. Ready to occupy! Give us a call! RON FREEMAN 737-3915 KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920. #99092

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**\$81,000** This 5 bedroom, 2 bath, home in Murtagh features 2,626 sq. ft. of living space, with gas forced air heat, family room, shed, metal roof and a fireplace. For more details Visit TheHessTeam.com or Call WALT 737-3939 or TAMI 737-3940 #100253

Recently updated Vintage home in Kimberly - 4 bedroom on 1/2 an acre with city water and sewer. Breakfast nook, formal dining and main level master bedroom. Price is \$7,500 below appraisal. Call NICHOLE 737-3908 Realtor/Owner. Price Reduced to \$79,900. #89778

**\$85,000** Their loss. Your gain. Owners must sell Over \$100,000 invested. 1200 sq. ft. 5 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home, new gas furnace, new AC, new kitchen, new bath, steel doors, vinyl windows, full auto sprinklers, RV parking, security system and more. Call TOM LLOYD 737-3924 or 308-0117. #97931

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**\$86,900** 2 homes on one lot! Live in one, rent out the other, or rent out both. Appliances included. Great return, easy to rent, good condition. Assumable loan with low payments. Call LEXI 737-3919 OR 734-8763. #99657

**\$89,900** Very nice 2-1/2 brick 4 bed, 1.5 bath home in excellent an excellent location! Large fenced backyard, storage shed, covered patio. In back is perfect for summer barbecuing. Finished basement with family room, 2 bedrooms, 1/2 bath and laundry. View at www.lynnrasmussen.com or call The Rasmussen Team at 737-3900. #99042

**\$92,500** NEW LISTING! Super home in Seywouth School District. Home features 4 bedroom 2 bath. Two car garage with new door being installed. Exterior freshly painted. Large lot. Lot of home at this price. Call PEGGY 737-3925. #100247

**\$90,500** ADORABLE! AFFORDABLE! Very nicely done. Many new upgrades; plenty of room for a large family. Lots of sq. ftg. For the price. Don't delay! Call Brenda today @ 324-3473 or 324-8652 #100426

**\$104,900** Great 5 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home is located on cul-de-sac, over-2,100 sq. ft. - Your children can walk to school. Fenced yard, dog run, fire place a full basement. Vacant. Call SANDY today 420-3481. #99762

REDUCED TO \$105,000 Lovely brick home in quiet neighborhood, 3 bed 1 1/2 (w/out. a/gress windows). 1.3/4 bath, bright kitchen, nice utility room, single car garage w/auto opener, fenced yard w/beautiful mature landscaping, covered patio, auto sprinklers, very nice home - A must see! Call DIANA WHITNEY 737-3906. #100105

**\$105,000** Owner Motivated! 3 bedroom home in Flare on 2 acres. 1 acre could be sold separately. Home has gas heat and gas fireplace. Partially fenced with water share. Call JUANITA a call at 731-3625 or 324-8508 #99734

**\$109,800** A great place to getaway, located in Hagerman. This 5 bedroom, 1 7/8 bath home is a great place to get away to after a long day at the office or perhaps a weekend out of town. Central air, heat pump, fireplace, covered deck & fruit trees on 1.10 acres. Visit TheHessTeam.com or Call WALT 737-3939 OR TAMI 737-3940 for more details. #100418

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**\$139,900** You must see this 5 bedroom, 3 bath home in Kimberly. Spacious home in newer neighborhood, excellent finish work, lots of the work. Please call RICK BEARD at 639-8311. #99913

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**\$235,000** Full floor dramatic in the spectacular 3000 sq. ft. 6 bedroom home! A sole owner, three-car garage. Entertainment area, oak flooring, formal dining room, central air. Finished basement. Decks, mature plantings, underground sprinklers. Call to see this wonderful home. KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 or RON FREEMAN 737-3915. #97445

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Sunday, Sept. 2, 2001

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate, partner opens one spade and RHO doubles for takeout...

winning style to assume no risks. RHO has shown limited strength...

ANSWER: A jump in spades is best. The only question is how high to jump...

ANSWER: Usually, one should pass when your RHO opens the bidding...

Dear Mr. Wolff: I open one club, and LHO jumps to two diamonds (weak)...

Dear Mr. Wolff: With both sides vulnerable at duplicate, my LHO pre-empts...

ANSWER: With such strength and no suitable forcing bid available for further investigation...

ANSWER: A stretch to five clubs would be an overbid, leaving only three no-trump and pass as reasonable choices...

Dear Mr. Wolff: With both sides vulnerable, LHO opens one heart, partner passes, and RHO raises to two hearts...

ANSWER: Yes, it certainly is. It is not now, when? Surely, it is not now?

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Section E

## I am the daughter of a dust-bunny mom

Ah! I knew I would be vindicated someday. Now I can take credit for every "A" on every report card and for every pay raise at every after-school job.

The University of Michigan has just released a long-term study showing that kids raised in clean homes are more successful in school and at work. In fact, they even earn more money as adults than do children raised by dust bunnies. And that's regardless of the children's intellectual abilities or the parents' household income.

Ah! I knew it all along. I've always been a neatnik. The normal type. Nothing extreme. I follow people around to clean up after them, and my nightmares usually involve junk drawers. But I'm not one of those borderline suicidal neatniks. I'm more like ... well ... mildly annoying.



LIFE AND TIMES  
Denise Turner

My husband and children have learned to put up with my eccentric ways, mostly because they seldom have to clean up after themselves. But none of them ever spends hours praising my spotless tabletops or shiny floors. Now, with the release of the new study, they surely will.

My housekeeping has gone through stages. When I was young and newly married, I color-coded and labeled everything in my closets. Two months into motherhood, though, I was grabbing the first clean blouse I could find. For a while, I had little tin cans with my friend Joan who washes all of her canned goods before she stores them and refuses to own houseplants because she "can't stand to have dirt in the house."

During my early motherhood phase, I hung out more with my friend Gail, a mother of twins who didn't figure out her house had been robbed for a week because she didn't pick up the clutter until then.

As my kids got older, I started feeling the desire to rekindle my relationship with cleanliness. But by then, I had a son who collected dirty laundry almost passionately and as he collected baseball cards and a daughter who was doing some serious playing with red lipstick and nail polish.

All of their friends were allergic to dust. They were allergic to dusting. A gene from their father, I suppose.

The University of Michigan study reports that parents who keep their homes clean may be more organized and efficient than other parents, "and these characteristics may carry over to other aspects of their lives, such as parenting."

But wait. My own mother's basement, which she has bequeathed to me in her will - is full of old, dirty stuff. She still has the shoes she wore in the 1940s, and all of my first-grade papers. And the basement floods every year, so some of the stuff is buried under mud. I always suspected there was a black hole in that basement.

"I'm not going to worry about cleaning the basement this year," she cheerily tells me every year. She has been saying the same thing for 30 years now.

My dad enabled my mother's packrat behavior by storing our old, broken TV sets and record players in the garage whenever we had to get a new one.

"Someday I'll fix them," he would tell us. After his death, my mother had the TVs and record players moved to the basement. So I was raised by one of the dust-bunny moms, and it came out worst. How did that happen? I'm not going to ask my husband or children. I'm just going to start dusting my definition of "dust" as "wonderful" or "something silly like that."

I think I'll just keep on assuring myself that I'm the exception to the rule. I'll keep on rockpiling the wonder.

Denise Turner is a columnist featured in The Times-News.

## Family continues four generations of history at the Twin Falls County Fair

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

FILER - When Kim Cowger planned a rose garden at a high school senior 4-H project at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, it was intended as a legacy to some family members who had recently died. In so doing, she completed a circle.

Her great-grandmother, Laura Mae, fetched up on the Twin Falls Tract in the wake of World War I, arriving about the time the Twin Falls County Fair began. She was a blue-ribbon winning seamstress and cook, and soon got her own children and their kids involved in 4-H projects. That makes Kim, now 20, a fourth-generation 4-H'er and participant in the fair.

"There are quite a few families like that still around," said Rheta Lanting, Twin Falls County Extension family consumer, who lives in Hollister. "Including my own."

That's remarkable for a county fair that is itself only four generations old, but for those who can trace a family lineage to its beginnings, it seems natural enough.

"I love going to the fair," said Kim Cowger's mother, Vickie, 47. "There are a lot of memories there, just walking down the midway and remembering the old racetrack and grandstand that burned down. And it's the one time of year you get to see people that you've known forever."

One reason is that the Twin Falls County Fair has managed to retain enough of its traditional character to appeal to families, said Stan Ferlic of Twin Falls, a veteran 4-H leader whose family has been involved with the fair for three generations.

"It's a lot of hard work, especially for the kids, getting their animals ready in time for the fair - especially because school starts the week before the fair," Ferlic said. "But I still love to go, not just for the 4-H projects but just to be there."

The Twin Falls fair's agricultural nature has more of a Midwestern flavor than most Idaho regional and county fairs. In part because the Twin Falls Tract was proved up by farmers from the Great Plains, but also because there's been remarkable continuity in 4-H leadership and membership over the years.

"You see a lot of the same families in 4-H and at the fair from year to year, and that's part of the reason it's stayed so strong," Ferlic said.

Vickie Cowger says Kim chose her 4-H rose-garden project in part because of its permanence, so she could go the fair years hence and see the results.

"She loves kids, so I'm sure if she gets the opportunity, she'll continue to be involved in 4-H," Vickie said. "It's so much a part of our life."

It's a tradition long a hard work Kim and her four siblings, now mostly grown and on their own, were involved in a 4-H livestock club over the years, and that dominated their springs and summers.

"A lot of families plan their lives around 4-H," Ferlic said. "There are more distractions for kids now - a lot more things they can do - so those who stick with it tend to be dedicated to it."

Lanting attributes some of that to the continuing legacy of family farming in Twin Falls County.



Kim Cowger says she literally grew up around 4-H and the Twin Falls County Fair. She is the fourth generation of her family to volunteer time at the fair and this year she is a leader at the pig barn.

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- Stan Ferlic, veteran 4-H leader

"If you grow up on the farm, with a tradition of 4-H, and the highlight of your year is the fair when you're young, it sticks with you," she said. "That's one

reason why you see the same families at the fair, year after year."

Nostalgia also plays a part, Vickie Cowger says if she could

change things, she'd like to see the Twin Falls County Fair go back to being more of a harvest festival, dominated by livestock and home arts.

"I like a more old-fashioned fair," she said. "But that's not the nature of our society anymore."

"It's too bad. I miss it."

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## St. Benedict's offers workshop for divorced, separated parents

Upcoming

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Parenting Apart from 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10-24, at the Health Education Center. The workshop is designed to help separated and divorced parents work together.

TWIN FALLS - The annual Magic Valley Home Educators back-to-school picnic will be held Sept. 11 at 6:00 at the Coville High School Centennial Park. Please bring a dish for two to share plus your own table service and drinks. If you have any

To do for families

questions, please call Debbie Johnstone at 324-3543 or 324-1214. The picnic will be canceled if the weather is inclement.

Entry Sunday, To-Do for Families list (family oriented events in south-central Idaho) to get an item listed, send it to: Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesday.

## Suggestions on preventing date rape

Here are what pediatricians, psychologists, assault survivors and counselors recommend to young girls for protection against date rape. (Statistics are from the U.S. Department of Justice.)

- Realize that hitting, slapping, name-calling, excessive jealousy and possessiveness are not signs of love; if a boyfriend displays any of those behaviors, they may worsen with time and it's best to end the relationship.
- Beware of predators, who tend to be older and controlling. Know that they are especially looking for young girls who are depressed or have low self-confidence.
- Be wary of meeting anyone on the Internet; don't arrange to meet them alone.
- When going on a date, know who you are going with, where you are going and what you will be doing. If you are at a party, leave when the people you know leave. Do not let yourself be alone with strangers.
- Always be aware of your surroundings. Be especially alert at night - 68 percent of rapes occur between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Don't go to a strange place on a date where you have no access to a telephone to call for help.

Etc...

- Do not accept alcohol or drugs from a date or at a party, and leave if others are partaking. At least 45 percent of rapists were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not accept a drink from a stranger or without you seeing it poured. Girls have been raped - sometimes by total strangers - after being given drinks that were spiked with other substances that made them slip into unconsciousness.

Source: The Miami Herald

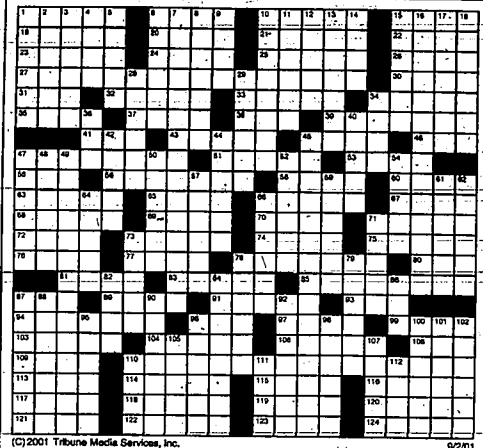
FAMILY LIFE

THE Sunday Crossword

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Man finds love in the air but loses it after landing



**DEAR ABBY:** No live-in mother-in-law, no boom-box neighbors; nevertheless, I've got a problem. I was flying home from a European vacation recently, when I realized fate had plunked down beside me the answer to my prayers. A graduate of Brown, "Janis" had been working in an olive grove in Italy. She was everything: pretty, demure, Irish, intelligent, sweet, "with it" All that and a great sense of humor as well. We talked, we laughed, and during the movie our arms accidentally touched more than once. I was so into her, I was falling in love at 37,000 feet as clouds raced past beneath us. Too soon, the image on the screen told us we were nearing New York's Kennedy Airport and the end of our "summer romance." As we unloaded the overhead bins, Janis said, "I guess we won't be seeing each other again - unless it's at the baggage carousel?" A definite "No!" I was shocked, stunned when I replied, "Have a nice life, Janis."

It was the geography. She in Seattle; I in L.A. More likely it was fear of rejection. Balzac wrote something like: "No lady, no matter how chaste, is ever really offended by an overture of love." I kept forgetting that at crucial moments. And unlike streetcars, another Janis was come along in 20 minutes. It would be interesting to know, Abby, how many of your readers have lost a love, a "happily ever after," because they were too shy, too governed by propriety, to reveal what was in their hearts. Probably thousands. When you think about it, what's to lose? Really nothing compared with what's to gain.

**-STILL KICKING MYSELF IN FRAZIER PARK, CALIF.**

**DEAR STAZZIE KICKING:** Please stop kicking yourself. It has happened to everybody. I'm sure many of my readers will agree.

**P.S.** If your airplane angel sees this letter and writes to me, I'll

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are planning to have a child. We've been told we're an attractive couple, and my husband often mentions what a "good-looking" child we will have. He also discusses the "cute pug nose" that runs on his side of the family. When I was a teen-ager I had nasal surgery to correct a deviated septum and shorten a rather prominent nose. I've never told my husband about my surgery. Abby, do you think I should tell him our child may inherit a large, bumped and/or crooked nose - or take my chances and see what "physical characteristics" our son or daughter inherits?

**-LOSING BY A NOSE IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR LOSING:** I see no reason to rush into a true confession session about what a child who hasn't even been conceived "might" look like. From my perspective, each successive generation of children is becoming more beautiful. There's a strong possibility that your children will inherit their father's nose. So hold your tongue, as well as a good thought. You can always bring up the subject if the need arises.

Survey finds spouses keep secrets

**Knights Ridder News Service**

They vowed to love, honor and cherish, but that doesn't mean husbands and wives are completely honest with each other. A new survey by Reader's Digest reveals that some spouses keep such details as their need for more affection, their aspirations, and past relationships to themselves. The magazine surveyed 1,000 husbands and wives by telephone in March. Of those, 42 percent of the men and 36 percent of the women admitted keeping secrets from their mates. The results appear in its August issue.

The most-kept secret among those polled: How much they spend on certain items. Spouses also conceal a child's behavior-and-wives problems from their mates, the poll showed. Among the other findings:

- Men - 38 percent - wished they could ask their spouses to be more affectionate.
- When it comes to past relationships, 62 percent of women said their husbands know everything about them; 52 percent of men admitted to confessing those details.
- More than half the husbands and wives surveyed never dis-

cussed their dreams with their mates. Some long to travel, start a new career, or live on their own for a while. Only 14 percent dream of having an affair. About 40 percent of the wives and 29 percent of the husbands wished they could persuade their spouses to be less messy. About a quarter of each sex said they can't discuss their partners' need to lose weight. The survey is the start of what is likely to be an annual poll in Reader's Digest on marriage in America, said Katherine Walker, managing editor. The magazine will discuss different topics each year.

Pets bring happiness to our lives

Thousands of sensory images bombard us every day. The basic function of our nervous system is to provide an appropriate response when a stimulus comes in. The nervous system works on feedback and positive stimuli. It is receiving. If it is receiving pleasant images, it returns pleasant responses. Those of us lucky enough to share lives with pets find that we are bathed in positive stimuli that non-pet lovers could only envy. We come home from a long day at work feeling like a human pinata-and are greeted by a pet that thinks we're a rock star. "Aaahh! As we begin to talk with them like they're other humans - albeit in a high-pitched, silly, childlike voice - we feel the stress melt away, find the corners of our eyes turning up into a smile, and experience the positive energy flowing between us. In this beatific state, we now enter the house, only to be met by cats and small hellos from the two-legged family members. But luckily, our pets are right behind us; those dancing liquid eyes shining for us, giving us our "15 minutes of fame" every time, with us in contact with them. Pets are good for our souls, bodies and minds. Because I like surround myself with thoughts, one of my favorite books is "14,000 Things To Be Happy About." This book represents author Barbara Ann Kiefer's 20-year effort to record all the little things that made her happy. She knew that words, and the images they create, can be a great source of pleasure and inspiration. A sampler? Some of the 14,000 are:

- Dinner with laughter
- Snapping in a hammock
- Sleigh bells
- Freshly baked cinnamon rolls
- I decided, with the help of some special friends, to start a compilation of just some of the words that help me see in our minds and feel in our hearts things that showcase and celebrate the positive, profound difference pets make in our lives:
- 1. our first childhood pet
- 2. how we named our pets
- 3. Animal Planet
- 4. horse's hooves clapping
- 5. birds singing



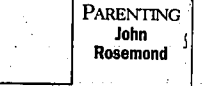
**THE BOND**  
Marty Becker

44. milk still steaming from the cow  
45. "101 Dalmatians" - the book and the movie  
46. Dr. Seuss's "The Cat in the Hat"  
47. "Spot"  
48. Top Cat  
49. pets that are lost and are returned home  
50. "ballon" pets  
51. milkings cows by hand  
52. dog's eyes when they see a "pig cat" chew  
53. Garfield  
54. Snoopy  
55. when the dog brings the newspaper, and there's a hole in the middle of  
56. cats that turn up their nose at food  
57. Morris the cat  
58. National Be Kind To Animals Week  
59. buying your pet a Christmas gift  
60. Marauduke  
61. exagerrated dog yawns  
62. dogs chasing birds they'll never catch  
63. dogs that hide something pretending no one can see them  
64. prints of ducks, birds, horses  
65. little girls and horses  
66. showing a dog  
67. weird animal sounds  
68. "Hound Dog" by Elvis  
69. Felix the cat  
70. Underdog's girlfriend, Sweet Polly Purebred  
71. Granby Bone, Indiana  
72. families who take pets on vacation  
73. people who call their pets from work  
74. catnip toys  
75. Puss 'n Boots  
76. "Emergency Vets" television show  
77. teaching an old dog new tricks  
78. teaching a new dog old tricks  
79. Daisy Hill Puppy Farm, where Snoopy was born  
80. pets whose names are followed by II or III  
81. cats that eat everything  
82. the resident cat on the porch rail  
83. people who take pets to work  
84. Robert Wegman's photo of his Weimaraner  
85. "Thank You, Cat" (novel)  
86. Sylvester P. Pussycat's

Even if your son loses, he'll learn how to win

**Q.** My 9-year-old son has been taking martial arts for several years now and has gotten good enough to participate in large competitions, one of which is upcoming. He is convinced he is going to win, although many of the boys in his class have a lot more competitive experience than he does. I don't want to dampen his spirit, but on the other hand I want to prepare him for the possibility that he will not win. What can/should I say or do?

**A.** I strongly recommend that you say and do nothing whatsoever about these next few weeks of yours. Whatever you say about the competition should be positive and encouraging. On the other hand, you needn't act as if you completely share his optimism. If he plays in the tournament as he thinks he will, he may end up feeling he's disappointed. Disappointing himself will be quite enough for him to deal with. When your son says something to the effect that he's going to win his class, you should respond with something along these lines: "I have the confidence in the world that you're going to make your coach proud." Leave it at that. You're probably inclined to tack on something like "Just remember that in any sport, even the best players and teams sometimes lose." Don't. Save that for after the competition, if in fact he loses. He might just surprise you, you know. Remember, if the best players sometimes lose, even the players who aren't top-ranked sometimes win. Why in the world would anyone play a competitive sport if they weren't convinced they were capable of winning? Having played competitive golf in high school, I can say for sure that confidence in one's ability to carry the day is essential to carrying the day. Self-confidence does not guarantee one is going to win, but



**PARENTING**  
John Rosemond

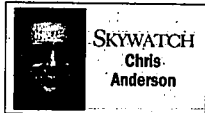
lack of self-confidence definitely guarantees one is going to lose. I applaud your son's self-assurance and encourage you to do the same. What spirit! Like many a modern mom, you obviously feel it's your responsibility to protect your son from the emotional consequences of this case, disappointment - of any negative outcome. Today's moms (dads too, but to a generally lesser extent) seem to feel they're not doing their job if they don't anticipate and proactively help their children deal with any curvball life may throw at them. Efforts along these lines are certainly well-intentioned, but self-face it: Life throws curveballs and the earlier a child discovers the reality of this, the better. Protecting a child from disappointment only prevents him from learning to deal with disappointment. In the final analysis, it is a kindness to a child to let him learn what life is all about while providing the support he will need to learn to come to grips with its inevitable slings and arrows. Losing is not the end of the world, as I'm sure your son has already discovered. In fact, one day he'll learn to come to grips with its inevitable slings and arrows. Losing is not the end of the world, as I'm sure your son has already discovered. In fact, one day he'll learn to come to grips with its inevitable slings and arrows. Losing is not the end of the world, as I'm sure your son has already discovered. In fact, one day he'll learn to come to grips with its inevitable slings and arrows.

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# Observing an eclipsing variable star

The night sky seems pretty reliable. How many poets have compared their lover's steadfastness to the eternal, unchanging stars? But if you know where and when to look, some stars can be seen a fairly flickle.



**SKYWATCH**  
Chris Anderson

right of the middle toga star is Algol, about as bright as the stars of the Big Dipper. Use a sky chart, or ask your friendly neighborhood astronomer to be sure you've got the right star.

About every three days (68.81556 hours, to be exact), Algol does something unusual — it dims noticeably. That's because Algol is not a single star, but a pair of stars orbiting one another too closely to be separately visible. When the fainter star passes in

## Sky calendar

- Planets
- One hour before sunrise: Venus, E; high
- Jupiter, E; high
- Saturn, SE; very high
- One hour after sunset: Mars, S; low
- Full Moon
- Full moon today, 3:43 p.m.

front of its brighter sibling, we see Algol dim for about 10 hours, then return to normal. Although astronomers didn't discover its capricious nature until 1667, historians speculate that the association of Algol with the accursed eye of the Medusa ("Algol" means "the demon")

may have resulted from someone noticing that it acted "possessed." After all, normal stars didn't change their brightness!

This week you can catch Algol in eclipse Monday and Thursday before dawn (Perseus will be almost directly overhead), and all Saturday night. The best way to see the variation is to find a star that's similarly bright when Algol's not eclipsed, then use it as a comparison during the eclipse.

Next week: Observing Mira, the "miraculous" variable star.

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# Restrict 'The Others' to mature teen-agers

The Orange County Register

"The Others" (PG-13) - Odyssey Theater of Twin Falls, Jerome Cinema.

Best for: Mature audiences who like to be scared

What it's about: Secluded in an old Victorian house during World War II, Grace (Nicole Kidman) welcomes three wandering servants (Flannula Flanagan, Elaine Cassidy, Eric Sykes) who agree to help her watch her children, Anne (Alakina Mann) and Nicholas (James Bentley), as she waits for her husband - (Christopher Eccleston) to return from the war. The house is kept in darkness because the children have a disease that would bring instant death if they are exposed to sunlight. Almost immediately weird noises and strange events seem to overtake the house as the world of the supernatural takes over.

The good: Director Alejandro Amenabar has succeeded in giving us a sort of "Sixth Sense" meets *It's a Wonderful Life* in an intense journey into the supernatural. The little girl and boy are incredible and their talent is what lends humorous moments to an otherwise serious script. Kidman embodies a prim and proper woman who knows something paranormal is occurring in her home and comes to terms with her dark secrets that threaten the lives of those with whom she lives. This is a good one for those tired of the typical summer movies out right now.

The not-so-good: The worst part of this movie is the best part



intense scenes with sound effects, scary shots of dead faces and one special-effects shot of an old lady's head on a little girl's body. Overall it was a satisfying thriller, but it could have used a few more spooky effects and scary sightings of "the others" to make it even more interesting. Thankfully, there are no bloody (even-though-Grace shoots a gun at some people) scenes or gory special effects to ruin the purity of the supernatural fright.

Offensive language: A mild obscenity and several religious exclamations. There are several religious passages that are quoted as well as discussion about whether to believe everything in the Bible.

Sexual situations: A man kisses a woman's back and neck while they are in bed. We see a woman in her slip.

Violence: The mom jumps on her little girl accidentally when she thinks she's an old lady. A woman is knocked to the floor when a door slams in her face.

Parental advisory: This is an intense thriller that doesn't frighten with gore or special effects but rather the sheer terror of the unknown. This is a great spooky thriller that's best for mature teens who can handle the plot twists and "get me" scenes.

Entertainment value: A-

# Capricorn: Don't stray from familiar territory

IF SEPTEMBER 2ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are sensitive, creative and loyal. You can be emotional, passionate. Family, home and marriage could be major elements in your life. Capricorn, Cancer persons play paramount roles, could have these letters, initials in names: B, K, T. During October, major domestic adjustment occurs that could include change of residence, marital status. December most memorable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Full Moon in your Twelfth House coincides with mystery, intrigue and temporary confinement to home, hospital. You could be invited to participate in motion picture.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Romance intensified, sense of drama heightened. You could be dealing with the world of illusion.

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Magic could become a wonderful hobby. Pieces involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Focus on organization, solution to mathematical problem. Full Moon in your Tenth House equates to leadership, promotion and added recognition. Capricorn plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Long-distance communication featured. You find things out by speaking, writing. Published material plays major role. Travel to foreign land distinct possibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let go of preconceived notions. Account original thinking, inventiveness and pioneering spirit. You begin relationship that is creative, exciting. Another Leo involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People discover your sense of humor. Focus on home life and marital status. By laughing at your own foibles, you are seen as charming, intelligent. Cancer native involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Diversity, high intellectual curiosity. Be aware of how much you weigh. Keep resolutions concerning diet. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play "sensational" roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Full Moon in your First House equates to creativity, sensuality and sex appeal. Protect self in emotional clutches. Be selective. Don't give up something of value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasis on ability to make people laugh, to be open-minded without being naive. Engage in verbal combat with one whose ideas are opposite your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take special care in traffic. Full Moon position highlights numerous experiences occurring at fast clip. Don't go too far from familiar ground. Libra involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You discover you are not alone. Financial status is not stable. Keep plans, investments open to change. Proposals received: business, career, marriage.

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# Husband and wife team up to produce 'spoil your spouse' books

The Dallas Morning News

"Men are so simple!" And with that bit of stereotyping begins the perky, petite book "101 Ways to Spoil Your Husband."

This is not a deep read. Instead, it's one of those minibooks, very light on text, each page has approximately one way to spoil your husband.

"Treat your lovable simpleton like a king, counsels author Tena Brown, and he'll respond by making you a queen.

Consider this tip: "Look pretty for him. A friend of mine once said, 'If the barn needs painting, paint it.' If your face needs makeup, wear it."

Woe to those who choose not to wear makeup at all.

Tip No. 66 suggests that you "show up at his office, one day looking your absolute best. Sit back and watch him spread his feathers like a peacock. It's a universal male thing: showing off his woman. If you happen to bring a plate of chocolate chip cookies, you will really score big."

Of course, stopping in at your husband's office with a plate of cookies you've just baked speaks of free time

## His

Here are five tips from "101 Ways to Spoil Your Husband," by Tena Brown:

- Give your husband a back rub, foot massage or scratch his head and watch him purr. Husbands absolutely love this stuff, even if they won't tell you.
- When eating out, do simple things like sweetening his iced tea or unfolding his napkin. This is a simple servant attitude.
- If you can get away with it, call his boss one day and ask for permission to have an extended lunch hour to spend more time with your husband.
- Help him find and match all of his socks.
- Keep the house clean and organized. This will help everyone, including you. (It also gives you a great excuse to go to The Container Store).

—Source: The Dallas Morning News

that few women have.

On its own, the book, with its '50s-housewife perspective, may not win over modern, liberated types. But wait — Tena

Brown's book has a companion: her husband's book, "101 Ways to Spoil Your Wife," which recommends men take the same servant attitude toward their women.

"My wife is a precious gift to me, and I will forever give her whatever she needs," Ron Brown says in the introduction.

The ways he does this? Ironing, taking out the trash, shining his wife's shoes, buying her outfits.

Aside from some surface differences, the two books offer near-identical advice. Don't get too tied in fight mode. Leave notes for each other. Send flattering e-mails. Plot a surprise trip. Both seem ultra-focused on house cleaning, shopping, praying, bubble baths and massages.

Ron Brown, 42, who lives in Arlington, Texas with his wife, 43, says his book was an afterthought, suggested by the publisher after her book had been accepted for publication.

But "101 Ways" books have become a cottage industry for the Brown clan. In 1998, Ron Brown's two sons from his first marriage, Roman and Ramsey, wrote a book called "101 Ways Kids Can

## Hers

Here are five tips from "101 Ways to Spoil Your Wife," by Ron Brown:

- Even if you can't sing, try to sing her some special, romantic song so she knows she likes, maybe even get down on one knee and sing.
- Save your money and take her shopping. Let her shop 'til she drops. (Hint: If you are in the "doghouse" for something, this is a good way to get out.)
- See to it that your wife has plenty of panty hose. How many times has she put on the only pair she can find, and they are full of runs? (Hint: Keep lots of nail polish on hand for quick repairs.)
- Buy her a pet if she doesn't have one. Who can resist a cute puppy or a tiny kitten?
- Gently brush her hair. It's good for her hair, and she will tell you it feels wonderful. Try it!

—Source: The Dallas Morning News

Spoil Their Parents," which Ron Brown says was a way for them to finance a trip to Disney World.

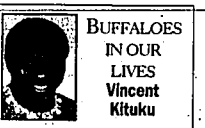
# When I turned 40, I refused to die

If I were not living in Western culture, I probably would not have paid any attention to turning 40. Until recent times, birthdays had no apparent significance in many African cultures. What mattered was the prevalent circumstances during one's birth, such as war, flood or grief after the death of a relative. No annual birthday parties.

We learned the circumstances surrounding the time of a person's birth through family stories. I was born years after Africa had been colonized and people had started recording birthdays, but birthday celebrations were nonexistent while I was growing up.

One day in our third year in Laramie, Wyo., I entered my apartment only to meet an excited group of friends singing, "Happy Birthday." My wife had arranged all this, and ever since, my family does something during birthdays, especially for children.

My 40th birthday was different... again there was a surprise party. However, I had found myself putting this interesting perspective days before my birthday. I had seen black balloons at a party where someone had turned 40 and I learned they symbolized the gloominess of life after 40.



BUFFALOES IN OUR LIVES Vincent Kituku

I turned 40 without feeling like a fossil, but with gratitude. As I looked back on my life, I was amazed at how God had blessed me. Not that the first 40 years were smooth — far from it! I wore my first pair of shoes at age 17. We lived in poverty during my early childhood. Primary school teachers almost gave up hope for my academic capability. I spent six years in three grades. I had seen my brother die of measles; I removed the body of my sister from a river. Another brother had died of liver cancer and a 20-year-old sister had died in college.

Another brother died just a few months after I turned 40. But I was thankful to be alive. In some parts of the world, life expectancy is below 40. In the Kamba culture, aging is respected and honored. Age brings wisdom (at least it should).

My parents no longer live in poverty. I had pursued and achieved educational dreams to

the doctorate level. I had married and still love the same lady, and our union had been blessed with three daughters and one son. I had coached hundreds of people to lead in their spiritual, professional and personal lives.

Life experience taught me two basic lessons: That besides salvation, the best thing God gave us is other people. What we do for ourselves can get us by, but what we do for others gets us ahead.

During my 40th birthday, I decided to re-evaluate my life and make a decision on one aspect of life, relationship that has three dimensions: relationship with God, family and community. I had simple questions. How do I want to serve God? What quality of marriage life could I help my wife to experience? Do I want to be involved in my children's lives, their mental, physical and spiritual growth? Will I develop a personality that pulls people closer?

So, at 40, I began life anew knowing that the best of life was yet to come. It has been a special blessing — I cannot wait to grow older, and hopefully, wiser.

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# WEDDINGS

## ROBINS-DIMICK

**BURLEY** - Marci Deann Robins and Caleb Wesley Dimick were married Aug. 16 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Karen Robins of Burley. She is a 1998 graduate of Burley High School, has attended Boise State University and plans to attend Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah. She is employed by Granite Furniture in Orem.

The bridegroom is the son of Wesley and Georgia Dimick of Oakley. He is a 1998 graduate of Oakley High School and has served an LDS mission to Buenos Aires West, Argentina. He is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is employed by BBC Direct in Provo.



Caleb and Marci Dimick

An outdoor reception to honor the couple will be held 7-9:30 p.m. Saturday at the residence of Garkh Greenwell, 150 S. Day Ave., Oakley.

## PREUIT-WOODLAND

**BURLEY** - Courtney Preuit and Eric Woodland were married July 28 at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. Officiating was the Rev. L.G. Weitzner.

The bride is the daughter of Kathy and Vern Preuit of Rupert. Parents of the groom are Cheryl and Karl Phares of Mountain Home and Ron Woodland of Albany, Ore.

Crystal Knapp, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Mandi Setser, cousin of the bride, served as bridesmaid. Kelsey Jackson and Kenna Preuit were flower girls.

Rob Woodland, brother of the groom, served as best man and usher. Shane Woodland, cousin of the groom, served as groomsman and usher. Cameron Jackson was the ringbearer.

Hailee Preuit, cousin of the bride, attended the guestbook.

A reception and dance was held at Sweetheart Manor following the ceremony.



Courtney and Eric Woodland

The bride is a graduate of Minico High School and attended Boise State University. She is employed at New Horizons in Boise.

The groom is a graduate of Mountain Home High School and is employed by Central Paving in Boise.

The newlyweds reside in Boise.

## NUTTING-HABEL

**KIMBERLY** - Stephanie C. Nutting and Gregory C. Habel were married July 21 at the home of the bride's parents in Kimberly. Officiating was James O. Donnell.

The bride is the daughter of Steven and Pam Nutting-of Kimberly.

Parents of the bridegroom are Louise Habel of Twin Falls and the late Martin Habel.

Tiffany Razon, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Sharrise Hughes and Elicia Nutting, sisters of the bride.

Kelsey Johnson, friend of the bride, was the flower girl.

Andrew L. Habel, son of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsman included Jay Bowlden and Kevin Udey, friends of the groom.

Spencer Bowlden, friend of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandmothers of the bride, Dorothy McMurtrie and Ruth Nutting, both of Kimberly.

A reception was held following the ceremony.



Gregory and Stephanie Habel

The ceremony, cake servers were Ashley Anderson, cousin of the bride, and Allison Habel, daughter of the groom. Kyrie A. Magel, cousin of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School and the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and CSI. He is employed at Idaho Power Co.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

## NEWBERRY-HILL

**TWIN FALLS** - Katie Marie Newberry and Jason William Hill were married June 9 at the Blue Lakes Country Club in Twin Falls. Officiating was Cliff Williams. Music was performed by Rachelle Newberry.

The bride is the daughter of Frank Newberry and Sean and Janice Yardley, all of Kimberly.

Parents of the bridegroom are Randy and Sherry Hill of Kimberly.

Kassie Newberry, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Lindsay Hill, Nicole Hill and Melissa Hill, sisters of the bridegroom.

Erika Reeves, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Cameron Taylor, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Special guests included Nate Burbank and Justin Williams, friends of the groom, and Kris Newberry, brother-in-law of the groom.

Ushers were Dustin Johnson and Tony Alexander, friends of the groom.

Ryan Donohy, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer. Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grant Jr. of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newberry and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Yardley, all of Kimberly.



Katie and Jason Hill

Twin Falls great-grandmother of the bride, Alberta Grant of Eden, and uncle of the bride, Scott Grant of California, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Levitt of Kimberly and Marian Hill of Jerome.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Jenny Olsen, friend of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Jenny Olsen and Kassie Newberry, sister of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Kimberly High School and is attending Tulsa Community College in Oklahoma.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Kimberly High School and Meridian Lineman School. He is employed at Red Simpson Inc. in Tulsa, Okla.

The newlyweds reside in Broken Arrow, Okla.

## BARTOSOVSKY-LEE

**BUHL** - Jennifer Bartosovsky and Michael Lee, both of Boise, announce their engagement.

Bartosovsky is the daughter of Marvin and Marjorie Bartosovsky of Buhl. She is a 1998 graduate of Buhl High School and is attending Boise State University, where she is working toward a degree in health service. She is employed at Evelyn's Bridal in Boise.

Lee is the son of the Rev. Leslie and Crystal Lee of Buhl. He is a 1996 graduate of Buhl High School and a 1999 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He is employed at



Jennifer Bartosovsky and Michael Lee

Costco in Boise. The wedding is planned for Sept. 22 at the First Assembly of God in Twin Falls.

## PRESCOTT-REHWALT

**JEROME** - Roy and Judy Prescott of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Jane Prescott, to Nicholas Joseph Rehwalt, son of Bill and Susan Rehwalt of Twin Falls.

Prescott graduated from Albertson College of Idaho. She is employed at Applebee's in Twin Falls.

Rehwalt attended Boise State University. He is employed at Rehwalt Masonry in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 29.



Danielle Prescott and Nicholas Rehwalt

## BECKLEY-BABBITT



Curtis Babbitt and Kelli Beckley

**TWIN FALLS** - Kelli Beckley and Curtis Babbitt announce their engagement.

Beckley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Stone of Twin Falls and Mark Beckley of Rexburg. She attended Madison High School. She is employed at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Babbitt is the son of Marsha-leen Babbitt and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Babbitt, all of Burley. He attended Burley High School. He is employed at Master Rooter in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 15 at the home of Willis and Jill Stone in Twin Falls.

## ANNIVERSARY

### THE CHOJNACKYS



Mildred and Lee Chojnacky

**JEROME** - Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chojnacky of Jerome celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Aug. 12 with a family picnic at the home of their son, Michael (Marcia) Chojnacky.

Chojnacky and Mildred Nutsch were married Aug. 20, 1946, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. They have farmed north of Jerome since their marriage.

They have been active in St. Jerome's Catholic Church, where she is a member of the Council of Catholic Women and he was a longtime member of Holy Name Society.

They are semi-retired and enjoy gardening and flowers. They exhibit many of their flowers at the local fairs.

The event was hosted by their children, Ronald (Andrea) Chojnacky, Carolyn Chojnacky, Susan (Todd) Schilling of Salt Lake City, Utah, Steven (Debbie) Chojnacky and Mary (Chuck) Winn, all of Boise, Michael (Marcia) Chojnacky, Carolyn Chojnacky, Richard Chojnacky and Gerid (Anne) Chojnacky, all of Jerome, and Dr. David (Cindy) Chojnacky of Falls Church, Va.

The couple has 14 grandchildren.

## Bridal Registry

Marci Robins & Caleb Dimick September 2nd  
Angela Harper & Jeremy Deery September 2nd  
Emily Frank & Jake Jarman September 2nd  
Eric Smith & Corey Deery September 16th

Andrea Owen & Ben Lloyd September 15th

## Recollections

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# ENGAGEMENTS

## WAUGH-AMES

**GOODING** - Steve and Patty Waugh of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Jean Waugh, to Dustin Ames, son of Ed and Jeanie Ames of Newberg, Ore.

Waugh is a graduate of Gooding High School. She is a senior at Seattle Pacific University, majoring in family and consumer sciences, and is specializing in interior design. She is employed at Linens and Things in Beaverton, Ore.

Ames is a graduate of Newberg High School in Newberg, Ore. He is employed by Tualatin Island Greens in Tualatin, Ore. The wedding is planned for



Dustin Ames and Maria Waugh

Sept. 29 at the home of the bride's parents in Gooding.

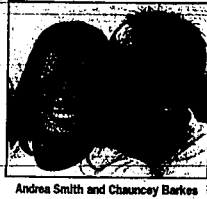
## SMITH-BARKES

**BURLEY** - John and Renee Smith of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Camille Smith, to Chauncey Blue Barkes, son of Stan and Dixie Barkes of Murmough.

Smith is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School and is currently attending Boise State University, majoring in bilingual elementary education.

Barkes is a 1997 graduate of Burley High School and is pursuing a career in the field of electronics.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church. A reception



Andrea Smith and Chauncey Barkes

and dance to honor the couple will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion.

The couple will reside in Boise.

## Event planned?

Let us know soon  
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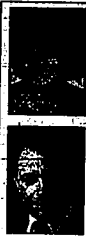
**FAMILY LIFE**

# Viatical settlements are one care option

**Q.** I am 65 years of age and have a \$500,000 life insurance policy. Although I can afford long-term care insurance, I understand that instead of buying it, I could need a nursing home. I can sell my policy to an investor to pay for my care and not pay any income taxes. Is this correct?

**A.** Generally, if you surrender or sell an insurance policy before you die, the transaction will generate gross income equal to the difference between the proceeds received and the amount of premiums you paid less dividends paid to you. However, if you are terminally ill or chronically ill, you can sell your life insurance policy before you die and pay no income taxes based upon a federal law that became effective Jan. 1, 1997.

These transactions — called viatical settlements — are being used by the elderly as a way to finance long-term care without purchasing long-term care insurance. Here's how the transaction works: An investor purchases your life insurance policy for less than \$500,000 by reducing the actual death benefit based



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anticipated to result in your death within 24 months. "Chron-

ically ill" means you must have the same condition that would allow you to deduct the costs of long-term care as medical expenses. In addition, you must sell your policy to a "viatical settlement provider" who is either licensed in your state of residence or who meets the requirements set forth in the Viatical Settlements Model Act.

Because of the potential for abuse, a number of states have enacted legislation to protect the consumer. Some viatical settlements are not securities and are not subject to SEC regulations and disclosure requirements, they are generally regulated by state agencies, which have reduced deceptive sales practices.

Some policies are sold with "accelerated death benefit" riders, which means that the insurance company selling the policy will provide the funds rather than you putting your policy on the open market.

Taking the NextStep: Sales of life insurance policies are complex transactions that should be thoroughly reviewed for you by knowledgeable attorneys before

you pass up the opportunity to purchase long-term care and rely upon a viatical settlement. A word about educating your children and grandchildren: One of the best gifts you can give your children or grandchildren is a post-high school education. Funds placed in Uniform Gifts to Minors accounts are available to emancipated children to use as they like and have been satisfactory. Section 529 college-funding plans are a better solution. These plans allow you to remove assets from your estate and assure they are used for educational purposes. And earnings withdrawn for "qualified expenses" after Dec. 31, 2001 can be taken without payment of federal income taxes. "Qualified expenses" are defined as tuition, room-charges, board, books, supplies and fees.

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# Widow may be eligible for disability benefits

**Knight Ridder News Service**

**Social Security Q&A**

**Q.** My aunt just lost her husband in a car accident. She is in a wheelchair because of multiple sclerosis. She is only 56 and has never worked. Could she get Social Security disability benefits?

**A.** Generally, a young person who starts work at age 18 could become insured for disability benefits in about 1 1/2 years, provided he or she earns enough income to be credited with six quarters of credits, or "quarters of coverage." The amount of earnings needed to get a quarter of coverage increases every calendar year. For 2001, a person must have \$830 in earnings to get one quarter of coverage, \$3,320 to get the maximum of four quarters of coverage. For more information, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and request the booklet, "Disability."

**Q.** If a person begins working at age 18, at what point will he or she be insured for Social Security disability benefits?  
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*This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.*

# Wish the best for others — not the worst

What is it about some people that causes them to be jealous of other's success and tend, deep in their souls, to wish that somehow those who have succeeded will fail in their endeavors? Most who think this way don't want those of whom they are jealous to be hurt by this failure, only not to be quite so successful.

There are those few, of course, who just wish ill upon anyone more successful than themselves. Thank goodness they really are few in number.

When someone succeeds, both of these types of people tend to make excuses for their success, as though it would be impossible for them to achieve success without outside help or money. It seems beyond their ability to give credit where credit is due or to compliment those who are successful.

On the other hand, this same kind of people will jump on someone who has failed to succeed or who has been successful, only to



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have it taken away. These people know that so often success would fail. They knew that this person was really not capable of succeeding. They laugh and point fingers and talk behind the backs of the failures instead of offering help or wanting to pick them up and again set them on their way.

Unfortunately we all know people like those I have described. The world seems to be full of them. How sad for the world, and how sad for them.

How much happier a place the world might be if everyone failed in every else's success, if everyone worked to help each

achieve all the success possible. As a former teacher, I know the joy one can feel at helping students to achieve. Their happiness at being successful was an intangible reward for me, and one that still warms my heart.

Sadly, there were also students who refused to try and would deride those who did achieve. Their bad attitude often reflected, I'm afraid, bad values that they had since they were young. These students were very difficult and, only occasionally, would one allow himself to actually succeed. But success leads to success, and often the children who had decided to achieve continued to shine, even though their former friends often made fun of them and put them down. It was a real credit to their ability to overcome even peer pressure.

As parents and grandparents we are always thrilled with our children and grandchildren's

achievements, although I wonder how often we also praise others, and give them credit for what they have accomplished. Not often enough perhaps.

It seems to me that being happy that someone has succeeded can only make each of us better and happier people, and those attributes will lead us to be successful human beings — the most important achievement of all.

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# THE GUILTLESS GENERATION

## Younger seniors say to heck with giving back

**The Orange County Register**

Once upon a time — about five years ago — a community could count on its elders.

Predictable, that's what older people were. They went to church and volunteered. They voted against school bond issues and bemoaned the antics of teenagers. They felt justified in sitting, rocking, fishing, golfing, and taking driving vacations in oversized motor-homes.

Their roadmaps were all straight lines. They knew their place.

Well, toss out that old guidebook along with yesterday's edition of Modern Maturity. Boomers and their advance scouts edging across the Great Divide into the land-of "senior discounts" are determined to travel on their own terms — an attitude that's already wreaking havoc with volunteer agencies, churches and organizations which depend on the steady hands of yesterday.

Guiltless, guileless and sometimes grateful, more than 80 recently emailed and wrote their thoughts on whether it is their duty to "give back" to the community after 60 and "age productively."

After their comments, the only conclusion is that there is no collective conclusion. Just don't try to tell any of them what to do. "Retirement is a hemorrhoidectomy for the soul!" declares Don Draper, 68, of DanPoint, Calif. The former "Mad Men" character is a "pain in the butt" and now he really enjoys skiing, surfing, motorcycling, sailing, diving and

soaring, often with his family. "When I wake up in the morning, the sun is shining on the ocean, the birds are splashing in the birdbath, I'm looking at the grass from the GREEN side and it's my day off!"

As far as the concept of "giving back to the community," Draper says, "I pay income taxes."

David Metsker, 61, of Huntington Beach, Calif., shares Draper's attitude. He goes to the Elks Club, golfs with friends and doesn't worry a whit about social responsibilities.

Guilt-free agers worry Debbie Dalton. "We are trying — very, very hard — to come up with new recruitment strategies for the younger seniors," says Dalton, director of Orange County's Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "They aren't signing up. Our membership is actually declining."

Dalton's 1,178 volunteers — who average in the mid-70s — are aging and quitting their posts. As a result, she says, agencies and institutions that counted on not

paying envelope-stuffers may find their budgets strained.

Boomers tell Dalton they are looking for episodic volunteering — that is a couple of months doing something "meaningful — not envelope-stuffing." Or they might take a post on a nonprofit board of directors. Most of all they don't want to be told they have to give back, she says.

Marc Freedman, head of San Francisco-based Civic Ventures, says he increasingly runs into that response. Freedman, in his book "Prime Time," espouses a vision of an "experience corps" of boomers interacting in the mode of the Peace Corps.

Freedman's message emphasizes the beautiful aspects of staying involved with others. "I was talking about that on a San Diego radio station when a woman called up and said, 'I've worked hard all my life and I look forward to retirement when I can walk on the beach and do what I want to do.'"

"Maybe we are getting too preachy?"

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