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# State aims to quell odor

## DEQ will take comments at tonight's hearing

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

**JEROME** - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's attempt to establish hydrogen sulfide standards has Jerome dairyman John Beukers worried.

"You have the pressure from the DEQ and the Ag Department, so you're almost walking the plank," he said.

The prominent rotten-egg odor that sometimes comes from his lagoon has the rap attention of state regulators. The Ag Department has been working with Beukers and five other Magic Valley dairymen who are considered to have serious problems with odor and possible poisonous gases from their lagoons. But the DEQ will regulate hydrogen sulfide limits.

The DEQ is holding a public meeting on its proposed hydrogen sulfide standards at 6 tonight in Room 108 of the College of Southern Idaho's Aspen Building.

Beukers said Ag Department officials told him that measurements taken recently near his dairy farm don't surpass the DEQ's proposed limits. But he is afraid the gases from a problem lagoon could result in regulatory action at some point.

When he put in the 3,000-cow flush system three years ago, odor and hydrogen sulfide were not figured into lagoon designs. But now the state is beginning to regulate those matters, and he is frantic to find a solution.

"The technology has not caught up," Beukers said. "What I see happening is that everybody is trying to find legislation to fine us or run us out of business."

Beukers' neighbor, Don Davis, said his wife sometimes throws up from the strong sewer odors that often blanket the neighborhood on summer nights.

"If there isn't any wind or a nice little breeze, we have to close all the windows and shut down the cooler," Davis said. "Other neighbors are coping with similar problems because of the lagoon gases, he said."

Davis said he usually calls Beukers when the odor invades his home, and Beukers always responds.

"John has lived here a long time, and he wants to solve the problem," Davis said. "But how long do we have to put up with this?"

Ron Sheffield, a University of Idaho agricultural odor expert hired by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, doesn't have that answer. He and Ag Department scientists aren't even sure the DEQ's measurements are realistic.

Each agency has recorded its own measurements from a location two miles away from a problem Filer dairy. They'll send the results to a California laboratory today for comparison.

"This testing will help us make sure the state has a stronger standard," Davis said. Please see ODOR, Page A2.



Bruce Louks from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in Boise checks the information from the DEQ remote data station in Filer that measures the hydrogen sulfide in the air from a nearby dairy. Scientists, including Louks, from the Departments of Environmental Quality and Agriculture are collaborating to collect data that will be used to understand and solve the problems of dairy odors.

# Expert blames poor lagoon designs

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Bad lagoon design is the main problem with some large-scale dairies in south-central Idaho, Ron Sheffield says.

"I can take you to dairy facilities of this size in Illinois, New York, Oklahoma and Texas that don't have these odor problems," Sheffield said. "Here we have dairies that are only designed at minimal requirements, so things easily start to fall apart. The state did not require dairies to take into account odor control and hydrogen sulfide emissions. Nobody knew, so you can't really

blame anybody."

One of the nation's foremost agricultural odor experts, Ron Sheffield was hand-picked by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in January to figure out why some Magic Valley dairies generate extreme odor problems. In Idaho since March, he said he thinks he has pinpointed where the problems started.

"We have ponds - or lagoons - in Idaho that are designed primarily for storage only," Sheffield said. "Theoretically, ponds should be completely emptied twice a year, but here they're not."

Idaho dairy farmers only

empty out the liquids to use for irrigation without cleaning out the solids. If the ponds are not cleaned out, then the solids degrade under poor conditions, Sheffield explained. And the result is odor and possibly high hydrogen sulfide concentrations.

Unfortunately, retro-fitting problem dairies with systems that eliminate odors and poisonous gases won't be easy, Sheffield said.

"That will be a big challenge," he said. Ask Jerome dairymen John Beukers about that. He has lost 200 cows. Please see LAGOON, Page A2.

# Bush vows to punish corporate lawbreakers

Knight Ridder News Service

**WASHINGTON** - President Bush said Monday that he was worried that America's free-enterprise system was losing the public's trust because of a recent series of financial scandals, and he promised to punish corporate lawbreakers.

The president dismissed questions about his own controversial sale of stock in 1990, saying the issue was simply "old-style politics."

And he defended officials keep Harvey Pitt, whom he appointed as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, against calls for his resignation.

"I'm an avid backer of the free-enterprise system, but I also understand that it requires trust. And we've had to approve destroy the trust of the American people, and we need to do something about it," Bush said at a White House news conference.

"We'll vigorously pursue people who break the laws, and I think that'll help restore confidence to the American people. Listen, there has been a period of time when everything seemed easy - markets were roaring, capital everywhere, and people forgot their responsibilities."

"I have been calling for a renewed sense of responsibility in America, and that includes corporate responsibility," Bush said.

His comments previewed a speech he's scheduled to deliver Tuesday in New York, where he is expected to call for imprisonment of corporate CEOs who approve falsified public financial records.

# Wildfire near Richfield grows to 2,700 acres

The Times-News

**SHOSHONE** - Firefighters Monday afternoon were still battling the 2,700-acre Jim Burns Fire about six miles north of Richfield.

Early morning lightning on Sunday ignited the wildfire, the largest one so far this year for south-central Idaho.

On Monday the fire was threatening a grazing allotment but no structures, said Sky Huffaker, the fire information officer for the south-central Idaho Bureau of Land Management. The fire was burning grass and sage on BLM land.

Officials expected to have the fire contained sometime this morning, Huffaker said.

More than 150 personnel, 15 engines, three 20-person hand crews, two water tenders, five bulldozers and two local aircraft

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# Safety issues arise as teens find summer jobs

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Brad Hurig's first day on the job was his last.

A few hours into the night shift at an Ohio metal stamping company last month, the 17-year-old football star got his hands caught in a power press and both had to be amputated. He was one of more than 500 teenagers who are injured at work every day on average.

Adam Carey had worked at a country club north of Boston for barely a month when the golf cart he was driving slammed into a wooden dock, crushing his chest.

At 16, too young to be driving even a golf cart under Massachusetts law, Carey was

one of 73 teens killed on the job in 2000 - about one every five days.

It's summertime, and millions of teenagers hope to make money toiling at the mall, a restaurant or some other place with a "Help Wanted" sign.

The Labor Department says about 4 million 15- to 17-year-olds earn paychecks during summer vacation. Eight in 10 teens will work at some point during high school.

Some employers don't do all they could to keep teens safe. And many young people are unprepared, too focused on getting paid to grasp that they could be hurt or killed.

"We're finding that they're not prepared to handle the job and are easily big leg."

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Andrew Britton, born sitting by a mural he helped paint in Marietta, Ohio, spent three days in the hospital last summer after he slipped off a trash trailer on his second day at work and smashed his leg.

# Officials prepare plan for quarantine in case of smallpox

The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** - Federal health officials are quietly making plans for quarantining Americans who might be exposed to a highly contagious smallpox patient, addressing sensitive questions of how to hold people, possibly against their will, in case of a bioterror attack.

The planning, still in draft form, addresses complex logistical and policy questions, including where people would be kept while waiting for officials to confirm a smallpox case and, if necessary, administer vaccinations.

"It's not pretty to think through these types of doomsday scenarios, but it's important to start to put yourself there and imagine things unfolding if you want to anticipate how to react,"

said Marty Cetron, a quarantine expert at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Within the next few weeks, the plan will be circulated among top federal officials and others involved in the preparation, said Cetron, who co-chairs a CDC working group on the issue.

The group began with this scenario: Officials get word that an international flight is headed for the United States with a smallpox-infected passenger aboard. The case would be fairly easy because the people would be in one place and health officials wouldn't have to track them down.

Still, if the passengers weren't held for treatment, CDC experts estimate that a plane filled with

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

## IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes  
 Yesterday: High 96  
 Mottled City Low 40  
 Coeur d'Alene 84/52  
 Mullan Pass Allison

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday  
 Temperature  
 Highest 96°  
 Normal highest 95°  
 Highest last year 96° in 1999  
 Record high 96° in 1999  
 Record low 33° in 1981

Precipitation  
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. year 0.00  
 Month to date 0.07  
 Normal month to date 0.07  
 Water year to date (Oct 1) 0.33  
 Normal year to date (Oct 1) 0.74  
 Humidity at noon 34%  
 Yesterday at noon 34%  
 Barometric Pressure yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.25 in

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls  
 Grass Moderate, Woods Moderate  
 Mold Moderate, Mold High  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather  
 Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny, a hot afternoon.	Clear and comfortable.	Sunny; record-challenging heat.	Quite hot with sunshine.	Still quite hot with sunshine.	Sunny to partly cloudy.
▲ 92°	▼ 60°	▲ 98° ▼ 62°	▲ 100° ▼ 64°	▲ 98° ▼ 64°	▲ 96° ▼ 62°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Bright sunshine today, a hot afternoon. Highs from the 70s in the mountains to the middle 90s in a few of the lower valleys. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 44-62. Sunshine and intense heat tomorrow.

**Boise:** Bright and sunny today with hot afternoon. High 94. Clear and pleasant tonight. Low 62. Turning quite hot tomorrow with plenty of sunshine. High 102.

**Northern Nevada:** Turning very hot today under a sunny sky. Highs will range from the upper 80s in the high ground to 102 in Winnemucca. Clear tonight. Lows in the 40s and the 50s. Sunny and quite hot again tomorrow.

**Northern Utah:** Plenty of sunshine today with a hot afternoon. Highs from the 70s in the mountains to near 100 in Salt Lake City. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 45-65. Sunny and hot again tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho:** Plenty of sunshine today; turning warmer than yesterday. Highs from near 70 in the mountains to 92 in Lewiston. Mostly clear and comfortable tonight. Lows 40-60. Sunny and turning hot tomorrow.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 113° in Bullhead City, AZ Low 39° in South Lake Tahoe, CA

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	92	65	pc	88	72	sh
Baltimore	88	60	pc	84	62	s
Birmingham	90	67	pc	84	62	s
Boston	89	72	pc	80	73	sh
Charlotte, NC	90	72	pc	80	72	s
Chicago	89	69	pc	80	61	sh
Cleveland	84	64	pc	76	58	s
Denver	86	60	pc	88	58	s
Des Moines	87	62	pc	81	57	s
Detroit	88	62	sh	81	57	s
Houston	89	67	pc	82	64	s
Indianapolis	87	61	pc	82	60	sh
Jacksonville	89	67	pc	82	64	s
Kansas City	92	68	pc	84	67	s
Las Vegas	113	84	pc	114	84	s
Little Rock	87	65	pc	85	75	s
Los Angeles	90	65	pc	80	67	s

## AccuWeather.com CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed
Calgary	74-84	72-84
Edmonton	77-88	83-97
Kelowna	86-93	88-92
Lethbridge	80-91	83-91
Regina	74-86	75-86
Saskatoon	87-94	77-82
Victoria	77-82	80-84
Vancouver	78-80	80-80
Winnipeg	73-80	81-83

## WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed
Kyushu	90-92	90-92
Athens	95-73	83-73
Auckland	58-49	58-52
Bangkok	83-77	91-84
Beijing	93-73	83-78
Berlin	84-89	89-87
Buenos Aires	48-34	52-41
Cairo	101-72	103-71
Hong Kong	81-76	91-79
Los Angeles	90-68	90-78
London	64-52	68-50
Manila	91-85	91-86
Moscow	66-63	89-67
New York	72-55	84-48
Rio de Janeiro	88-64	85-67
Rome	88-64	85-62
Sydney	63-68	88-83
Tokyo	83-79	84-75
Washington	73-59	88-67
Zurich	82-63	68-51

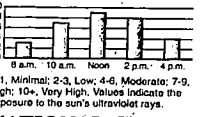
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Sunrise today 5:09 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight 8:17 p.m.  
 Moonrise today 8:07 a.m.  
 Moonset tonight 8:08 p.m.

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## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed
Atlanta	92	76
Baltimore	88	74
Birmingham	90	74
Boston	89	73
Charlotte, NC	90	72
Chicago	89	69
Cleveland	84	64
Denver	86	60
Des Moines	87	62
Detroit	88	62
Houston	89	67
Indianapolis	87	61
Jacksonville	89	67
Kansas City	92	68
Las Vegas	113	84
Little Rock	87	65
Los Angeles	90	65

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed
Boise	94	66
Bonners Ferry	83	53
Burley	90	54
Camden	84	53
Conrad	89	54
Elko	90	54
Emery	89	54
Hailey	92	58
Idaho Falls	89	59
Kamela	82	50
Ketchikan	92	50
Malad	93	59
Meridian	92	52
McCall	82	42
Portland, MT	85	46
Rupert	85	46
Post Falls, OR	91	60
Richland, WA	92	56
Salmon	92	56
Salt Lake City, UT	100	67
Scottee, WA	82	58
Spokane, WA	84	58
Starbuck	81	33
Sun Valley	89	52
Yellowstone, MT	75	39

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# Pair of WorldCom witnesses stays silent

**The Washington Post**  
 WASHINGTON - Two top former WorldCom Inc. executives refused to testify before Congress Monday about the company's \$3.9 billion accounting scandal, infuriating several panel members who decry a culture of financial gamesmanship that sometimes led the nation's markets, hurt employees and erode trust in corporate America's books.

Bernard Ebbers, the founder and former chief executive of the long-distance and data-services giant, and Scott Sullivan, its recently fired chief financial officer, both invoked their constitutional right against self-incrimination before the House Financial Services Committee.

Other witnesses, including the company's current chief executive, its chairman, a former audit manager for Arthur Andersen LLP who supervised the former WorldCom account, and a top Wall Street telecommunications investment analyst, answered questions but shed little light on who is responsible for the impropriety.

But committee members succeeded in putting on dramatic displays of the relationships between the companies, their investment bankers and auditors that marked the investment bubble of the mid- to late 1990s. The relationships are now the focus of congressional reform efforts in the wake of scandals at Enron Corp., Tyco International Ltd. and several other companies.

Committee members expressed outrage at comments by investment analyst Jack Grubman, of Salomon Smith Barney Inc., who testified he felt comfortable dispensing investment advice despite a close relationship with WorldCom that included socializing with Ebbers and attending three closed meetings of the company's board of directors. They seemed dubious of assertions by Melvin Dick, a former manager for Arthur Andersen, which approved WorldCom's books, that auditors must depend on the numbers provided by companies they audit.

They were angered when Ebbers, in invoking the Fifth Amendment, added several statements denying complicity in the scandal. Several members argued that in so doing Ebbers waived his right against self-incrimination and should be held in contempt of Congress. Committee Chairman Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, with support from ranking Democrats, delayed putting the issue to a vote pending advice from the committee's legal staff.

"I think the theme has become clear," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said outside the hearing room. "All the people who are supposed to be checking each other are in fact collaborating with each other."

## Smallpox

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 500 people including one with smallpox could result in dozens - maybe hundreds - of sick people, including passengers on the plane who got sick and the people they would infect.

The vaccine is only effective within four days of someone being exposed to smallpox, so if people leave the scene it would be difficult to find them in time.

Under the plan, officials would stress that people would be bet-

## Fire

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 were fighting the Jim Burns Fire, a BLM news release said. The Carey Rural Fire Department assisted the BLM.

A base camp for the firefighters had been set up at Sonners Flat, three miles from the fire.

A "red flag warning" was in effect Monday in the area, meaning southwest winds and low humidity that were expected to last until 8 p.m., the release said.

## Lagoons

**Continued from A1**  
 tens of thousands of dollars trying to make his lagoon work so it doesn't disturb the neighbors.

"There are all kinds of people out there trying to sell you stuff,

and each time you spend another \$5,000 or \$10,000 for nothing," he said. "I am very, very, very disappointed with some of the (sales) people I have worked with."

Sheffield is helping Beukers

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## Want to comment?

- The DEQ will hold a public hearing on proposed hydrogen sulfide standards at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2002, in Room 108 of the Office of Southern Idaho's Aspen Building.
- Written comments on the draft rule will be accepted through 5 p.m. July 19. You can send requests, comments or questions to Christopher P. Ramsdell, Air Quality Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, 83706; or e-mail him at [cramsdell@deq.state.id.us](mailto:cramsdell@deq.state.id.us); or call him at 253-0502.
- For technical information on the proposed rule, contact Tim Teater, DEQ Air Quality Division, at 208-373-0502 or [tteater@deq.state.id.us](mailto:tteater@deq.state.id.us).

## About the proposal

- The DEQ's proposal would set these standards for hydrogen sulfide:
  - A 24-hour standard of 10 parts per billion, not to be exceeded more than once in any 30-day period.
  - A 30-minute standard of 30 ppb, not to be exceeded more than once in any 30-day period.
  - A ceiling level of 200 ppb, not to be exceeded at any time.
- Further information on the proposed rule will be available at the meeting and can be found online at <http://www2.state.id.us/deq/whatsnew.htm>. Comments can be e-mailed from the Web site.
- About 30 other states have hydrogen sulfide rules, according to Idaho's DEQ.
  - The average limit for states using a 30-minute standard is 44 ppb, with states ranging from 28 ppb to 70 ppb.
  - The average limit for states using a 24-hour standard is 37 ppb, with states ranging from 0.6 ppb to 99 ppb.
  - Hydrogen sulfide can be lethal at levels of 50,000 to 200,000 ppb, though the chance of that happening is slim. Chronic low levels can cause eye irritation and can be found in the lungs, shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting, cough, headaches, fatigue and memory impairment. Most people can smell hydrogen sulfide at 10 ppb.

## Odor

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 could be minuscule leaks at any one of the thousands of manholes concerned the leaks might exceed the DEQ's standards if the "sniffer" tool is placed right at the hole where the leak occurs.

But that Young doesn't care about residents who live near Rock Creek, where two industrial plants empty their waste into the city's waste treatment system. Hydrogen sulfide problems from both sewer have existed there for years.

"I'm in total sympathy for people who live at the end of the trunkline," he said.

The city seems to have mitigated that problem with the recent installation of new equipment. The air isn't completely free from the sewer smell, but Young said it's simply not practical to get rid of the odor entirely.

He said the proposed 200 parts per billion ceiling might be unreasonable. But also, he said, it is not uncommon for manholes in Twin Falls to measure 1,000 parts per billion, though he can't say for sure those rates aren't actually lower. He explained the city does not have equipment for measuring rates lower than 1,000 parts per billion.

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NATION

# Terror law has uncertain future

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - On the very day last month that Mohamad Hammoud became the first person convicted under a 1996 law that bans aid to terrorist groups, a federal judge in California declared the statute unconstitutional.



John Walker Lindh

Hammoud's lawyer, "I think they'll have to within the next three years."

On June 22, a federal jury in Charlotte found Hammoud guilty

"With an issue this important, and with the questions being raised, it's something the U.S. Supreme Court may ultimately take a look at," said Deke Falls.

of providing material support to the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. The 28-year-old Lebanese-born Hammoud could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Hammoud was accused by the government in March of funneling profits from a cigarette-smuggling ring to Hezbollah. He was convicted under a 6-year-old law that prohibits aid to groups and individuals classified as terrorist by the U.S. State Department.

After the verdict, U.S. Attorney Bob Conrad said the conviction opens a new front in the war against terrorism.

"The fact that there are terrorist

fund-raising cells in Charlotte means there are terrorist fund-raising cells elsewhere," he said. "We will try to prosecute elsewhere."

On the same day the verdict came down, U.S. District Judge Robert Takasugi in Los Angeles declared the law unconstitutional and threw out a March 2001 case against seven people accused of directing charitable donations to an Iranian group designated terrorist by the government.

Takasugi said the law violates foreign organizations' due process rights because it gives them no opportunity to contest their terrorist designation.

## Roommate of hijackers remains in custody

BALTIMORE (AP) - A Jordanian citizen who FBI officials believe lived with two Sept. 11 hijackers last year will remain in federal custody, a magistrate ordered Monday.

Rasmi Al-Shannaq, 27, is charged with obtaining a fake visa from the U.S. embassy in Qatar.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harvey Eisenberg asked to keep Al-Shannaq in custody, saying he is a flight risk because he is a Jordanian citizen and because of the charge against him.

Magistrate Susan Gauvey appointed an attorney to represent Al-Shannaq. In a written statement, Al-Shannaq told the court he is unemployed and does not have any money.

There is no evidence Al-Shannaq aided the hijackers,

said his newly appointed attorney, Jim Wyda. He described his client as living a "relatively normal life" until his June 24 arrest.

"What we have right now is a relatively minor fraud case," Wyda said. He noted the only charge Al-Shannaq faces involves his own visa.

Al-Shannaq had been held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service since his arrest June 24 in Baltimore. Gauvey ordered him transferred to the custody of U.S. marshals.

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# Texas town deals with massive tire pile

ATLANTA, Texas (AP) - More than 30 million tires have reached the end of the road amid the pine forests of northeast Texas. And state environmental officials are worried.

The decaying rubber once intended for recycling now is stacked in mounds up to 25 feet high, posing an extreme fire hazard, officials say.

"If that site turns into a blaze, it's a major disaster," said Jeff Saitas, executive director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "It is the largest pile in the state of Texas and maybe the largest in the nation."

The commission took over the 150-acre site near the Louisiana state line after it was abandoned two years ago by engineer Bud Gibson, who filed for bankruptcy after his recycling business failed.

Fearing lightning or oxidation of the wires in the tires might start a fire, state officials earlier this year prepared to bury the whole lot. But the idea was opposed by business leaders in Atlanta, a town of 5,700 people five miles from the dump.

The residents are worried the rubber will catch fire underground, contaminating groundwater.

"We don't want it buried," said Rebecca Clayton, a cosmetologist and Chamber of Commerce board member who organized the opposition. "We feel like that would be trading one hazard for another - a hidden one."

Saitas said that burial is widely



Dale Vodak, an environmental investigator for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, stands on a pile of tires June 25 in Atlanta, Texas. More than 30 million tires have found the end of the road among the secluded pine forests of northeast Texas. The rotting rubber once intended for recycling now is stacked in mounds up to 25 feet high, posing an extreme fire hazard.

considered safe. Tire chips mixed equally with dirt are not likely to catch fire, he said.

More dangerous, he said, is the threat of an aboveground blaze that could take months or even years to extinguish, releasing dangerous chemicals from the melting tires into lakes and streams.

Security guards monitor the site around the clock, watching for the blue haze that may signal fire under the rubber. Thermal imaging equipment is used to measure the heat radiating from the tires.

Gibson opened the recycling site in 1991 at a former strip mine,

encouraged by a state program, financed by a \$2 fee on new tires, that offered financial incentives to clean up tire dumps. But only a limited market for chipped or shredded tires developed.

The state abandoned the effort in 1997, but then Gibson had gathered scrapped tires from 220 other dump sites in Texas and surrounding states. The recycling plant finally closed in 2000, following repeated safety violations.

Most of the tires have been shredded, but about 3 million whole ones remain, from puny bicycle tires to giant tractor tires.

Since the state took over, nine small fires have broken out and were extinguished only by breaking open the piles and dousing them.

Several volunteer fire departments surrounding Atlanta have said they will not respond to any more blazes because fighting the fires damaged their equipment and put firefighters in jeopardy.

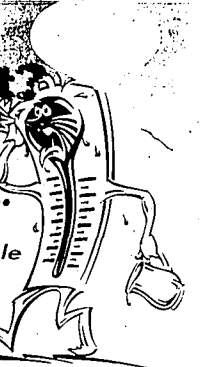
Fire lines have been carved through the tire piles, and water trucks are parked nearby. But anything more than a little smoldering could be catastrophic.

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Governor says flood damage will near \$1B

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - With flood warnings out and more rain looming, Gov. Rick Perry said Monday that he expected losses from the deadly flooding across Texas to be near \$1 billion.

More than 30 inches of rain have fallen in the past week, sending streams and rivers pouring out of their banks from the Hill Country surrounding San Antonio to rural west Texas, more than 150 miles away.

Earlier Monday, the governor walked through the home of Roman and Hilda Mendoza, who were flooded out last week when rain and runoff pushed Woodlawn Lake in San Antonio over its shores and into their neighborhood. More than 100 houses were damaged in the area.

Witness: Slain girl's mom 'dirty danced' with suspect

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The night Danielle van Dam disappeared, her mother was "dirty dancing" with the man accused of killing the 7-year-old, a witness testified Monday.

Brenda van Dam was rubbing her hips and bosom against defendant David Westerfield on a crowded dance floor in February, said bar patron Patricia LePage.

Van Dam, 39, has testified that she did not dance with Westerfield.

The defense contends Danielle's mother could have transferred physical evidence to the man accused of kidnapping and killing her daughter.

The defense has also suggested that Danielle's mother and father led a "risque" lifestyle that allowed other potential suspects into their home.

Westerfield, 50, who lived two doors from the van Dam family, is charged with kidnapping and murdering Danielle and could get the death penalty.

Danielle was last seen when her father put her to bed Feb. 1. Her nude body was found along a rural road, about 40 miles away, nearly a month later.

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Russian pilot received contradictory instructions before crash

BERLIN - A Russian pilot received contradictory instructions before crashing into a cargo plane over Germany last week, German investigators said Monday after reviewing voice recorders from the two jets.

World in brief. The Russian pilot responded, and 30 seconds later the planes crashed at 35,000 feet.

Israel's Peres meets with Palestinian finance minister. JERUSALEM - Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met Monday with Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayad.

Court finds Iranian dancer guilty of corrupting youths. TEHRAN, Iran - Ruling that teaching traditional Iranian dance corrupts the nation's youth, a court banned an Iranian-

Yugoslav war crimes court gives soldier eight years. PROKUPJE, Yugoslavia - A former Yugoslav soldier was sentenced Monday to eight years in prison for the 1999 killing of two Kosovo Albanians.

Karzai seeks help to find V.P.'s killers. KABUL, Afghanistan - International peacekeepers agreed Monday to join the investigation into the weekend slaying of Vice President Abdul Qadir.

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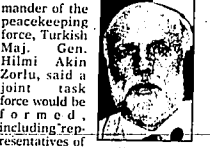
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Karzai seeks help to find V.P.'s killers

KABUL, Afghanistan - International peacekeepers agreed Monday to join the investigation into the weekend slaying of Vice President Abdul Qadir.



Abdul Qadir

Deadlocked in its probe, President Hamid Karzai's government on Monday asked the 19-nation International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, to help track down the killers.

The commander of the peacekeeping force, Turkish Maj. Gen. Hilmi Akin Zorlu, said a joint investigation would be formed, including representatives of his command and the Afghan ministries of justice and interior.

It is vital to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice as soon as possible and ISAF will donate every resource required to achieve it, Zorlu said.

Qadir, a guerrilla commander in the war against the Soviets in the 1980s, was the most prominent ethnic Pashtun in the government after Karzai himself and also served as minister of public works and governor of Nangarhar, a relatively rich province along the Pakistan border and a center of commerce, smuggling and opium poppy growing.

No successor has been named for any of the three posts. However, elders of Nangarhar asked the government to appoint Qadir's elder brother, Din Mohammed, to all three positions.

New medicine holds hope for AIDS patients. BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - A new drug that attacks the AIDS virus in an entirely different way could dramatically restore the health of HIV patients whose infections have outwitted all existing medicines, research indicates.

Experts said the drug, expected to be on the market next year, could save the lives of people who have exhausted treatment options.

## EDITORIAL

### Charting Title I schools will help spark progress

Some local school officials were left scratching their heads when the U.S. Department of Education released a list of schools designated as failing at teaching low-income students. The list included 21 schools in the Magic Valley and 88 statewide.

The latest report measures student performance at schools that take federal "Title I" money for low-income students. It details which schools have failed to meet state academic standards for two consecutive years. When the schools fail to meet those standards, students are allowed to transfer to another school. The report was puzzling. Some of the schools listed as "failing,"

Educators may be correct to suggest that these rankings are flawed—especially if different schools are using different tests. Idaho schools currently choose among a variety of tests.

At this stage, some parents may opt to have their children transfer from some of these "failing" schools. But a more accurate reading of how the school is doing won't be available until a common standard is used statewide. At the same time, schools should genuinely pursue improvements to help low-income students. It is entirely reasonable for federal or state governments to demand results for the amount of money they invest in education. That's what accountability is all about.

**Our view:** The recent report about 'failing' schools may have flaws, but it shouldn't be dismissed. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

such as Perrine Elementary School and St. Edward's Catholic School in Twin Falls, have performed well on standardized tests in the past.

These discrepancies may lead some educators to dismiss federal and state programs aiming at school accountability. That shouldn't be their reaction.

Improvements in testing programs shouldn't tempt educators or political leaders to dismiss the drive for school accountability. Citizens are going to continue demanding proof that schools are succeeding. Performance measurements will be refined and standardized in response to the demand.

Educators and institutions may as well get used to the idea of being ranked and rated. Accountability is here to stay.

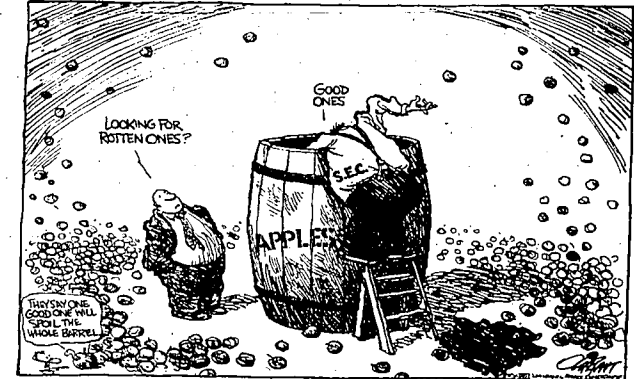
## Are accountants really dependable?

Accountants, it was widely said, are dependable but boring. This turned out to be a low-down double lie. They are not all that dependable, really. And they can be hilarious. They say, for example, that there is no widespread problem of wacky bookkeeping, just "a few bad apples" in the business. Even six months ago, this was a cheeky line: Nearly 1,000 firms were forced to admit misstating accounts in the five years that ended last December. But after Enron, Global Crossing, Adelphia, Xerox and WorldCom, the food applies crack is right up there with Monty Python as a class of absurdist humor.

SEBASTIAN MALLABY

The accountants say the corporate scandals aren't their fault: They're a cultural problem, you see, stemming from the irrational exuberance of a booming market. This is a delicious tease: Robbery is cultural too, but that doesn't mean we let it rip, so why should we be passive about white-collar criminals? These mischievous accountants are just joshing. Note also the playful contradiction with their bad-apples claim: The profession is suggesting, tongue-in-cheek, of course, that corporate scandals are both isolated exceptions and culturally pervasive.

The accountants say that government regulation, particularly the audit regulations proposed in the current Senate bill, will have "unintended consequences." You have to admire the deadpan seriousness with which they deliver this line. After all, the big unintended consequences come from not regulating auditors. Ask the employees and shareholders of WorldCom, who have lost jobs and savings. The accountants are presumably warming up for



a surprise punch line: By chilling regulation in the past, the fear of unintended consequences has had unintended consequences. The accountants say audit reform would represent "a burden upon business." This is a slightly nerdy joke, but Woody Allen is proof that over-intellectual awkwardness can be a mark of comic genius. In their burdensome witticism, the accountants are playing on the fact that the recent run of audit scandals has spoiled the stock market, making it harder for businesses to raise cash. So it's the lack of audit reform that is increasing the burden on business by pushing the cost of capital up. Those accountants are making merry again with their looking-glass assertions. For example, J. Thomas Higginbotham, vice president of the accountants' professional association, sent out a memo last month saying the Senate's proposed audit reform "would

cause harm to the market and investors." Of course, markets can't function without accurate information, and WorldCom's investors have suffered more than \$100 billion in harm, so Higginbotham was just teasing. He also spotted the comic potential in the Senate's proposal for strong audit committees. "Congress should consider proposals that will promote economic recovery, not enact legislation that inhibits it," his memo warned. Sometimes accountants try to keep their best spoofs to themselves, but most of them leak eventually. For example, the amendments that the profession secretly readied for the Senate bill make for pearly reading. One suggests inserting the word "material" in key spots, so that the bill-repairing requirements would apply only if big money were at stake; accountants could have fun deciding what "big" means.

Another would prevent the Senate's new oversight board from disciplining supervisors within accounting firms. This last measure is an in-joke about Arthur Andersen's downfall: It might protect head-office types who tell local offices to shred documents. The accountants have gambled and frolicked this way for years. They've racked up an impressive record of practical jokes, persuading the nation to believe that their conflicts of interest were perfectly all right and that a system of peer review by friendly firms was a sound substitute for proper oversight. But perhaps the comedy is drawing to a close. If the Senate bill makes it into law, accountants may at last become as dependable and dull as they were supposed to be.

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## Will the real Al Gore please sit down?

Party Al Gore. Like the comic book character Howard the Duck, he's trapped in a world that he never made. Gore's conduct in the 2000 presidential campaign—despite the fact that he won the popular vote—has been widely criticized. And, indeed, he seemed most of the time to be a kind of media Frankenstein, an artificial product whose every position and passion, every word and gesture, emerged from focus groups and opinion surveys. The campaign amounted to a kind of reductio ad absurdum of American politics. He tried to so fully embody what we want from a politician, tried so thoroughly to erase himself with polling data, that he ceased to exist at all. Occasionally he tried to simulate passion—but he was, and remains, absolutely incapable of arousing any. Gore hence came to embody post-modern politics and post-modern media, in which image and reality are impossible to distinguish from one another, or in which there is no difference between them.

CRISPIN SARTWELL  
It got so severe by the end that the notion of "who Al Gore really is" seemed impossible to ask. He "really" was a sheer media image, a computer animation. It reached the point at which asking who Al Gore really is, deep inside, was like asking who Shrek really is: He really is whatever he's programmed to be, whatever sells tickets. Now Gore regrets his lost authenticity, pines nostalgically for the time when he actually existed. But it is too late. His authenticity is conceptually unrecoverable. There is nothing left for the authentic Al Gore to be or to do or to say. Look at it like this: The idea that Gore wasn't authentic enough in the last campaign is itself a media criticism of that campaign. It's precisely the commentators and the focus groups and the polls that have told Gore he wasn't real enough. And so Gore has resolved to get

*"If I had it to do over again, I'd just let it rip." Gore told a private gathering of many of his most significant donors and fund-raisers, according to an aide who relayed the remarks to reporters. "To hell with the polls, tactics and all the rest. I would have poured out my heart and my vision for America's future."*  
—The Washington Post, June 30, 2002

try in-depth, and spend a lot less time going to media events and making tactical moves." But, of course, that is itself a tactical move and a media event. Gore has banded his truth fatally, fully, permanently. His condition is chronic, and there is no treatment. Every attempt to regain his authenticity only casts a new, infinitely repeated image through the hall of mirrors that is his political life and our media experience of that life. Once you succumb fully to the postmodern condition, only to allow yourself to be eviscerated entirely by the media machine, there is nothing—literally, nothing—left. You have ceased merely to represent your self falsely; you have become a lie. You have lost your self entirely; have released your self fully into the realm of fiction. For Gore to try to get rid of his media image is to recast his media image, and we won't believe in him any more afterward than we did before.

Crispin Sartwell teaches philosophy at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

**Alan Blinken represents refreshing change for Idaho**  
Responding to the reactionary missive from Dale Everson of Bellevue, carried in your Letters column recently, I agree that this year's U.S. senatorial race is of critical importance to the people of Idaho. But I don't see it from the same perspective that Everson apparently holds.

I am among the more than 50 percent of Idaho citizens who live in this beautiful state by choice, not by inadvertent happenstance of birth. That does not mean, however, that I am any less concerned over the future of my state than anyone native-born. Everson urges Idaho voters to expel Alan Blinken from his adopted state with the message

that "Idaho's U.S. Senate seat is not for sale to the highest bidder." Paraphrase me: Did I read that correctly? Is it not Larry Craig rather than Mr. Blinken who is telling voters that he may need an unprecedented \$4 million campaign fund to retain his seat in the Senate? A visit to the Internet's "opensecrets.org," sponsored by the nonpartisan Center for

Responsive Politics, shows that as of May 14, Craig had accumulated \$1,912,000 toward that \$4 million goal, primarily from out-of-state and the focus groups. I want to see Idaho remain a reactionary Republican stronghold, mired in the Robber Baron mentality of the 1800s. Blinken, conversely, had a campaign treasury of \$551,673, a substantial part of which came from his own pocket;

a reflection of his own industriousness in the business world and of his faith in the future of Idaho. For the past 16 years Craig has "represented" Idaho in Congress, largely with the backing of out-of-state financial interests. During that time Idaho's economy has been eroded to the point where we are consistently ranked as one of the lowest per capita income states in the nation. To me, Mr. Blinken's goal of trying to bring good-paying jobs and an improved economy to Idaho represents a refreshing hope for the future, as opposed to Craig's apparent goal of maintaining the status quo of 100 years ago. LINDA PARRISH Twin Falls

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OPINION

LETTERS



Europe is more afraid than it thinks

NORAH VINCENT

Anti-Americanism is alive and well on the Continent, as it is in much of the rest of the world, but it appears to have taken on a distinctly Freudian quality. If Europe is the superego - better yet, if NATO and the European Union give voice to the European superego - the United States embodies the id. If, in their own eyes, Europeans are the courtiers, Americans are the cowboys enacting Europe's repressed desires. We may be the bad guys with the guns, but traveling in Europe, one gets the feeling that more than a few Europeans secretly still approve of what we are doing. They just can't bring themselves to admit it in the light of day. Interestingly, this superego relationship mirrors a similar and long-standing dynamic in American politics. Democrats and Republicans serve as each other's ids. President Clinton and Gary Condit were crucified for their involvement with Monica Lewinsky and Chandra Levy, respectively, while naughty Henry Hyde and Robert Livingston just slunk away after their indiscretions were revealed. Why? Because it's a trade. Republicans pander to the Christian right's notions of marital fidelity while pasting the shame for their own dalliances on the horny Democrats.

Likewise, by blaming Republicans for corporate greed - Enron, WorldCom, etc. - Democrats keep their blue-collar respectability while lining their pockets with the same gold. European liberals and leftists do the same with American conservatives. We are a useful caricature of wealth and jingoism onto which outwardly decorous Europeans can affix their guilty but eminently understandable desires for a tough stand in the war on terror and a thriving democratic capitalist economy. These feelings sometimes get expressed in interesting, subliminal ways. While the European governments loudly slam the United States for the war on terrorism and the Iraq and the Middle East issues, I saw more than a few adults walking with their children (too young to read) whom they had dressed in T-shirts that said things such as "Peace by Superior Force" and "Practical Peace." The shirts had pictures of guns or tanks below the slogans. Other adults wore their own propaganda. One T-shirt said, "Dollars & Gold." Another said, "You can never be too rich." They were around the world have always worn T-shirts with American slogans on them, but now it's especially startling to see cartoon versions of greed and violence esteemed so boldly, given the widely expressed European disapproval of U.S. foreign and economic policy. Is this the difference between the intellectual policymakers and the man on the street? Maybe. It may also be the difference between public and private opinion. More left-leaning Europeans than most might suspect will admit - sotto voce - that they were mighty glad that a Republican was in office on Sept. 11. They may not vote that way, but they recognize the necessity of President Bush's policies. Despite public outcry for the Palestinians, deep down many probably know that their own security depends in part on Israel's (as well as on Afghanistan's, Pakistan's and India's) and on the use of "superior force" in the face of Islamic extremism. One thing is certain. Europeans are every bit as frightened as we are, a fear that manifests itself mostly in xenophobia. I saw a lot of swastikas scrawled on walls, next to graffiti that said things such as "Europe for Europeans." If this is any indication of nationalist fervor, it goes well beyond anti-Semitism to include everyone who isn't "European."

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bump. I got back into my car and left.

A couple of years ago, the stop signs on the ground were always painted and people obeyed them. Things got hectic when the signs faded. I sure wish they had just repainted the signs and not put the bumps in. I am not going to go back there to shop. I will sure miss my stores. ILA BRUNER Twin Falls

Lynwood Mall was better without speed bumps

I went to the Lynwood Mall last week and what a pain. They have installed stop bumps all around the parking lot. They are high and annoying to go over. I was almost sideswiped by a car that flew into my lane to avoid one of the bumps. I parked and was walking in and another car flew out into the parking lanes to avoid another

Stores should not follow Lynwood's example

Note to Costco, Fred Meyer, WinCo, Target, Kmart, Magic Valley Mall and Rite Aid: Please don't give in to the temptation to infest your parking lots with speed bumps like the Lynwood Shopping Center has done. One urban slalom course is bad enough. DOUG MAUGHAN Twin Falls

An Announcement from: BENOTT, ALEXANDER, HARWOOD, HIGH, & BUTLER, L.L.P. Ellen N. Smith The firm is pleased to announce the association of a new attorney. Ellen joins the firm after most recently serving as deputy prosecutor for Jerome County, Ms. Smith was born and raised in Boise, Idaho, and is a 1999 graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. She plans to focus her practice in the area of Family Law. Ellen looks forward to assisting the Firm in the continuation of its mission: "Providing quality legal services in a timely, professional and courteous manner since 1919." 126 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls • 733-5463

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI schedules summer workshops

**TWIN FALLS** - A series of three orientation workshops will be held at the College of Southern Idaho to help acquaint prospective students of all ages with the services and programs available at the college.

Designed by CSI's Student Information Office, the two- and three-hour workshops are free and open to the public. Each will include either lunch or refreshments, depending upon the time of day the event is scheduled.

Participants are encouraged to find out more about CSI programs and services, meet with an academic advisor to plan the best course for their education plans, to review placement test scores, and to register for the fall semester.

The sessions are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, which includes lunch; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, which includes refreshments; and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, and includes refreshments.

All sessions will be held on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building in rooms 276/277.

Participants are encouraged to call ahead to reserve spots in the workshops of their choice. Call the CSI Student Information Office at 733-9554, ext. 2221.

### Governor announces appointments to boards

**BOISE** - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Monday announced 95 appointments and reappointments to various state boards and commissions. Several are from the Magic Valley.

- Donald Chaholm, Burley - Board of Environmental Quality (reappointment)
- Candace Childers, Jerome - Certified Shorthand Reporters Board
- Steve Kohntopp, Twin Falls - Dormitory Housing Commission
- Adria Masoner, Burley - Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Wayne Hurst, Declo - Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute
- Richard Parker, Twin Falls - Idaho Food Quality Assurance Institute (reappointment)
- Hyung K. Park, Twin Falls - Idaho Human Rights Commission (reappointment)
- Robert Brice, Burley - Motor Carrier Advisory Committee (reappointment)
- Clay Handy, Heyburn - Motor Carrier Advisory Committee (reappointment)
- Henri LeMoyné, Buhl - Real Estate Appraiser Board
- Stephen Hartgen, Twin Falls - State Capitol Commission (reappointment)
- Gary Grindstaff, Buhl - State Soil Conservation Commission (reappointment)
- Barbara Thurlow, Mountain Home - Veterans Affairs Commission

### Summer science camp still has spaces open

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho's annual summer science camp still has spaces open for students going into the fifth through eighth grades this fall.

The week-long camp, Aug. 5-9, features on-campus workshops each morning as well as optional field trips every afternoon. A new feature of this year's science camp will be a model rocketry class plus separate learning activities for seventh- and eighth-graders.

The camp will consist of a 2 1/2 hour class each morning followed by lunch and a group activity, after which students are free to go home. Those who sign up for the afternoon field trips will be able to choose from hiking activities in the South Hills, the Discovery Center in Boise, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, and the southern Idaho desert for even more hands-on learning.

On their registration sheet, students are given a list of 13 different science endeavors from which they can choose their favorite eight. Students will be placed in the classes of their highest interest based on the choices. The cost of each field trip is \$15 and \$20 for the rock class.

For more information, contact the CSI Community Education Center at 733-9554, ext. 2250.

Compiled from staff reports

# Dems seek new foothold in M.V.

By Robert Meyer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Fed up with a Republican-dominated government which, as they see it, squandered a state surplus and hamstringed the public education system, Democratic candidates vowed Monday to breathe renewed life into Idaho come this November election.

Leading the cleanup are the Democrats' two top contenders:

### Democrats visit Magic Valley

The Democratic ticket's statewide tour through Idaho wraps up its Magic Valley leg today:

- 2 p.m. at Travel Plaza in Arco
- 4:15 p.m. at Paul's Market in Halley
- 6:15 p.m. at the Manhattan Cafe in Shoshone

Shoshone • 7:15 p.m. at the Lincoln Inn Cafe in Gooding  
Voters will be able to meet with federal and state candidates at these stops. Legislative and local candidates will also be available.

Alin Blinken, striving to unseat Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, and Idaho Falls publisher

Jerry Brady, who is aiming for Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's position. Both

were in Twin Falls Monday afternoon along with other Democratic candidates as part of a bus tour across the state.

The candidates are banking on the public's dissatisfaction with budget cuts to public education and the dismal state economy to give Democrats a good showing in November.

"This is a turning election. If we don't rise up and take back our government at this time, it will be another decade before

we have another chance," Brady said. "We are going to win this state in November, I guarantee it."

That the Republican leadership had to dip into both the rainy day fund and millennium fund, neither of which were to be used to balance the budget, Blinken and Brady found fiscally irresponsible.

Moreover, such practices are Please see DEMS, Page B3

## A LIFE IN ISOLATION



Kristin Brackett spends her days as a full-time mom to Mary, left, 2, Raylynn, 5, and Morgan, 4. On their isolated ranch, 'these guys are my companion,' Brackett said. To ease the loneliness and tedium, Brackett took up drawing and is earning a reputation as a fine Western artist.

## Art for sanity, kids for company and desert for home

**ROGERSON** - The drawback of propane-powered appliances is an inconveniently small refrigerator.

The advantage is once-a-week trips to town for groceries.

Otherwise, Kristin Brackett might not have to drive the 40 miles from Antelope Springs Ranch to Twin Falls more than once a month.

"Being from New Jersey, I probably need that once a week seeing people," said the 29-year-old mother of three.

But that doesn't mean pleasant visits with friends.

More likely, it's five hours of shopping and errands: Groceries. Drawing paper for her daughters. The family's laundry. The allergy shots Kristin needs to coexist with cows, horses, dogs, cats, sagebrush. Pipe, supplies and equipment repairs for her husband.

"There's always a flat tire or



Catching bugs and crickets is a favorite pastime of Morgan, right. Mom and Mary are always willing to 'ooh and aah' over her catch. Since moving to the ranch, Brackett has learned to live with nature in her front yard, including deer, rattlesnakes and currently a flock of birds.

first time - and start begging for a dishwasher.

In the family's solar-panel days, vacuuming half of the living room meant losing electricity for

the next three days. The gas generator was better, but husband Marc Brackett and his ranching-partner brother appropriated it for farm purposes. Now just the springs and the propane tanks power the house, and that's a significant improvement in lifestyle.

"I started drawing, actually, because of our power situation," Kristin said.

After her first daughter's birth, Kristin stopped tending cattle with Marc. When electricity was lacking - and that was frequent - she sat alone in the dark house. Drawing preserved sanity.

"That's kind of my outlet for living out here," she said. She used to oil paint but can't leave oils out with children around. So she switched to pencils, which she can pick up quickly. Word of mouth brings her about three commissions a year, mostly from faraway clients.

Kristin keeps a packet of photographs of her commissioned drawings: A portrait of a man and his favorite bull. Twin baby boys held in their dad's hands. The daughter of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, on horseback, cutting a calf away from the herd.

To prepare for that last job, Please see WEST, Page B3

## BPA, losing money, considers raising rates

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**BURLEY** - Beset with financial losses, the Bonneville Power Administration is considering raising wholesale power rates again this fall.

That could prompt Northwest utilities to pass the increased costs on to customers as they did last fall when rates rose as much as 46 percent.

For the city of Burley, which buys its power from BPA, no rate

changes are planned for customers, City Administrator Mark Milton said.

"We expect the rate change to be so minimal we won't change the way we charge customers," Milton said.

Rates were increased in Burley last year, he said, when BPA raised its rates. But the utility later dropped its rates, and that decrease wasn't passed on to customers, so it should offset this

## Police: Dispute may have sparked shooting

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**HAILEY** - A 38-year-old Hailey man shot another in the back before killing himself Wednesday, investigators have surmised, but exactly what led up to the shootings was still unclear Monday.

"I don't know if he was running away. I do know he was exiting the home," said Hailey Police Chief Brian McNary about the death of Anthony Purcell, 21, just outside the front door of a house at 2950 Woodside Blvd. in Hailey. Purcell was apparently shot

once with a .30-30 caliber rifle by David Wells just before Wells turned the gun on himself, McNary said.

Wells was a native of Hailey who worked as an electrician, McNary said. Purcell apparently was a newcomer to the area, and his last known address was in Bellevue, he said.

McNary said the two men were well acquainted with each other and even shared living space at one point. It wasn't clear Monday if anybody besides Wells was living in the house, he said.

Officers on Wednesday responded to a report of shots

fired at the house at about 12:30 a.m. They found Purcell dead near the front porch and Wells dead inside the house, according to reports.

There apparently had been at least one confrontation between Wells and Purcell the day before, McNary said, but investigators weren't sure what the fight was about.

"We're still just trying to sort all of this out," he said.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by email at mheinz@magicvalley.com

## Athletics committee proposes manual

By Robert Meyer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The renewal of the Twin Falls High School athletic program took another step forward as a committee presented the revised athletics manual to the School Board Monday.

Also proposed was a policy to randomly drug test student athletes.

The presentation was for informational purposes only and, as such, the board didn't take action. It is likely the board will vote on the manual at next month's meeting.

The manual, originally more than 100 pages, after numerous revisions was pared down to a slim 30 pages. The content remains essentially the same; much of the trimming came from eliminating redundant job descriptions and repetitious statements.

"It's very easy to read, right at the finger tips, no reason it shouldn't be followed," said Bill Jones, co-chairman of the athletic program manual study committee.

Ben Allen, high school principal, agreed that the less cumbersome document is more likely to be followed.

"It will give us the opportunity to go through the manual every year," Allen said.

The movement began in February when dozens of parents of high school student athletes came together lamenting the lack of enthusiasm, respect and, yes, winning seasons. The program needed rejuvenation, they said. They drew up a list of 18 recommendations.

School officials acted swiftly, faster than most anticipated, and before the school year was over, several coaches had either resigned or were fired since.

But much of the future success hinges around the program manual and its implementation. To carry that out, the group is calling for an athletics program oversight council to ensure that the new policies are implemented to act as providers of information when the need arises.

That many of the recommendations were made four years ago but never were carried out has group representatives feeling that such an advisory committee to perhaps nudge school officials, along with the new policy, is necessary.

"We really think the advisory committee has to have some teeth to it because in the long term that's the only way to get

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

GOP will force vote on Yucca Mountain

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican senators said they will force a vote today on a proposed nuclear waste site in Nevada, despite a plea by the Senate's top Democrat not to interrupt consideration of a bill to deal with corporate accounting abuses.

whether President Bush will be allowed to proceed with his plan, announced in February, to bury 77,000 tons of nuclear waste beneath the volcanic ridge known as Yucca Mountain 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

On the resolution, normally, only the majority leader brings legislation for consideration by the full Senate.

Democrat Harry Reid and Republican Jon Ensign have been scrambling to try to get enough votes to kill the Yucca project.

Archaeologists scramble to save site from erosion

PHOENIX (AP) - Archaeologists are trying to catalog what the largest wildfire in state history has done to more than 1,300 archaeological sites in eastern Arizona.

Arizona communities in its path and destroyed at least 467 homes. The annual monsoon season brings thunderstorms rolling in from the gulfs of California and Mexico into Arizona and New Mexico and usually lasts from July to September.

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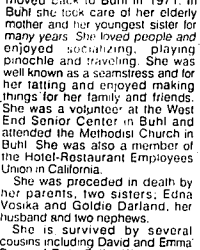
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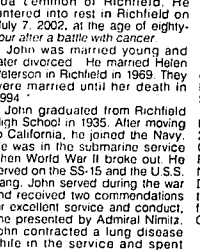
Mildred L. Hegg, 71, of Twin Falls went to her beloved family on Saturday, July 6, 2002. Mildred was born on November 11, 1930, in Bolton, Texas, the daughter of Frank and Nellie Smith.

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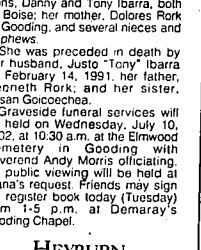
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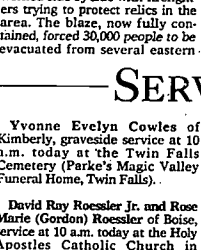
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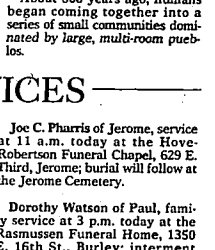
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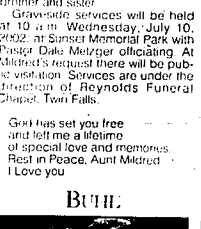
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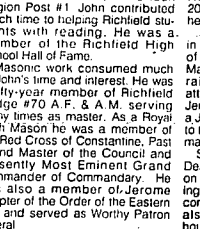
Sarah Inez Darland-Hennessey, 90, of Burley, died Monday, June 24, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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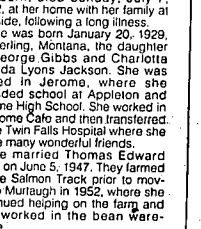
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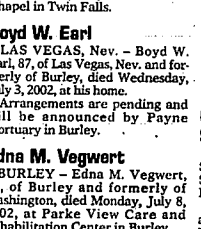
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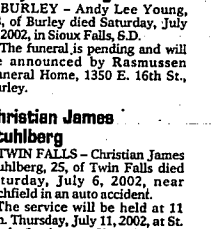
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John Paul Lemmon was born on December 21, 1971, in Reno, Nevada. He married Justine 'Tony' Ibarra on October 21, 1997.

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IN THE ASHES

# Minidoka commissioners deny tax appeals



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Fireman Justin Jensen blasts water into the rafters of a Walton Inc. building in Heyburn Monday afternoon. The roof of the building caught on fire and collapsed, leaving three cinder block walls and a warped garage door standing. The Heyburn station of the Minidoka County Fire Protection District responded to the fire at 4:15 p.m., sending three trucks. Heyburn Fire Chief Mike Brown said: Firefighters went into the building to remove tanks of compressed oxygen before extinguishing all the flames. Worried the tanks could explode and damage passing cars, Heyburn police officers blocked off the highway for about 20 minutes. Faulty wiring in the roof likely caused the fire, Brown said.

## M-C public defenders will not merge offices

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County commissioners decided not to pursue a joint public defender's office with Cassia County, even though a miscalculation put the venture almost in reach financially.

Last month, public defender Doug Whipple again talked with commissioners about forming a joint public defender's office, with a proposed price tag for Minidoka County of \$126,595. Cassia County would have contributed \$174,822.

Whipple later told commissioners Cassia County would see a 30 percent increase in health insurance costs for employees, bumping Minidoka County's contribution up another \$13,000.

However, Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said Monday the estimated increase in health insurance is just 12 percent, or \$3,785. If Cassia County would absorb \$175, Minidoka County could possibly absorb \$2,070,

Smith proposed.

Total costs for merged offices would be \$128,665. In Cassia County the total would be \$176,537. Costs in Minidoka County would have risen 5 percent; in Cassia County, costs would have increased 3 percent.

Commissioners decided their contribution to the public defender's office has increased enough in the last few years. A 3 percent increase will be given; they agreed, making Minidoka's contribution to the public defender's system \$125,660.

Having a joint office would allow all public defender's office employees in the two counties to have the same benefits and pay scales, Whipple said. Some public defender employees are Cassia County employees, and others are contract employees with Minidoka County. Employees on the Minidoka side do not receive benefits such as health insurance and retirement but are paid more.

## Athletics

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"Implementation to occur," said committee member Ken Edmunds. "What we want is some independence from the administration so somebody can say, 'No, it's not working, pay attention.'"

However, that proposal proved to be a sticking point in Board chairwoman Vera Redman said that while the board is always available to discuss matters with parents, most issues are best resolved through the proper channels; that is, going to the school principal or, if necessary, the district superintendent.

"We have worked long and hard to establish protocol in our district," Redman said. "It has served us well."

Allen, too, struggled with the idea of a group of parents bypassing protocol, directly interacting with board members, particularly on such sensitive issues as personnel.

"My advice would be to follow protocol," he said.

Superintendent Terrell Donichic was hesitant with the drug testing policy. In principle, he said supports the idea of random drug testing, but many legal wrinkles need to be examined closely, he said.

## Rates

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increase, he said. Heyburn and Rupert also buy their electricity from BPA.

Other utilities say they will try to absorb any hike internally. "Barring something unusual happening, we may be able to skate through and absorb any Bonneville increase," Eugene Water & Electric Board spokesman Lance Robertson said. The Springfield Utility Board also said it would resist a rate increase for retail customers.

The BPA, the federal power marketer that adjusts prices every six months, raised wholesale rates 46 percent in October, then scaled back that increase to 41 percent starting April 1.

As market prices have dropped, so has BPA's cost for supplying power to customers. BPA predicts that it will dip its rate

increase to about 33 percent for October through March 2003.

The overall picture, however, remains glum.

Like many Northwest utilities, BPA turned to high-priced, long-term power contracts during last year's energy crisis and that financial aftermath will dog the agency and its customers for several more years.

Just over a year ago, it had cash reserves of around \$60 million. That gave it a good chance of making its annual payment to the federal government for loans financing hydro and transmission system improvements.

"We think come the end of this fiscal year, we'll be down around \$128 million, which gives us about a 50 percent probability of making our primary payment, which is not good," spokesman Mike Hansen said.

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County commissioners denied all appeals of property tax assessments they heard a week ago during Monday's regular commissioner meeting.

Rupert resident Lester Newman appealed his property value saying it had not increased 11 percent in the last year. His property was assessed at \$115,220, due to interior improvements. Officials in the assessor's office have asked to inspect the property to determine if the assessment should be adjusted but have been denied access.

Since access has been denied, the commissioners denied lowering the valuation as Newman had asked.

"That's about all we can do," Commissioner Dave Teeter said.

Esther Cooper appealed the property assessment of \$11,000 for her 1-acre homestead on a farm. She said the value jumped \$4,350 in one year. She was also concerned the location of her property near a dairy was not

taken into consideration.

The change in valuation was based on comparable 1-acre home site assessments, officials in the assessor's office told commissioners. All homesites in the county are valued at \$11,000.

Commissioners also denied Cooper's appeal.

Dan Landers sought an agricultural exemption on his lots within a subdivision in Heyburn in his appeal. Commissioners denied Landers' request because he does not own all of the land he farms.

Dave Coats spoke to commissioners about his property value of \$25,040 on eight acres of an old gravel pit. He said it is discouraging to buy property and bring it back to the private sector when the value is assessed so high.

Coats also pointed out a neighbor had recently bought property nearby for \$1,000 per acre, using that rate, his property would be closer to \$8,000, rather than \$25,000.

Minidoka County Assessor Mark Vaughn said any bullle homestead is assessed at market value. Minidoka County

Planning and Zoning Administrator Paul Aston has said the property is a buildable homesite and a buyer would pay \$25,040, Vaughn said.

Vaughn agreed there are not too many reclaimed gravel pits as homesteads to compare values and Commissioner Don Handy said he could see where Coats was coming from.

"Personally I'd rather build where there's a little dirt than at the bottom of a gravel pit," Commissioner Larry Harper said.

Commissioners denied Coats' appeal because it is a buildable homesite.

Officials at Amalgamated Sugar Co. also appealed their property tax assessment. County Clerk Duane Smith said. The commissioners denied the appeal. Sugar company officials are continuing to work with Vaughn and hope to have an agreement before the deadline to appeal to state officials.

There was also a sixth appeal which came in more than a week late, Vaughn said. Commissioners did not consider that appeal.

Other commission business included:

## Cassia officials alter some property assessments

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley couple appealed the right of a government to tax the property of individuals in a letter reviewed by Cassia County commissioners Monday.

The appeal of John and Elaine Horejes was the most sweeping of four, excepting the man's property considered Monday. Seated as the board of adjustments, the commissioners denied the Horejes' appeal. They reduced another assessment by 5 percent, exempted 75 percent of the tax on another property and came to an agreement with a business-about its assessment.

Quoting John Locke, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the

Horejes asserted in a written affidavit that government entities have no right to tax the property of individuals. Taxation amounts to an encroachment of a part of a person's freedom from the government, violating the owner's inalienable right to property, they wrote.

"I don't see a basis in the Horejes' rationale," Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

"Any petitioner can take his or her appeal to the Idaho Board of Tax Appeals if unsatisfied with the decision of the county commissioners."

At the advice of Cassia County Assessor Marty Holland, commissioners reduced the assessment of an empty building at 1350 Pomerelle, next to

Albertson's, by 5 percent. In 2000 the board dramatically reduced the assessment of the building, owned by Cortland/Thrifty Payless Inc. After applying vacancy rates, Holland said, the company's 20 percent discount, bringing the assessment from \$1,090,752 to \$681,200. This year the company asked for an assessment of \$500,000, which is far too low, Holland said. The board voted to reduce the assessed value to \$640,000.

Another appeal was filed by the Minidoka County Highway District. It questioned Cassia County's right to tax a government organization. The highway district bought 107 acres of land on Idaho Highway 27 south of Burley to mine for gravel. Jess

Miller, Minidoka County Highway District supervisor said he was surprised when he received a bill.

Government agencies are exempt from taxation, Holland said. But because the property was owned privately before the highway district purchased it April 19, someone owes taxes for this year, he said.

The board voted to collect 25 percent of the tax because the property was not assessed for only a quarter of the year. Outstanding taxes on the property are about \$161.

Holland reported he had reached an agreement with Edge Wireless on its assessment appeal. The company appealed the assessed value of its building on Overland Avenue.

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## Heyburn P&Z Commission recommends new map

The Times-News

HEYBURN - The Heyburn Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the city of Heyburn adopt a new zoning map of the city. The map represents the changes brought about by Minidoka County's unified zoning ordinance.

"Very little has changed in this

map to what we've always had," Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Administrator Paul Aston said. "The map just reflects the change in terminology where it was when it was a 'CG' zone."

The commission noted the one portion of the city, east of 500 West, should be changed from "no zoning" to "commercial general." The area occupied by the J.R.

Simplot Co. potato processing plant is zoned "industrial high," the zoning that leaves the most leeway for other operations that could later occupy the area.

"The commission briefly discussed the possibility of incorporating the unified zoning ordinance into the city code. Alternatively, the city of Heyburn could modify its code to refer to

the county ordinance, Aston said. Adding the zoning ordinance to the city code would cost the city money, said Steve Tuft, Heyburn's attorney. Although there are benefits to having the zoning ordinance built into the city code, the code is already large and the added pages might require a second volume, Tuft said.

## Dems

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contrary to the conservative doctrine that many Republican lawmakers embrace, Brady said.

"We're so conservative about taking all the money and putting it into lock? What's so conservative about bankrupting this state?" Brady asked.

Republicans have defended the cuts as forcing government to do what its constituents have done in hard times - cut back. They also contend that preserving the tax cut is critical to Idaho's economic recovery.

The governor admitted, however, that the plan only works if

there is a rapid, robust economic recovery, and no analyst expects that. That creates the prospect for tens of millions of dollars in red ink early next year without any revenues left to plug the gap. The picture could be even bleaker a year from now.

Through May, the state's bond-economy had siphoned more than \$165 million from the revenue funders expected when they wrote the last budget and approved a record tax cut nearly 18 months ago. Kemphorne predicted the revenue shortfall would grow to more than \$180 million when June tax collections

are reported. Those numbers are still being compiled.

Not promising instant cures, Blinken said key to a healthy economy is bringing good paying jobs to Idaho.

"Education and good paying jobs are like brother and sister; you can't have good paying jobs without educated people and you can't have educated people without the ability of the state through good jobs to pay for the education," Blinken said.

Blinken not only wants to bring new business into Idaho to bolster the hard-hit economy, he said he wants to restore

America's confidence in U.S. business again. Corporate improprieties have hindered economic recovery and have kept investors on the sidelines contributing to the anemic stock market.

"It's counting on this administration in Washington, the justice department and the (Securities and Exchange Commission) to root out the few bad apples, prosecute them, and if they're guilty, put them in jail so confidence comes back to our system," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## West

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Kristin visited the woman's Texas home and horse.

Commissions usually have deadlines, and Kristin's daughters know they have to buy themselves while she works. So they draw, too.

"This is why we never have paper," Kristin said.

"The morning I visited, the girls had resorted to paper plates. They don't see many visitors and are ecstatic when they do. So one of the girls greeted me at the gate with her stack of paper-plate drawings.

Kristin's art brings in a side income. Enough to justify the upstairs room that remains dedicated to drawing and sewing machine despite her growing family.

Rayelynn, the oldest, is 5. Morgan is 4, and Mary is 2. Their mother is pregnant, and the room she had planned to become a dining room will probably be a nursery.

Kristin has a breakfast bar but longs for a kitchen table. For now, table and chairs stand in one of the porches that were added after the home's original 1913 or 1914 construction.

Marc's great-grandfather built the house, with 3-foot-thick stone

walls, at the base of Brown's Bench. Gravity, not pumps, brings spring water to the house. An orchard behind the house still produces apples, plums and pears for canning and jams, and lessens the wind. Watering the orchard and the lawn - put in just four years ago - keeps some desert heat away from the house.

The orchard and springs, 20 or so deer each year to eat fall apples, strip low-hanging fruit and lie in the Brackets' yard. They're easy to photograph. But they've destroyed Kristin's attempts at landscaping, compelling her to resort to portable flower containers she can move to safety. And they're aggressive, presenting a danger when the children want to play on the swing set.

"I've had a deer chase me into the house a couple of times," Kristin said.

One doe intimidates the family dogs.

"She sort of owns the yard from August to October," she said.

In July, it's rattlesnakes.

"They seem to cross through here the same time every year," Kristin said.

She waxes about snakes when her daughters play outside. They're told to stay on the fenced lawn unless Mom is along to

watch the tall grasses at their feet.

Kristin met Marc as a student at Colorado State University. She married him and moved to Antelope Springs Ranch in 1995. It took her a year to get used to life on the ranch.

"Snakes, power outages and the long drive to town."

The orchard and springs.

No bathtub. (The Brackett daughters learned early to use a shower.)

No telephone line. Just a cellular phone, when the battery works.

A seven-mile drive to the family's freezers.

Almost no socializing. (Though Three Creek ranches to the west are home to Brackett relatives, making time to visit takes unusual effort.)

Solitude.

"I used to have white pants, and I gave up on that," Kristin said.

She's not giving up on the lonely home at Brown's Bench, though the Bracketts make traveling with their daughters a priority and might eventually have to live closer to a school.

"I don't think we'll ever let go of this place," Kristin said.

She lives the ranch lifestyle, but the vegetarian-turned-rancher cherishes her other interests. And suspects her husband does, too.

"I love this business and I love you. It here - it's just not all my world," Kristin said. "I'm kind of glad it's not everything."

She doesn't mean to convey that she's not a part of the ranch community, she told me. Living in the expanse of southwest Twin Falls County builds character, she said, and the women there are tough, devoted, dedicated, resourceful. Women one could rely on when their car needs.

"I'm not the toughest of the women out here," Kristin said.

Roseworth Tract resident Paulette Jackson is one of those women. At something like 15 miles away, she counts us a neighbor. Kristin clearly has won her affection, and her kind words.

"She wasn't a ranch kid before she came here," Paulette said. "She's just really adapted to the way of life out here, and she's just a really sweet kid."

Virginia S. Hutchins is The Times-News' business editor. But she takes a break from economic statistics on occasion to write her column about Westerners off the beaten path.

IDAHO/WEST

Lightning ignites fire season

BOISE (AP) - Thunderstorms that peppered southern Idaho with lightning strikes have heated up the state's wildfire season...

U.S. Bureau of Land Management crews fought eight southwestern Idaho range fires which started following weekend storms...

Retardant planes attacked the 1,000-acre Jackknife blaze burning in steep country 25 miles north of Emmett...

"In the lower elevations, we had such a dry spring, hot and cold," Eardley said.

ed the growth of cheatgrass which is our biggest problem. The grass out there is short and not very thick."

Residents in about 60 homes were evacuated Sunday when the smoldering Camel range fire exploded on the outskirts of Pocatello...

"We have a red flag warning with high winds expected," Bennett said.

The Boise National Forest on Monday responded to nine new fires sparked by lightning...

Fire restrictions are not in place on the forest, although officials advise campers and others to exercise caution.

Fires at a glance

A look at wildfires around the West: Alaska: No major fires.

Arizona: The Pogo-Chediski fire consumed nearly 469,000 acres of pine forest in eastern Arizona...

California: No major fires. Colorado: The 73,445-acre Missionary Ridge Valley fire near Durango was 87 percent contained Monday...

Idaho: No major fires. Montana: No major fires. Nevada: The 670-acre Gondoia fire at the south shore of Lake Tahoe is contained...

Monday. It was sparked by lightning on Saturday.

New Mexico: Higher humidity and rain has helped firefighters hold back the lightning-caused Cub Fire that has burned 13,180 acres in the Gila Wilderness...

Oregon: Lightning touched off dozens of small wildfires over the weekend in remote areas of eastern Oregon...

Utah: Six fires burning 116,190 acres. The Rattle Complex has burned 74,500 acres 20 miles northeast of Green River...

Washington: No major fires. Wyoming: A 13,900-acre wildfire in a remote area of the Wind River Indian Reservation is 45 percent contained...

Health care spending ranks low in Idaho

WASHINGTON (AP) - People in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island spent 15 percent more on personal health care than the rest of the country in 1998...

Idaho's per capita income in 1998 ranked 45th nationally, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York ranked first, third and fourth in per capita income...

"Urban areas in general tend to be higher-priced than rural areas," said Anne Martin, one of the report's authors.

Katie Levin, who is in charge of national health statistics for the agency, cautioned that the numbers cannot be used to determine if residents of one state are getting better health care than those of another.

Agency economists conducted the study by examining Internal Revenue Service receipts for for-profit health care businesses...

In 1998, personal health care spending in the United States totaled \$1 trillion. The national average per resident was \$3,759.

On the other end, Utah had the lowest health spending for 1998 - just \$2,731 per resident.

The last time the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services examined state health spending figures was in 1991.

Grocery store sells edited movies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The brouhaha that started in Utah County over edited versions of "Titanic" may have been the tip of the proverbial iceberg for moviemakers who don't want entrepreneurs cutting four-letter words and steamy sex scenes from their films.

Albertson's is now offering "E-rated" video versions of new releases in all 45 of its Utah stores and the company expects to make them available at all of its 1,000 stores by the end of summer.

Glenn Dickman, president of Video II, which is editing Rated movies like "Black Hawk Down," "Gosford Park" and "My Life as a House" for the stores, said it's a natural, albeit risky, move.

"We're excited. We've been wanting to do this for quite a while. Version movies for the general public for probably 15 years," said Dickman, whose company is based in Sandy.

"But we were only into our first week when we started getting phone calls from the studios."

Dickman said officials at one Hollywood studio told him they will issue a cease-and-desist order until they can file a lawsuit to stop the splicing. Others are concerned but cautious, he said.

In 1998, two Utah County entertainment businesses sparked a national debate over artistic value, property rights and copyright infringement when they edited Academy Award-winning "Titanic."

"Paramount Pictures pulled "Titanic" from American Fork's Town Cinemas showhouse after the theater owners began advertising and showing a version omitting the sexy love scene and the arty nude segment.

"A few months later, on the day "Titanic" was released as a video, Sunrise Video offered to cut out the two scenes for customers who brought in their own copies of the blockbuster.

"Business was brisk and the owners received letters from Paramount suggesting they discontinue the service."

"Sunrise still offers edited movies, now supplied by Clean Flicks, a business that specializes in professional film editing and has a number of outlets in Utah and Salt Lake counties."

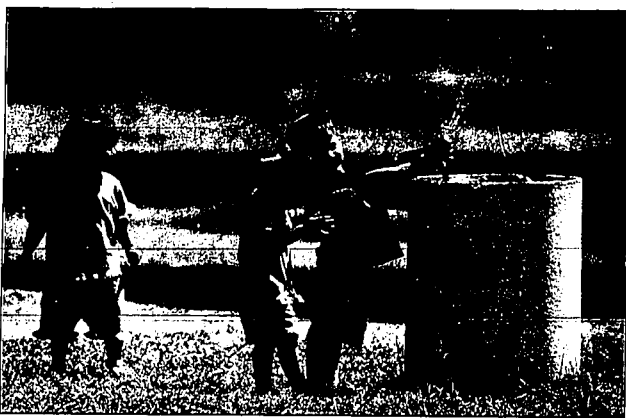
"These other guys are all under the radar screen," Dickman said. "This, because it may become nationwide, may well force the studios to make a decision about what they're going to do."

"We are the biggest player. We're the first chain to offer this. We're hanging our necks out here."

Dickman said he had to agree to take on the liability to persuade Albertson's owners to offer the movies. He says he isn't overly worried about it.

"I don't feel the studios are trying to bully me," he said. "I have the sense that they're sitting back and discussing it. Their big concern is guys hacking up their movies. I say they should take control then and do it as a studio."

COOLING SPRAY



Randy, right, Destiny, center, and Sierra Chavez cool off using the spray from a water fountain in Bakersfield, Calif., Monday.

Burglary charges may await Ricci

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Burglary charges are likely to be filed Thursday against Richard Albert Ricci, Assistant Salt Lake County District Attorney Kent Morgan said Monday.

Ricci, who has been named as a potential suspect but not charged in the Elizabeth Smart abduction, worked for several months as a handyman at the Smart home last year.

The burglary and theft charges may involve items taken from the Smart home. Ricci denies any involvement with the girl's kidnapping.

Ricci's attorney, David K. Smith, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

At a news briefing Monday, Ed Smart, Elizabeth's father, acknowledged "some things were missing" from his home.

He wouldn't say when he reported them missing, and equivocated when asked if they disappeared during a burglary.

Ricci is being held at Utah State Prison for parole violations. One of the violations listed on his warrant was burglary.

Salt Lake City Police Chief Rick Dinsie has said Ricci tops the list of potential suspects in the 14-year-old girl's disappearance.

"I know (the police) are still focusing on him," Ed Smart said.

Elizabeth Smart on June was taken from her bedroom in the middle of the night by a man with a gun. The sole witness to the abduction, 9-year-old Mary Katherine Smart, said the soft-spoken man had a medium build, dark hair on the back of his hands and wore a golf hat.

Ricci's neighbors and relatives have testified before a federal grand jury as part of the investigation.

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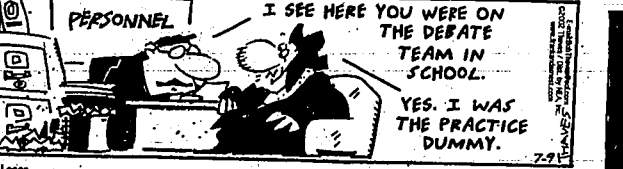
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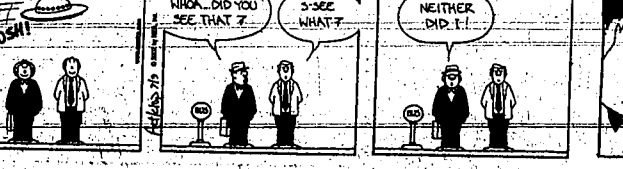
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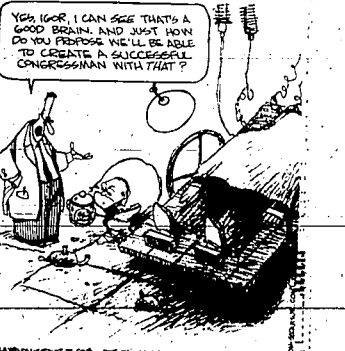
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“4 Reds Tickets \$30,  
4 Sodas \$10,  
4 Hot Dogs \$15,  
Ken Griffey Jr.,  
worthless.”

—A fan carrying a  
sign in Cineroy Field

TRIVIA

QUESTION:  
Who is baseball's only most valuable player who never played in an All-Star game?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**American Legion baseball**  
- Upper Valley at Twin Falls AA, at Twin Falls High School, noon  
- Minico at Pocatello Rebels (2), at Halliwell Field, 5:30 p.m.  
- Twin Falls A at Marsh Falls (2), at American Falls, 3 p.m.  
- Idaho Falls at Burley (2), at Dayley Field, 4 p.m.  
- Kimberly at Upper Valley (2), 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TF Babe Ruth team wins championship

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls 16-18 year old Babe Ruth team won the Mile High Invitational Baseball tournament this past weekend in McCall.  
- Twin Falls opened the tournament with a 5-4 victory over Nampa and followed that with a 15-2 drubbing of host McCall. In the final Twin Falls again played McCall, but the result was the same, winning 15-4.

Pitchers Christian Rieth, Ryan Pohlman and Ben Olmstead earned victories on the mound while Kevin Jussel belted three homers and Kody Barnes added another.

Jerome will host co-ed softball tournament

**JEROME** - The Jerome Softball Association Summer Sizzler Co-Ed tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday.  
- Registration deadline is July 10th. Tournament fees are \$170 and are due prior to playing the first game.  
- To register or for more information, contact the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 or York Corbridge at 837-6694.

Kimberly Legion plans 3-on-3 hoops tourney

**KIMBERLY** - The Kimberly American Legion baseball program will hold its annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament starting with registration at 9 a.m. July 13 at City Park. Play begins immediately after the Good Neighbor Days Parade.  
- The cost is \$12.50 per player with all teams consisting of four players. There will be four age brackets for males and females. Every entrant gets a T-shirt while awards go to the first-place team.  
- For more information, all Kelly VerWay at (208) 423-4393.

Bliss hosts soccer camp in late July

**BLISS** - The Bliss youth Soccer program will be holding its 3rd annual British soccer camp July 22-26.  
- Certified soccer coaches from Great Britain will provide an exciting and half-day camp for boys and girls grades K-12 at the Bliss School.  
- For more information contact Maria Gosar 332-4642.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:  
- Kirk Gibson, the Los Angeles Dodger who was named National League MVP in 1988.

# Giambi bests Sosa in Derby

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** - Once again, when it comes to home run hitting, Sammy Sosa is No. 2. Jason Giambi overcame Sosa's dazzling display of longballs early in the All-Star Home Run Derby and easily bested Sosa 7-1 in the final Monday night.

After Sosa hit seven 500-foot homers in the first two rounds, including three that left Miller Park on the fly, the Chicago Cubs slugger could only go deep once in the final.  
That wasn't nearly enough to beat Giambi.  
"I love it," Giambi said. "It's unbelievable."

With thunder cracking and lightning visible outside during the final round and Miller Park's roof leaking, Giambi got off to a quick start with four homers after three outs.  
Giambi, hitting off Yankees coach Willie Randolph, had seven longballs before making outs on his final four swings.  
"It's gotten hot in here ever since they closed the roof," Giambi said. "It's like a sauna in here."

Sosa made outs on his first five swings in the final against Cubs bullpen catcher Benny Cadahia before changing bats. Sosa hit only one homer with the new lumber.  
Sosa, the runner-up in the NL homer race three of the past four years, finished second in the Derby for the second straight year. He lost to Arizona's Luis Gonzalez last year in Seattle.

But Sosa easily put on the best show of the night. With flashbulbs popping before every swing and the crowd of 41,732 chanting, "Sam-my! Sam-my!" Sosa hit the ball a mile in the first round. Literally. His 12 homers traveled 5,719 feet, including the first two balls ever hit out of the 2-year-old ballpark.  
Sosa had five 500-foot shots that left fellow All-Stars like Ichiro Suzuki and Andrew Jones laughing in amusement. Sosa's longest drive traveled 524 feet.  
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New York's Jason Giambi hits in the first round of the 2002 All-Star Home Run Derby at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Monday.

## Armstrong relaxes; Spaniard wins Tour's second stage

The Associated Press

**SAARBUECKEN, Germany** - Lance Armstrong enjoyed a relaxed ride in Monday's stage of the Tour de France, while some struggled to get to the finish.

It was easier today, but quite easy," the three-time defending champion said.  
Armstrong finished the second stage in 61st place, and slipped to fourth in the overall standings.  
He is expected to big the lead until the race reaches the mountains next week.

Oscar Freire of Spain won the 112.2-mile trek, sprinting over the line just ahead of the main pack that included Armstrong. Swiss rider Rubens Bertogliati retained the leader's yellow jersey he took from Armstrong on Sunday.  
The Texan is making the early,

flat stages easy. But for some, even Monday's ride was nearly too much.

Norway's Thor Hushovd shared the lead for much of the day but finished last after stopping several times with cramps. At one point, he hunched over his handlebars in pain and had to have his thigh massaged by a trainer. He was cheered on by fans as he struggled to the finish line.

"I was surprised by the huge crowds - I was impressed," said Armstrong, who is favored to win a fourth straight title.

Thousands lined the stage route between Luxembourg and this west German city to cheer him and other riders, particularly Erik Zabel. One woman had "Zabel" written on her belly in the pink colors of his Telekom team.  
But Freire, the world road

champion, spoiled the party by outflanking the German in the final few yards to win in 4 hours, 19 minutes, 51 seconds.

Australia's Robbie McEwen placed second and Zabel finished third, in the same time as Freire. The main pack also had the same time.  
Zabel, who turned 32 on Sunday, was wearing the green jersey awarded to the Tour's fastest sprinter as he entered Saarbruecken.

"To return to my country in the green jersey, it's still not too bad," he told France 2 Television.  
Freire said riders can't always win on their home turf.

"In cycling, when you arrive in your home country, you indeed have more desire to win," Freire said. "But the other rivals also want to win - we're all racing out

there to win."

There were four crashes in Monday's stage. One of them involved Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service teammate Benoit Joachim, who wasn't seriously hurt. Spain's Samuel Sanchez of Euskaltel was taken to a hospital in Saarbruecken for X-rays after injuring his right knee and right elbow in the second crash.

Bertogliati said he hadn't expected to retain the lead.

"Today, I had a bit of luck to retain the yellow jersey for a second day," Bertogliati said. "If I hold it again after tomorrow's stage, I'm going to go buy a lottery ticket."

The riders were to move into France for Tuesday's third stage, a 108.19-mile run from Metz to Reims, the capital of the Champagne region.



Lance Armstrong strains in the middle of the pack during the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Luxembourg and Saarbruecken, Germany, Monday.

## Estate will ask judge to decide fate of Ted Williams' body

The Associated Press

**HERNANDO, Fla.** - Ted Williams' estate will ask a judge to decide if the baseball great's body should be cremated or frozen, a move to try to resolve a family feud over the remains.

Al Cassidy, the executor of the estate, will file Williams' will in state court on Tuesday or Wednesday and ask the judge to rule on the issue. John Heer, a lawyer for Williams' oldest daughter, said Monday. Heer contends Williams wanted to be cremated.

The daughter, Bobby Jo Ferrell, has accused her half brother, John Henry Williams, of moving her father's body from a Florida funeral home to Alcor Life Extension Foundation, where bodies are frozen.

She says John Henry Williams wants to preserve the father's DNA, perhaps to sell it in the future. The brother has not returned repeated calls seeking comment.

Ferrell plans to "rescue" her father's body from the cryonic company in Scottsdale, Ariz. She says the body already is frozen.

"My dad's in a metal tube, on his head, so frozen that if I touched him it would crack him because of the warmth from my fingertips," Ferrell told Boston's WBZ-TV. "It makes me so sick."

Karla Steen, a spokeswoman for Alcor, would not confirm Monday that Williams' body is at the facility. Ferrell has said she was told by the funeral home that the body was taken to Arizona.  
Ferrell did not return several phone messages Monday and no one answered the door at her house. Bill Boyles and Pam Price, attorneys for the estate's executor, also did not return a phone message.

Ted Williams, the last major league hitter to bat better than .400 in a season, died Friday at age 83.

No funeral will be held, according to the wishes of the former Boston Red Sox slugger. Two memorial services are planned on July 22 at Fenway Park.

George Hommel, a fishing buddy of Ted Williams, said it was a shame family members are fighting over the body.  
"Something like this makes you sick to your stomach," he said.

## Baseball players prepare for workout

The Associated Press

**ROSEMONT, Ill.** - The executive board of the baseball players' union failed to set a strike date Monday but will ask major leaguers for the authority to call the sport's ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Members of the union's executive board, meeting on the day before the All-Star game, left a hotel near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport saying they will go back to their teammates. Philadelphia outfielder Doug Glavine said that because of the uncertain position, it was wise to "prepare for the worst."

After the expiration of the previous labor deal Nov. 7, owners proposed economic changes that would slow salary growth. Players are worried that as negotiations drag on into the fall, owners may try to unilaterally change work rules or lock out players, freezing offseason signings and trades.

"From the players' standpoint, a strike is a last resort," union head Donald Fehr said. "It would not be entered into unless the players feel they have no other choice."

## It's Schilling vs. Lowe in All-Star game

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** - Curt Schilling of Arizona gets another chance to start for the National League in the All-Star game - this time against Boston's Derek Lowe.

Schilling, whose 14 wins lead the majors, was tabbed as the starter last year, too. But the five-time All-Star was a late scratch and didn't even get in the game.  
"It's no less an honor than it was the first time being at one of those games," said Schilling, who started the 1999 game in Boston. "It's a lot of fun. It's an honor and a privilege."

Lowe (12-4) made the All-Star game as a reliever in 2000. But in the starting rotation this year, he's flourished, leading the AL with a 2.36 ERA.

"To be here starting an All-Star game is more than I could have anticipated," Lowe said. The NL lineup announced Monday by Arizona manager Bob Brenly has Jose Vidro of the Expos batting leadoff and play-

ing second, followed by Colorado's Todd Helton at first, San Francisco's Barry Bonds in left field, the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa in right, Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero in center, the New York Mets' Mike Piazza at catcher, and Philadelphia's Scott Rolen at third base and Jimmy Rollins at shortstop.

With the game at Miller Park, an NL ballpark, Schilling will bat last.

The AL lineup put together by the Yankees' Joe Torre has Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki leading off and playing right field, followed by Boston's Shea Hillenbrand at third, Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez, the Yankees' Jason Giambi at first, Boston's Manny Ramirez in left, the Yankees' Jorge Posada catching, Minnesota's Torii Hunter in center and another Yankee, Alfonso Soriano, at second. Lowe will bat last.

"My starting pitcher will go two innings," Torre said. "Which means if we have a good first or second inning, you're hitting, pal."

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SPORTS

# Seattle leads AL West by three

SEATTLE (AP) - It won't be easy for the Seattle Mariners this time.

"Let me tell you, we're going to be a pennant race in this division," manager Lou Piniella says. "There's no open and shut case, I can tell you that."

A year ago at the All-Star break, the Mariners had the AL West virtually wrapped up with a 19-game lead en route to tying the major league record with 116 victories.

At the break this season, Seattle has a three-game lead over Anaheim and is five games in front of Oakland.

At 55-33, the Mariners have the second-best record in the American League to the New York Yankees' 55-32 mark and the third best in baseball.

Injuries that have cost the Mariners the services of No. 3 starting pitcher Paul Abbott for the season and have limited designated hitter Edgar Martinez to 26 games and reliever Jeff Nelson to 14. But the Mariners haven't been disappointing, even when compared to last season's near-a-century record when they were 63-24 in the All-Star break.

"Are we pleased with where we are?" Piniella asked. "Yes." But Oakland and the Angels aren't going to go away. It's prob-



Ichiro Suzuki of Seattle stretches during American League batting practice for the All-Star Game in Milwaukee Monday.

ably the toughest division in all of baseball. We envisioned that coming in, and it's proven to be so."

The Mariners were 20-7 against the AL West in the first half, including 6-1 against Anaheim and 8-5 against the Athletics. They're matched against the Angels in a three-game series in Anaheim July 19-21 and a three-game series in Seattle July 26-28.

In August, they have three-

game series both home and away with Anaheim and Oakland.

"What it amounts to is we're going to have to beat these teams head-to-head in the second half," Piniella said.

Martinez suffered a ruptured tendon behind his left knee that required surgery April 13 and Nelson underwent surgery May 10 to remove bone chips from his right elbow. And shortstop Carlos Guillen hasn't been at full strength since May 31 when he was hit by a pitch in his left ring finger while attempting to bunt.

A switch-hitter, Glenn has been restricted to hitting from the left side, which means Piniella can't use him against left-handers.

Three key Mariners are slumping. Bret Boone is hitting .229, Mike Cameron is hitting .17 and leading the AL with 96 strikeouts and Jeff Cirillo is hitting a soft .246.

Boone, with 12 home runs and 54 RBIs, is the most likely of the trio to get hot in the second half. Piniella can't expect any additions before the July 31 trading deadline. The Mariners are holding to their \$90 million player payroll, especially with the possibility of players' strike.

"We're trying to (make a trade) and we're going to try to improve the club and get better," general manager Pat Gillick

said. "So we'll look to do that. But if we don't and we get some more production out of our lineup, then I think we'll have a good second half."

Boone agrees.

"We're going with the guys we've got," he said. "We've got the best record in baseball or right there close. I plan on playing with these guys all year. I'll take this team against any team."

What went right for the Mariners before the All-Star break were Ichiro Suzuki, Olerud and Seattle's pitching. Opening day starter Freddy Garcia was 11-5 with a 3.44 ERA and was chosen for Tuesday night's All-Star game in Milwaukee along with closer Kazuhiro Sasaki and Suzuki.

Suzuki led the majors with 124 hits before the break and hit .357, while Sasaki had 21 saves and a 1.36 ERA. Olerud didn't make the All-Star game, but he hit .314 with 15 homers and 51 RBIs.

Left-hander Jamie Moyer and Joel Pineiro, Seattle's other top two starters, had outstanding first halves. Moyer was 8-4 with a 2.0 ERA, while Pineiro was 9-3 with a 2.70 ERA.

In the bullpen, new addition Shigetoshi Hasegawa had a 4-1 record and a 1.01 ERA.

## Major League Baseball

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East Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Infr		
New York	55	32	.632	-	z8-2	W1	29-16	28-16	117		
Boston	52	33	.612	2	6-4	L1	24-21	28-12	5-13		
Daltimore	42	43	.494	12	5-5	W2	19-20	23-23	9-9		
Toronto	34	52	.396	20.5	z3-7	L1	17-24	17-28	2-10		
Tampa Bay	28	57	.328	26	z3-7	L6	17-23	13-34	7-11		

Central Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Infr		
Minnesota	50	39	.562	-	2-6	L1	29-18	22-23	10-8		
Chicago	42	46	.477	7.5	z5-5	L1	26-21	22-25	8-10		
Cleveland	39	47	.453	9.5	z3-7	W1	21-18	18-29	6-12		
Kansas City	33	52	.388	15	z4-6	L1	19-14	13-33	5-13		
Detroit	31	54	.365	17	z5-5	W1	17-21	14-33	6-12		

West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Infr		
Seattle	55	33	.623	-	z-6	W1	27-20	28-13	11-7		
Anaheim	51	35	.593	3	z7-3	W3	28-18	23-17	11-7		
Oakland	40	38	.568	5	z-4	W1	23-19	21-18	16-7		
Texas	39	47	.453	15	z4-6	L2	23-24	16-23	8-9		

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Atlanta	56	32	.638	-	z-6	W1	31-17	25-15	15-3		
Montreal	49	41	.549	9.5	z-2	W1	27-12	19-29	12-6		
Florida	45	43	.511	11	z-5	L1	26-21	19-22	10-8		
New York	44	44	.500	12.5	z-6	W1	21-18	22-26	10-8		
Philadelphia	39	47	.453	18	z-5	W1	24-22	15-25	10-8		

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St. Louis	47	38	.553	-	z-4	W1	30-17	17-21	8-4		
Cincinnati	46	41	.529	2	z-6	L1	22-23	24-18	11-7		
Houston	41	47	.465	z-6	W2	L1	22-18	18-27	2-10		
Pittsburgh	38	49	.437	10	z4-6	L2	20-27	18-22	8-10		
Chicago	35	51	.407	12.5	z-7	L1	18-23	19-28	6-8		
Milwaukee	33	55	.375	15.5	z-5	W1	16-24	15-31	2-10		

West Division											
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Infr		
Los Angeles	54	34	.614	-	z-5.5	L1	27-15	27-19	12-6		
Arizona	51	38	.566	2.5	z-5	L2	28-18	23-18	11-7		
San Francisco	49	38	.563	4.5	z-5	W2	24-18	25-22	9-10		
Colorado	42	46	.478	12	z-4	L1	24-21	21-16	10-8		
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## Fans get locked out of Riverdogs game

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - The gates were padlocked and hundreds of fans of the Charleston Riverdogs gathered outside Joe Riley Stadium on Monday night.

It wasn't a strike of any kind, just another outlandish promotion by the Riverdogs, the Class A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Everybody except employees, scouts and media was barred from entering the stadium on "Nobody Night."

It was all part of a promotion designed to set the record for professional baseball's lowest attendance.

The Riverdogs, continuing their tradition of outlandish promotions, turned fans away and sent them to a party with discounted food and beer just outside the ballpark.

Hundreds of fans gathered outside the main gate waiting to be let in once the game was declared official and the actual attendance was announced.

The Columbus Red Sixx beat the Riverdogs 4-2. All the runs were scored before the fans were let in in fifth inning, when the game became official.

As soon as the fans entered the stadium, children scoured the stands searching for unclaimed foul balls.

Sam Seabrook, 13, found two balls on "Shoelace Joe Hill," where youngsters often hang out during games. He continued searching, and ended up catching the first foul ball after fans were let in.

Ricky Elyall, 43, said he was relieved to finally be let into the game with his children, aged 4 and 10.

"I think it's worth it," Elyall said. "They're the only ones doing it."

Fans were seated and the game resumed if it was nobody had missed anything.

There's some dispute about the actual lowest attendance record, but radio play-by-play announcer Jim Lacy said the record is the

12 people who braved a rain-out for the Chicago defeat Troy on Sept. 17, 1881.

Lucas came up with the idea for the stunt after attending one of team owner Mike Veeck's promotional seminars.

Regardless of the actual record, Veeck and the fans waiting outside said it will be hard to beat zero.

Season ticket-holders and those attending the party will be counted on ticket sales, which are sent to the league office at the end of the month. The Riverdogs are hoping to set the actual attendance record and plan to send verification to the baseball's Hall of Fame.

Contests held between innings that normally involve fans continued, but public address announcer Atom Taylor instead asked players and employees to participate. The theme song of the night was John Lennon's "Nowhere Man."

Even though many fans knew they weren't going to be allowed

into the game, about 200 showed up before the ceremonial first pitch, which was thrown in from behind the stadium.

Veeck is notorious for wacky promotions including "Vasectomy Night," which was canceled hours after its announcement. But events like "Tonya Harding Bat Night" and "Marriage Counseling Night" have gone on.

Veeck was the mastermind of the Chicago White Sox's notorious Disc Demolition Night, where in 1979 fans were invited to burr disc records in the outfield of Comiskey Park and started a near riot. The White Sox had to forfeit the second game of the doubleheader and police were called to herd out rowdy fans.

His father, Bill Veeck, once sent a midget to bat in the majors and in 1949 received backlash when he buried a Cleveland Indians' pennant in center field, complete with a horse-drawn caisson.

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no other viable option, and it is our hope over the next few weeks we will be able to have the kinds of serious and substantive discussions with major league owners we have heretofore been unable to have, and will resolve these issues."

During a five-hour session, Fehr briefed players on the slow-moving talks, which are scheduled to resume Thursday in New York.

"Hopefully this will light a fire under them to get negotiations going," Chicago White Sox pitcher Kelly Wince said. "Right now we seem to be in a holding pattern. We want to find out exactly what the points of contention are."

Owners have proposed to increase the percentage of local revenue each team would share, from 20 percent to 50 percent, and a 50 percent tax on the portions of payrolls above \$98 million, which combined would slow the increase in salaries. They have skyrocketed from an average of \$51,500 in 1976 to \$2.38 million on opening day this year.

Owners say only the large-market teams can win, and that more revenue sharing and a drag on salaries is needed to restore competitive balance.

"We did, of course, discuss all options for the future but no action in that regard was taken."

Fehr has met with seven of the 30 teams and will continue his discussions. Player representatives will confer with teammates.

"There will be discussions at the individual club level over the next couple of weeks," Fehr said.

Players hope their move Monday will spur the owners to negotiate.

The owners should say since the players didn't set a strike date, let's get something done, Minnesota's Denny Hocking said.

This is following a similar pattern to what happened eight years ago, when the union's executive board met in Pittsburgh on the day before the All-Star game. The executive board then held a conference call 17 days later and set a strike for Aug. 12. The strike lasted until the following April and wiped out the World Series for the first time since 1904.

Players also discussed the owners' proposal to test for steroid use and said they would try to get a sense from their teammates on what the union's position should be. Fehr didn't give any specifics.

"It's a serious issue. It will be handled seriously and it will be handled in bargaining," he said.

Fehr thinks the sides could agree to a worldwide draft that covers all amateur players, an expansion of the current draft, which applies primarily to those in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

He detailed the difference the sides have on revenue sharing, saying that using 2001 figures the clubs would like to increase the total from \$167 million to \$300 million and that the union would like it to be at about \$230 million.

He also detailed the union's distaste for a luxury tax, which even teams readily admit would cause teams not to sign players they would without the limitation.

"A luxury tax is a significant penalty, because somebody hurts someone," he said. "If you think about it that way, that's a pretty strange thing to do in the United States of America."

Fehr scoffed by management's claim that the union has not responded to the owners' proposals.

"We have bargaining," he said, "and they do public relations."

## New York keeps Phoenix winless 77-71

NEW YORK - The New York Liberty's front court players made sure the Phoenix Mercury remained winless in New York.

Forward Tamika Whitmore scored a career-high 28 points and center Tari Phillips added a season-high 23 points to lead the Liberty over the Mercury 77-71 Monday night.

Rickey Hammon scored eight of her 14 points late in the game, and Teresa Weatheroson, who along with Phillips was voted as a starter for the WNBA All-Star game, had nine assists for the Liberty who played for the first time in six days.

Jennifer Gilton scored 25 points for Phoenix, which dropped its fifth straight since losing on June 26, when head coach Cynthia Cooper resigned and Linda Shair took over.

The Mercury tied a season-high with 19 turnovers but still had a chance to win late in the second half. Adriana Moises hit a 3-point shot from New York's lead to 51-45 with 11:14 left, but Whitmore and Hammon took over.

Whitmore hit four straight inside baskets and Hammon followed with four quick jumpers from the outside to boost the Liberty's lead to double digits.



**Startz 94, Shock 76**

SALT LAKE CITY - Adrienne Goodson scored 21 points and Marie Ferdinandand added 20 to lead the Utah Starz to a victory over the Detroit Shock Monday.

Margo Dydek added 12 points, seven blocks and seven rebounds as Utah (11-6) led for all but the first two minutes of the game.

Rookie Swin Cash led all scorers with a season-high 25 points and Deanna Nolan had 18 points as Detroit (1-16) remained winless in 11 road games this year.

The Shock have lost three straight after earning their first and only win of the season.

After trailing by as many as 22 points, the Shock pulled within 60-51 midway through the second half after a three-point play by Ferris capped a 10-1 Detroit run.

But the Starz responded with an 11-4 surge, highlighted by a pair of Ferdinandand's driving layups.

Utah led 71-55 with 9:45 to play and the Shock couldn't get

within 13 points the rest of the game.

**Fever 68, Rockers 57**

INDIANAPOLIS - Rookie Tamika Catchings had 24 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Indiana Fever to a 68-57 victory over Cleveland on Monday night, ending the Rockers' fourth straight loss.

Catchings, who was named a starter for the Eastern Conference All-Stars on Sunday, was 7-of-15 from the field, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and 6-of-8 from the free throw line.

Bridget Pettis added 11 points for the Fever (8-9) in the opener of an eight-game homestand.

Shirley Taylor and Merlekin Jones each scored 12 points for the Rockers (6-11).

Catchings had a four-point play with 14:19 remaining that gave Indiana a 48-36 lead. She hit a 3-pointer from 22 feet, was fouled by Mary Andrade and made the free throw.

Taylor scored eight points in a 12-2 run shortly that brought Cleveland within 54-51 with 7:16 remaining. But backup center Kelly Schumacher hit two free throws and Catchings drove the

line for a basket, was fouled and hit the free throw to give the Fever a 59-51 lead with 6:12 remaining.

**Mystics 63, Miracle 51**

ORLANDO, Fla. - Coco Miller had a game-high 17 points and Vicky Bullett added 12 points and nine rebounds Monday night, leading the Washington Mystics to a 63-51 victory over the Orlando Miracle.

The Miracle fell three games behind the Eastern Conference-leading Mystics.

Nykesha Sales had 12 points to lead Orlando, which shot just 31 percent (19-for-61) compared to the Mystics, who shot 42 percent (19-for-45). Orlando was a dismal 3-for-20 from 3-point range for the game.

Washington scored 12 of the first 14 points of the second half, increasing their lead to 33-22 with 14:25 to play.

The Miracle didn't get within nine points of the Mystics the rest of the game.

Bullett had 10 first half points and three rebounds for the Mystics, who made 4 of 8 3-pointers before intermission. Orlando was 0-for-8 from beyond the arc in the first half.

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Houston's Lance Berkman, who leads the majors with 29 homers, hit only one, and Texas' Alex Rodriguez, who leads the AL with 27, had two.

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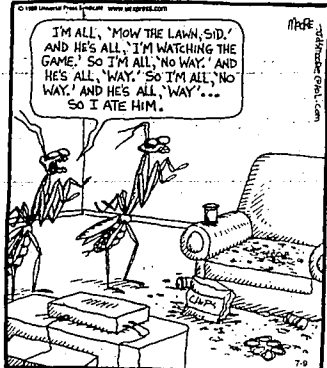
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Everything that deceives may be said to enchant" — Plato

North's bidding first suggests a minimum hand and then, via the second negative, shows a very weak hand indeed.

When West attacks with the club 10, it is very easy to look no further than the spade finesse, but if your course is dummy with a trump and lead up to the spade queen, West will win his spade king and return another heart.

Far better is to win the club 10 and lead out the spade ace followed by the spade queen. This gives up on the spade finesse, but preserves the entries to dummy to allow you to exploit either a 3-3 or 4-2 spade split, an 85 percent chance.

When West wins his spade king, he can cash his side's diamond winners or, as he pleases, you will use two of dummy's heart entries to ruff out the spade spades and can then return to dummy with a third round of trumps to cash the 10th spade for the game-going trick.

Notice how easy this line would be to find if the spade queen were the four instead. Sometimes you can indeed have too much of a good thing.

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SOUTH ♠ A K J 10 7 2 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ A K 10 ♣ A 10

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Declarer: South

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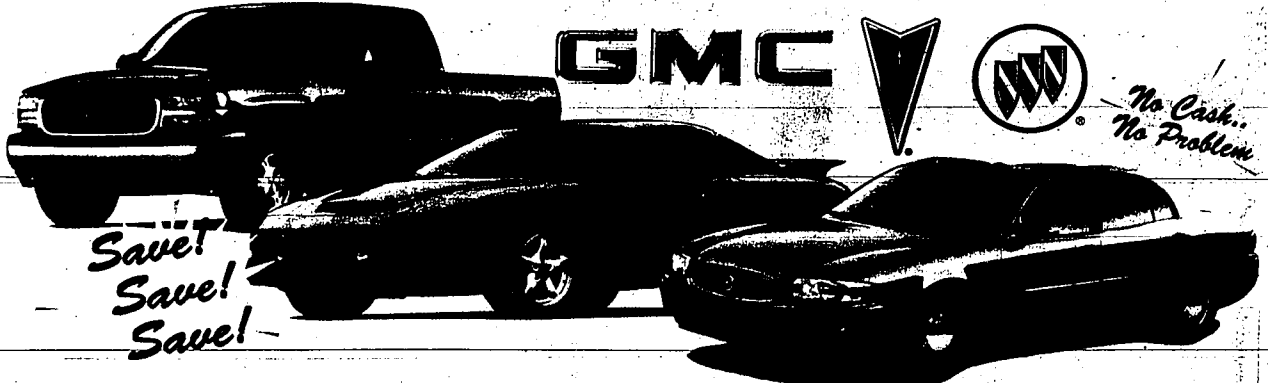
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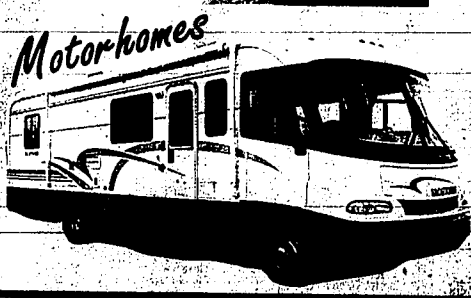
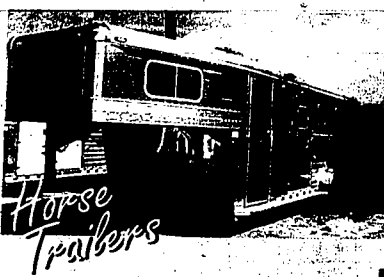
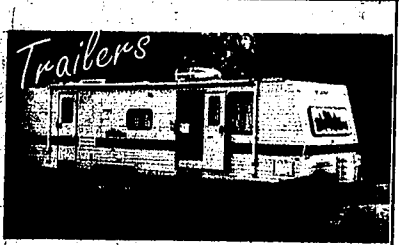
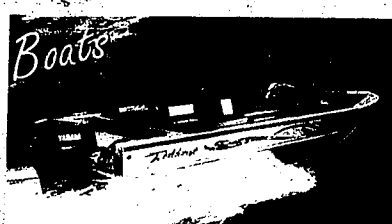
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## Miss Magic Valley celebrates 50 years

### First winner says experiences last a lifetime

By Heather Abel  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - This year, the Miss Magic Valley Scholarship Program celebrates 50 years of talent, beauty and poise.

At this year's event, the 51st titleholder will be crowned. As part of this year's events, the past 49 winners are invited to attend the program, as well as a luncheon on the day of the pageant.

Titleholders go on to the Miss Idaho pageant and Miss America pageants.

ZoeAnn Shaub was the first Miss Twin Falls (the title was later changed to Miss Magic Valley), and still helps young women prepare for the pageant.

For the first pageant, Shaub says she was asked to participate, and entered because of the scholarship money.

"I was thinking about law school," Shaub says.

"She went on to win the pageant, and later went on to law school at Stanford University.

After moving back to Idaho, she practiced law privately for one year and then served four terms as a probate judge for Twin Falls County.

Shaub says the pageant was a great experience.

"It opens so many doors," she says. "Not only is the scholarship money great, but the girls learn so much." Contestants are taught interview skills, public speaking and appearance. Shaub says

#### Pageant time

The Miss Magic Valley pageant takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern-Idaho Fine-Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

these skills help them later on in life. The girls practice twice a week, beginning six weeks before the pageant.

The pageant has changed since she won the title.

"It's improved, gone to a higher level, and scholarships have increased so much," she says. She has been involved with the Miss Magic Valley pageant in some aspect or another for a number of years, but this year will be the last for her.

"It's a very time-consuming project," Shaub says.

But she has enjoyed working with the girls. "The reason I do it is the girls," she says.

Faria Scheimerle also says the pageant has changed since she was Miss Twin Falls in 1970.

"When I was in it, I wasn't sure about doing it," she says. "But it was a wonderful experience. I met lots of wonderful girls. I didn't have the slightest idea I would do as well as I did."

Scheimerle is proud of Twin Falls and was pleased to represent it.

"It's a community we should all be proud of," she says.

Jamie Espil was crowned Miss Magic Valley in 1994. She will commence the pageant this year.

Espil, a contemporary Christian music singer, says she "learned poise and met a lot of people" as a result of her participation in the pageant.

Since then, Espil has attended the College of Southern Idaho, recorded her first CD, and working on her second CD. She says the pageant gave her confidence in her singing ability.

"My talent is what carried me through," Espil says. "It helped me to understand, 'Yeah, I can do this!'"

Espil has advice for girls who hesitant to participate.

"Go for it. You have nothing to lose." she says. "Even if you lose, you don't lose because you gain so much personal growth."



ZoeAnn Shaub, the first Miss Twin Falls, helps Miss Magic Valley contestants prepare for the pageant. Left, contestant Jentry Ann Fife practices her vocal solo for the competition.

## Lions involvement goes back to start

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - For 50 years, the Twin Falls Lions Club has been synonymous with the Miss Magic Valley pageant.

How did the Lions Club get involved?

According to Lions Club member Floyd Miller, the Boise Lions Club sponsored the Miss Idaho pageant, and they encouraged other local Lions Clubs to become involved.

"After hosting it, they liked what they did and continued," Miller says. "The Lions Club saw this as a great opportunity to provide scholarships. It's something

that's enjoyable. We're able to give them a boost. They're willing to work for it. It's fun to be a part of it."

Miller has been a Lions Club member for 37 years, and has always been involved in the pageant, formerly known as the Miss Twin Falls pageant. He has been the director for the program several times, and says the pageant helps prepare young girls for life.

"Virtually every facet of the competition has benefits later on in life," Miller says.

Fred Cogburn, director of this year's pageant, says the scholarship program's major emphasis is on the interview skills.

#### Community Involvement

The Lions Club contributes scholarship money for the winner and the first, second, third and fourth runners up. Other scholarships are provided by the College of Southern Idaho, McDonald Insurance, Rock Creek Mobile Manor, Lamb Weston, Inne Link, Joseph I. Shaw and Waddell & Reed Inc.

"They're going to need that more than any of the other skills," Cogburn says.

Miller agrees that the interview competition has become more important in the pageant. He says this competition helps these young girls to "present their best self."



## Young women vie for 2002 Miss Magic Valley title at pageant

**TWIN FALLS** - Several young women will compete for the title of Miss Magic Valley on Saturday.

**Dixie Holloway**, daughter of Charles and Loretta Holloway, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and a sophomore at Brigham Young University. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, and art. She was vice president of the Twin Falls High School student body, and nominated to sing with the Utah Ambassadors of Music. Her talent is operatic solo.

**Rachelle Mueller**, daughter of Sherene Nelson and Gary Mueller, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. Her hobbies include dancing, writing, photography and poetry. She was on the year-book staff for four years, holding a leadership position; and the activity chairperson for DECA for two years. Her talent will be a hip hop dance.

**Amber Christensen**, daughter of Kim and Debbie Christensen, is a graduate of Burley High School and a sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho. Her hobbies include reading, basketball and white water rafting. She participated in the Miss Mini-Casita Scholarship Program. Her talent will be a humorous monologue.

**Jentry Ann Fife**, daughter of Nick and Julie Fife, is a graduate of Valley High School and plans to attend Boise State University this fall. Her hobbies include singing, shopping and camping. She was a cheerleader for

six years in high school and team captain in 2001 and 2002. She attended Idaho Stryngs Girls State. Fife has studied voice for six years. Her talent will be a vocal solo.

**Estrellita Aguilar**, daughter of Christine and Lupa Hernandez, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and has a travel specialist diploma from International Air Academy. Her hobbies include hiking, walking and shopping. She was a flight attendant for one year. Her talent will be a vocal solo.

**Kimberly Madsen**, daughter of Leon and Andi Madsen, is a graduate of Jerome High School and a sophomore at the University of Idaho. Her hobbies include art, dancing, reading and

running. She is on the University of Idaho Spirit Squad. Her talent will be a tap dance.

**Alyssa Johnson**, daughter of Jay and Debby Johnson, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and will attend Boise State University this fall. Her hobbies include dancing, cheerleading, swimming and painting. She was on the Twin Falls High School cheer squad for three years and varsity captain her senior year; awarded the National English Merit Award, and involved in the National Honor Society and the Key Club. Her talent is dance.

**Desarae Harding**, daughter of Bruce and Cindy Harding, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. Her hobbies include tennis, bicycling, church activities, soccer,

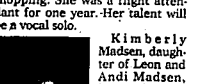
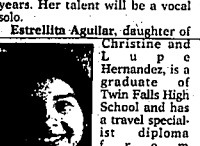
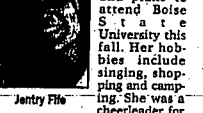
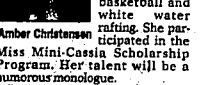
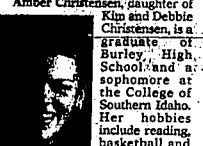
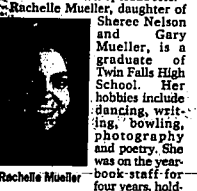
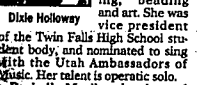
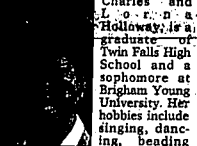
reading, dancing, violin and playing the piano. She has participated in symphonies, orchestras, chamber singers and piano competitions. Her talent will be a piano solo.

**Jody Zollinger**, daughter of David and Jan Zollinger, is a graduate of Hagerman High School, and will attend Utah State University this fall. Her hobbies include singing, jogging, working out and reading. She is the first state and nationally certified first responder on the Hagerman Quick Response Unit; and received the Spirit of Service Youth Award by the Gooding Health Net Coalition. Her talent will be a vocal solo.

**Michelle Renee Williams**, daughter of Rex and Karla Williams, is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and a junior at the University of Idaho. Her hobbies include dancing, cheerleading, spinning and singing. She danced for 13 years with the

State and District Dance Company and two years at the University of Idaho; was a cheerleader for five years in high school; an all-star cheerleader for three years; and a UI club leader for two years. Her talent will be a top dance.

**Teresa Morrison**, daughter of Denise Morrison and Terry Ford, is a graduate of Jerome High School and junior at Boise State University. Her hobbies include bowling, camping, fishing and riding horses. She is the Idaho State youth leader and secretary/treasurer of the Young American Bowling Alliance; and qualified to go to Florida for the Junior Olympic Gold Bowling Tournament. Her talent will be a vocal solo.



### LUAU!

Right, Rachael Gozales performs a hula solo at a community luau sponsored by the Rupert, West-Idaho of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. At the event, there was food, tropical clothing and lots of entertainment. That included the Haka, a dance which involves intimidating the enemy with fierce shouts, actions and sticking out their tongues.

Above, young girls dance the Hula, a graceful ceremonial dance. The dance for the event was Maria Wilson, an LDS missionary from Samsel, performing in Rupert.

### STORK REPORT

**Magic Valley Regional Medical Center**  
Julia Paige Spackman, daughter of Crystal Dawn and Jeffrey Michael Spackman of Gooding, was born Tuesday, June 25, 2002.  
Cheyenne Rose Bailey, daughter of Tanya Victoria and Rowdy Jay Bailey of Wendell, was born Monday, July 1, 2002.  
Grace Louise Bair, daughter of Liberty Jayne and Jason Hale Bair of Filer, was born Monday, July 1, 2002.

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**  
Jose Antonio Hernandez Vasquez, son of Juana De Jesus Vasquez and Jose Hernandez of Burley, was born Thursday, June 27, 2002.  
Dawson Winn Osterhout, son of Winn and Rachelle Osterhout of Declo, was born Thursday, June 27, 2002.  
Monica Alexa Telles, daughter of Adriana and Belen Telles, was born Friday, June 28, 2002.  
Halley Marie Montez, daughter of Rudy and Celina Montez of Rupert, was born Friday, June 28, 2002.  
Jude Alize Glenn, daughter of Sandra Martinez and Robert Glenn of Burley, was born Saturday, June 29, 2002.  
Tylene Mae Stroud, daughter of Heath and Lorien Stroud of Hazelton, was born Sunday, June 30, 2002.  
Lourdes Ofelia Solis, daughter of Marco Polo and Dayvona Solis of Burley, was born Monday, July 1, 2002.  
Isabel Myra Munoz, daughter of Misty Cruz and Henry Munoz of Rupert, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.  
Wynace Jae Irish, daughter of Shwanna and Rocky Irish of Dietrich, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.  
Beatriz Arevalo, daughter of Jose Fidel and Alondra Arevalo of Rupert, was born Tuesday, July 2, 2002.  
Macey Louise Henderson, daughter of Monte and Heidi Henderson of Burley, was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.  
Abby Lynn Schmitt, daughter of Tom and Sarah Schmitt of Burley, was born Wednesday, July 3, 2002.

**St. Benedicts Family Medical Center**  
Kendra Lee Rocha, daughter of Araceli Marquez of Jerome, was born Sunday, June 23, 2002.  
Marti Lynn Bjorneberg, daughter of Dave and Cindy Bjorneberg of Jerome, was born Saturday, June 29, 2002.  
Deandra Rae Hass, daughter of Darrell and Leslie Hass of Jerome, was born Monday, July 1, 2002.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

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# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## STUART ACHIEVEMENTS

Students of the Week for April for the Robert Stuart Junior High seventh grade are, from left, back: Teddy Wunderlich, Josh Smith, Hannah Spafford and Heather Gutknecht; second row: Chohai West, Maggie Fiscus and Megan Sotini; front: Alma Hadzic and Kelsey Patterson.



Bottom, seventh grade students at Robert Stuart Junior High are rewarded with tickets when they are 'Caught Being Good' by the faculty and staff. Weekly drawings are held for these students, who demonstrate the agreements of mutual respect, responsibility, appreciation and attentive listening. Winners in April and May were, from left, back row: Shannon Vray, Trevor Mah, Lindsey Maughan and Robert Thomas; second row: Jessica Galbraith, Heather Gutknecht and Vesna Lucic; front row: Kaylee Fauvell, and Blanca Garcia.



Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High

## THINGS TO DO

- Music**  
Snake River Flute Ensemble - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 1/2 S. Main. Call 484-6447.
- Dance**  
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 1/2 S. Main. On Thursdays, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 424-6440. Couples welcome.
- Bingo**  
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W. Shoshone. Most welcome 18. Call 886-2409.  
Apelles Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 1000 N. Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 65 welcome. Call 418-0108.  
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Fridays. 147. Seaton St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1229.  
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 a.m. Tuesdays at 212 First Ave. N. in Jerome. Check for seniors at 7 p.m. early bird at 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18. Call 424-7942.  
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 10 p.m. Thursdays. 1011 W. Main Street and snack bar open at 9 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 536-9642.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 479-0841.  
Snake River Elks 2607 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at 4212 East 200 South. Call 324-0200.  
West End Senior Center - at 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at center in both Burley Elks Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at

To add a listing, please send a notice with:  
Name of the organization or club;  
Time, day and place of the activity;  
Telephone number of a contact person.  
Send to:  
Pat Mancantonio  
The Times-News  
P.O. Box 540  
Twin Falls 83403.  
Or fax to 734-5538.  
Or e-mail to patm@magvalley.com  
For more information, call Pat Mancantonio at 735-3288.

- CELEBS**  
Judge, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.
- Singles**  
Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian foursquare center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 734-4255.  
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spanbauer's Barn for dancing. For more information, call 734-2044.
- CELEBS**  
Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-8079. Newcomers welcome.  
Magic Valley Pinochle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shop Avenue, Twin Falls.  
Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinochle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the

- community center at 652 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls; 733-5531.  
Free bridge lessons for beginners - 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 19 at Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., call 735-8386.  
Pinochle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E., anyone invited, call Erica at 734-4913.  
**Other**  
Writers Support Group: Fri. Wednesdays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Halley; 236-5425.  
Magic Valley Iris Club - meets for luncheon and meeting. Call Glenda at 733-0040 or Vicki at 733-8038. New members welcome.  
Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.  
Pioneer Button Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5225.  
Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Frost room at Herret Center on OSU campus, call 736-4447.  
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6 p.m. Wednesdays 243 1/2th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, modern pistol callers, call Stu at 424-2950 or Larry at 733-4213.  
Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at OSU Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.  
Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herret Center, call Nick Peterson at 733-9254, Ext. 2671.



Magie Valley Jaycees present checks from proceeds to its annual Freeze on Skis event. From left are Rita Sandberg and Sherry Olsen Frank from the People for Pets Building Fund; John Pohlman, top fund-raiser; Leanne Trappen with the South Central Community Action; Melody Linkner, director of the Southern Idaho Learning Center; and Theresa Moore, Magie Valley Jaycee 2001 President.

Photo courtesy of Magie Valley Jaycees

## Jaycees present 'Freeze' proceeds, seeks volunteers for this year

TWIN FALLS - The Magie Valley Jaycees presented checks on May 11 to the Southern Idaho Learning Center, South Central Community Action and People for Pets Building Fund from net proceeds from its 2002 Freeze on Skis fund-raising project held on Jan. 1.

Presenting the checks was Theresa Moore, 2001 chapter president. A total of \$9,660 was awarded with each organization receiving a check for \$3,220.

John Pohlman was the top fund-raiser for 2002 Freeze on Skis.

The Magie Valley Jaycees are looking for charities to be recipients of proceeds from the 16th annual Freeze on Skis, which will be held on Jan. 1, 2003. If your organization would like to be considered, call 2003 Freeze on Skis Chairman Brian Moore at 734-7377 by July 21.

## FAMILY REUNION



Jack and Lola Clifford of Twin Falls hosted a recent family reunion. Family members include, from left, top row: Sarah Judge, Tracy Judge, Cindy Whittaker, David Whittaker and Sherry Gabala; middle row: Laine Judge, Linda Doss, Lola Clifford, Cathie Deltell, and Lorraine Lawson; bottom row: Halley Lawson, Miranda Judge, Zada Dubois, Raumsle Gabala and Britany Lawson. The Judges and Doss' came from California, the Whittakers from Oregon, the Gabalas from Texas and the Lawsons from Virginia. The Deltells reside in Twin Falls. With Dubois, 96, are her daughter, two granddaughters, four great-granddaughters and six great-great-grandchildren. The reunion included a barbecue and bowling.

Photo courtesy of LONE CLOVER

## SERVICE NEWS

### Salas completes Marine training in California

Marine Corps Pvt. Carlos H. Salas, son of Rosa A. and Hector N. Salas of Elko, Nev., has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Salas successfully completed 12 weeks of training. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Salas spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations; combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-

hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Salas is a 2001 graduate of Elko High School.

### Harding finishes up training at San Diego base

Marine Corps Pvt. John R. Harding, son of Loraine J. and John Harding of Twin Falls, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Harding successfully completed 12 weeks of training. In addition to the physical conditioning program,

Harding spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Harding is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

### Baker graduates from electronic warfare course

Navy Seaman Matthew J. Baker, son of Kathleen A. and Daniel L. Baker of Elko, Nev., has graduated

from the Electronic Warfare Technician Basic Operations Course at the Naval Technical Training Center, Cory Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the course, Baker received training concerning the performance and characteristics of electronic systems used to detect, analyze and identify electronic emissions. Baker also learned the procedures needed to energize, initialize, operate, intercept and de-energize these systems.

Baker is a 1998 graduate of Elko High School, and joined the Navy in October 2000.

### Schumacher finishes up operation on assault ship

Navy Reserve Ensign Johannah C. Schumacher, daughter of Darcy A. and Don Schumacher of Elko, Nev., has completed Foal Eagle '02 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex, homeported in Sasebo, Japan.

Schumacher is a 1996 graduate of Elko High School, and joined the Navy Reserve in May 2001. She is a 2001 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, with a bachelor's degree.

The exercise allowed Schumacher's ship to operate as part of an amphibious-landing group and their allies from the Republic of Korea to conduct joint training to become a combined combat-ready force. Foal Eagle '02 was designed to improve interoperability between the forces through real-world training scenarios.

USS Essex supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions, which are specially-designed hovercrafts that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment.

### Science Institute offers courses on watersheds

KETCHICUM - The Sawtooth Science Institute announced the following upcoming classes:

"Mapping a Watershed" will be held July 18-19 in Ketchicum. Students will use the Digital Atlas to learn to identify plants and animals, and go into the field to hone skills of recognizing wildlife in their natural habitat, find their location on a map, learn to gather data and become familiar with GIS (Geographical Information Systems) technology.

"Idaho's Threatened and Endangered Species" will be held July 23-24 in Ketchicum. Lectures will provide the background about the Endangered Species Act, the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species and the species themselves. Speakers will share stories about the effect of the act on their lives. Afternoon will be spent in the field with observations and impromptu discussions of habitat requirements and ecology.

"Ice Ages Geology" will be held July 25-26 in Ketchicum. Classroom discussions and field studies will examine glaciers and glacial processes, emphasizing

those that have produced glacial land forms of the Sawtooth Mountains and Wood River Valley. Participants must be prepared for 3 miles of hiking each day.

For more information, call 788-9686.

### Community Watch Group hears from Judge

TWIN FALLS - The Community Watch Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Participants should enter the north entrance.

Judge Tom Borresen will discuss the duties of his office and answer any questions.

### T.F. Historical Society, car club host antique car show

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Historical Society Museum, in conjunction with the Magic Valley Chapter of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, will host an antique car show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the museum grounds, 3 1/2 miles west of Twin Falls in the old Union School building on Highway 30 near the Curry crossing.

The event will feature several privately-owned vintage motor vehicles and an exhibit in the museum displaying its collection of early day automobile photographs and memorabilia. This event is open to everyone and free.

The museum is a volunteer-supported effort of the Twin Falls County Historical Society. Free introductory classes this month. A free introductory class will be held at 10:30 a.m. today. The next three classes will be held on consecutive Tuesdays.

Registration for the remaining three sessions is \$30. A sliding fee scale and scholarships are available.

Each class is an hour long. For more information, call Gail Mann at 324-1122, Ext. 3260.

### Murtaugh woman celebrates 80th birthday

MURTAUGH - Velma Stokes of Murtaugh will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria of Murtaugh High School.

Stokes was born July 11, 1922 in Corral, Utah. She married Lyman Stokes Dec. 3, 1938. He has passed away. Stokes has lived in the Magic

Valley for 60 years.

She has three children, Lyman Leon (Diane) Stokes of Citrus Heights, Calif., Laura (Bob) Hendricks of Salmon and Paula Palmer of Boise; six great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The event is hosted by her children and their spouses.

### St. Benedicts offers infant massage classes

JEROME - St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer infant massage classes this month. A free introductory class will be held at 10:30 a.m. today. The next three classes will be held on consecutive Tuesdays.

Registration for the remaining three sessions is \$30. A sliding fee scale and scholarships are available.

Each class is an hour long. For more information, call Gail Mann at 324-1122, Ext. 3260.

Kimberly City Park. Registration will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. Cooking may begin once sign-in and pit drawings are completed. Judging will begin at 5 p.m. with presentation of awards at 6 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, originality and creativity.

Each participant will receive a copy of recipes entered on time in the cook-off.

For more information, e-mail Ben Ware at bware@onewest.net.

### Buhl Public Library adds lots of new materials

BUEL - The Buhl Public Library has added lots of new material.

Following are some of the new books, videos and books on tape:

Adult Fiction, "Kiss of the Bee" by J.A. Janice, "Seduction by Design" by Sandra Brown, "God Bless You, Dr. Kevorkian" by Kurt Vonnegut, "Lord of the Silent" by Elizabeth Peters, "P is for Peril" by Sue Grafton and "The Ultimate Hitchhiker's Guide" by Douglas Adams; adult non-fiction, "Beautiful Wedding Reception" by Donna Koeler, "Stamp Investing" by Stephen R. Datz,

"Postwar America: A Student Companion" by Harvard Sitkoff and "John Adams" by David G. McCullough; children's books, "Bobby Animal" by Rachel Lockwood, "Horses and Ponies" by Miranda Grey, "Things that Move" by Jo Litchfield, "Book! Book! Book!" by Deborah Briss, "A Bad, Bad Day" by Kristin Hall and "Figgibook" by Anthony Browne; junior non-fiction, "Walt Watching" by Diane Blair, "The Wonder of Pandas" by Patricia Lanter-Sutton, "Beads: 14 Brides" by Gillian Souter, "I Can Draw Country Animals" by Helene Leroux-Hugon, "The Skiohane People" by Joanne Matern and "Bowwow" by George Ancona; videos, "My Name is Bill W.", "Top Gun Over Moscow", "London City Guide", "Children of the Wild" and "Citizen Kane" and books on tape, "Fast Women" by Jennifer Cruise, "Hartless Jones: A New Mystery" by Walter Mosley, "Heaven's Price" by Sandra Brown, "Forty Words for Sorrow" by Giles Blunt, and "Journey Through Pet Loss" by Deborah Anthon.

The library is located at 215 Broadway Ave. N. and can be reached at 843-6500.

## Teens wield computer power

### Schools, parents rely on them for tech support

By Mike Antonucci  
Knight Ridder News Service

If knowledge is power, technology-savvy U.S. teenagers must feel like they're ready to run the world.

So far, they're settling for an unprecedented level of influence at school and home.

New research shows that children are providing vital technical support in the classroom, helping to install and maintain equipment that might otherwise remain buggy or unusable.

At home, they're often the chief technology officers, overseeing everything from the type of computer, DVD player or speaker system their parents buy to hooking up all the wires.

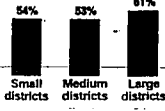
"It's part of a broad shift in families and popular culture," said Sharon Lee, co-president of the Look-Look youth research company in Los Angeles.

Teens in particular gain respect and power through technology know-how that is almost second nature to their generation, but unfamiliar to parents who grew up without computers and digital gadgets in their school or homes.

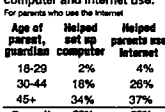
That translates, explained Lee, into potent teen influence over their decisions, such as expensive family purchases. It's the teens who become the consumer

### Tech savvy

Percentage of K-12 school districts where students provide tech support:



Kids who help parents set up computer and Internet use:



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Source: Orfield Associates  
Graphic: San Jose Mercury News

watches, either because they understand the products better or are sharper at checking them out.

"It's only one fair," said Andrew Pineda, a San Jose eighth grader and his family's tech expert. "Your parents have taught you so much and now you can give information back to

them that they can use." The tech-savvy role that children play at home also is expanding deep into U.S. education, stretching well beyond Silicon Valley and other high-tech centers.

A new study indicates that students are providing technical support - ranging from setting up equipment to network management - in more than 50 percent of U.S. public school districts.

Grunwald Associates of Burlingame, which did the research for the National School Boards Foundation, says students are doing far more than helping; they're demonstrating, fixing and sometimes even leading.

One of Andrew's teachers is Cheryl Markham, the technology coordinator at Bret Harre Middle School, and she noted that her students frequently help the faculty with tasks such as installing software and troubleshooting.

"When it comes to computers," Markham wrote in an e-mail, "sometimes the roles are reversed."

Lee, whose company gathers information from a database of 10,000 people ages 14 to 30, says even relatively well-informed parents can be caught off guard by their children's technology influences their children's lifestyles.

Today's teens are driven heavily by social interaction that makes them all the more tech-

clever. Group interest in music and video games, for instance, increasingly involves online activities. And friends can become a bigger reservoir of information and instruction - particularly regarding miscellaneous or illicit aspects of computer and Internet use - than any school or authority figure.

Teenagers also want to be mobile while remaining connected to their peers - by computer, digital phone or some other gadget. "They want their command center to travel with them," Lee said.

Karamjit Sahota was taken aback when his teenage daughter, Lovelove, told him she wanted a laptop computer.

"It was astonishing," he recalled. "I said, 'What are you going to do with a laptop? That's for business people.'"

Lovelove, 16, is a 10th-grader at San Jose's Gunderson High, where some students routinely use skills that amaze people outside their classes.

When Lovelove and two fellow students, Caitlin Ehrhart and Salina Kovachik, created a slide show to recruit middle school students to Gunderson, it was a straightforward task with a digital camera and PowerPoint presentation. So they were mildly amused to discover that someone dubbed them "the technology crew."

## Keyboard tricks ease pain of mouse overuse

By James Costes  
Chicago Tribune

### Computer Q&A

Q. I bet you never received a question like this. It is highly non-technical but nevertheless vital. About six weeks ago, I started noticing my index finger on my right hand (the click finger) hurt. I use my PC at least 6 hours every day. Now in the morning when I wake up, I can hardly bend this finger. After a few hours of activity, I can bend the finger ... but not much.

Is this what I hear is carpal tunnel syndrome? What suggestions might you have to rid me of this daily pain? A different mouse? Or what?

-R.C. Mullin  
A. Peter Gornor, a Chicago Tribune science writer with a penchant for medical news, tells of the man who went to his physician and said, "Doc, it hurts when I move my arm like this!"

"Don't do that," advised the physician.

Enough said, R.C.M. You can always shop for some mouse gimmick that uses different methods for clicking the pointer, but I have found through bitter personal experience that one can avoid a lot of mouse pain by using keyboard shortcuts instead of clicking on the mouse at all.

For example: Once you have defined an icon using the mouse cursor, you can hit the Enter key instead of clicking.

To open the Start menu without the rodent, hit Control-Esc. You can use the cursor keys to navigate the menu of all the programs and documents on the PC. When you find what you want, hit Enter, and it will open as though you had clicked the mouse.

When several programs are running at once, you can move from one to the next by holding down Alt+Tab instead of clicking on the listings on the task bar. Alt+Tab produces a box with icons for each running program.

As the one you want gets selected, just stop pressing those two keys, and that program will be available.

You can explore this topic at length at a Microsoft Web site devoted to keyboard issues for those with handicaps: [www.microsoft.com/enable/products/keyboard/keyboardshortcuts.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/enable/products/keyboard/keyboardshortcuts.asp). Or, if you hate typing in that much stuff, go to Google.com and use the keyword "Keyboard Shortcuts," where you will find other tips.

## Experts offer tips on improving Web searches

By Leslie Brooks Suzukamo  
Knight Ridder News Service

Next to e-mail, search engines are the Web's most popular and most useful features.

Need a recipe for Hawaiian poi? Type "Hawaiian poi recipe" into the Google search engine box at Google.com and get 578 results in 0.07 seconds.

Want to settle an argument about how many Super-Bowls Jim Plunkett played in? Google yields 21,200 hits in 0.12 seconds. But what about when you get stuck? What about when you

can't find what you want at the top of those tens of thousands of hits?

Here are rules of the road to get what you want faster and with less stress.

### Google

These tips, provided by Search EngineWatch.com, should work for Google and most other major search engines.

Be specific. Don't type in just "Yosemite" to find out where to camp in Yosemite this summer. Make your search more precise: "Yosemite AND campsites."

Talk naturally. Some experts suggest using natural language

for searches, even if that means typing in something unkeyy, like "I want Yosemite camping sites."

Others suggest learning the precise Boolean searching language, but that scares off the rest of us. It looks like algebra, and how many of us got an "A" in algebra? Didn't think so.

Sharpen your terms. Say you've been diagnosed with skin cancer and you seek research written by doctors. You search for "skin cancer" but get only generalized sites.

Think like a doctor. They call it "melanoma." Using that term gets you a whole different set of results.

Or maybe you want cheap floor tiles. But what tile maker will call its product "cheap"? Search for "discount floor tiles."

Switch engines. You worship Google, but remember: No search engine is infallible. Try others if your fave doesn't deliver.

Established engines include AlltheWeb, Yahoo and AskJeeves. Promising newcomers include Teoma, WiseNut and Mamma.com.

A list can be found on SearchEngineWatch.com. Click on "Search Engine Listings" for links to all major search engines in categories such as paid, regional, specialty and kids.

## Avid gamers create market for custom-built computers

By Crayton Harrison  
The Dallas Morning News

Jim Austin wanted something sporty, something that would turn heads and handle his speed-demon demands.

After months of study and deliberation, Austin, 43, became the proud owner of a Voodoo E-Quad, an intimidating machine with a plastic glass window displaying its Ferrari red interior and neon lighting. Friends visit his Wylie, Texas, home just to gawk at the \$5,500 computer system.

"There's nothing wrong with having a high-end Dell or a high-end Gateway, but nobody's going to come over to your house and want to see it," Austin said. "A Voodoo is just the opposite. There's some sex appeal in there that puts them head and shoulders over a lot of the competition."

Voodoo Computers Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta, and a handful of other computer companies believe people like Austin are willing to pay \$5,000 or even \$10,000 for custom-built, super-fast machines that look like they belong to Anakin Skywalker.

"These are passionate gamers, hardware freaks who want the latest," said Kevin Wenzel, spokesman for Miami PC maker Alienware Corp.

And as the market of video-game enthusiasts broadens, these tiny, privately held companies are contemplating how to expand without losing their reputations as the sophisticated upper echelon of the computing world.

"We've been growing very steadily. We're just trying to control it," said Kelt Reeves, president of Falcon Northwest Computer Systems Inc. of Ashland, Ore.

It's hard to keep pace with the video game industry. PC entertainment software alone brought in \$1.4 billion in U.S. revenues last year and will reach \$2.5 billion by 2005, according to Dallas investment firm SWS Securities.

In the world of PC gaming, like the console world where Sony, Nintendo and Microsoft play, technology keeps driving games to require better graphical displays, sound quality and processing speeds.

But PC gamers don't have to wait for new PlayStations or Xboxes to use the latest technology. Instead, they constantly upgrade their machines with new processors, video cards and other components.

That means plenty of business for component makers who can keep up with the latest demands. And since gamers often buy newer, better machines more often than other computer users, they're a hot market for the PC industry.

The big public PC makers, including Dell Computer Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co., aim some products at the video game connoisseur, but they're targeting other markets at the same time.

## Diamonds sparkle as a silicon substitute

By Jon Van  
Chicago Tribune

Today's computer is filled with sand - the stuff silicon is made from - but in the future, diamonds could be your PC's best friend.

These aren't your grandmother's diamonds, though. Unlike the jeweler's diamonds that tend to follow the rule of bigger is better, industrial-strength diamonds - the world's hardest material - derive most of their value by being too small to be seen without a powerful microscope.

At Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont, Ill., senior scientist Dieter Gruen has worked for a decade to build a better diamond, one that combines silicon's top qualities with the incredible durability of diamonds.

By creating diamonds that contain only about 1,000 carbon atoms per crystal, Gruen and his Argonne colleagues have produced a form of hard-carbon crystal that has useful properties not seen in other synthetic diamonds.

"California has Silicon Valley, but the Midwest could become the Diamond Prairie," Gruen said. Diamond Prairie has a better ring than Carbon Corners, he joked.

A key attribute of Gruen's creation is the ability to conduct elec-

trons. Because each crystal is so tiny, Argonne's thin diamond films have far more boundaries between crystals than diamond films made by traditional methods. Gruen has found that if he fills these boundaries with nitrogen, they carry electrons.

This means that diamond films can be made into semiconductors, acting much like silicon. Although Gruen doubts that diamond chips ever would supplant silicon chips as the workhorse of microelectronic devices, they will may be used in environments where silicon cannot survive.

Extremely hot places, such as auto engines, could be an ideal place to deploy diamond chips, Gruen said. Another might be inside the human body, where a diamond's exceptional chemical inertness and high durability are an advantage.

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## Allen & Co. meets in Sun Valley

### Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Here are county-by-county sales results for all industries for March 1 through March 31. Total sales include both taxable and nontaxable.

County	Total Sales	Taxable Sales
Blaine	\$65,306,774	\$39,458,586
Butte	\$901,476	\$652,066
Blaine	\$1,139,817	\$12,063,292
Blaine	\$1,114,118	\$3,960,405
Blaine	\$1,143,483	\$12,142,997
Blaine	\$1,152,111	\$998,118
Blaine	\$18,720,111	\$6,463,181
Blaine	\$110,030,175	\$48,732,046
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$271.86 million</b>	<b>\$122.44 million</b>

These exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in more than one county. If a business has only one location, each location is included in the county number. Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Kraft Foods will host Webcast of results

RUPERT - Kraft Foods Inc., which has a cheese plant in Rupert, will host a live audio Webcast at www.kraft.com at 3 p.m. July 17 to discuss second-quarter financial results, which will be issued at about 2:05 p.m. that day.

Participants will include James P. Dulcich, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Maria C. Gotschalk, senior vice president and financial planning and analysis and investor relations; and Mark Magnusen, vice president investor relations. They'll discuss Kraft's financial results and answer questions from the investment community.

The webcast will be live-only. An archived copy will be available online for a week.

#### Qwest says it will cooperate with House

DENVER - Qwest Communications International said Monday it will hand over records requested by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Qwest is one of 13 companies facing questions about its accounting methods that have been asked to turn over information about the qualifications of its directors and independence of its external auditors.

"We will cooperate fully with the committee," said spokesman Steve Hanumack. Rep. W.J. Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the committee, said it is reviewing the extent and quality of management oversight. Qwest is the subject of an ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission inquiry into whether it used accounting practices to boost its revenue.

However, it denied reports that it's being investigated by the FBI and the Justice Department. Representatives for the FBI and the U.S. attorney in Denver have declined to confirm or deny those reports.

Qwest once employed Arthur Andersen as its independent auditor, the same auditor used by WorldCom Inc., Enron Corp. and Global Crossing. It said in June it was switching to KPMG. Shares of Qwest were up 28 cents, or 15.3 percent, to close at \$2.10 in trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Two secrets dominate New York investment banker Herb Allen's annual gathering of the titans of American media.

One is the worst-kept secret - that the Allen & Co. crowd will be in town during the second week of every July.

The other is the best-kept secret - what goes on in those locked-down private conferences where billionaires (and a few megamillionaires) on their way to

billionaire status) gather to analyze their businesses like physicians examining the newest surgical procedures and pharmaceuticals.

But meetings - some involving lavish teleconferencing of guest speakers from distant cities - are regarded as the least exciting element of Allen's conference.

The 20th annual edition begins today at Sun Valley Resort. And the business world is eager to find out whether tycoons such as ABC/Disney's Michael Eisner, AOL/Time Warner's Steve Case or News Corp.'s Rupert Murdoch,

who are perennial at the meetings, will hatch deals creating a new media giant in the months following their Sun Valley conference.

Most of those deals, such as Disney's 1995 purchase of Capital Cities and last year's deal by Disney to buy Murdoch's Fox Family Channel network, incubated under the auspices of Allen. He picks up the entire tab of the conference and amenities for the estimated 200 to 300 attendees and their families.

Allen reportedly receives a

percentage of such deals.

As Allen and his event organizers arrange for everything from baby-sitters to fly fishing classes and whitewater rafting trips on the Salmon River, one message is clear to locals who provide support services: Moon is the word. Confidentiality, is such an obsession with Allen that the Sun Valley Co. officially won't even acknowledge the tycoons and their families meet here every year. That's despite the yearly return of dozens of upscale Gulfstream, Challenger, Raytheon and Lear jets like swal-

lows returning to Capistrano or scheduled, the large presence of satellite dishes on Sun Valley Resort grounds, and the sealed lips of so many locals hired to provide services.

But some exceptions are made. Allen usually provides selected media reporters with advance word of the meeting and invited some coverage, usually by national media. Bloomberg News reported Friday that the meeting would begin today and continue for five days.

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## Banks target migrant population

The Associated Press

ACTOPAN, Mexico - Standing in a line that snakes out a bank door, relatives of migrants to the United States wait hours to collect money sent back home. In their dirt-stained cowboy hats and sun-bleached shirts, they might not seem like a hot market for major financial institutions.

But with \$9.2 billion sent home to Mexico last year, they are being wooed by banks on both sides of the border. U.S. banks are expanding into Mexico, hiring Spanish-speaking employees and easing red tape for migrants - even those living in the United States illegally - so they'll open accounts. Money transfer fees are falling, and banks are studying the possibility of offering loans and insurance.

Until now, migrants had few options. They often paid companies such as Western Union up to 20 percent of the money they wired home and stashed their savings under mattresses or in cookie jars.

In Kentucky, the Republic Bank & Trust Co. began opening migrant accounts in September that include two ATM cards - one for the client in the United States and another for a relative abroad.

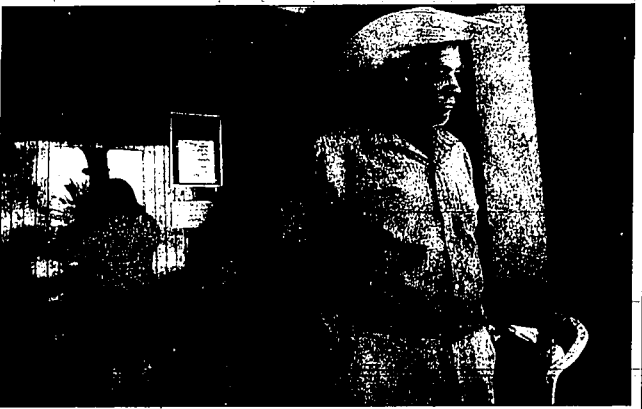
The bank has hired 10 Spanish-speaking customer service representatives, and like many other banks across the United States, accepts Mexican consulate identification cards, making it easier for those without U.S. identification. Wells Fargo's international group. "These are people in our community who need our services."

Bank officials say they have just under 500 accounts now and hope to expand that to 3,000 by next year.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to look around our communities and see the need," chief executive officer Steve Trager said of the area's growing migrant population.

First, Wells Fargo allows migrants to transfer money from U.S. accounts to accounts with a partner bank, Bancomer, in Mexico. With the InterCuenta Express account, customers can send as much as \$1,000 for a flat \$10 fee. By comparison, Western Union charges migrants in California \$75 to send \$1,000.

Citigroup - which last year bought First Union's second-largest bank, Banamex - is also studying the possibility of opening binational accounts.



Creoncelo Ortliz Cruz waits at a currency exchange store in Actopan, a town of 40,000 that receives an estimated 80 percent of its income from migrants working in the United States, in the Mexican state of Hidalgo June 24.

Increasingly, the question of whether someone is legally in the United States doesn't come up in account applications. Banks say they take care to make sure the accounts aren't used to launder money or for other illegal purposes.

"It is not supporting illegal immigration," said Jane Hennessy, senior vice president of Wells Fargo's international group. "These are people in our community who need our services."

On a recent afternoon in central Mexico, Florencia Gaspar said she had just opened a Bancomer branch in Actopan - a town of 40,000 that receives an estimated 80 percent of its income from migrants working in the United States. She said her family recently opened its first savings account to keep some of the hundreds of dollars it receives monthly from relatives in North Carolina and Las Vegas.

"People have more confidence," Gaspar said. "There are more ways to open an account with less money."

Gaspar still receives money from the United States by wire. She said she had heard nothing about the possibility of sending money between U.S. and

Mexican accounts. Even the bank branch's manager said he was unaware of Bancomer's program with Wells Fargo.

After hearing about InterCuenta Express, Gaspar's sister-in-law sorted in disbelief, saying there must be a catch. Her relatives "send us a little, and then (the banks) take out a lot," she said.

Since taking office in December 2000, President Vicente Fox has pushed to lower money transfer fees and expand the acceptance of consular identification cards in the United States. While Wells Fargo has worked with Fox's administration, many other banks say their programs are independent responses to a growing market - an estimated 20 million Mexicans north of the border.

Still, Armando Esparza, director of the Zacatecas state migration assistance program, said many migrants and their families know little about the new programs. Some worry that information given to banks could be used by immigration officials. Others are mistrustful after years of being ripped off by everyone from customs to bank officials in Mexico.

"It's not so simple," Esparza

said. "No one believes in any bank. They are rats and thieves. They are only looking after their interests."

Historically Mexican banks have served the country's upper class, and a series of banking crises undermined the confidence of many Mexicans. Esparza claims banks want to profit off migrants who don't understand their legal rights or the basics of keeping an account balance.

"Banks are changing because it's good for business, because there are millions in remittances," he said. "If there wasn't money to be made, nothing would change."

Standing in another line curling out Bancomer's door in Actopan, Juan Moreno waited to learn the requirements for opening an account in Mexico. Two days earlier, he had returned from years of construction work in Clearwater, Fla., where he wired money home through a local money exchange.

He knows other migrants who opened bank accounts in the United States, then sent money to accounts in Mexico. But he's suspicious.

"To be honest, I can't even comprehend it," he said.

## Qwest chief hires CFO

The Associated Press

DENVER - New Qwest Communications CEO Richard Notebaert named a new chief financial officer and reassigned four senior executives to head new divisions within the company.

Notebaert picked Oren Shaffer, former chief financial officer for Ameritech and Goodyear, to replace Robin R. Zelig as Qwest's chief financial officer.

Zelig will remain as executive vice president, focusing on reducing the company's debt.

Qwest is the predominant provider of local phone service in Magic Valley.

Leaving the company under the reorganization plan are James A. Smith, executive vice president for national consumer business customers of all States; wireless division; and executive vice president for global accounts; and Ross Lau, president of Qwest Asia.

Notebaert picked Annette M. Jacobs, chief of the company's wireless services, to head a new combined consumer markets group responsible for national consumer markets, cable and video as well as wireless.

Executive vice president Clifford S. Holtz, formerly responsible for national business accounts, will head a new business markets group focusing on business customers of all States. Executive vice president Gordon C. Martin will continue to run Qwest's wholesale markets group.

Notebaert also announced the formation of special business groups. Qwest Enterprises, to take care of the company's smaller departments, including housing and application services, operating services, calling cards and international networks.

It will be headed by James L. Please see QWEST, Page D5

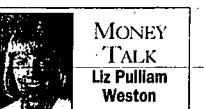
## Credit counseling is better than settlements

Question: After I lost my job, I got talked into using a debt-settlement service, the kind that helps you pay off your bills for less than what you owe. The company assured me and my wife that our credit would recover quickly after all debts were paid off. I now know we were naive to believe that. How long will it take our credit to recover from what we've done?

"I'm now employed and have a good income, as does my wife. We own our home and have two credit cards, one with no balance and one for unplanned purchases that never has a balance greater than \$500. Knowing how long our credit is going to suffer from this will help us do some planning for the future."

Answer: Two to four years of good credit behavior - on-time payments, no new accounts and light use of your credit cards - should help undo some of the damage, but the black marks will remain on your credit report for seven years.

It's too bad you didn't sign up with a nonprofit consumer credit



counseling service rather than with a debt-settlement company. Credit counseling services set up a debt-repayment plan and negotiate lower interest rates with your creditors so you can pay your debt back in a shorter time. Debt settlement companies, by contrast, ask your creditors to accept less than what they're owed - that is, if they even stick around to fulfill their part of the deal. Some settlement companies simply disappear with the hefty \$3,000 to \$5,000 payment they typically demand up front.

The difference to your credit rating is immense. Credit counseling in the vast majority of cases does not affect your three-digit credit score, which is used by many lenders to evaluate your creditworthiness. Your creditors

might put a note in your credit report saying you're participating in a debt-repayment plan, but the leading credit scorer, Fair, Isaac & Co., ignores that information when computing your score.

Once you've completed the plan, your lenders remove the notation and no one looking at your credit report would know that you were ever on a repayment plan.

With debt settlement, however, your creditors typically report that you've paid less than you owe. That stays on your record for seven years and lowers your credit score. What's more, that "forgiven" debt might be considered taxable income to you. So in addition to trashing your credit report, you also might have a hefty tax bill to pay.

It's probably not too late to contact the lenders who haven't yet settled and make arrangements to pay them in full. It won't undo the damage that's already been done, but it could prevent matters from getting worse.

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## Oregon city lures Dell call center, just like Twin Falls

Knight Ridder News Service

ROSEBURG, Ore. - A novel and lucrative package of government subsidies has Texas-based computer giant Dell Computer in Clearwater, Fla., where he employee call center, a former grocery store at a Roseburg shopping strip.

That's a familiar scenario to Twin Falls, where Dell - with the help of public and private-sector incentives - opened a technical support center in a former grocery building early this year.

If the Oregon deal goes through, Dell would be the first big fish that economically depressed Douglas County has caught using new economic "Power Ball" - incentives recently developed by Oregon specifically to attract Internet-related business. The subsidies would include up to \$1.98 million for training workers; an "e-commerce" state income-tax credit of about \$250,000; a three-year

property tax waiver of about \$2,150 a year; \$250,000 to upgrade telecommunications connections; and city-provided parking.

Douglas County would be one of the first areas of the state to use the e-commerce income tax waiver, a special subsidy created by the Legislature last year and so far permitted in only five struggling areas in Oregon.

Dell spokeswoman Cathy Hargett said the computer manufacturer is in talks with Boise-based Albertson's to sublease a 40,600-square-foot store at 13500 N.E. Stephens St. that the grocer vacated last October. As soon as the lease is finalized, she said, Dell will dive into recruiting, to hire 200 to 250 full-time workers by the September when the center will open.

Independent economists question the wisdom of the deep subsidies. But economic development Please see DELL, Page D6

EBay will buy PayPal for \$1.3B Merck accounting questions stifle Wall Street's rally

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Online auction giant eBay Inc. is buying Internet payment provider PayPal Inc. in a \$1.3 billion stock deal...

NEW YORK (AP) — Concerns about Merck's accounting practices cut short Wall Street's rally Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrials down more than 100 points...

WorldCom, which fell 2 cents to 22 cents in Congress began hearings into whether the telecommunications company defrauded investors through its bookkeeping...

Money

Q: Several months ago you answered a question from someone who had quit his job to become a day trader...

A: Two reasons. One, it was far too late for him to make this election. And two, once the election is made, any subsequent gains must be reported and taxed...

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at opulentweston@earthlink.net or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 2002 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Allen

The fact that Allen now is in his 20th year of hosting these meetings is considered a tribute to the atmosphere the conferees find — a place that encourages escape...

Qwest

Becker, formerly executive vice president of customer operations. Jacobs, Holtz, Martin and Becker will report to Ashfin Mohabbi, president and chief operating officer...

one conferee on a return visit. News Corp.'s Murdoch, whose television, movie and newspaper holdings are prodigious, arranged last year to hold a corporate retreat for his own executives and their families...

to our efforts to meet the needs of our customers and streamline the company for the key priority of retaining and growing our business," he said in a press release.

institutions. For example, he donated millions of dollars to the campaign to build and construction of the new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

chief executive officer of the U.S. Telecom Association, has been hired as vice president for policy and law and will be responsible for the company's Washington office.

But the locals are blue about celebrities. The area sports scene and homes of the stars of Hollywood celebrities — Arnold Schwarzenegger, Clint Eastwood, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Hanks, Martin Short, Michael Keating, John Larroca and others...

president and chief information officer. Notebaert, a veteran industry executive who once ran another "Baby Bell" telephone company, succeeded Joseph Nacario as Qwest's corporate chief June 17.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AAPL, MSFT, and their price changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and their percentage changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

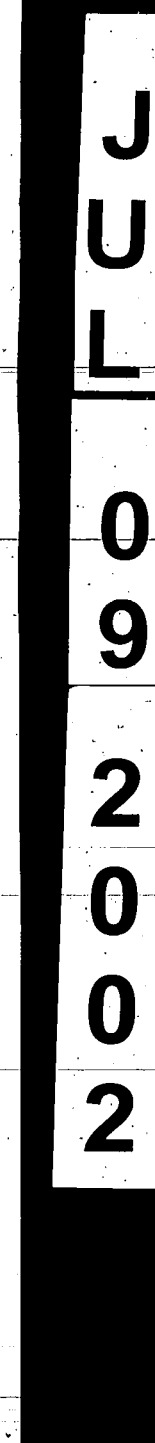
Table listing local stocks such as Aberdeen, Alliant, and their current market status.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

How to read the market report. Includes information on the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500, and other market indicators.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing NASDAQ national market data, including various stock prices and volume information.



MARKETS

Dell

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include commodity name, price, and change.

Intermarket Investor report for Monday

Table of intermarket investor report for Monday, showing futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuels prices, including New York City futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Continued from D4. Dell officials and many residents of Douglas County are thrilled that Roseburg residents may soon be answering sales questions and taking orders for Dell computers nationwide.

BEANS

Table of bean prices, including white beans, navy beans, and pinto beans.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices, including cheddar, mozzarella, and parmesan.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metals and currency prices, including gold, silver, and various international currencies.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices, including Idaho potatoes and other varieties.

WHEAT

Table of wheat prices, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat.

The package approved quietly and quickly by Roseburg and Douglas County elected officials would give Dell the following: Up to \$1.98 million for worker training coordinated by Umpqua Community College.

WHEAT

Table of wheat prices, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices, including raw sugar and refined sugar.

WHEAT

Table of wheat prices, including hard red winter wheat and soft red winter wheat.

Many economists don't share that view. They've reviewed studies on the effectiveness of economic development aid and question whether the jobs will be worth the public cost.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund prices, including various equity, bond, and money market funds.

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