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## Iraq police make arrests in bombing

Suspects admit to al-Qaida ties

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq - Police have arrested 19 men - many of them foreigners and all with admitted links to al-Qaida - in the car bombing of the Imam Ali shrine in the holy Shiite city of Najaf, a senior

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Iraqi investigator told The Associated Press on Saturday. Two Iraqis and two Saudis grabbed shortly after the Friday attack gave information leading to the arrest of the others, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. They include two Kuwaitis and six Palestinians with Jordanian passports with the remainder

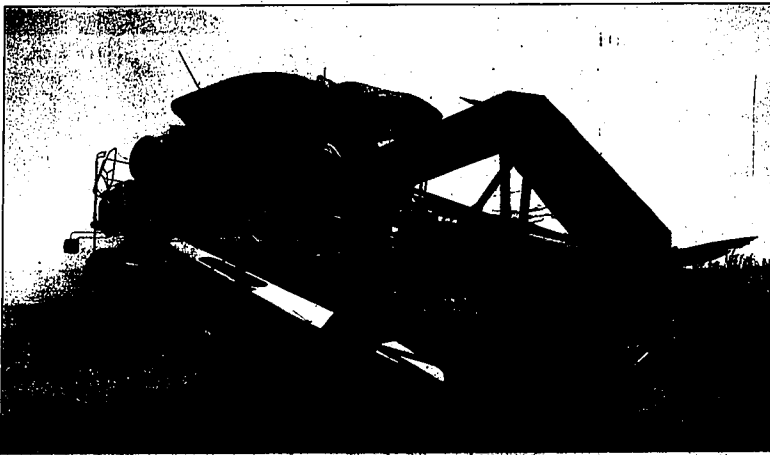
Iraqis and Saudis, the official said, without giving a breakdown. Initial information shows the foreigners entered Iraq from Kuwait, Syria and Jordan, the official said, adding that they belong to the Wahhabi sect of Sunni Islam. "They are all connected to al-Qaida," the official said. Wahhabism is the strict, fundamentalist branch of Sunni Islam from which al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden draws

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An unidentified man sifts through the wreckage of Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir Al-Hakim's car on Saturday.

## ETHANOL IN IDAHO



Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory researchers Kevin Kenney and Reed Hoskinson harvest a field of grain north of Rupert with a combine that has been fitted with special sensors to study how to harvest the stalks of the grain to use in making ethanol.

Reed Hoskinson describes how a trailer would be pulled behind the combine and bale the stalks.



Plants initially would do little for area farmers, but dairies could consume key byproduct

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Will gasohol fuel the Magic Valley's farm economy into the future? Many local communities are interested in ethanol production, but the Midwest's abundant supply of cheap corn dominates the market today. That means local ethanol plants would likely haul in corn from out of state, rather than providing a new market for crops grown locally.

But local ethanol plant promoters say Idaho does have something that could help make such plants viable: a ready supply of dairy cows that eat distillers grains - an ethanol byproduct used as a protein supplement in dairy feed. And research is under way to find a crop and technology that would offer viable feedstock

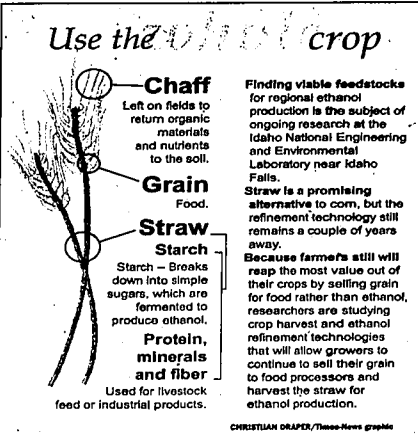
for a home-grown ethanol industry.

"We have searched long and hard for that magic crop," said Brad Frazee, general manager of Intrepid Technologies & Resources Inc. in Idaho Falls.

The company has partnered with Magic Valley Energy Coalition LLC - local farmers and business people - to scout opportunities to build a Magic Valley ethanol plant.

Because Midwest corn remains the most viable ethanol crop in the United States, the partnership is exploring how it can hook the existing market. That means hauling Midwest corn to Idaho, Frazee said.

But while hauling the corn from out of state is a disadvantage, Idaho is 1,000 miles closer than Midwest processors to the expanding West Coast



ethanol market.

**Corn for now**

The starch in any crop can be refined into alcohol, which is blended with gasoline to produce gasohol.

"All you need is starch, that you can convert to sugars, that you can convert to alcohol," said James Glancey, president of Wyoming Ethanol, which has marketing and distributing offices in Boise.

"But the thing still comes down

to economics," he said.

The Corn Belt supplied the bulk of the 2.7 billion gallons of ethanol produced in the United States last year, industry estimates show.

Corn is the most dominant crop we produce in the United States," said Paul Patterson, a University of Idaho agricultural economist in Idaho Falls.

National farm policies stimulate corn production, and the

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## For some, states' fiscal crisis has silver lining

By Robert Tanner  
Associated Press writer

It looked like the stands at a high school football game. Fans clad in red, hooting for their side. Hundreds of opponents waving banners, chanting, cheering and booing.

But it wasn't a stadium - it was the usually reserved, buttoned-up state capital in Jefferson City, Mo. Lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Bob Holden argued whether to raise the state's taxes or cut programs.

Each sides' supporters - wearing red for spending cuts, and white for tax increases - picked the state House chambers, offering perhaps the year's noisiest and most colorful example of something that's happening in statehouses around the country.

People who see big government as the problem, the main reason for the nationwide crisis in state finances, believe this is a perfect moment to finally cut back. And in many places, they're winning the day.

The majority of states facing two choices for getting out of the red this year - raise taxes or cut programs - have related more heavily on the latter than the former in crafting a solution. Many have abandoned broad tax hikes completely.

Everyone in the political game recognizes the simple truth that voters don't like taxes. But small-government proponents say this fight isn't about getting elected.

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## Jail is rare for computer virus senders, writers

The Associated Press

Although nearly 63,000 viruses have rolled through the Internet, causing an estimated \$65 billion in damage, criminal prosecutions have been few, penalties light and just a handful of people have gone to prison for spreading the destructive bugs.

A Minnesota teenager was arrested Friday, accused of disseminating a version of "Blaster." But investigators scrambling to trace that infection, along with "Sobig" and other computer viruses face a daunting challenge: an incredibly hard-to-track international crime set in an obscure and anonymous environment.

They also say they are hampered by antiquated laws and, for many years, a winking or even admiring attitude toward virus creators.

One person has been sent to prison.

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**Men and doctors**  
Millions of American men are dying to see a doctor.  
Monday

**In computers we trust**  
Bill Gates makes 'trustworthy computing' a company goal.  
Tuesday

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Master Gardeners are hosting a teaching tour.  
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Exploration hikes along the Great Rift make for some rocky adventure.  
Thursday

**Lady Liberty**  
Stephanie Holman has a home-grown musical.  
Friday

**Faith and Works**  
Meet a woman who is looking for people to help the children at El Milagro.  
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**Returning friends**  
TFHS Alumni Association gathers at 33rd annual reunion.  
Sunday

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Tomorrow: A wonderful Labor Day. Highs in the middle to upper 80s with abundant sunshine and a slight breeze.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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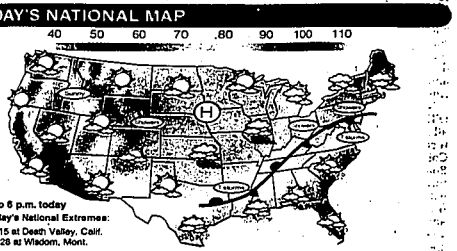
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Table listing regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and others.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing Canadian forecasts for various cities.



Russian nuclear-powered submarine sinks; nine die

MOSCOW (AP) - A mothballed Russian submarine being towed to a scrap yard sank in a gale in the Barents Sea on Saturday, killing nine of the 10 crew, the defense minister said.

Moore: Thanks but no thanks on offer to move monument

GASTONIA, N.C. (AP) - Alabama's chief justice appreciates the gesture from Gaston County, but Roy Moore plans to keep his monument to the Ten Commandments close by while the fight is on.

Virus

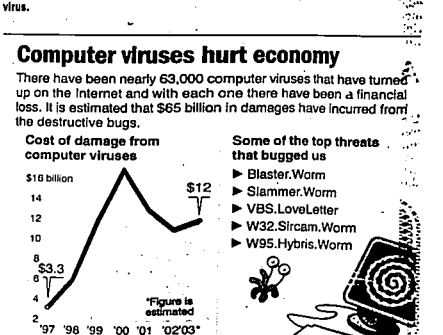
Continued from A1 prison in the United States and just two in Britain, authorities say. But the low numbers are "not reflective of how seriously we take these cases, but more reflective of the fact that these are very hard cases," said Chris Painter, the deputy chief of computer crimes at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Beginning Nov. 1, the consequences will be harsher; the U.S. Sentencing Commission has written tough new punishments for certain types of computer crimes. A virus sender who intends to cause death - by tying up 911 emergency telephone lines, for example - could face a life sentence.

"If the perpetrator is semiprofessional, they can easily mask their trail," said Elliot Turriani, former federal prosecutor in Newark, N.J.

Computer viruses hurt economy

There have been nearly 63,000 computer viruses that have turned up on the Internet and with each one there have been a financial loss. It is estimated that \$65 billion in damages have incurred from the destructive bugs.



SOURCES: Computer Economics Inc.; Symantec
their equipment and lost profits, many are demanding tougher enforcement.

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# NASA's culture sparks some worry

### Analysts contend it might be too broken to be fixed

WASHINGTON (AP) — With NASA under orders to fix its safety problems in the wake of the Columbia tragedy, industrial psychologists and management wizards say extreme measures may be needed: a purge at the top, the return of Apollo-era decision-makers, more businesslike behavior, possibly even a new name.

"It's a bad enough problem that you start to wonder if they almost don't need to have their name changed, like WorldCom and Enron," said Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, associate dean for executive programs at the Yale School of Management.

"For sure, all the top brass at NASA should be reviewed."

"The Columbia accident investigators are giving NASA months, if not years, to change their deeply rooted culture that led not only to the destruction of Columbia and the deaths of seven astronauts on Feb. 1, but to the loss of Challenger and seven astronauts 12 years earlier. In both cases, engineers were too afraid to speak out to managers about technical concerns, and managers driven by tight scheduling pressures made deadly decisions regarding foam and, in the case of Challenger, O-rings.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe promises to implement all 29 technical and organizational recommendations issued by the Columbia Accident Investigation Board last Tuesday and insists cultural changes will begin at the top with him and his staff. He moved from the Office of Management and Budget to NASA less than two years ago to rein in space station spending.

Deborah Lipman Slobodnik, co-founder and managing partner of Options for Change in Reading, Mass., thinks O'Keefe is part of



NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe, here meeting reporters Wednesday in Washington, is more interested in cost-cutting and not focused enough on safety, one critic says.

the problem. She would immediately replace him and at least half his lieutenants with people "who really get it and who really also are modeling by example."

"He's not part of a new moving-forward vision of safety and how things are going to operate, he's really looking at cost cutting, and cost cutting was part of the old regime," Slobodnik said. "Can people change 180 degrees? Sure, I guess I believe that, but I think it's going way against any sort of odds."

What's urgently needed, she

said, is "a new sheriff in town" — someone like retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, a possible Democratic presidential contender, or Jack Welch, General Electric's former chief executive officer. The next six months are critical if NASA is to overhaul its culture, she noted.

Boston College sociologist Diane Vaughan, author of the 1996 book "The Challenger Launch Decision," is also pessimistic but believes ditching O'Keefe at this point would be a mistake.

"If you replace the leader, it

gives the idea that you change the cast of characters, you've fixed the system; and it obscures all the problems in the system and you don't really want to go there three times," Vaughan said. "You really want the system to be fixed."

To have insisted on a cultural transformation at NASA before space shuttle flights resume — whenever that is — is almost certainly would have resulted in cosmetic changes, said retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., the investigation board's chairman.

"We know that the diligence and vigilance that are associated with the flight that's close to the accident will be so intense that nothing will be overlooked," Gehman said. "But the history of all big bureaucracies and the history of NASA indicates that that diligence and vigilance disappear with time, and they slip back into their old habits again. We want to put in real functional changes — not just changing the name plates on the doors and rearranging the chairs in the meeting."

He added: "It's going to take both organizational change and strong leadership to change the culture and NASA's going to have to have some help from Congress and the White House — and even then it will be hard. But it can be done. I've seen it done."

One corporate psychologist puts NASA's underlying institutional problems on a par with the Enron debacle and the recent massive power outage in the Northeast.

Christina Williams, managing director of RHR International's Dallas office, said all three represent large-scale failures involving a series of uninformed decisions and miscommunication, not just technical breakdowns. In NASA's case, public scrutiny is especially intense and the hurdles are especially difficult.

"It's saying, at what level is, quote, good enough and what does good look like," said Williams, who coached NASA executives on leadership development a few years ago.

# Pizza delivery man dies after he says bomb was strapped to chest

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — A pizza delivery man told police he had been forced to rob a bank and asked authorities to help him minutes before a bomb strapped to his chest exploded and killed him.

On Saturday, federal agents and police in northwestern Pennsylvania were trying to solve the bizarre case of 46-year-old Brian Douglas Wells, who left to deliver a pizza to a mysterious address in a remote area about an hour before he turned up at the bank with a bomb strapped to his body.

No one else was hurt in Thursday's explosion, which happened in front of law enforcement officers as they waited for a bomb squad to arrive.

WJET-TV of Erie captured audio and video from Wells as he sat handcuffed in front of a state

police cruiser. "Why is nobody trying to come get this thing off me?" he asked.

A state police spokesman confirmed Friday night that Wells had made a number of statements, including that he had been forced to rob the bank.

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# Boeing lobbied White House, Air Force hard in effort to win air tanker contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boeing Co. has aggressively sought help from the White House and Air Force to try to win congressional approval for a multibillion-dollar leasing program for 100 refueling tanker planes, according to internal company documents made public Saturday.

The documents include company e-mails and other communications dating back to 2001 and released by the Senate Commerce Committee, whose chairman, Sen. John McCain, is a staunch critic of the military's plan.

McCain contends the lease is a sweetheart deal for Chicago-based Boeing, which has been hurt by plunging commercial aircraft sales.

The Air Force has acknowledged the leasing deal would cost more than buying the planes outright. But it argues that leasing would speed replacement of

aging air tankers and keep money available in the short run to buy other military equipment.

An Air Force spokesman, Maj. Michael Shawers said Saturday he had not seen the documents and declined to comment on them. Calls to Boeing were not immediately returned.

The internal company memos show a flurry of meetings with Air Force officials and suggest a powerful ally in the White House — chief of staff Andrew Card.

One e-mail reads: "Andy Card needs a 'new figure on tanker price ... to take to the president in order to close this deal.'"

Another e-mail, this one also from Boeing's Andrew Ellis, said Card saw the deal as much bigger than proposed, comprising 200 tankers. Ellis serves as a vice president based in Washington.

Other e-mails suggest questions about the need for new tankers.

In an e-mail dated Sept. 18, U.S. special operations forces and hundreds of allied Afghan soldiers were pressing their assault, taking several strategic peaks and laying siege to positions of the hardline Islamic militant group. Two U.S. soldiers were

wounded in the fighting. A provincial intelligence chief said that for the first time in the recent assault, American warplanes operated during daylight hours on Saturday, in support of a joint U.S.-Afghan operation.

2002, a Boeing executive writes that the Air Force is "desperately looking for the rationale for why the USAF should pursue the 767 Tanker NOW."

Cost appeared to be a concern, too. An e-mail from Ellis on April 1, 2002, said Air Force official Darleen Druyun told Boeing officials several times that the price from the maker of Airbus — European Aeronautical Defense and Space Co. — was \$5 million to \$17 million cheaper than Boeing's 767. Druyun now works for Boeing in Washington.

The House Armed Services Committee and the House and Senate Appropriations committees have already approved the leasing plan. It has not come to a vote yet in the Senate Armed Services Committee.

McCain's panel will hold hearings Wednesday on the lease proposal, and the company e-mails no doubt will be debated.

# Bush says signs of economic upswing show

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says increases in consumer spending and reports that manufacturing is on the mend are proof that his tax cuts have restarted the American economy, although the job market has yet to turn around.

"Now we must build on this progress and make sure that the economy creates enough new jobs for American workers," Bush said in a radio address Saturday that looked ahead to Labor Day and three trips he's taking this week to talk about his job-creation agenda.

Economic recovery in America — an issue that could be a problem for Bush in next year's campaign if it doesn't happen quickly enough — is the theme of events this week in Ohio, Missouri and Indiana, three states important to his re-election.

The president returned to Washington on Saturday after a monthlong stay in at his Texas ranch.

The economy grew at a solid 3.1 percent annual rate in the second quarter of the year, a better performance than the government thought just a month ago.

Consumers ratcheted up their spending in July by the largest amount in four months.

# Afghan soldiers take key mountain peaks

QALAT, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military said Saturday that a weeklong campaign of bombing and intense ground battles on the craggy mountain ridges of southern Afghanistan have killed dozens of Taliban holdouts.

U.S. special operations forces and hundreds of allied Afghan soldiers were pressing their assault, taking several strategic peaks and laying siege to positions of the hardline Islamic militant group. Two U.S. soldiers were

wounded in the fighting. A provincial intelligence chief said that for the first time in the recent assault, American warplanes operated during daylight hours on Saturday, in support of a joint U.S.-Afghan operation.

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NATION/WORLD

Iraqi impatience meets American frustration in Mosul

By Chris Kraul, Los Angeles Times

MOSUL, Iraq - Soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division are having more trouble winning Iraqi hearts and minds than they did vanquishing Saddam Hussein's army...

haven't done anything important like put in new water pipelines, fix the power station and collect the garbage," said Hassan, a 41-year-old engineer...

come in and build a Wal-Mart, a Sears Roebuck and a nuclear power station in three weeks," said Col. Stephen Bruch...

Cleveland. "You feel they don't appreciate it and don't know what freedom is."

Salam Nassiri. Iraqis' mounting impatience with their occupiers is not limited to Mosul...

they can feel the ire of residents increasing daily. "It seems like it's gotten a little worse...



Iraqi protesters carry posters showing Iraqi Shiite cleric Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim and Iraqi flags as they demonstrate Saturday in Baghdad against a bombing in Najaf that killed the cleric along with scores of others.

Angry Shiites mourn killing of cleric; some call for revenge

By Drew Brown, Knight Ridder News Service

NAJAF, Iraq - Thousands of angry Shiites poured into the streets Saturday to mourn the assassination of a top cleric, killed two days ago in a car bombing attack outside the Imam Ali shrine...

They also condemned U.S.-led forces for failing to establish adequate security in post-war Iraq, especially for Hakim, who'd returned from Iran in May after 23 years in exile.

Council. Shiites, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's population, were brutally suppressed for years under Saddam. Though Shiites until now have generally cooperated with U.S.-led forces...

Arrests

Continued from A1. spiritual direction. Based in Saudi Arabia, its followers show little tolerance for non-Wahhabi Sunnis and Shiites.

Police pointed to similarities between the mosque bombing and two recent attacks. The bomb at the Imam Ali shrine - the burial place of the son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad - was made from the same type of materials used in the Aug. 19 truck bombing at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad...

U.S. officials have not confirmed any details of the arrests, which would substantiate Bush administration claims that bin Laden's followers have taken their Islamic militant war against the West to Iraq, where U.S. forces are struggling to maintain security.

American authorities have not taken an active public role in the mosque investigation because of Iraqi sensitivity to any U.S. presence at the Najaf shrine, the most-sacred Shiite shrine in Iraq and the third holiest in the world after Mecca and Medina.

Hospital officials said 85 people died in the shrine bombing, including leading Shiite Muslim cleric Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim. Earlier tolls were reduced after some deaths were found to have been reported twice.

The shrine investigation was being handled entirely by Iraqi police in Najaf, but the FBI would assist if asked, coalition spokesman Charles Healey told reporters.

that police and American forces are unable to focus" on the country's porous borders, which foreign fighters are said to be crossing, an Iraqi official said.

The Najaf police official, who led the initial investigation and interrogation of the captives, said the prisoners described plots to assassinate political and religious leaders and to damage vital installations such as power plants, water supplies and oil pipelines.

In the latest sabotage, an explosion and fire Saturday struck the pipeline carrying oil from Iraq's northern Kirkuk fields to Turkey. The blaze further delayed resumption of the vital link which costs Iraq an estimated \$7 million each day it is out of operation.

The FBI said the U.N. bomb was built from ordnance left over from Saddam's regime, most of it made in the Soviet Union. Many explosives were wired together, including a 500-pound Soviet-era bomb, the agency said.

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Signs emerge that Saudis travel to Iraq to fight U.S.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Despite official denials, there have been signs for months that Saudi Muslim extremists have traveled to Iraq to take on U.S.-led forces.

Internet memorials to those who died fighting the Americans have popped up and Saudis are quietly swapping tales said to be from the front lines. Many of the men going to Iraq had previously fought in Afghanistan, Chechnya and Bosnia and were experts on guerrilla warfare, said Abdullah Bajad al-Otaibi, who once counted himself among the extremists and now writes about them for Saudi newspapers.

Saudi extremists are "looking to die and the quickest way to heaven, as far as they're concerned, is fighting infidels in this case represented by the U.S. forces in Iraq," al-Otaibi said. "Nothing inflames their emotions like the presence of U.S. troops in a Muslim country."

The presence of the troops in Iraq, especially with the instability there, is like a magnet to them," Saudi officials, sensitive to any charges extremism may be emanating from the kingdom, have categorically dismissed the possibility that their citizens are fighting in Iraq. In an interview with the London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat published Saturday, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef called such allegations "baseless."

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# Iraq rebuilding costs mount for U.S. citizens

## The billions already planned might not be enough to get the economy restarted

By Ken Dilanian  
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A shortage of money is hampering the U.S.-led effort to rebuild Iraq, and American taxpayers may end up footing a much larger bill than they expect, according to members of Congress and top U.S. officials in Baghdad.

They plan for next year's budget, American officials in Iraq are worried that they won't have enough money to restore enough basic services to get the country's economy growing again. That may be true even if Congress grants President Bush's request, expected in the next few weeks, for another \$2 billion to \$3 billion on top of the \$3.5 billion U.S. taxpayers already are spending this year.

Those figures are only for reconstruction, and don't include the \$1 billion a week Washington is spending on the military occupation.

Next year's reconstruction budget "has inadequate funds for security, electrical, water, sewage, irrigation, housing, education, health, agriculture," says an internal document of the Coalition Provision Authority in Baghdad, obtained by Knight Ridder.

The dismal financial picture — and mounting American casualties — are among the factors leading the Bush administration to consider an expanded United Nations role in Iraq, even if that means giving other countries a greater say in Iraq's future.

The lack of security, steady electricity and clean water universally are considered the biggest impediments to progress in Iraq. While senior military officials say that adding more U.S. troops won't make the streets safer, few dispute that spending more on security — on police training and equipment, for example, or on guards for oil and water pipelines — would help. More money also would mean the electrical and water systems would be repaired faster.

"If I had more money, these are the things I would spend it on," said a senior coalition finance official in Baghdad, pointing to a list of electrical, water and sewage projects. "If you don't have electricity, then how can small businesses stand up, because they can't guarantee a product?" The official asked not to be identified.

Contrary to what Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told a Senate committee at the start of the war, the reconstruction of Iraq won't be financed almost completely by Iraqi oil revenues. Because of looting and continued sabotage, Iraq isn't exporting nearly as much oil as had been expected

this year, contributing to the deficit in the current \$6 billion spending plan. Administration officials projected oil revenue to be \$3.45 billion this year, but it'll be closer to \$2.2 billion, budget documents show.

"We are going to run a very substantial cash deficit this year, a cash deficit of some \$6 billion in the neighborhood of \$3.5 billion," Iraq's U.S. administrator, L. Paul Bremer, said at a recent news conference.

"We will finance that ... by drawing down on several of the capital accounts we have. But it does leave us with a substantial problem in the next year — as we have to make these major infrastructure investments — about where we're going to get the capital."

Bremer said the amount of money needed to repair Iraq's electrical grid, water system and other infrastructure needs was "staggering."

"The U.N. estimates that in the next four years we should spend \$16 billion on water alone ..."

— Paul Bremer, U.S. administrator for Iraq

neering experts estimate that we need to spend some \$13 billion in the next four to five years on power, (and) the first \$2 billion or so has to go to fix the current demand. And you can go through all of the sectors of public services and other areas and come up with very large numbers."

The total tab, Bremer has estimated, could reach \$100 billion. Other experts predict it will be many times that.

It appears that a significant chunk of that money will come from American taxpayers, who will have spent as much as \$6.5 billion on rebuilding Iraq by the end of next year if Congress approves a second request from President Bush. Congressional and White House officials have said such a request is in the works.

According to several polls, a majority of Americans already think the government is spending too much in Iraq. Yet some leading members of Congress say the United States isn't spending enough, at least on the rebuilding side.

"We got our priorities wrong," Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., the chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, said last week on CNN after returning from a trip to Iraq. "We need to be putting a lot more into the reconstruction to get the services back. The impression I come away with is that we have a very narrow window that's left to us in Iraq. And if we don't move within that time, there will be an unbelievable amount of violence and reaction against the United States forces."

# Factories also struggle in post-war Iraq

## In Hillia, scarce power hurts, but residents say 'thanks' to Americans

By Pamela Constable  
The Washington Post

HILLA, Iraq — Halfway through the second shift at the Fine State Textile Co., it happened again. Without warning, the whir of noise and motion ground to a halt. Some men stood fidgeting behind their idled machines in a vast, silent room; others reluctantly gathered their belongings and headed for the factory gates.

Before the U.S. led invasion last spring, the plant, one of many in this city 50 miles south of Baghdad, operated three eight-hour shifts a day and produced 62,000 yards of cloth per month. Now it is down to two six-hour shifts, and production has fallen by two-thirds. The employees, some of them 20- to 30-year veterans, have had their wages cut in half by American officials, to \$60 per month.

"We have democracy now, but we have no electricity and no salaries," complained Ali Talib, a company engineer, as workers gathered around him on the factory floor one recent afternoon. "We lived with Saddam's oppression, and we protected this plant with our lives during the war, but now we are helpless."

While the plight of Iraq's crippled oil industry has drawn international attention in recent months, largely because of its obvious connection to the global economy, the problems facing the country's lower-profile but still vital industries — the cement, cloth, iron and pharmaceutical works that once employed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis — are equally severe.

Iraq's economy, once the epitome of oil-bomb consumerism and development with a 5 percent annual growth rate in the 1970s, nearly collapsed in the 1990s under the weight of then-President Saddam Hussein's military adventures and the resulting 12 years of international sanctions. Between 1988 and 2002, gross domestic product shrank from \$54 billion to \$28.6 billion.

This year's U.S.-led invasion and its aftermath took a further toll on economic activity. Widespread looting and vandalism added to cent damage. Power plants faltered and pipelines were sabotaged. Unemployment in the heavily centralized economy soared to about 60 percent, while U.S. occupation officials idled large groups of public employees — such as army soldiers and senior members of Saddam's Baath Party — although



Hamza Abdalla stands near machines idled by yet another power failure at the textile factory where he works in Hillia, Iraq. "We have democracy now, but we have no electricity and no salaries," a company engineer complained.

they continued to pay some salaries.

"It is difficult to overstate the disastrous condition of the Iraqi economy in the immediate aftermath of the recent war," stated a report published in June by Quest Economics Database, which compiles research from leading banks and financial institutions. "The majority of Iraqis are — jobless, penniless and dependent on U.N. food handouts, some of which they sell to buy other necessities such as medicine."

Industrial manufacturing, aggressively developed by the Saddam government in southern Iraq during the 1970s, was widely oriented to military uses during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war, then partly damaged by bombing during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and finally retooled to meet civilian needs following U.N. sanctions in the '90s, the report said.

The current nationwide shortages of fuel and electricity have forced many factories, as well as smaller workshops, to operate at a fraction of their former pace. Some economists warn that if occupation officials place too much emphasis on rebuilding the export-oriented oil industry, it could undermine the recovery of farms and factories, on which Iraq's 25 million people depend more directly.

"Oil will bring Iraq money," but only agriculture and domestic industry will feed and employ Iraqis, essayist Shari Ghalib noted recently in the journal Energy Compass. If reconstruction is approached correctly, though, he added, "Iraq probably has more potential for balanced and rapid expansion than any other Mideast economy."

In Hillia, a busy industrial city



hotel on the outskirts of town, from which it has launched projects to rebuild schools, police stations and clinics — all of which will provide jobs.

In turn, most Hillia residents expressed strong support for the authority's presence. A large part of the reason is the visceral anti-Saddam sentiment left over from 1991. Gratitude toward the forces that toppled the dictator has survived the recurring hardships and humiliations of the past five months.

"The Americans did us the biggest favor of our lives, so we can say nothing against them. I gave them flowers when they entered the city," said Qais Abbas Hassan, 31, an ironsmith whose doomsdaying business has been hamstrung by daily power cuts. "President Bush promised to make Iraq the second California. We are grateful, but we are waiting."

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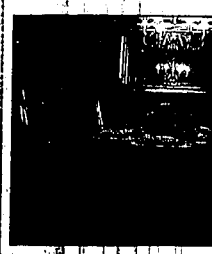
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San Diego boasts advanced fuel station

SAN DIEGO (AP) — At a just-opened San Diego fuel station, attendants in white, 1990s-style uniforms clean customers' windshields and offer fill their tanks with biodiesel made from fish fry grease.

Or, at the ethanol pump, fuel made from waste scraped off the floor of a cheese plant.

Electric cars can charge their batteries for free. There's also natural gas and liquefied propane gas or LPGA, both popular, less-polluting gasoline alternatives.

"No one has ever put all these in one place," said Mike Lewis, the 37-year-old West Virginian who manages the Regional Transportation Center, which offers gas, diesel and six alternative fuels.

But so far, the station, which opened in early August, isn't seeing a steady flow of customers for the exotic combustibles.

The \$15 million RTC was conceived more than five years ago by a Ford dealership marketing executive. Today, it includes a garage with mechanics specializing in alternative fuel vehicles and an education center.

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Group warns probe could hurt research

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Academy of Sciences is warning that the FBI's treatment of a respected Texas scientist could "intimidate other researchers, hindering the study of diseases, such as plague, that are spread by toxins."

The academy's human rights committee protested to Attorney General John Ashcroft about the Justice Department's investigation and prosecution of Thomas Butler, one of the nation's top plague researchers.

Butler is free on \$100,000 bond, including smuggling, lying to investigators and illegal transport of hazardous biological material. He is on paid administrative leave from his job as chief of the

infectious diseases division at Texas Tech University and is prohibited from visiting his laboratory.

A federal indictment, issued in April, alleges that Butler smuggled 30 vials of plague bacteria from Tanzania and illegally transported them within the United States and abroad.

The New York Times reported Saturday that the Committee on Human Rights, which also has members from the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine, was asking academy members to express their support for Butler in letters to Ashcroft and Robert Mueller, the FBI director.

The appeal, according to the Times, asks that members "express your concern about the harsh treatment of this respected colleague and the potential negative repercussions that it may have on scientific research in his field."

In its 27-year history, the committee has agitated against alleged mistreatment of scientists by governments worldwide, including Burma, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, South Korea and Vietnam. Only once before, in the case of Taiwan-born American biologist Wen Ho Lee, has the committee intervened on behalf of an American scientist. After months of detention during an FBI investigation, Lee was cleared of a charge that he passed secret

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expanding ethanol industry gives corn growers another opportunity to market the staple crop. The ethanol industry uses about 400 bushels of corn a year — about 5 percent of the United States' supply, the Minnesota Corn Growers Research Association says.

Ethanol corn technology has its detractors, and competing studies exist to show whether it's a viable idea or not. The two studies go back to the production costs calculated into the mix.

Cornell University ecologist David Pimentel says it takes more energy to grow ethanol than it costs a gallon of ethanol than a gallon of ethanol can provide. And Pimentel said taxpayers support the U.S. ethanol program with \$1.4 billion a year in subsidies.

But researchers for the U.S. Department of Agriculture concluded there is a net energy yield from corn ethanol production. And ethanol supporters like to point out the U.S. oil program is heavily subsidized by the nation's overseas military programs.

Idaho crops

Idaho growers would be chafing to plant sweet corn at less cost than Midwest farms, for reasons that include desert irrigation expenses. Other crops such as barley, wheat and potatoes could be used, but ethanol would be more to farmers when sold to the food industry.

Idaho's J.R. Simplor Co. is the only company in the country using potatoes to produce ethanol, industry statistics show. With the closure of Simplor's Heyburn plant, the company will operate only its Caldwell ethanol plant in Idaho. Simplor uses its ethanol plants to squeeze the last bit of value out of the spuds.

Simplor's ethanol technology is similar to the process used on corn kernels. Enzymes do the same kind as found in human saliva — break down starch in potato scraps to simple sugars. Yeast is added to ferment the sugar and produce alcohol.

"The downside of using potatoes, you have to deal with a lot of water," said Paul Mann, ethanol manager for the J.R. Simplor Co.

Only between 15 percent and 18 percent of a potato contains starch. The high percentage of moisture leaves processors with a lot of wastewater, which is costly to handle.

Mann explained the potato-ethanol market this way: For spud producers, the ethanol plant is the last stop before the landfill. But researchers are looking for ways for Idaho farmers to profit from the ethanol industry.

"Our buzzword here at the INEEL is whole-crop utilization," said Tom Patterson, director of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's Bioenergy Initiative.

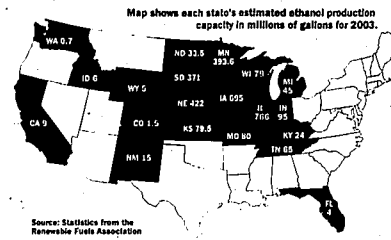
Through a research development agreement with CMI equipment manufacturers, INEEL researchers are testing wheat harvest technology on Grant 4 Farms near Rupert.

Harvesting wheat, baling the straw and sending it back to the soil in a single pass is the end goal, said Reed Haskinson, an INEEL scientist. It will reduce the time and money required to farm wheat and then bale it. Grain still will be sold for food, but the straw will be shipped off to an ethanol plant.

The harvest technology is just one piece of the research. A cost-effective means to produce ethanol from straw or cellulose fiber is still several years away. "It's 60 to 80 percent sure that this industry will happen," Foust said.

The bottom line is that researchers are looking for technologies that will position ethanol

Ethanol production in the United States



The bulk of United States ethanol production is in the nation's Corn Belt. There are 68 plants in 20 states. About half of the ethanol plants are farmer-owned.

U.S. ethanol production reached 2.7 billion gallons in 2002, a 20 percent increase over 2001, and a 45 percent increase over 1999. Ethanol production capacity this year is projected to reach 3.2 billion gallons.

Idaho's J.R. Simplor Co. is the only ethanol producer in state and the only producer in the country using potatoes to produce ethanol, according to industry statistics from the Renewable Fuels Association, a trade organization based in Washington, D.C.

Table with columns: Crop, Percent Convertible, 5-year average Idaho price, Ethanol/ton, Cost/gal.

Most ethanol in the United States is produced from corn grown in the Midwest, where it is produced for less cost than in Idaho.

production as an industry that can stand on its own, he said. Better efficiency in ethanol production is the key to making that happen.

The dairy connection

One Idaho industry that stands to benefit from local ethanol production is dairies, because 25 percent of an ethanol plant's production is in distillers grains.

That is why ethanol byproducts are as important as the fuel itself. "It's not just how much alcohol are you going to get out of this, it's what you are going to do with the byproducts," said Patterson, the U of I agricultural economist.

Idaho dairy operators import dried distillers grains from the Midwest. It's dried to prevent spoilage during shipping. An Idaho ethanol plant could save a money by eliminating the expensive drying process. Feed could be sold to surrounding dairies.

A lot of operations will feed a wet distillers grain," said Bob Naerebut, executive director of United Dairymen of Idaho.

While some operators use the wet protein supplement, others, do not. Some of the local dairies feed 4 pounds of distillers grains daily per lactating cow, he said.

At the pump

In Idaho, blended fuel can be found at Stinker Stations. Stinker was founded by Farris Lind in Twin Falls in 1936. Stinker buys ethanol from Simplor and Wyoming Ethanol and sells a 10 percent ethanol blend.

Stinker is sold on ethanol because using it supports farms, increases fuel octane ratings and

burns more efficiently, said Charley Jones, president of Stinker Stations. Ethanol can be more expensive for Stinker to buy when oil prices are high, he said.

Feedstock costs

This chart compares the costs of producing various crops for ethanol. The numbers here include starch available for conversion to ethanol, ethanol yield per ton, and the cost of each gallon of ethanol based on crop market prices.

Modern ethanol plants in general produce 30 million to 50 million gallons of ethanol a year, he said. If Idaho built an ethanol plant of that size, most of the ethanol would be sold out of state in areas where ethanol markets are growing.

Ethanol adds oxygen to fuel and enables it to burn more efficiently, reducing tailpipe emissions. California is using ethanol to replace the chemical fuel oxygenator MTBE. MTBE has generally been used in areas grappling with smog and has reduced air pollution, but it has emerged as a groundwater pollutant.

If Congress mandates ethanol use in national energy policy, there could be more of a market for ethanol not only on the West Coast but in Idaho and around the country.

The U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo said the United States should broaden its energy portfolio in the interest of economic stability and national security.

"It is important that we not be so dependent on foreign oil," he said.

The U.S. Senate passed an energy bill that includes a guaranteed 5 billion gallon national ethanol market, he said. The bill also extends an ethanol tax credit.

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"It's a philosophical conflict," says California state Sen. Tom McClintock, a Republican who quotes Abraham Lincoln when he gets warmed up before his normal struggle between these two principles, right and wrong. It's the same spirit that says you work and toil and make bread, and I'll eat it."

When looking for budget solutions, governors and legislators have sometimes defied political stereotypes — and made enemies of their own small-government types in the process.

For instance, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne of Idaho, a Republican who cut tax dollars of state when the GOP legislature this winter and won a temporary tax increase. Conservative activists say they're keeping watch against such tax-cutting politicians, and vow that their political careers are finished.

"The big villains," Stephen Moore's Kempthorne and other GOP governors who raise taxes. President of the anti-tax, supply-side Club for Growth in Washington, Moore says those governors are "the ones we have our knives out for."

Kempthorne scoffs at the threats. It's easy for someone at the threat-tank in Washington to write an article demanding it's tough to make decisions that involve real people, real problems, he says.

"They can deal in theory," Kempthorne says. "I've cut taxes. But in the worst financial crisis in the state since World War II, I'm going to be a supply-side conservative to make sure the children of Idaho get an education."

His solution: temporarily raising sales taxes by 1 cent on the dollar, and cigarette taxes by 29 cents a pack.

Conservatives are pursuing a vision of government in which new programs are virtually unthinkable and solutions to the financial travails facing state governments must be found in winnowing down a bloated system.

They believe government shouldn't try to do so much, and should charge less for what it does accomplish. Americans work hard and want their government to do my work best when they get to spend their money as they please, the thinking goes.

For them, the states' money problems are golden opportunity: Weed out unnecessary programs. Do less with less — privatize government services like prisons, or cut back on social services. Above all, cut costs to citizens.

Across a sharp line is just about everyone else: Liberals who say the poor are virtually unthinkable and others who call themselves moderate, even conservative, who say the reality of government is too complicated for black-and-white stances. The lines are often partisan, but not always.

Already, the results of the debate are showing up in real cuts — canceled trials in New Hampshire, and fewer state troopers watching Oregon's highways, for example.

There are changes in line with the true believers' governmental philosophy. Maine is looking to privatize its state-run liquor stores; Connecticut's group home care for the mentally retarded; Florida some prisons and child welfare programs.

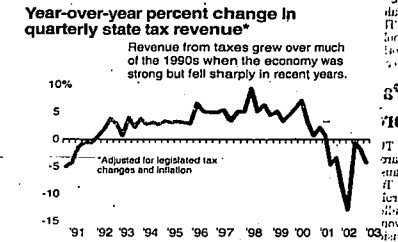
In Missouri, the shrink-government group ultimately won the argument that drew the rancorous crowd to the capitol in June, later rejecting Holden's budgets. The governor said he was forced to make \$250 million in cuts.

Their opponents won or heavily influenced outcomes in California, Colorado, Florida, New Hampshire, Oregon and more, whether cutting spending or just forcing smaller growth.

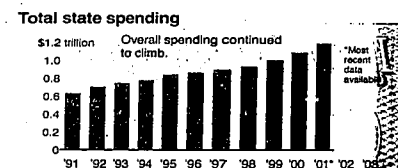
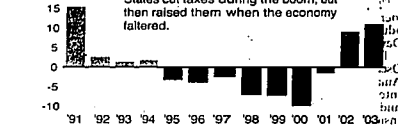
There's a struggle in the halls of the state capitol, says Georgia state Rep. Nan Grogan Orrock, a Democratic leader. "I see that in Georgia there's a lot of people less than 'we're going to have to make cuts.'"

Eye on state government finances

The past decade has sent state government on a financial roller coaster. It began with a recession, then a sustained boom that led to record revenues which allowed for tax cuts and increased spending. The downturn of the past years has seen revenues fall as taxes increase and new pressures to rein in spending.



Revenue from taxes grew over much of the 1990s when the economy was strong but fell sharply in recent years.



SOURCES: National Conference of State Legislatures; U.S. Census Bureau; Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government

Over the past three years, states saw roughly \$200 billion in shortfalls — money, most often from taxes, they had expected but that the weakened economy failed to produce.

Arriving at precise, nationwide numbers for state finances can be tricky, but the approximate figures show how the small-government lobby has made gains.

To cover budget gaps, states so far raised \$20 billion in higher taxes over the past two years, with nearly \$4 billion in fees. Meanwhile, states cut \$30 billion over the past two years as their budgets unraveled.

So the clearest numbers yet available show that for every \$2.40 spent by new taxes and fees over the past two years, states cut \$3 from their spending plans.

Still, taxes and cuts only covered part of the estimated shortfalls. The rest were covered through borrowing from reserve funds and against future payments of the tobacco settlement, accounting maneuvers and recent help from the federal government.

The victories for the small-government crowd haven't satisfied them. They're still concerned about continued growth in state government spending.

The statistics there are endlessly debated. Overall state government budgets, now at some \$1.2 trillion, do continue to grow. But only half of that is under direct control of legislatures and governors — so-called general funds — and they have been cut back in many states, and in others sharply curtailed from the 6 percent growth of the 1990s.

This year, general funds were projected to fall 0.1 percent, the first decline in 20 years; last year, they grew only 0.3 percent, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers. The National Conference of State Legislatures, however, said this year's spending will rise 1 percent, less than in many states.

In the legislatures where the budgets are crafted and debated, even those who share the enthusiasm for smaller government often talk the talk of pragmatism: compromise.

"I'm a Jack Kemp, Reagan-type supply-side tax-cutter, a George W. Bush tax-cut kind of guy," said Missouri Sen. Peter Kinder, a Republican who spoke against Holden's taxes at the capitol showdown.

Still, he said. "I'm not sure I can honestly tell you either side or the other. The people expect us to govern. They sent us there to do the people's business and not to capitulate to either side."

The answer, he said, is to pick your fights carefully. He and the GOP legislature agreed to several of Holden's proposals to close business loopholes, a compromise that allowed him to focus on his bigger problem — that Missouri's government has grown too fast for its citizens to support.

His statistics: In the past decade, Missouri has seen Medicaid rolls jump from 350,000 to 900,000. The state now has nearly as many employees as neighboring Illinois, which has twice Missouri's population.

"We simply cannot afford all the obligations state government has taken on," Kinder says.

What happens next will depend on the economy and the voters.

An Alabama referendum could offer a clue. Voters are being asked to raise taxes by \$1.2 billion if they say no in September, the budget will be cut.

Some economists say they see signs the nation's economy is reviving. The question is whether that will translate into more tax income for states that will ease the monetary crisis of the past three years. If not, the dilemma will return: cuts or taxes.

"When times were good, liberals were in control, government expanded greatly," said Missouri House speaker, Catherine Hanaway. "Now we have a time when the economy is slower, more conservative legislators are in control of the General Assembly and government will shrink."

"This is cyclical."

# Movie biz pays Diaz, Sandler the big bucks

LONDON (AP) — Cameron Diaz is the world's highest-paid actress, nabbing the title from previous winner Julia Roberts, Guinness World Records said Friday.

Diaz, who will be 31 on Saturday, is listed as the biggest earner in the 2004 edition of the group's record book, based on earnings of \$42.2 million in 2001.

Roberts was listed as the world's highest-paid actress in 2003 and 2002, based on her 2000 earnings of \$21.2 million.

The reported earnings of Diaz, the blond star of the "Charlie's Angels" films and "There's Something About Mary" are approaching the pay given to male actors in Hollywood.

The Guinness World Records Book lists Adam Sandler, 36, as the world's highest-paid actor, based on a salary of \$49.5 million in 2001.

# Parrot's screams prompt distress call

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A parrot's parody of a damsel in distress caused quite a commotion. Tucson police and firefighters broke down a door after being called to a house and hearing a woman's screams coming from inside.

But police soon realized that the sounds weren't coming from a woman in woe. "The parrot's screams sounded identical to those of a distressed adult female," Officer Andrew Davies said in his report.

The ruckus was the work of Oscar, a 2-year-old yellow-naped Amazon parrot. Police found him intermittently making laughing and screaming sounds as he sat inside his large white cage.

# HOG HEAVEN



A woman and child ride through downtown Milwaukee in the official Harley-Davidson parade Saturday.

# Harley riders give roar of thanks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ten thousand Harley riders wearing anything from Hog masks and feather boas to black leather roared through the city Saturday on an 8-mile parade celebrating Harley-Davidson's 100th anniversary.

The event was as much a tapestry of red, white and blue as the motorcycle icon's signature orange and black. One Harley rider festooned his bike with two dozen American flags.

Willie G. Davidson, a grandson of Harley-Davidson's co-founder, and his wife, Nancy, led the parade, followed by riders on

# Milwaukee company celebrates 100 years

bikes toting large Harley flags representing riders' clubs from all over the world.

"It just shows the diversity of people, how they can get together for a celebration like the Harley-Davidson anniversary," said Bob Boyd, 67, who rode his 2003 Dyna Wide Glide Harley from his farm in London, Ontario. "This Canadian feels part of the American spirit. We're family!"

Some of the motorcyclists were picked to participate in the parade because they had raised at least \$5,300 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Harley has a 23-year history with the association and hoped to raise more than \$5 million for the group during the Labor Day weekend.

The parade was one of the highlights of Harley's four-day anniversary celebration, which also includes motorcycle exhibits, memorabilia sales and live entertainment centered along Lake Michigan's shoreline.

# Teenager in search scuffles with bear, escapes serious injury

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A teenager searching for a black bear while searching for the family dog and scuffled with the animal before freeing himself, the boy's family said. Christopher Magee, 17, was

treated for scratches and welts. The dogs were found unharmed. Magee was searching a wooded area of Trumbull Friday when he stuck his head into a patch of brush and found the bear staring at him. "The bear sort of rose up,

and the only way out was over the top of the 17-year-old," said John Smutnick, state environmental officer.

# Man gets back watch he lost during battle in WWII

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Jim Hoel is very glad to have his watch back, even though it's stopped working since he last saw it — during World War II.

The last time he remembers wearing the old Galat chronometer was on May 17, 1943, the day he used it while navigating a B-26 Marauder before the bomber was forced to ditch in a canal in the Netherlands.

He knows he no longer had the elaborate watch when he arrived at a German prisoner of war camp a few days later.

The watch arrived at his home this past week in a package sent from England by truck driver Peter Cooper, 56, who found it in the possession of an elderly neighbor in the village of Kirton, about 75 miles northeast of London.

"It's just eerie, isn't it? That was 60 years ago. I've sort of got gooseflesh," Hoel, 82, told the Chicago Tribune.

"Tiny" Baxter, 89, told him his mother gave it to him. "Whether she found it or it was given to her, I do not know," Baxter, a retired carpenter, said in a telephone interview.

The watch, an enlistment present from the bank where Hoel worked before the war, bore his name and Evanston address on its back.

Cooper was able to track him down at his new address using the Internet and friends who had contacts in the United States. He got his neighbor to give the watch to him so he could forward it to Hoel.

Hoel said the B-26 was one of a flight of 10 that encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire while en route to bomb a power plant near Amsterdam.

He and three others of the plane's six crewmen survived, as did 16 other fliers from the 60-man mission. He spent the next two years in German prisoner of war camps.

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# Receding lake reveals city

## Flooded by the building of Hoover Dam, St. Thomas dries out again in drought

ST. THOMAS, Nev. (AP) — Jerry Phillippeck and his family zipped around Lake Mead's St. Thomas cove on boats and water skis for 20 years, never realizing they were playing above a desert Atlantis.

This year, with a Western drought dropping the vast reservoir behind Hoover Dam to its lowest level since the mid-1960s, Phillippeck left the boat on the trailer and led a family trek to the dusty remains of old St. Thomas — a Mormon community flooded in the 1930s to slake the thirst of the Southwest.

Darryn Phillippeck, 18, clutched her baseball cap to her head against a blast-furnace August wind and described the foundation of a house and a drinking water cistern they found amid tree stumps and fast-growing tamarisk brush.



A survey crew from the Lake Mead National Recreation Area uses a GPS device to map the ruins of St. Thomas, Nev., in this January photo. Several years of drought have caused the long-lost town, which was flooded when Lake Mead was created by Hoover Dam, to reappear.

“When we were water skiing, we were 70 feet over someone’s house,” said her dad, Jerry Phillippeck, from Simi Valley, Calif.

At water’s edge, a crumbling chimney marked the site of a long ago ice cream parlor.

Verna Chadburn Heller, 84, remembers the ice cream parlor. It was Reinhold Hannig’s place.

“We didn’t any of us have any money,” said Heller, who was entering eighth grade when her family of 10 moved from their home in St. Thomas to Springdale, Utah. “But everyone cared for everyone else. It was like one big family.”

St. Thomas survived 73 years before being sacrificed to progress when Hoover Dam was completed in 1935 and water started filling Lake Mead, the nation’s largest man-made reservoir.

The town had been settled in 1865 by Mormons led by Thomas Smith — dispatched by Brigham Young to plant cotton along the Muddy River.

Almost 500 people lived there when the town dependent on water was told it would be destroyed by water.

Leland Whitmore postmarked the last letter from St. Thomas on June 11, 1938, and tossed the last sack of mail into a boat at the post office doorstep.

Hugh Lord waited a little longer.

“He said the lake would never reach him,” said Virginia “Becky” Tobiasson, 58, historian for the surrounding Moapa Valley and Heller’s daughter-in-law. “He said he was going to stay in his house.”

Tobiasson pores over maps, ledgers and journals at an old schoolhouse in nearby Logandale. She has a photograph of Lord stepping from his porch onto a rowboat before setting his home ablaze.

“He torched the house,” she said.

In the three years it took for the lake to reach 45 miles upstream to the confluence of the Muddy and Virgin rivers, the Army Corps of Engineers dismantled or moved town buildings, cut the mock orange trees lining Main Street and exhumed the dead from the town cemetery. They were reburied in Overton, eight miles up the road.

“St. Thomas was a close-knit, family town,” Tobiasson said. With waters receding and interest renewed, she plans to squeeze 30 years of oral, written and photographic history into a 225-page book about the town, whose surviving residents now number under two dozen.

St. Thomas was famous for cantaloupes, she said. Every family had at least one milk cow and a grape arbor. They dried grapes for raisins and grew apricots, peaches, almonds, pomegranates asparagus and figs.

“They had access to water from the Muddy,” she said. “It was just a creek then.”

These days, the National Park Service says the site, within Lake Mead National Recreation Area, gets 300 visitors on weekend days. It is lies at the end of a 3.4-mile washboard dirt road off state Highway 169.

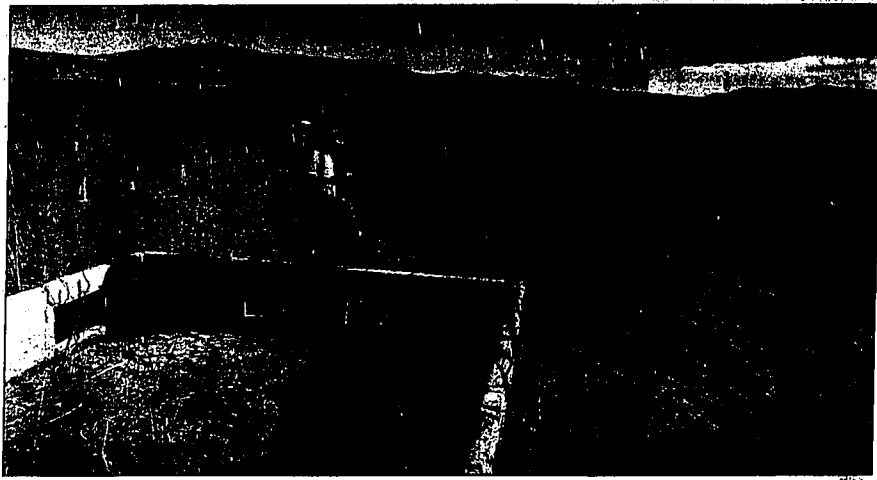
Scavengers surreptitiously scour the site with metal detectors, and rangers fret that people are making off with teacups, bricks and the like.

“We want people to be able to go there and see this town frozen in time,” spokeswoman Roseanne Day said. “But we are having a problem with treasure hunters out there.”

Rangers have issued 13 summonses in 2003 for preservation law violations and illegally using metal detectors in a national park.

Looking wasn’t considered a problem when St. Thomas resurfaced before during drought in 1952, and again in the early 1960s, when the Lake Powell reservoir was being filled upstream on the Colorado River.

Heller visited then, and found a



Nathaniel Bell, of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, uses a GPS device to map the ruins of St. Thomas, Nev., in this January photo. Several years of drought have caused the long-lost town, which was flooded when Lake Mead was created by Hoover Dam, to reappear.



The cemetery in Overton, Nev., shown here in January, is where the remains of the deceased from St. Thomas were relocated when the town was flooded.

shiny \$5 gold piece in the old wagon yard. She recognized the school by its fallen arches and hint of stairs, and the Gentry Hotel by its sheer size.

She won’t visit this year, she said. She’s getting too old.

St. Thomas is exposed because Lake Mead’s surface has dropped 72 feet since January 2000 — leaving a bathtub ring of mineral-white on more than 700 miles of rocky shoreline and raising concern about the drinking water supply for Las Vegas.

“It’s telling us a story about change in the desert and how people adapted,” said Michelle Ritter, a National Park Service ranger who has researched St. Thomas.

She imagines farmers going to church and the rodeo, children picking R.O. Gibson’s front-yard cherry tree clean, eight-horse teams clattering down dusty Main Street hauling heavy copper ore from the Grand Gulch mine 30 miles away. Tiny Las Vegas, with 5,165 residents, was a torrid 70 miles away, along a bad road.

She hears a story of “boom-and-bust and life-and-death in the desert Southwest.”

“If you listen closely, you might hear about our own mortality,” she said.

St. Thomas had no plumbing, no electricity, no refrigeration, no air conditioning.

“Nothing to make it easy,” said Heller, who now lives in a double-wide mobile home on an acre of land with shady fruit trees in Logandale.

“We took water out of an irrigation ditch with buckets and ran it

through charcoal into a barrel out next to a tree,” she said. “Cooling was out under an arbor in the back yard. We slept outside until almost Thanksgiving, it was so warm.”

Heller recalled going to see black-and-white picture shows, bouncing with other barefoot kids in an open-sided bus eight miles up the road to Overton. She milked cows and churned butter with her mother to sell to miners — and then to the surveyors who came to town to scout sites for Hoover Dam.

She had nightmares about a wall of water swamping her two-story home. But when the water did come, it rose steadily, not all at once.

Heller, who lived in Logandale by then, used to go to the bluff with her daughter, then 2 years old.

“It was interesting to watch the water come in over the town and fill the old cisterns and then the basements,” she said. “It would push the air out and the water would spurt.”

Jerry Phillippeck accepted a cold bottled water from his 20-year-old son, Paul, and looked from the bluff across the old town site, a finger of blue water, and a wide green valley framed by stark mountains of gray, red and brown.

Phillippeck said his family didn’t pick up any souvenirs

during their hike. “I’ve got 20-some-odd years coming here,” he said. “I wouldn’t take anything. It belongs to history, not to me.”



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# Candidate's sexist interview might turn off women voters

By Tom Ruffin  
Los Angeles Times

You don't have to be one of those "fearfuls" who believes the road ahead will be a long and winding one to feel as if the current campaign just gets cutthroat and curlier.

Take, for example, Arnold Schwarzenegger's disturbing 26-minute interview with a now defunct skin magazine and the problems it poses not only for his gubernatorial campaign, but also for the mainstream media organizations covering it.

The five-page exchange first appeared in 1977 and was specifically forgotten magazine called Oui, which Playboy had pulled out as a kind of raunchier brother to its flagship magazine. Schwarzenegger, who was 23 at the time, was promoting "amping iron," the documentary that launched his movie career. In an extended taped conversation with freelance writer Peter Manso, he employed a virtually endless stream of lewd and vulgar expressions to describe his attitudes toward women and sex, his intimate physiology—in graphic detail—and a number of specific sexual experiences.

One of the latter took place at Gold's Gym in Los Angeles. According to Schwarzenegger, a "black girl" entered the room "uninvited" and "everybody jumped on her and took her upstairs where we all got together." In another instance, Schwarzenegger recounted an anonymous sexual encounter backstage at a bodybuilding competition that left him "feeling like King Kong."

Other things that break up the intense training," Schwarzenegger told Manso. "It gives you relief and an afterward you go back to the gym stuff."

Elsewhere in the interview he admitted he used marijuana and hashish and that he had no "hang-ups" about homosexuals, whom he described with a vulgar flourish.

In fact, taken as a whole, the interview is so thoroughly lewd, vulgar and offensive that no matter how interesting or relevant to



Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger photographs a lunch bag Thursday in Lyons Magnus food processing plant in Fresno, Calif.

their decision voters may believe it to be, they are not likely to read extended — or even forthrightly representative — quotations in this or any other mainstream newspaper.

It's hard to imagine any other American political candidacy surviving such comments, no matter when they were made. But Schwarzenegger's is unlike any other candidacy — not least because of the way it is being covered. In this instance, the relevant hang-ups are not Arnold's but the media's.

First off, there's the well-founded reluctance to affront readers with vulgar language and lewd sentiments, even when they are spoken by a public person. And make no mistake, Schwarzenegger, the budding celebrity on the make, was as much a public figure when he gave the interview as he is now that he is running for governor.

Second, the frenzy surrounding former President Clinton's infidelities left many reporters and editors deeply ambivalent about appearing to rummage around in public figures' private sex lives. Call it impeachment hangover. Of course, it was Schwarzenegger who willingly gave up his privacy in the hope of gaining greater celebrity. Clinton, by contrast, was willing to

lie to maintain his sexual privacy. But that discretion may not be enough to overcome the inhibitions of journalists, who remain unsettled by the excesses of the Clinton years.

Campaigning in the Central Valley on Thursday, the candidate initially said "I have no memory of any of the articles I did 20 or 30 years ago." During a stop in Fresno, he responded to "questions three times, saying he had "no idea what they're talking about."

Later, he told Mark Williams of Sacramento radio station KFBK, "I never lived my life to be a politician. I've lived my life to be the owner of California. Obviously, I made statements that are ludicrous and crazy and outrageous and all those things, because that's the way I always was. ... Otherwise, I would not have done the things I did in my career with the bodybuilding and the show business and all those things."

One of the unexamined assumptions here is that the language, attitudes and acts revealed in the Oui interview are likely to be of concern only to religious and social conservatives, who already are deeply suspicious of Schwarzenegger's purity on several counts.

That was Hoffenblum's appraisal, and it was shared by at least one Democratic counterpart, Kam Kwata, who said Thursday, "There have been whispers about this for such a long time. My suspicion is that it would not sit well with the religious conservatives."

It's also likely that the re-publication of Schwarzenegger's long-forgotten interview may not sit particularly well with a far more significant bloc of voters — women. As the most recent Times Poll found, Schwarzenegger suffers from what used to be called a gender gap. The Times' survey found that 50 percent of the women likely to vote on Oct. 7 currently have an unfavorable impression of Schwarzenegger, while 41 percent have a favorable view. By contrast, 38 percent of the men likely to vote see Schwarzenegger in an unfavorable light, while 51 percent hold a favorable impression.

Women comprise 50 percent of the California electorate and, more important, 52 percent of the state's likely voters.

# Farm workers voice support for Bustamante

Los Angeles Times

DELANO, Calif. — Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante on Saturday visited the birthplace of the United Farm Worker movement, where more than 200 members of the union gathered on a dusty field vowed to back his campaign for governor and keep the Republicans from taking power.

Chanting "Recall no, Bustamante si," farm workers clad in the union's signature red T-shirts welcomed the lieutenant governor to the Central Valley spot where Sen. Robert Kennedy visited leader Cesar Chavez in 1968, as Chavez ended a 25-day fast in support of a grape boycott.

Union leaders sought to contrast that relationship with the bond between former Gov. Pete Wilson and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose wife, Maria Shriver, is Kennedy's niece. They warned that if the recall of Gov. Gray Davis succeeds and Bustamante is not elected, Schwarzenegger or another Republican could overturn labor laws.

"Cruz is on the right side and Arnold is not," said UFW president Arturo Rodriguez, noting

that Schwarzenegger has described unions as "special interests."

"We can't risk having another Republican governor who is against the farm workers and for the corporate growers," he said. The rally came on an otherwise somber day on the recall campaign trail. Among the leading candidates to replace Davis only Bustamante had a public appearance, although state Sen. Tom McClintock was interviewed on two cable TV news shows.

In an interview with the Fox News Channel, McClintock denied he had a conflict of interest in soliciting campaign contributions from Indian tribes while pressing for the

state to stop regulating gambling and other issues on reservation lands. He also dispensed the results of a poll by a Los Angeles television station that found him a distant third, saying the major polls show he is gaining momentum, while Schwarzenegger is "dead in the water."

He recapped how he would cut spending to make up for rolling back the car tax increase and castigated Bustamante for not repudiating MEChA, a Latino student organization with separatist roots.

Davis, meanwhile, held a brief news conference in West Hollywood after taping a Labor Day radio address.

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# Hispanic voters could play key role in California election

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hispanic voters, 16 percent of California's electorate and three times as likely to favor Democrats over Republicans, are poised to play an important role in the upcoming recall election.

The prospect of electing the state's first Hispanic governor in more than a century, Gov. Gray Davis is recalled is rallying some support for Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

Several recent surveys show leading Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger by a double-digit margin among likely Hispanic voters.

Large numbers of Hispanics remain undecided — 36 percent according to the Public Policy Institute of California and 14 percent according to the Field Institute.

With five weeks left for candi-

dates to win their support, attention is going to issues seen as important to Hispanic voters.

"Everyone wants the support of the Hispanic people because they're seeing that we're a great portion of the voters ... and in the future, we'll be the majority," Raul Cornejo, a 34-year-old immigrant from Tijuana, Mexico, said in Spanish as he cleared banquet tables at a San Diego hotel following a speech by Davis to Hispanic business leaders.

Bustamante, the grandson of Mexican immigrants, is reminding audiences of his working-class roots as he makes the round of Hispanic organizations.

Davis has dropped Spanish phrases in his speeches and touted his willingness to give driver's licenses to some undocumented immigrants, a measure he rejected last year.



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# Rome rebuilds Shakespeare's theater near Forum

ROME (AP) — William Shakespeare set nearly half of his works in Italy. Now the city of Rome is honoring the playwright by building a faithful replica of England's 16th-century Globe Theater, where his most famous plays were performed.

Starting in October, spectators can lend their ears to the Bard's masterpieces in a round, wooden theater amid the crickets and greenery of the Villa Borghese, one of the city's public parks.

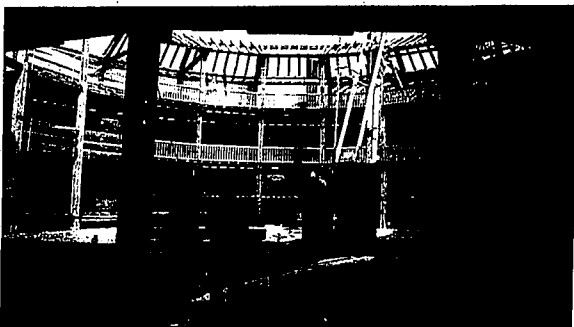
Just a few miles away is the Roman Forum, where Shakespeare's Mark Anthony pleaded "lend me your ears" to his fellow citizens as he spoke over Julius Caesar's murdered body.

"It's a great cultural initiative and, at the same time, a tribute to such an important structure," the theater's project manager, Giuseppe Viggiano, said Friday.

"We needed a theater like this in Italy," Viggiano added. "A theater of words, where actors will be able to express themselves only with their voice and acting, without sets, lights or microphones, just as the theater was in its origins."

The wooden structure will open Oct. 15 with Romeo and Juliet, the classic tale of doomed love set in the northern town of Verona.

Although it is not clear whether Shakespeare, who lived from 1564 to 1616, ever visited Italy, almost half his plays are set in cities and landscapes scattered throughout the boot-shaped peninsula. The original Globe is believed to have opened with a performance of Julius Caesar set in ancient Rome.



Workers look at the wooden reproduction of the 16th-century Globe Theater Friday in Rome.

A faithful replica of the Bard's playhouse opened in London in 1996 on the banks of the river Thames, just a few hundred yards from where the original stood.

Despite their quest for accuracy in the Roman reproduction, builders have had to

make some concessions to security regulations with construction materials and emergency exits, Viggiano said. As a result, the Roman Globe will house just under 1,400 spectators, a few hundred fewer than the London replica.

# WTO seals deal for cheap drugs to poor countries

GENEVA (AP) — Following an impassioned appeal from Africa, the World Trade Organization on Saturday sealed a deal to allow poor countries to import cheap copies of patented drugs for killer diseases like AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

"All people of good will and good conscience will be very happy today with the decision that the WTO members have made," said Kenyan Ambassador Amina Chawahir Mohamed. "It's especially good news for the people of Africa who desperately need access to affordable medicine."

The United States has been trying to protect the interests of drug companies, which feared they could lose control of patent rights. U.S. concessions this week broke an eight-month deadlock on the issue.

The final breakthrough followed a meeting Friday during which representatives of many African countries pleaded with other diplomats to stop trying to win last-minute advantages for their own nations.

In a joint statement, they noted nearly 2.2 million Africans have died from AIDS and other killer diseases since the issue became deadlocked on Dec. 16.

"For us, the request by the African countries was a decisive factor. All of us couldn't fail to be touched by that," said Brazilian Ambassador Luis Felipe de Seixas Correa.

The WTO's supreme General Council reconvened Saturday morning and gave formal approval to an agreement reached by a lower body late Thursday, before it ran into political wrangling. But groups campaigning to give poor people better access to life-saving drugs criticized the agreement.

"Today's deal was designed to offer comfort to the U.S. and the Western pharmaceutical industry," said Ellen 't Hoen of the medical aid group Doctors Without Borders. "Unfortunately it offers little comfort for poor patients. Global patent rules will continue to drive up the price of medicines."

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# A day after agreements in Beijing, North Korea reverts to nuclear threat

BEIJING (AP) — North Korea took less than a day to break the most recent agreement it had made with the United States and four other nations at a six-party summit to hold more talks aimed at ending a 10-month standoff over its nuclear weapons program.

Instead, North Korea angrily dismissed the possibility of further talks over its nuclear program on Saturday, the morning after the end of landmark six-nation talks where the isolated regime indicated it might be willing to reach a deal.

"The talks only reinforced our confidence that there is no other option for us but to further increase the nuclear deterrent force," the North's Foreign Ministry said Saturday, its first official comment on the summit that ended in Beijing a day earlier.

North Korea has made similar threats before, and its trademark bluster often fails to draw urgent reactions from the ones it wants to threaten.

Instead, the region's dialogue partners, although they consider North Korea capa-

ble of such dangerous provocations as a missile test-launch, see the isolated country's harsh rhetoric as reflecting its entrenched mistrust of Americans and fear for the survival of its own totalitarian regime.

All six nations — including China, Russia, South Korea and Japan — say they want the Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons. But the question comes down to whether the countries at the center of the dispute, the United States and North Korea, can trust each other, and which

should make the first move.

Should the United States provide free oil shipments, open diplomatic ties, provide economic and humanitarian aid and sign a nonaggression pact before North Korea feels safe to abandon its nuclear facilities? Or should the North scrap its nuclear program before Washington improves relations?

The Americans consider North Koreans untrustworthy and want to avoid mistakes like the nuclear accord they signed with the North in 1994.

Under that agreement, the North promised to freeze its nuclear activities in return for economic aid, including \$4.6 billion for power plants still under construction. But U.S. officials said last October that North Korea admitted running a secret nuclear weapons program — a claim North Korea now denies.

North Korea, too, says it can't take any chances when dealing with the Americans. Kim Jong Il's regime sees its survival as depending on how profitably it plays its nuclear card.

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## EDITORIAL

### 'Hospital education' should consider patients' wallets

The idea of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board members and administrators traveling to posh hotels in Maui, Boca Raton or San Francisco for high-priced health care conferences may not be much of a concern to most hospital patients.

Health-care costs aren't passed along to most people in ways they can clearly see. So the costs of hospital management may seem irrelevant.

But notice it or not, the cost of educating hospital board members and administrators is just another factor boosting your skyrocketing health-care costs. When you add it to expensive malpractice coverage, innovative technology and equipment, and higher salaries in a nursing shortage, you've kicked up the price of health care enormously.

A Times-News story last week detailed how educational costs have risen at Magic Valley Regional. Between September 2000 and June 2003, the hospital spent \$75,130 to send board members to educational conferences and on other hospital-related business.

For hospital administrators and other top employees, the figures were even higher. In the same period of time, Magic Valley Regional spent \$184,765 on travel for those officials to attend conferences and to conduct other hospital business.

It's refreshing to hear Terry Schultz, head of the hospital board's Community Relations Committee, say board education costs need to be held in check. The board is wisely encouraging its members to pursue cheaper educational conferences in the state before

going to national events. It's understandable that hospital officials want board members to be well-trained and knowledgeable on issues that relate to governance, quality and legal matters. Board members need to be informed to be effective. Building a network of contacts at other hospitals can help, too. (Although the value of an official paying \$640 for a golf tournament slips by us.)

But it's worth asking if these expensive conferences really need to be held in five-star hotels in high-priced destination cities.

National hospital lobbyists argue that the conventions are packed with information, and attendees don't have much free time. If that's the case, why not hold a conference in Cleveland or Detroit, as opposed to Maui, or South Florida?

The firms that host these education conferences should realize they aren't doing cash-strapped hospitals any favors with these high costs.

Schultz said this year, Magic Valley Regional is budgeting \$15,000 for board education, much less than what has budgeted in the past for board travel. Encouraging board members to attend conferences closer to home will save money, and it could be just as useful as attending national conferences. Hospital administrators and top officials should take the same approach.

Most importantly, attending cost-efficient education meetings would send a message to the educational firms, that hospitals want conferences held in cheaper settings, with fewer perks.

Magic Valley Regional officials would certainly have the support of patients in saying that.

**Our view:** Magic Valley Regional board members will do patients a favor by attending educational conferences that are more affordable.  
**What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



## Debt binge will fatten the problems of U.S. consumers

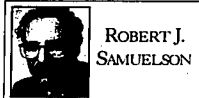
If you ask who saved the U.S. economy — indeed, the world economy — these past three years, the answer is plain: The floodings American consumer did the trick, buying ever-larger homes, stuffing them with furniture and mobbing shopping malls. Producers from Albuquerque to Amsterdam benefited. What's less plain is why. What caused average Americans to defy so much bad news (terrorism, falling stocks, rising joblessness)? The standard answers have been tax cuts, low interest rates and a deep streak of materialism. But to these should be added demographics and debt.

Susan Sterne of Economic Analysis Associates notes that the economic downturn coincided almost perfectly with the massive baby boom arriving at its peak earning and spending power. In 2002, the oldest baby boomers (born in 1946) were 56 and the youngest (born in 1964) were 38. Now consider U.S. consumers between 35 and 44 spend about 20 percent more than average consumers and those between 45 and 54 spend about 30 percent more. In 2001, these two age groups represented about 40 percent of U.S. households — and half of spending.

To some extent, the life cycle defeated the economic cycle, Sterne says. Families wanted bigger homes. Their children, flooding high schools and colleges, demanded computers, CDs and cars.

One reason Americans could spend freely is that they went deeper into debt. Indeed, the democratization of debt is a great story of the late 20th century. In 1946, just after World War II, consumer debt amounted to 22 percent of household after-tax income, reports the Federal Reserve. Now, debt is almost 110 percent of income.

Suburbanization explains much of the transformation. In 1940, 44 percent of Americans were homeowners; now, home ownership is edging



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

toward 70 percent. Then, less than half (45 percent) of homeowners had mortgages; now two-thirds do. But other forms of credit also exploded: auto loans, charge accounts and credit cards. The first modern credit card, the Diners Club Card, appeared in 1950. Before that, department stores and oil companies offered cards. By 1998, three-quarters of families had credit cards.

This constituted a social as well as economic upheaval. Except at exorbitant rates, credit once bypassed most Americans. New laws and technologies changed that. Congress outlawed racial and sexual discrimination in lending. It became illegal to "redline" whole neighborhoods (that is, refuse them loans). Married women could more easily get their own credit and not just depend on their husbands'.

Lending decisions shifted from hunches and stereotypes to statistical models that, based on mass databases of credit histories, revealed patterns of payment and nonpayment. The best of these credit scoring systems is FICO. It rates consumers on a 300 to 850 scale, with two factors — how promptly people pay ordinary bills — accounting for two-thirds of the score. (FICO is an abbreviation for its creator, Fair Isaac Corp.)

"The advent of statistical risk scoring gave lenders greater confidence. They started extending loans down the income spectrum," says Mike Staton, director of the Credit Research Center at Georgetown University. In the 1980s, mortgages, credit cards and car loans were increasingly marketed to "subprime" groups.

The good news is that all this bolstered the economy. At year end 1999, household debt (including mortgages) totaled \$6.5 trillion, 96 percent of disposable income; by March 2003, debt had jumped to almost \$8.7 trillion, 108 percent of income. The extra \$2 trillion, including money from "cash out" mortgage refinancings, stimulated shopping. Even better, falling interest rates meant that monthly interest and principal payments actually declined slightly, from a peak of 14.4 percent of after-tax income in 2001 to 14 percent now. People refinanced mortgages, switched high-rate credit-card debt into lower-rate mortgage debt or borrowed for less.

The bad news is that all the good news went, last forever. Spending demographics will deteriorate slightly in the next decade, says Sterne. Younger households — relatively poorer — will grow rapidly. An aging baby boom will slowly lose purchasing power. The larger issue involves the inevitable, though undetermined, end of America's 60-year credit binge. Interest rates have already risen from recent lows, and greater threats loom.

Household debt can't permanently grow faster than household income, though it has for decades. Sooner or later, families will decide they've borrowed enough, or too much. Sooner or later, baby boomers will pay down lifetime debts. Sooner or later, lenders will exhaust good credit risks. Indeed, the aggressive lending of recent years may already have gone too far.

The great credit binge exemplifies the American spirit — an optimistic belief in the future and a constant craving for more. It has spurred the U.S. and global economies, but what happens when it fades? Although people worry about rising federal debt, the true debt bomb may be closer to home.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

## LETTERS

### Commandments standoff reveals state hypocrisy

There's much in the news about not posting the Ten Commandments in a public place, and I salute Judge Roy Moore for his stand on his convictions.

His argument faces off against the status of a Greek god in another public place, which seems to make no difference to those who oppose him. While none of us who share his Christian convictions would like to see a statue of Buddha in the same place, it does seem that the opposition takes on a greater offense to any presumption of the god of the Bible.

While the argument about public display of the Ten Commandments is battled around, it is obvious that the morality of the nation is going downhill at a rapid pace. Actually, the first three of the commandments causes the most offense — putting God first and honoring God in our lives. But I keep looking for someone apprehended for burglary making the plea before the court that he cannot be charged with stealing because "thou shalt not steal" is one of the Ten Commandments and, therefore, he cannot be charged because of the much-acclaimed "separation of church and state" doctrine.

Contradictions and hypocrisy are readily ignored in the minds of our self-appointed social police.

GENE LAWLEY  
Twin Falls

### Opinion page has good offerings for readers

This is my first time writing to a newspaper person, and I wish to express to you personally how I view your page.

Over the past several years, have both subscribed to and canceled *The Times-News*. I have been extremely annoyed with the numerous typographical errors.

I do subscribe to *USA Today* and thoroughly enjoyed the quality of its paper; however, the paper came in the afternoon mail and I eventually canceled that newspaper and just settled the news via television. Several months ago, unbeknownst to me, my wife reactivated *The Times-News*. I started reading your paper again, and I was pleasantly surprised with the "newspaper."

The Opinion page with letters from readers and the editor's section with "Our view" and "What do you think?" is refreshing and shows me that you've done your homework and are not one-sided in your views.

I am glad to read the editor's comments and your views on two subjects. The first article was about the summer city band concert and the other was concerning a city official involved in mishandling of city funds.

Your replies were enlightening and to the point, and you stated what your paper's policies are. Officials in city, state and federal government have not proven to be good stewards of public monies. They, in fact, have little reason to be honest because all too frequently, there has been little or no consequence to their criminal behaviors. This editorial is on the "mark" as to what justice should be meted out to this particular individual in light of the current national economy situation.

The two comic sections, *Dawson* and *Mallard*, by Fillmore, fit in extremely well with the opinion page. In a nutshell, I like your style and "new" paper. As a personal request, I would like to read more human interest and construction stories.

It's just about time for sweet beet harvesting, and it would be nice to know how beets are planted, harvested and processed. How does the beet industry impact the Magic Valley? Future beet processors would be nice. Thank you very much. JOHN CHOCKER  
Twin Falls

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### Group aims to help owners preserve land values.

Recent articles in *The Times-News* have mentioned the Conservation Fund's involvement with the Devil's Corral property on the north rim of the Snake River.

As a private nonprofit, charitable organization, The Conservation Fund works to acquire significant properties only from interested, willing landowners based on appraised fair market value. These appraisals are always made to the highest industry standards.

In the case of Devil's Corral, the fund met in June 2002 with

the individuals who had bid on that property at a U.S. marshal's sale several months earlier. At the time, those individuals requested to remain anonymous, which our organization continues to respect. In the meeting and in subsequent discussions, the Conservation Fund made it very clear that our goal was to try to acquire the Devil's Corral property and to ultimately create a new publicly owned park there. Whether that public park would eventually be owned and managed by another entity was uncertain. It was stated explicitly that the fund's intention was to ensure that the natural, historical and recreational values of Devil's

## LETTERS

Corral were permanently maintained.

The Conservation Fund hired a highly respected, Twin Falls real estate appraiser to provide our organization with an independent, expert opinion of value based on the highest and best use of the property.

Once the appraisal was completed for The Conservation Fund (at its sole and considerable expense) in the fall of 2002, our organization made a conditional proposal to purchase the Devil's Corral property from these individuals. The initial proposal was conditional because in the fund's opinion, there are a

number of very important unanswered questions about the property including access to the property, potential outstanding rights of former owners, Jerome County zoning ordinances and the ownership of water rights associated with the Devil's Corral springs and outflow.

The Conservation Fund's initial proposal was not accepted, not countered, and our organization has had no further discussions with these individuals since December 2002.

The Conservation Fund respects the ability and need of landowners to pursue various alternatives for their properties. The fund seeks to provide oppor-

tunities and solutions to folks interested in seeing the properties remain in an open, undeveloped condition for generations to come.

In near-term, The Conservation Fund will continue its constructive work with private landowners interested in protecting north rim lands to maintain their outstanding natural, historical and recreational values. It's an important area to the community and tremendously deserving of our attention.

MARK W. ELSBREE  
Sun Valley  
(Editor's note: Mark Elsbree is the Northwest director for The Conservation Fund.)

# U.S. sees enormous stakes in talks with N. Korea

Five nations and North Korea sat down this week in Beijing to begin discussing the future of North Korea's outlawed nuclear weapons program, which threatens to trigger not just very real fear but also nuclear proliferation among its neighbors.

The United States, China, Russia, South Korea and Japan have come to the table to appeal to reason from a regime in which reason often has been in short supply.

The Russian vice minister of foreign affairs has said his government has "low expectations for these talks." So does the Bush administration.

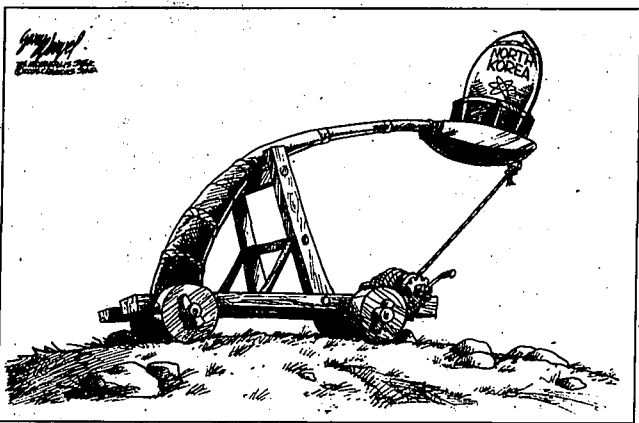
But in the interest of peace and stability, all are obliged to pursue some sort of agreement with North Korea.

The stakes are enormous, and not only for the impoverished, isolated North Koreans.

"If these talks fail, we face a fairly substantial problem," said a senior administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he is not a duly authorized administration spokesman reading from an approved script. "If they fail and the North Koreans have what they say they have, then in a matter of a few weeks you will have a declaration by Pyongyang that 'We have a nuclear power.'"

The U.S. intelligence community's assessment of that North Korea hasn't been making nuclear weapons to use as bargaining chips; analysts believe the North Koreans want nukes and think they need them.

So if the talks fail, as seems likely, and North Korea declares itself a nuclear power, the pressure on Japan and South Korea to go nuclear, too, could become irresistible. Given the advanced tech-



nological capabilities of both, that could be achieved in record time. And the world would become a good bit more dangerous.

As usual, the Bush administration is divided about what to do to head off a nuclear arms race in Northeast Asia, a region of enormous economic and political significance to the United States.

Some hard-liners in one part of the Bush administration say a non-cooperative North Korea should simply be consigned straight to Hell. They recommend undermining Kim Jong Il's hermit regime; blockading North Korean shipping to choke off exports of missile and nuclear technologies and cracking down on one of the regime's prime sources of income, the smuggling and sale of heroin.

But what if the North Koreans respond by attacking South Korea

or Japan? What if their 10,000 artillery pieces dug into granite mountains along the demilitarized zone open fire on Seoul?

What then? The hard-liners argue that North Korea's enormous military force and its weapons are rusting and rotting away; that its howitzers are rusty; that its antique air force's warplanes are mostly grounded; that its army is poorly trained and unimpressive.

All of that may be true, but there is still the matter of the shiny new nuclear weapons North Korea possesses. Not in large quantities, to be sure. Perhaps only six or eight or 10 of them. But more than enough to kill millions on the Korean peninsula or in Japan.

What would we do if the North Koreans used their nukes, or for

that matter their chemical and biological weapons? No good answer is forthcoming from hard-liners, soft-liners or anyone else.

To quote Winston Churchill, it is a far better thing to talk, talk, talk than to fight, fight, fight. Turning talk into action is the hard part, of course, especially in this case. "We are not prepared to offer the North Koreans any thing," says the senior administration official, "until they can convince us and the four other par-

ties that they are willing to hand over their nuclear weapons, their plutonium, their reprocessed uranium, the 8,800 fuel rods they have removed from the reactor and have all of it transported off the Korean peninsula and put under control of the International Atomic Energy Agency. And that we can set up necessary monitoring and inspection to ensure it doesn't happen again."

Once North Korea commits to that, the official says, "then we are prepared to discuss future cooperation and the removal of pariah status from North Korea and the flow of benefits that

might follow." The world can offer many carrots to a regime that has watched its people starve to death while it diverted food, fuel and resources to its huge army. But the North Koreans usually respect sticks more than carrots, and the United States and others have few sticks that are likely to make much of an impression on a newly nuclear donkey.

Joseph L. Galloway is the senior military correspondent for Knight Ridder Newspapers and co-author of the national best-seller "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young."

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### Series on local farming family was splendid

Thank you and Megan Hinds for the series, "The Land Eaters," that appeared on the front pages of the Aug. 24-27 issue of *The Times-News*. What an uplifting story of the Lanting clan. I don't know how you and Megan did it on this story, but the lifeforce in their lifestyle as compared to the usual lifestyle of front-page stories made each day start with new excitement for me. I have waited a long time for a newspaper to print this type of story, and now I can say it does happen! Thank you for showing us that real, live family can and does live together, serving each other instead of each self.

RICHARD H. HAGERMAN  
Wendell

### Dean is more conservative than you probably think

The *Times-News* editorialized Aug. 13 that Edward Dean's campaign for president won't gain traction in Idaho. We may wind up being surprised. Dean is much more moderate than many in the Democratic pack, and he's hardly the "certified grade-A liberal" the editorial called him. Moreover, although organizers expected no more than a few dozen people, Dean managed to attract several hundred supporters (including Cecil Andrus) to a barely announced rally in Boise last weekend.

Many Idahoans would be interested to know Dean supports enforcing existing federal gun laws and closing the gun-show sales loophole. Other than that, though, he evasions having states decide what, if any, additional regulations are necessary, reasoning that hunting-rich states like Idaho would take a far different stance on this than more urbanized states where gun crime is a real threat.

Like Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Dean strongly opposes unfunded federal mandates. For example, he is sharply critical of the Bush education plan because it imposed many new requirements but failed to fund them. Dean's perspective of a small-state governor is in many ways similar to that of most middle-of-the-road Idaho residents. It's also worth noting that in Vermont, many of Dean's constituents believed he was too conservative — yet he was re-elected four times.

Dean is a man of common sense and clear thinking. To wit, he is the only viable Democrat who, from the start, opposed our ill-conceived misadventures in Iraq. As Dean has said, "While Saddam Hussein's regime was clearly evil and needed to be dismantled, it did not present an

immediate threat to U.S. security that would justify going to war, particularly going to war alone. From the beginning, I felt that winning the war would not be the hard part — winning the peace would be. This administration failed to plan for the postwar period as it did for the battle, and today we are paying the price." Dean is not, however, opposed to military action in every case. He supported U.S. actions in Afghanistan and the first Gulf War.

It's early and I'm not entirely sold on Dean as my candidate for 2004, but I believe he's definitely the Democrat most worth watching. For more information, see his Web site at [www.deanforamerica.com](http://www.deanforamerica.com) or check out the first local Dean "Meet Up" (one of nearly 600 nationwide) at 7 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 5) at Barnes & Noble.

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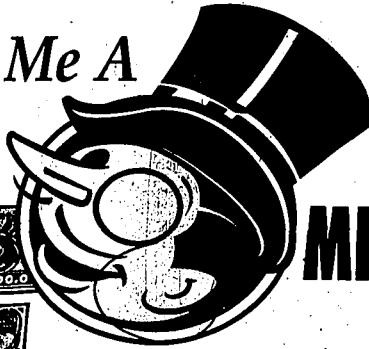
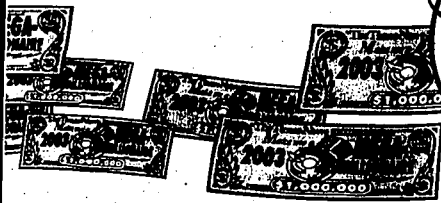
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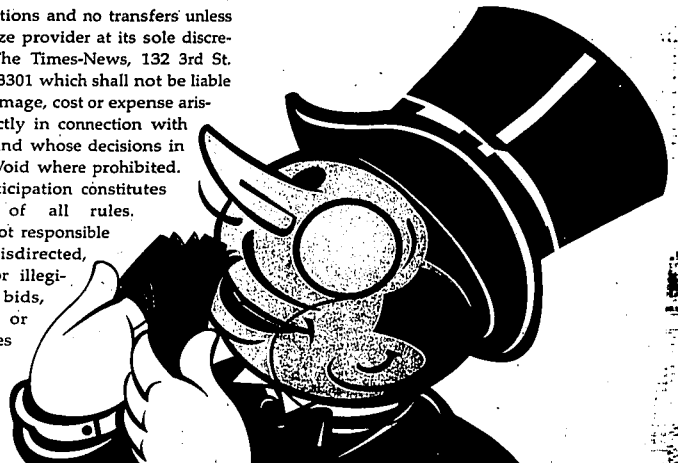
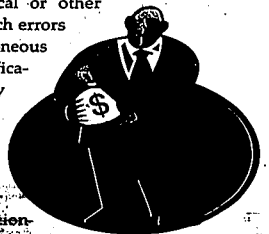
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Section B

Time you knew the physics of the midway

This past Thursday afternoon, I took myself and \$128.34 to the Twin Falls County Fair (I can't put it on my expense account, can't I?) and came home with an inflatable purple brontosaurus on a stick...

Don't Ask Me Steve Crump

That really hurt - the blow, not the breakup - so I resolved someday to be master of the carnies' world. For years, I did homework, silently observing from a distance...

Armed with all this Newtonian physics, I cruised the midway Thursday, finally settling on that game where you let the sledgehammer to ring the bell at the top of a long column...

Mystery solved, but far too late. How I am going to let all these long-lost women in my life know that I've finally conquered the midway? I still have Pam's address: Shindig! I just wish her the inflatable purple brontosaurus on a stick, without explanation?

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Meet the columnists Twin Falls County Fair attendees can walk with two Times-News columnists today...

Lawmakers plan tour of M.V.

By Julie Pence Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - State lawmakers will immerse themselves in Magic Valley ways Sept. 14-16 when they converge on the area for another southern Idaho legislative tour...

During election years, lawmakers head to northern Idaho to learn about the issues surrounding such industries as logging and mining - "the things those of us from around here are not intimately acquainted with," Gould said...

inspected during the interim. The last time Magic Valley sponsored a tour, lawmakers learned what canal companies and irrigators were doing to improve water quality, Just said...

along with the developing tourism industry, Gould said. For example, the itinerary says lawmakers will get a BASE-jumping demonstration, a jaunt to Castle Rock State Park...

ing turned down the invitation and the other 23 yet to respond, Just said. The tour, which is being paid for with donations from private industry, will cost about \$32,000.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE



Jackson Scott, 14, prepares his yearling heifer, Trixie, for show at the Twin Falls County Fair Saturday. Competition is so fierce that Scott spends up to two hours grooming Trixie with brushes and hair spray to get her ready for the judges.

Contestants use household items to get a leg up on competition

FILER - Hair spray and baby powder - the essential elements of showing a dairy heifer. In the pig barn, baby oil is the key. Stepping into the show ring at the Twin Falls County Fair means getting competitive for many of the youth showing animals...

Attendance at the fair table with columns for years 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and rows for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Also includes 'Today at the fair' schedule and 'Today's special' items.

Fair admission Gate Admission is good for general admission access to all arena events. Reserve seats to arena events are available at the Twin Falls County Fair office or by calling 328-4398.

M.V. Stampede crowns new queen

The hometown girl proved she's moving up in the world. Jaclyn Bruhn of Filer was crowned the 2004 Magic Valley Stampede Queen during a ceremony Saturday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Magic Valley Stampede Teen Queen. Teresa Ann Stewart of Filer was crowned the first runner up in the senior queen competition.

Queen in what officials said was the closest score ever in the teen competition. McGuire, of Jerome, plans to attend Idaho State University to obtain a degree in public relations.

Jerome schools seek levy

JEROME - Rather than resort to layoffs and program reductions, the Jerome School District is turning to voters Tuesday to approve a \$650,000 supplemental property tax levy.

Enrollment is up, and current state and local appropriations aren't enough to cover the district's needs, said Mike Gibson, the district's business manager.

A new supplemental levy would continue efforts produced by last year's \$42,000 supplemental levy, he said. In addition to supplies and materials, last year's levy went to security cameras, midday busing for kindergartners and repairing plumbing at the high school.

Twin Falls changes water billing format

TWIN FALLS - City residents should expect to receive this week samples and an explanation of a new water bill. Water customers will receive their September billing in the usual postcard format.

In the works for more than a year, the new format will make paying bills easier, will show customers how much water they are using over a two-year period and will notify customers of various city services and upcoming events.

Maybe more important, the new billing statement will show customers where the money is being used each month on a graph. And there will also be a chart to compare this year's water consumption with prior years.

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DEATH NOTICES

Juana 'Juanita' Guerry CASTLEFORD - Juana 'Juanita' Guerry, 95, of Castleford, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at the Willowbrook Assisted Living Center in Twin Falls.

Paul Patterson FILER - Paul Patterson, 80, of Filer, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at his home.

Ramon Fuentes BURLEY - Ramon Fuentes, 81, of Burley, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

SERVICES

Albert Gene Wilkins of Bethlehem, Pa., and formerly of Gooding, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding; interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Chapel, Hailey).

Jesus Alvarado Cancchola, infant son of Rosa Cancchola and Miguel Alvarado, Mass of Christian burial at 4 p.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Lilly Jean Baber-Etzrodt of Hailey, service at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Hailey Cemetery (Wood River

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Joseph Clark Severa - Buhl

Joe came into this world and graced us with his presence on Nov. 21, 1968, at the Fairchild Air Base in Spokane County, Wash. Joe was tragically taken from us on Aug. 29, 2003, at the young age of 34. Joe was the first of three children born to Rudolf J. Severa Jr. and Sherry K. (Sloggy) Severa. He married Diane Scheinost at Lava Hot Springs on Nov. 9, 1990. Joe and Diane lived in Buhl, Idaho, where they raised four children, Jessaka, Annaka, Kassandra and William. Joe was a hard working man who loved spending time with family and friends in the outdoors. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing. He was a great dad, husband, grandfather and son and a friend to everyone he met. Joe was loved by many people and



will be missed by all. You will live in the front of our minds until we meet again. We Love You Joe! Joe is survived by his wife,

Diane Severa; three daughters, Jessaka Severa, Annaka Severa and Kassandra (Stan) Filcher; one son, William Severa; two grandchildren, Caitlin and Aiden Filcher; his parents, Rudy and Sherry Severa; two sisters, Margie Lee (Rodney) Thompson and Rose (Robert) Henderson; one brother, Terry Kobrock; grandmother, Fleta M. Sloggy; aunts, Jacqueline Williams, Rebecca Sloggy and Lorraine Walker; uncles, John Severa, Leonard Severa and Ali Williams; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many cousins. Joe was preceded in death by his grandparents and several great aunts and uncles. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, Idaho.

Nora Clifford - Hagerman

Nora Clifford, age 95, passed away Aug. 29, 2003, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Nora was born Dec. 23, 1907, in Soldiers, Idaho, the daughter of Fields and Jennie Kiser. She attended school at Soldier until 1920 when she fully moved to the Hagerman Valley. She graduated from Hagerman High School in 1928. Nora attended Albion Normal School in 1929. On April 9, 1931, Nora married Howard (Happy) E. Clifford in Buhl, Idaho. Nora and Hap farmed, and raised watermelon and produce on their ranch south of Hagerman. Hap passed away Jan. 8, 1964. Nora received the Golden Sheaf Pin from the Hagerman Valley Grange in 1992 for 50 years of continuous service. In 2002, she received the 60 years pin from the grange. She enjoyed sewing and made many

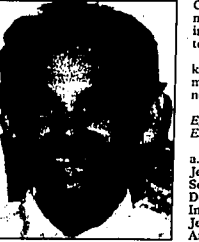


beautiful quilts for her family. She always had a big garden and canned and preserved fruits and vegetables that she grew. Her flower garden was a show place and she shared many bouquets and starts of plants with friends

and people passing by that stopped to admire the beauty of her garden. Nora is survived by her children, Len (Connie) Clifford of Pocatello, Idaho, Anna (Edward) Wheeler of Buhl, Idaho, and Clyde (Jessie) Clifford, of Hagerman, Idaho; twin sister, Lola Pope of Boise; and sister, Ruth Anderson of Hagerman; and several grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Charlie (Pete) Kiser and Lee Kiser, and sisters, Neva Owsley, Erma Sande and Clarice Kiser. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, at Hagerman Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. For those who desire, contributions may be made to any charity of choice.

Juan Luis Mallea - Jerome

Juan Luis Mallea, 60, of Jerome, passed away Aug. 24, 2003, at his home. He was born Sept. 17, 1942, in Rigotia, Vizcaya, Spain, to Julian Mallea and Petra Foruria Mallea. Juan came to America in the early 70s to be a shepherd in Gooding. Following that, he moved to the Treasure Valley where he worked for several years and then he settled in Jerome about 12 years ago. He spent many years working at Longview Dairy until his retirement two years ago. Juan is survived by one brother, Enrique (Armando) Mallea of Vizcaya, Spain; several nieces and nephews in Spain; a niece, Rose (Craig) Smith of Twin Falls;

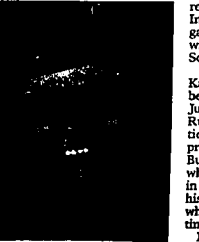


a nephew, Robert (Teri) Mallea of Wyoming; two grand-nephews,

Chase and Caden; and a grand-niece Tiffany. He was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and his parents. Juan was a gentle man with a kind soul and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends and neighbors. "Guk! Gure Saitxu Tu Juan. Egon Saitxe Gure Jaunen Eskutan." The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, with Deacon Bill Last officiating. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Dr. Homi Burjor Vania - Boise

Dr. Homi Burjor Vania, 56, of Boise, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2003, at his home in Boise. Family services were held under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise, 208-753-2212. Dr. Vania was born on Jan. 15, 1947, in Karachi, Pakistan, to Burjor and Mani Vania. When he was 9 years old, he attended Burrehall, a boarding school in Pakistan, operated by British priests where he began his education to continue in the family tradition and become a medical doctor. He attended medical school at Dow Medical University in Pakistan and, in 1970, he immigrated to the United States. He began his medical career at Cook County Hospital in Chicago where he did his internal medi-



cine residency and later did his pulmonary medicine residency with Hines Veterans Administration Medical Center in Chicago. He later worked as a

research doctor with the National Institutes of Health and then gained a medical professorship with Loyola University Medical School in Chicago. On Nov. 3, 1978, he married Kaye E. Lockhart in Chicago. He became a United States citizen in June 1977. In 1980, he came to Rupert and began a private practice in internal medicine. He practiced in Rupert and later in Burley until December 1998 when he suffered severe injuries in a snowmobile accident. After his accident, he came to Boise where he has lived since that time. Dr. Vania is survived by his wife, Kaye; children, Shane, Diana, Cyrus, Rachel and Natasha Vania, all of Boise; and his sister, Dr. Avran Vania of Chicago.

Support builds for special prison for mentally ill, but money lacks

BOISE (AP) - Idaho corrections officials say the state needs a \$17.9 million special prison for mentally and physically ill inmates. Advocates for prison inmates would be happy to see one, although representatives of people with mental illnesses claim Idaho probably would not need it if the state had not abolished the insanity defense 21 years ago. Either way, there is virtually no state money to build such a prison.

Don't think it is going to happen, not this year," said Boise Republican Rep. Max Black, who serves on a panel that recommends how the state should spend a total of \$30 million annually for all state capital improvement projects. Most of that money is spoken for already. Idaho Correction Director Tom Beaudclair said the prison is his top priority. Mentally ill inmates pose a serious security concern and are vulnerable to the general inmate population, Beaudclair said.

backs construction of a special prison. But all state agencies have needs. As part of his own budget request, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will have to look through those proposals and see which is the most pressing concern.

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Pocatello recall effort moves ahead

POCATELLO (AP) - Organizers in the effort to recall several School District 25 board members say they have one-quarter of the signatures they need and are confident the petition will be full by the Sept. 29 deadline. The effort has targeted four members, including Chairman Nate Hill, Zone 3; Trustee Terry Anderson, Zone 5; Trustee Arnold Goodfille, Zone 1; and Trustee R. Michael Parrish, Zone 2.

The recall movement was initiated by the Citizens to Restore Trust after two months of investigation and controversy surrounding the board's June ouster of Superintendent Linda Rowland. Coordinator Lori Bergfeld said Friday that the organization will hold a public meeting next week to discuss why the board made decisions that some have criticized as hasty and expensive. Though the group is critical of the board's decision-making policies, Bergfeld says the effort is not intended to overturn their decisions. She says the group is more concerned with making sure the board consults with residents more in the future - especially on matters that could cost the district money. "This school district cannot afford to squander money this way," Bergfeld said. The recall petition was formally filed in late July and organizers need 20 percent of the district's registered voters to agree before a new school board election can be held.

Occasions to Remember

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# HIDDEN TREASURES

## Airport holds vast collection of fighter jets

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — It's an unusual day when a surprised passerby doesn't stop for a closer look at the fighter jets parked at Ontario's airport.

"Their owner wouldn't be mistaken for a fighter pilot. Habitually dressed in bib overalls, Merle Maine could pass for a farmer. He is 71 years old. He has never been in the military."

"A lot of the people who stop here are pilots," he said. "If they know what was inside the hangars, they'd really be impressed."

Maine is a collector extraordinaire. And inside the hangars and along the runways is a rare, if not unique, collection.

"A lot of guys have jets, but I'm probably the farthest off the rockers," he said. "There are several hundred civilians around the country who own military planes, from Mach 2 jets to simple trainers. But I don't know of any with as many as I have. I just sort of got carried away."

Maine owns fighters that belonged to the U.S. Air Force. He owns submarine hunters that belonged to the U.S. Navy. He owns military training planes, British fighter jets, a NASA jet that was one of two of its kind ever built. He owns not one but three Soviet-built MiG fighter jets.

"That's a collection of disproportionate proportions," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho Air National Guard. "I've never heard of anybody, certainly not in these parts, having anything like it. I don't know that anybody in the entire U.S. privately owned a MiG-23."

Like many of Maine's more exotic planes, the MiG-23 is kept in a locked hangar. He's happy to show his collection to fellow enthusiasts, but he doesn't advertise or promote it.

"He's your true eccentric millionaire," says Roger Smith, a longtime friend.

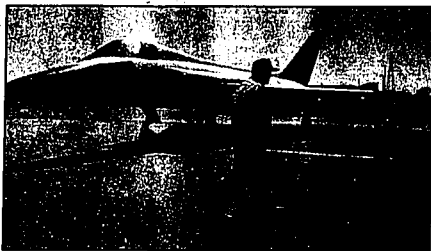
Maine is a low-profile that even aviation buffs in neighboring Arvon County haven't heard of.

"He has what?" a volunteer at Tampa's Warhawk Air Museum asked after hearing a partial list of Maine's inventory. "Who is this guy?"

Maine is a lifelong Ontario area resident. He grew up on a farm between Ontario and Vale, Ore., and spent most of his career as



"I'm the extreme of jet collectors," confesses Merle Maine, who had to count several times to remember just how many jets he has in hangars and on static display at the airport in Ontario, Ore., on July 20. There were 16 at last count.



The F-5D Skylancer sits in static display near the hangars at the Ontario, Ore., airport as Merle Maine strolls by on July 20.

the owner of a successful road paving business.

He retired, "slowed down" as he puts it, in 1995. These days he owns a sand, gravel and concrete business and Ontario Aviation Inc., the fixed-base operation at Ontario's airport.

His passion for airplanes dates to his youth. "I started getting interested about the time I finished grade school," he said. "That was when World War II ended. I really wanted to have a P-38, but I didn't have any money or the know-how. Then I got busy with the construction business and didn't have the time."

He did find time to learn to fly. The Boise area had several airports in those days, and Maine took flying lessons at Bradley Field in Garden City.

Smith says that even then, his friend couldn't resist a good deal on a military airplane.

"He was flying in a little instruction plane at Bradley, and

he wanted a plane of his own," Smith said. "He and his instructor went to Portland to look for one, and Merle found a P-28 Air Force trainer there and bought it. He'd fly it from Ontario to Boise for his lesson, climb out of this big, 800-horsepower Air Force trainer and hop into his little instruction plane for his lesson."

Maine paid \$3,000 for the trainer. Now he says it's worth \$150,000.

"Airplanes have always been good investments," he said. "They're one of the things that you can almost always come out quite a bit ahead on."

He doesn't collect planes because they're good investments, however. He collects them because they're his passion. "I got the first one in the late '70s," he said. "but I really got into it when I retired in '95. I collect planes for the same reason you might collect dolls, or glassware or paintings. It's just something I've always wanted to have."

cantly lowered the premium since then, it noted the reduction is due primarily to changes in wind energy costs and not program redesign, as the commission had encouraged.

Commissioners were also disappointed that the company projects only 160 customers to participate during the first year and 415 by the fourth.

"We also note that the projected level of program participation in Idaho remains quite small, much lower than the company's other service area jurisdictions, and that no change in marketing is proposed to increase participation levels,"

the commissioners said. PacifiCorp will use two methods to secure the renewable energy.

It will either buy green energy and arrange for its transmission to the customer within two years of purchase or it will buy so-called "green tags," or credits, for such energy that the company will use but that will not necessarily go to the customer who paid the extra fee.

However, the electricity purchased becomes part of PacifiCorp's energy mix and eliminates the need for the company to acquire it from non-renewable sources.

## Students support classmate in danger of deportation

REXBURG (AP) — Students at Madison High School are petitioning Idaho's congressional delegation to prevent the deportation of one of their classmates.

Chrysta Wahjudi and her family, members of Indonesia's minority Chinese-Christian population, fled persecution in 1997 and have been ordered to leave the country by Sept. 8 when their visas expire.

Though Wahjudi, 17, began applying for a student visa renewal in 2000, she has been denied several times and friends are concerned the deportation will put the family back in harm's way.

"We're asking everyone in the school to write to Sens. Michael Crapo and Larry Craig and Rep. Michael Simpson, to tell them we fear for their safety," classmate Andrew Sparhawk said.

Sparhawk and others distributed about 600 fliers Thursday to rally more support for the Wahjudis' cause.

Though they have not received any word from Idaho's leaders, the

effort has attracted a large amount of local support, Sparhawk said.

"I went to a football game last night and talked with a lot of random people, students and teachers," Sparhawk said. "A lot of them said they'd already written a letter."

Though friends had known Wahjudi and her family may be deported, the community was shocked when they heard the departure was ordered for early September.

Classmates are optimistic their efforts will pay off and say they will continue to lobby until some action is taken, even if it is only a delay.

Among Wahjudi's staunchest supporters is Madison High School Vice Principal Rodger Hampton.

"(She) is a very pleasant young lady, studious and serious about her studies," he said. "We'd love to have her stay and have a good experience and graduate with her class."

## Judge sentences man in slaying

BOISE (AP) — Brent Tortolano has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for killing his girlfriend in a Taco Bell parking lot.

Penny Moore, 20, was shot in the head while she was sitting in the passenger seat of a convertible on Oct. 11, 2002. She died four days later. Tortolano told police he had gone into the Boise restaurant and when he returned, he found her wounded.

Tortolano, 20, was convicted of second-degree murder in May. His defense attorneys argued throughout the trial that someone else had fired the weapon.

Only at the end of the trial did they raise the possibility that the

shooting may have been an accident, which is what Tortolano recently told the doctor who performed a pre-sentence psychiatric evaluation.

Fourth District Judge Ronald Wilper said Friday that parts of Tortolano's latest version of the story were not credible.

"I'm going to send you to prison," Wilper said. "But I think you know that going in."

Tortolano would be eligible for parole after 20 years.

The sentencing focused mostly on Tortolano's past; his anger, marijuana and methamphetamine habits, multiple arrests for arson, possession of stolen property and drugs.

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## Commission reluctantly accepts 'Blue Sky' program

BOISE (AP) — State regulators approved a PacifiCorp-Utah power program that allows customers to have the power they consume generated by renewable sources for an extra monthly charge.

But the Idaho Public Utilities Commission accepted the proposal Friday with "reluctance and disappointment," managing a 2-1 vote to pass it. Commissioner Martha Smith dissented.

The company will guarantee customers their power comes from wind, geothermal sources or the sun for a charge of \$1.95 for each 100 kilowatt hours. The renewable energy tariff takes

effect Monday. In its petition, the company said more than 11,000 customers in Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming already take part in its "Blue Sky" program.

The commission said PacifiCorp allocates too much of the cost of the \$1.95 premium to administration and promotion of the program — about 60 percent — rather than to "green power" purchases.

The commission three years ago rejected the program for Idaho because the proposed \$4.95 premium was too expensive.

While the panel said it was pleased PacifiCorp has signifi-

## Idaho sheriff busts large marijuana farm

WEISER (AP) — Five people were being held in the Washington County Jail Friday on suspicion of running a large marijuana growing operation.

Federal, state and local investigators have kept the site about 10 miles north of Weiser under surveillance since June.

The names of the men arrested were not available Friday. The plants had a street value of \$250,000. None of them had been named.

Washington County Sheriff Marvin Williams said the farm was well hidden. Four people were living in tents watching over the plants while a fifth was driving in supplies. More arrests were expected.

The five people arrested face trafficking and manufacturing charges.

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Heyburn mayor won't seek second term

The Times-Herald

HEYBURN - The mayor's seat in Heyburn is up for grabs this November. Mayor Cleo Cheney will stand at his post until December when the term ends, he announced recently he would not run for a second term.

He cited personal reasons and commented that it had nothing to do with the city, but he gave no specifics.

"I think I'll just leave it to everybody's imagination," he said. Further comments will come later, Cheney said, but he wanted to announce he wasn't running so people interested in the post would know.

Cheney said he's eager to find out who might run and who eventually will take the mayor spot. "It will be interesting," Cheney added.

Those thinking of becoming Heyburn's next mayor or filling other elected posts this fall need to file between Sept. 12 and 26.

In order to become a candidate, a person must file a declaration of candidacy along with the signatures of five registered voters from the city the candidate is filing in. Candidates can also pay a \$40 filing fee and not gather the

five signatures. Two Heyburn council posts also are set to be elected in November. Current council members Cleo Gallegos and Rocky Baker have both said they plan to run for their council positions again.

Terms end for other council members throughout the Mini-Cassia area. In Rupert, council members Mike Brown and Robert

Christensen, along with Mayor Audrey Newirth have terms that will expire at the end of December.

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Depressed teen find resources

scarce in Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) - Vickie Wheeler knows her 14-year-old son is in need to find for southeast Idaho adolescents struggling with depression.

When her daughter's depression became life-threatening, she was fortunate to be neighbors with Dr. Kelly Palmer, who was Pocatello's only private child psychiatrist at the time.

Palmer did his best to work her into his schedule, but he couldn't handle demand at his part-time children's clinic and was turning away between 10 and 15 patients per week. His answering machine told callers he could see no new clients.

"(My daughter) would just cry and say, 'If you really love me, you'll let me die,' Wheeler says. 'After a while, it took a month or so to get her in, and people can't wait a month.'"

Overwhelmed and unable to make money with the clinic because of insurance and the difficulty of collecting insurance payments, Palmer closed his clinic in this past May, after nine years in business.

He wanted to quit four years ago, but he says he hung on as long as possible hoping another child psychiatrist would locate in Pocatello. Palmer says mental illness is especially destructive for adolescents because it disrupts their development.

In Idaho, suicide is the second leading cause of death for people under 25, according to the National Association for the Mentally Ill.

Until Idaho gets a medical school makes it easier to work here, Palmer doubts many psychiatrists will move here.

"I would prefer as a psychiatrist, that I wasn't treated differently than other physicians. I'm reimbursed differently. I'm required to do more paperwork per patient," Palmer says. "I actually quit my practice because I got sick of not getting paid for not filling out my paperwork out properly."

Many private insurance companies pay well but use volumes of paperwork to deter people from seeking psychiatric help, Palmer says.

"They may feel worried that someone is going to overuse psychiatric services, which seems like a fair concern, but very few doctors, and most of the ones I know are quite busy and not seeing people excessively," Palmer says.

When he had his private practice, Medicaid paid him about half of what he made from private insurance companies. Medicaid raised its reimbursement rates on July 1, but Palmer says that more Medicaid patients would be more attractive to psychiatrists.

Ross Mason, a Health and Welfare Medicaid Division spokesman, says the state updated its Medicaid codes to bring them in line with federal Medicare reimbursement rates. He says reimbursement rates for some services decreased or stayed the same, but most rates for mental health services went up.

"The new rates are representative of what psychiatrists make nationwide," he says. The hourly rate paid to psychiatrists for diagnosing a mental illness increased from \$93.32 to \$134.74. The reimbursement rate for a 30-minute individual psychotherapy and medication plan evaluation increased from \$46.32 to \$66.96.

"(The rate changes) provide more access in the long term to psychiatric and mental health assistance for people who are mentally ill," Mason says, "and having more uniform codes eases administrative work. Private insurance by and large has really balked at providing mental health coverage."

To make easier for patients to access care, Palmer believes insurance companies should be required to cover the first few mental health sessions with no questions asked. "(Insurance companies) make it really difficult to access treatment, and fight for every penny," Palmer says.

Dr. Bill Szale, the psychiatrist at Fortneuf Medical Group inpatient mental health unit, says his facility is constantly full and is searching for another psychiatrist. He agrees there is a shortage of psychiatrists in Idaho throughout the nation.

"The economics of that is stillness - not giving adequate reimbursement rates. You've got \$60,000 more overhead," Hester says. Palmer now runs State Hospital South's 16-bed mental health unit for teens in Blackfoot and is the psychiatric consultant at Family Treatment Cooperative, a residential school in Pocatello which helps emotionally disturbed children.

KILLER CABBAGE



Eight-year-old Brenna Dineff, from Wasilla Alaska, right, shows Katelyn Boyce, 9, her 77.6 pound winning cabbage during the 8th annual Giant Cabbage Weigh-In at the Alaska State Fair Friday, Aug. 29, 2003. Brenna, who weighs 47 pounds, beat 20 other cabbage growers to claim the \$2000 prize and bragging rights for the year. The second place cabbage, grown by Scott Robb, weighed in at 75.7 pounds. The record for a cabbage is 105 pounds.

Argonne takes over nation's space battery program

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Out in the Idaho desert, a crew of researchers and scientists works to ensure the next generation of space adventurers has the power needed to explore the uncharted regions of the planet.

With an expected budget of about \$21 million over the next 18 months, about 20 scientists, engineers and technicians at Argonne National Laboratory-West are slowly learning the business of radioisotope thermoelectric generators, which have powered long-range space exploration for decades.

Department of Energy officials moved the nation's space battery program from Ohio to Idaho last year because of security concerns stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Argonne's scientists and engineers are now hard at work converting an old building to accommodate the program and are starting to plan for NASA's mission to Pluto scheduled for 2006.

Driven by the scientific principle that you can convert the heat produced naturally by plutonium into energy, the systems have powered spacecraft for more than 30 years, allowing us to learn more about Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and the far reaches of the universe.

The batteries generate enough energy to power not only the probes but also the computers and experiments that record and transmit the sensors' data.

"The most important mission is to power the experiments that are onboard that particular mission," said Steve Johnson, who heads Argonne's Radioisotope Power Systems program. "If you get there and don't have power to get data sent back, you're kind of stuck."

While Argonne is now in charge of the space battery program, other DOE laboratories are involved in the production of the power systems.

Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, the system's power source - Plutonium-238 - is crafted into pellets. The iridium cladding that encapsulates the fuel is produced at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

The pellets are assembled into blocks of four, and each generator has 16 blocks of fuel, which can produce about 180 watts for decades. After the 125-pound, 44-inch-long batteries are assembled, they must be shaken vigorously, includes being slaked with grossly make sure there are no loose parts and ensuring the electricity it gives off doesn't interfere with any of the rocket's expensive instrumentation.

In the coming years, that work will be done in Idaho. Although much of the researchers' time will be spent on the large batteries, they'll also work on smaller systems that primarily produce heat that's necessary to keep computer systems warm and operational, such as those in the Mars Exploration Rover currently rocketing through space.

Besides assembling the batteries, Argonne also is charged with obtaining the Plutonium-238 needed to keep the program energized, maintain the backup batteries and escort them to NASA's facilities when they're needed.

The batteries have been crucial to the country's space exploration, and while NASA is looking at ways to make the batteries lighter and more efficient, there's really nothing to replace them at this time, said Jeff Snyder, a researcher with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

"I don't think there's any other power system out there that can produce enough power for that period of time," he said.

Argonne officials are confident that means a bright future for the program and long-term support from Congress, important consideration in these days of tight budgets.

Coeur d'Alene Council considers police chief's fate

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Police Chief Tom Cronin's job is in question after the discovery that some city officers worked without state certification required to make arrests.

The Coeur d'Alene City Council called an emergency closed-door session Friday in Mayor Sandi Bloem's office to consider a personnel issue, which neither the council members nor the mayor would later discuss.

City Attorney Mike Gridley reported Cronin remains on the city's payroll but would not say whether his title remained chief.

The council is expected to debate Cronin's fate Tuesday during its regularly scheduled meeting.

The city hired him in July 2002, after he served 31 years with the Chicago Police Department.

The city discovered recently that some Coeur d'Alene officers did not have certification from the Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy, operated by the Idaho State Police.

The police department had neglected to send the paperwork

showing officers had completed their training to the POST Academy. Gridley said it is possible that nearly 20 officers since the mid-1980s made arrests without POST certification.

His office is investigating and is not sure what the ramifications are for potentially hundreds of arrests. Gridley emphasized that every officer completed the academy training, but a managerial foul-up prevented the department from turning in the paperwork to the state.

"It's not like these guys are incompetent or don't know what they are doing," Gridley said. "It's like going to high school and not picking up your diploma."

Every Idaho peace officer must have the certification to make arrests. After officers complete the academy's 10-week program, they do field training at their home departments. Once that is completed, the academy certifies them.

Gridley added that the paperwork problems have been resolved and that all current officers have certification.

F&G lifts fish limits Pilot program targets earaches

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is giving anglers at the Mountain Home Reservoir the chance to catch as many fish as they can eat.

The department suspended fish bag, possession and size limits next year after irrigators said they expect the reservoir will be nearly empty by the end of the season.

Officials say record high temperatures this year and droughts in past years are responsible for the reservoir's low water level.

"It's likely that any fish remaining after the irrigation season will be lost this winter," said Fish and Game fisheries manager Jeff Dillon. "We'd like to see anglers take these fish home, rather than have them go to waste."

Licensed anglers are only allowed to use rod and reel, handheld landing nets and legal minnow seines on the reservoir.

Officials acknowledged, the new billing statements will cost more. The expense to the city right now is about 30 cents per pound; the cost for the new and-improved statement is 48 cents per mailing, Evans said.

The city sends out about 13,000 bills per month, costing the city about \$3,900. The new statements will run about \$6,240 per month.

Thinking about being inside the ring, Newton said things can get competitive.

Other pigs can be mean in the ring and get the pig and the showman shaken up.

Rabbits and chickens are a little easier, Newton said. "You're holding it instead of pushing it around."

Scott's dad, Kent, said the top competitions can be very intense with others being less competitive.

"They learn a lot from the kids that win and you can learn from those who don't," Kent Scott said.

With a smile he added that parents can have a competitive spirit,

the best way of educating Medicaid clients about that.

Health experts say earaches are the most common source of emergency room visits for children nine and under. The project was officially launched Aug. 25 in Ada and Kootenai counties where medical clinics will concentrate on ways to educate parents in earache prevention and home care strategies.

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In addition, always on the lookout for ways to encourage water conservation, city officials said they see this as a valuable tool.

Because there is more space on the statement, the city can notify residents of services they might not otherwise know about.

Plus, the new form allows the city to make public service announcements, such as noting the Twin Falls Cleanup Day or arrangements for Christmas tree recycling.

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spots on the heifers.

"These don't seem to be secret techniques. Up and down the barn, you can hear the buzz of clippers and the spritz of hair spray."

Different animals come with different levels of preparation. The whole family helped Kristin Peters ready her dairy heifer pigs were a lot easier, Peters said - just

a bath and an ear trim.

And perhaps some baby oil to enhance the shine. Jay Newton sprayed his pig with oil as he brushed.

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Crump

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I would if I could, but there's my boss and that \$128.14 to consider. Maybe I'll just staple the inflatable purple brontosaurus on a stick to my expense report, along with a worker's comp claim.

Tell me, will that insurance cover plastic surgery to remove the imprint of baseball stitches from my nose?

And this from Dave Sass of Twin Falls:

A Woman's Perfect Breakfast

She's sitting at the table with her gourmet coffee.

Her son is on the cover of the Wheaties box.

Her daughter is on the cover of Business Week.

Her boyfriend is on the cover of Playboy.

And her ex-husband is on the back of the milk carton.

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too. The competitive parents are the ones making gestures and trying to help from outside the ring. Parents, cornstarch, baby oil or not - "You want to try and win the show," Jackson Scott said.

# Phony stories get mixed receptions

Mayor of Utah city decides to concoct area's Viking heritage to promote tourism

By David Moly Los Angeles Times

**CEDAR CITY, Utah**—Each year when summer ends and the tourists leave, the economy plummets in this little town, nestled among the crimson cliffs and twisted juniper of southwest Utah. That gave Mayor Gerald Sherratt an idea. He decided to boost off-season revenues with a festival of feasts, shows and pageantry based upon its Viking heritage. And he didn't let the lack of that heritage stand in the way.

"With a liberal blend of fact and fantasy, Sherratt wrote a series of articles—some under the byline 'Gretchen Vanderhooven'—for the local newspaper reporting incredible finds of Viking swords, tools, anvils and papers documenting a secret Norse

excitement for the first Festival Royale of Himmelsk, a sort of Norse Mardi Gras planned for April 14-17. Himmelsk, incidentally, is Norwegian for "heavenly."

"The whole object of this is money," Sherratt said. "Motels and restaurants have a tough time here during the off-season, so we are trying to come with a festival each month to keep things going."

The rural community of 22,000, not far from Zion National Park, has dubbed itself Festival Town USA. It has a yearly rodeo, pow-wow, Renaissance fair, July Jamboree Street Festival and national-known Shakespeare festival, which ended last week.

A conservative, largely Mormon town, Cedar City is a somewhat eccentric place.

"The 89-foot lighthouse just off the interstate and kingdom standing on what is now Cedar City.

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I heard some people talking about it who clearly didn't get it. It was hilarious.

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—Brian Jorgensen, Mountain West Books in Cedar City, Utah

"We loved that," said Brent Drew, vice president for business development at Quantum Construction, which owns the building. "We think this is the tallest inland lighthouse in the United States, and we know it's the tallest lighthouse in the desert."

On the downtown campus of Southern Utah University, there is a near-perfect replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theater, where actors mill about in frilly Elizabethan costumes and speak in clipped English accents.

The college is the site of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, which draws 150,000 people annually and won a Tony Award in 2000 for excellence in regional theater.

"We bring in 56 million tourist dollars a year," said Fred Adams, who started the festival in 1982. "We essentially give Cedar City a second Christmas."

Sherratt, who was the university's president for 16 years before retiring, wants to give it a third.

"I honestly think the Festival Royale could be huge," he said, leaning forward in his chair. "There is nothing like it. People are hungry for the kind of stuff."

He has set up what he calls a "committee of weirdos" to develop feasts, museums, parades and comedy shows. Sherratt also plans to offer a 13-page history of the Norse years.

Brian Jorgensen, owner of Mountain West Books, said the Shakespeare Festival boosts his business 25 percent and he thinks that the Viking comedy festival could do the same. The phony stories, he insists, never fooled him.

"I heard some people talking about it who clearly didn't get it," he said. "It was hilarious."

As plans for the festival take shape, Sherratt is sharpening his pencil for another round of manufactured egos.

"You know my own father once read a column that said the Hoover vacuum cleaner was named after J. Edgar Hoover," he said. "It was a joke, but he always recome work next week to gin up

# SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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**BUHL SCHOOL**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Thursday: Waffles  
Friday: Pancake sausage on a stick  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich  
Wednesday: Hamburgers  
Thursday: Tacos  
Friday: Hot dogs

**CASTLEFORD SCHOOL**

Breakfast menu  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Turnovers  
Wednesday: Muffins  
Thursday: Scrambled eggs  
Friday: Oatmeal  
Lunch Menu  
Salad bar and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Wednesday: Toasted cheese sandwich  
Thursday: Cheesburgers  
Friday: Soft shell tacos

**CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese  
Thursday: Hamburger gravy  
Friday: Turkey sandwich  
Saturday: Chili buns

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Breakfast Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Yogurt  
Thursday: Scrambled eggs  
Friday: Long Johns  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Nachos  
Wednesday: Enchiladas  
Thursday: Turkey sandwich  
Friday: Rib-b-cue

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Choice of milk every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hot dog  
Wednesday: Italian dunkers  
Thursday: Sloppy joe  
Friday: Canadian bacon pizza

**KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Fettucine  
Wednesday: Turkey sub sandwich  
Thursday: Chicken fillet  
Friday: Beef wrap

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Fettucine  
Wednesday: Turkey sub sandwich  
Thursday: Chicken fillet  
Friday: Beef wrap

**MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Choice of milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Pizza  
Wednesday: Corn dog  
Thursday: Cheese chulupa  
Friday: Chef's salad

**ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH**

Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Breakfast croissant sandwich  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: No school

**ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Sloppy joes  
Wednesday: Taco salad  
Thursday: Spaghetti  
Friday: Chicken nuggets

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Breakfast croissant sandwich  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Beef taquitos  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak  
Friday: Chef's salad

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Breakfast is served every day.  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or chicken fried steak  
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheseeburger  
Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or malibu chicken sandwich  
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

**VALLEY SCHOOLS**

Breakfast is served every day.  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Strawberry pancakes  
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo  
Thursday: Foo: long hot dog  
Friday: Vegetable soup

**DIETRICH SCHOOLS**

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Hamburger  
Wednesday: Tacos  
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
Friday: Chicken nuggets

**HAGERMAN SCHOOLS**

Choice of milk offered every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Fish nuggets  
Wednesday: Fish choice  
Thursday: Chicken gravy  
Friday: Hamburger

**IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND**

Milk served every day.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: Banana bread squares  
Thursday: Sandwich or scrambled eggs  
Friday: French toast  
Lunch menu  
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Nachos  
Thursday: Hamburger  
Friday: Sea burger or beef fajin

**JEROME SCHOOLS**

Milk served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich  
Wednesday: Oven baked chicken  
Thursday: Chicken and bacon roll up  
Friday: Burrito

**RICHFIELD SCHOOLS**

Breakfast  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Pancake  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Eggs, biscuits  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch  
Monday: No school

**WENDELL SCHOOLS**

Breakfast menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: French toast  
Thursday: Breakfast burrito  
Friday: Oatmeal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Sloppy joes  
Thursday: Spaghetti  
Friday: Chicken sandwich

**CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Breakfast menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: French toast  
Thursday: Breakfast burrito  
Friday: Oatmeal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich  
Wednesday: Sloppy joes  
Thursday: Spaghetti  
Friday: Chicken sandwich

**BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH**

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day  
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.  
Chocolate milk served every day.  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Turkey and cheese sandwich, ham and cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Nachos or corn dogs  
Thursday: Hamburger, cheeseburger, bacon cheeseburger or chicken fried steak  
Friday: Pizza, cheese square or burrito

**SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS**

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, call the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Joseph B. Lilly, Jr., 30, 870 Spring Hollow, Twin Falls; battery-domestic violence; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
Second-degree kidnapping; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant.
Christopher E. DeFord, 34, 2121 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls; petit theft-FTA warrant; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; bond set per warrant.
Grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant; probation violation-grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; bond set per warrant; probation violation-unlawful possession of destructive explosives; public defender appointed; no plea entered; hearing set for Sept. 2; bond set per warrant.
Jimmie A. Hadd, 36, 3740 E. 3500 N., Hansen; domestic assault, battery, assault on a police officer; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$1,500 bond.
Estevan S. Hernandez, 16, 1122 Washington St., S. No. 3; DUI; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
Ronnie L. Manzanarez, 42, 365 Elm St., Twin Falls; domestic battery, public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
Santos Gonzalez, 20, 3788 N. 1800 E., Buhl; DUI; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
Jose C. Rodriguez, 39, 588 1/2 Adam St., Twin Falls; DUI-excessive; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
James J. McKinney, 19, 13708 E. 19th Place, Tuba, Okla.; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$200 bond.
Daniel J. White, 21, 363 Martin St., unit 6, Twin Falls; burglary-theft; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond; driving without privileges, contempt-FTA; public defender appointed;

pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Sept. 16; bond set per warrant.
Ted A. Long, 44, 4253 Wylie Lane, Boise; probation violation-battery; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 25; bond set per warrant.
Cesar Salas-Hernandez, 26, 513 12th Ave. N., Buhl; DUI; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; \$500 bond.
Lloyd D. Blackburn, 46, 856 S. 1500 E., Havelton; pedestrian under the influence of alcohol; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; released under own recognition.

Newlin R. Scott, 42, 1431 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; injury to a child, rape, child custody interference; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant.
Elizabath A. Taylor, 38, 120 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; DUI; driving without privileges-probation violation warrant; public defender continuing; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 16; bond set per warrant.
James D. Stephens, 57, Capri Motel room 17, Kimberly; assaulting an officer, obstructing an officer, trespassing; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 7; \$300 bond.

Tyler J. Wilhelm, 19, homeless, Twin Falls; petit theft, obstructing officer; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 7; released under own recognition.
Pablo S. Martinez, 19, 314 Fourth St. W., Twin Falls; contempt-FTA; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 30; bond set per warrant.
Sheri R. Johnson, 42, P.O. Box 895, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, leaving the scene; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 28; \$100 bond; DUI; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; \$15,000 bond.

Karen D. Hall, 34, 202 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; domestic battery; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 7; released under own recognition.
Stephen M. Sims, 32, 540 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; providing false information to a police officer, contempt; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 21; bond set per warrant; fraud-insufficient funds, fraud-insufficient funds, fraud-insufficient funds; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant; issuing a check without funds; public defender

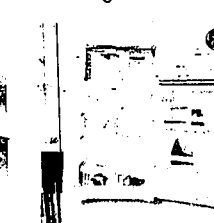
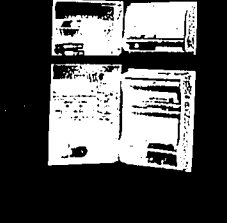
appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant; possession of paraphernalia, contempt; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 30; bond set per warrant.
Roland Aguilar, 42, homeless, Twin Falls; controlled substance-being under influence in a public place; public defender appointed; plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 23; released under own recognition.
Ryan A. Shreve, 20, 833 Shoshone St. North, No. 2, Twin Falls; arson in the third degree; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Sept. 5; bond set per warrant.



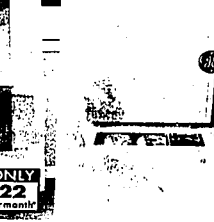
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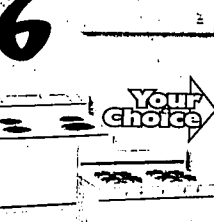
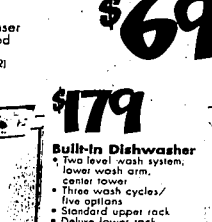
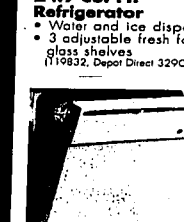
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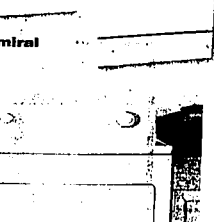
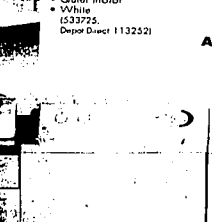
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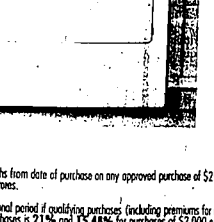
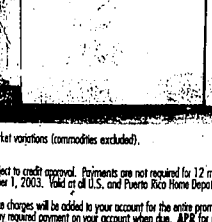
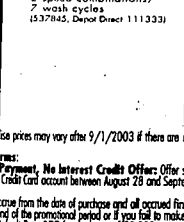
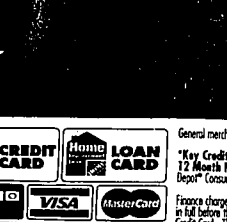
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Internet gets Idaho sex offender list

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Idaho's sex offender registry has been posted on the Internet after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled it was not unconstitutional to do so.

Idaho is the 23rd state to put its registry online. The 2,000 offenders can be found on the Idaho State Police site.

In the past, people have had to sign a waiver saying they would not harm or threaten anyone on the registry and pay \$5 through the state or their local sheriff's office to view parts of the registry by zip code or county. They could not get the whole list for the state.

Although the Legislature said in 2001 the database could be made public via the Internet, it was not posted until the high court ruling was announced.

The registry includes the names of all people convicted since 1993 of sex crimes ranging from felony indecent exposure to lewd conduct with a minor. It does not list the names of those who have been accused but not charged.

It does not list those who have been convicted of some offenses like misdemeanor indecent exposure or peeping. And it does not describe offenders or provide pictures. People can pay \$5 to obtain a picture of any offender on the registry.

Idaho has kept a registry of sex offenders since 1993, but legislators opened it to the public in 1998. That year, the Idaho Attorney General's Office estimated that 40 percent of all sex offenders offend again.

Mary Durand, spokeswoman with the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho said her organization has long had concerns about the registry and the constitutionality of it.

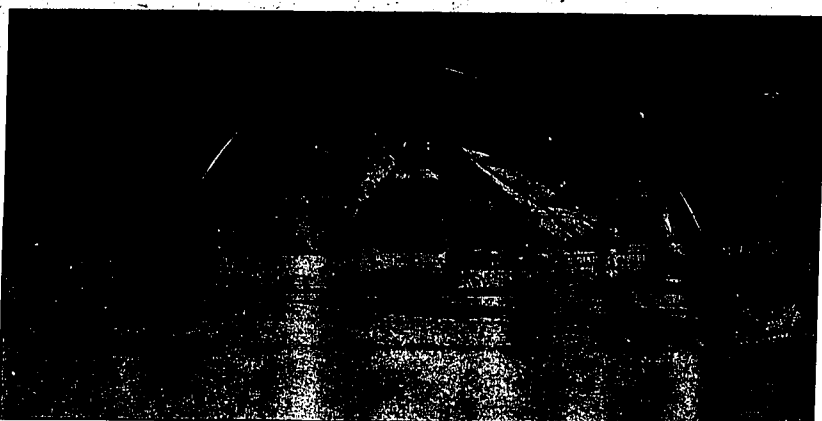
"Sex offender registries seem to be the newest wave in corrections," Durand said.

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# Frivolity, focus in the desert



People play Thursday on an art structure made of stone and steel at the Burning Man Festival about 100 miles northeast of Reno.

## People seek spirituality, parties at Burning Man Festival

By Don Thompson  
Associated Press writer

**BLACK ROCK DESERT, Nev.** — Rising from the desert in one of the flattest, most remote places on earth is an 80-foot temple topped by the stylized figure of a man.

It wasn't here two weeks ago and it won't be here after last night, except for a pile of ashes where it is to be ritually burned to the ground.

In one of the most bizarre rites of the Silicon Age, nearly 30,000 people are camped in the middle of the Nevada desert 90 miles north of Reno to build and then destroy a temporary city built around a religious icon.

"This can be anything from a kind of playfulness, to narcissism, to a serious spiritual quest," said James Donahue, president of the Berkeley, Calif.-based Graduate Theological Union, a consortium of nine theological graduate schools. "It is what you make of it. People bring their own interests and desires to it."

At its most basic level, the annual Burning Man event is nothing more than a weeklong bacchanalia organized by a bunch of San Francisco-area dot-comers.

Yet since its spontaneous origin on a California beach 17 years ago, participants have often found deeper meaning in the elemental dance of the flames.

"The people who are going to Burning Man — Boomers and Xers — are the most educated generations in history. They're trained to question," said Jerome P. Baggett, who teaches religion and society at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Calif.

They're more likely to see religion as a lifelong search for meaning, and to look beyond a single traditional faith, he said. For a week, they can experience mass rituals that can mean everything, or nothing at all.

Never has Burning Man encouraged that search more than this year, with its most overtly spiritual theme yet — "Beyond Belief."

The Aztec-style pyramid and its wood-and-neon Burning Man mark the center of Black Rock City, with avenues laid out in the four primary directions. Concentric circles of streets carry such names as Authority, Creed, Dogma, Faith, Gospel, Reality and Vision. Cross streets are labeled Sacred, Profane, Real and Imagined.

The pyramid deliberately evokes ancient ceremonies and symbolic sacrifices that barely echo today in modern mainstream Western religions.

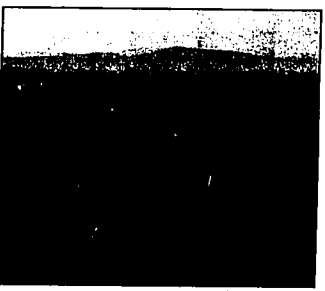
Costumed or painted pilgrims guided by "temple guardians" take turns filling one of 16 niches at the pyramid's base, becoming human shrines to whom passers-by are encouraged to leave offerings, primarily drawings, paintings and sculptures. Others come forward with flowers, buttons, beads and other trinkets.



Betsy Smith, of California, jumps around on her Power Skippers Thursday at the festival.



A dragon car is displayed at the Burning Man Festival Saturday in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada.



Julie Watterworth, of Lake Tahoe, Calif., rides a mini chopper Thursday at the Burning Man Festival.

Celebrants leave still more sacrificial offerings at altars within the wood and canvas pyramid, to be burned with the entire structure. A second structure will be burned also.

They are literally in the wilder-

ness, far from home, in a make-believe city with few rules other than "do no harm." Many are painted or masked, anonymous in a way that prompts a similar loss of inhibitions at Mardi Gras or Halloween parties.

Besides the cumulative immolations of the two temples, throughout the week there are drum circles, parades, yoga and meditation gatherings. Candles, incense and shrines to no one in particular are scattered around the tent city.

## Utah man survives lightning strike

**PROVO, Utah (AP)** — A hiker is expected to recover from a lightning strike to his head.

Richard Kadlec, 26, of Salt Lake City, was 10,500 feet up 11,750-foot Mt. Timpanogos watching Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep when the bolt struck him Friday morning.

He was rescued and transported by a Life Flight helicopter to the burn trauma unit at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, said Utah County Sheriff's office Sgt. Spencer Cannon. "He was struck in the head and (the bolt) exited his left ankle," Cannon said. He described Kadlec's injuries as "pretty significant."

The sheriff's office received a report from another hiker that Kadlec was waving and yelling for help in the Robert's Horn area on the north face of Mt. Timpanogos. Lightning has killed three people in Utah this year. A bolt killed a 20-year-old woman from Rosemont, Pa., who was hiking with her grandparents near Deadhorse Lake in the High Uintas on Aug. 14. A West Jordan husband and wife, Rick and Lisa Goff, were waiting out a storm with their children at Crystal Lake in the Uintas when they were struck and killed while sitting under a tree on July 19.

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Sat - Mon 12:45 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30  
The Medallion (M) 7:10 - 9:30  
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American Wedding (M)  
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Seabiscuit (M) Daily 6:45 - 9:30  
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Secret Lives of Dentists (M) Daily 7:30 - 9:45  
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Italian Job (M) Daily 7:15 - 9:45  
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**League Extraordinary Gentlemen (M)**  
Daily 9:15-9:45  
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**Freddy vs. Jason (M)** Daily 7:30 - 9:45  
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Elizabethtown (M) Daily 6:45 - 9:30  
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# Polls: Salt Lake mayor's grip on re-election shows signs of slipping

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mayor Ross C. "Rocky" Anderson's chances for a second term are dwindling because people are tired of his pugnacious politics, say two men challenging Anderson in the Oct. 7 mayoral primary.

Frank Pignagnelli and Molona Hala point to two polls released last weekend as proof they are gaining on Anderson.

The polls, commissioned by The Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret Morning News in collaboration with KSL-TV and KUTV, showed that if the primary were held now, 39 to 41 percent would vote for Anderson, 27 to 28 percent for Pignagnelli and 17 to 18 percent for Hala. The polls had an error margin of plus or minus 5 to 5.3 percentage points each.

In April, a Morning News-KSL survey found 49 percent of respondents favored Anderson's run for a second term, while 20 percent liked Pignagnelli and 7 percent said they'd vote for Hala.

"That means the primary will be a referendum on Anderson's style as much as on his record, the challengers say."

"There's a feeling of divisiveness running through the city that we're capitalizing on," said Hala, a Republican businessman. "We're looking for a different vision."

Pignagnelli, a professional lobbyist and Democrat who served 10 years in the Legislature, including six as House minority leader, also is playing off civic contention.

"When I was a legislator, I threw grenades and the other side threw them back," said Pignagnelli, by many measures as liberal as Anderson. "There is a year to aggressively fight for your principles; there also is a way ... to get things done."

The office is nonpartisan; in reality, party counts. In Salt Lake City, a progressive Democratic enclave where Mormons are a minority, voters haven't elected a Republican mayor for 30 years.

That doesn't deter Hala, who believes he can win. "You know, things have happened," he said.

Hala said he isn't running against Anderson's record — in fact, he says he wouldn't mind if Anderson won another term.

"I'll tell you, I like Rocky. That guy works hard," said Hala, who is making his membership in the Mormon church part of his campaign. "He's perceived as a tough guy. I want to take a different approach, as a business leader."

Pignagnelli, virtually assured of making it through the primary, said his campaign is paying little attention to Hala. "He's a nice guy," he said with a shrug.

Instead, Pignagnelli is running as the overt anti-Rocky. When Anderson recently took journalists out to show off Salt Lake City's night life, Pignagnelli took his family on a tour of city parks.

Pignagnelli's campaign has tried to subvert Anderson's strong name recognition first by insisting his name is Ross, not Rocky, and then by stirring up unfounded rumors that MGM in Hollywood might be considering copyright infringement actions against him for using "Rocky II" — the title of a Sylvester Stallone movie — as a re-election campaign slogan.

In an interview this past week, Pignagnelli accused Anderson of "bigotry" for questioning City Council members' ability to treat Mormon church interests objectively when they are all Mormons.

"Rocky has either exacerbated (religious conflict), or done his best to take advantage of it," said Pignagnelli, a Catholic. "He basically says, 'I'm versus them.'"



Rocky Anderson



Molona Hala



Frank Pignagnelli

Anderson is a lapsed Mormon who denies any such thing, and in fact is careful to call the church by its newly chosen name, The Church of Jesus Christ.

He said he didn't pay much attention to last weekend's polls, because his campaign's ongoing phone-bank calls to registered voters shows "good support" for him.

The newspaper-TV polls indicated two issues in particular seem to be driving voter discontent: the bitter dispute over public access to a downtown block of Main Street, and persistent problems with attracting and keeping businesses downtown and on the city's underserved west side.

Trouble is, the Main Street dispute began with a questionable \$8.1 million sales contract former Mayor DeeDee Corradini struck in 1999 with the Mormon church.

That sale to the church of a critical block of Main Street — which the church turned into a pedestrian mall it considered sacred and under its control even though the city had guaranteed public access through it — was struck down last October in a federal appeals court as unconstitutional.

Anderson's response to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision started with a vow to honor the court's ruling that the city had to guarantee First Amendment rights if it kept the public easement.

After months of resistance from the church accompanied by heated public argument, the mayor proposed that the city grant the easement for two acres of land and a community center expansion in a west side community. The church enthusiastically supported the deal that was signed in July.

But dissent continues, not just because Anderson irritated people but because the whole arrangement seemed to many to be yet another instance of church-state conflict stretching back to the Mormon pioneers' arrival.

Downtown's problems stem in large part from the decision two decades ago to build two shopping malls across the street from one another, though Mormon influence on secular morality and culture certainly has figured in.

A perennial tug-of-war, west side economic development has confounded mayor after mayor despite repeated declarations of support for the lower-income areas.

Anderson inherited the conflicts, Hala acknowledged. But he's the mayor now, so no matter how long-standing, they are his responsibilities.

Pignagnelli says that his conversations with businesspeople and voters indicate a lack of confidence in City Hall. "There is a real perception the city is not a good place to do business," he said.

Hala lamented the gridlock in downtown development. Large parcels of empty land and vacant buildings are owned by developers waiting for better economic conditions. The Mormon church, which is developing plans to replace Crossroads Plaza with housing, offices and upscale shopping, has yet to signal when it will

begin the project. "The tipping point is going to happen if the mayor (can) persuade one of those big property owners to move," Hala said. "And whoever is the mayor is going to be the hero."

# Meet Us at the Fair

## UPDATED SCHEDULE

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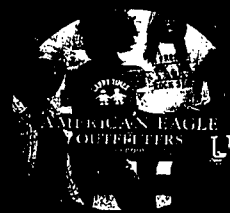
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### Coming Monday

• The latest from the Magic Valley Amateur Open.

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Sunday, August 31, 2003

### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

“I don't want to sell cars anymore. Half the people that talk to you think you're evil.”

—St. Louis Ram rookie fullback Chad Kuhns, who spent the last year working out when he wasn't selling cars to make ends meet

#### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
The University of Miami's football team has the best record over the last five years - 53-9, an 85.5 percentage. Which school is second?  
.....answer below

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**Golf:**  
Magic Valley Amateur, at T.F. Municipal

#### IN BRIEF

### Twin Falls fair holds motorcycle event

**TWIN FALLS** - The Outback Steakhouse Extreme Freestyle Big Air motorcycle competition comes to the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo on Monday at 7 p.m.  
The X Games-like event features motorcyclists flying through the air and doing stunts such as letting go of the handlebars, grabbing hold of the bike's seats, or raising their bodies off the bikes.  
General admission to the event is free with a paid gate admission, or \$5 reserve seats can be made by calling the fair office at 326-4398.

### Public Nordic skiing meeting will be Sept. 4

**KETCHUM** - The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will be hosting regional public meetings to update users on the department's Nordic ski initiatives and to gather input on Nordic ski issues.  
The first meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4 from 7-9 p.m. at the old Ketchum City Hall, located at 411 N. Main St. in Ketchum.  
The purpose of the meetings is to provide a forum for sharing information, presenting issues and discussing ideas to improve and expand Nordic ski opportunities in Idaho.  
A meeting will also be held in McCall Sept. 18.  
For more information, call Leo Hennessy, the coordinator for non-motorized trails at (208) 334-4180, Ext. 228.

### Filer Rec District holds co-ed soccer league

**FILER** - A co-ed youth soccer league for boys and girls in grades K-6 is registering players.  
Leagues begin Sept. 8 and run through Oct. 10. Games will be played at the middle school.  
For more information, call Rochelle Borges at 326-3168 or Kaye Anne Edwards at 326-5441.

#### Correction

There was an error in a story published in Saturday's paper about the Gooding volleyball jamboree. Gooding lost to a 6-1 Bull varsity, giving it a 6-1 record in the jamboree. Bull went 2-2. The Times-News received incorrect information. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Marshall (54-10, 844).

## Eagles finish second at Salt Lake invite

### Santos sizzles as Eagles fall to Southwest Missouri

**SALT LAKE CITY** - Volleyball fans missed a good one Saturday night.  
Despite a record-tying performance by sophomore Andrea Santos, the College of Southern Idaho lost to Southwest Missouri-West Plains 30-22, 27-30, 22-30, 30-25, 15-11 in the championship match of the Salt Lake Community College Invitational.  
"It was a helluva match," said CSI coach Ben Stroud. "I was telling the girls, it was the best match nobody saw."

With the host team eliminated, few remained at Bruins Arena Saturday night. They missed a great match between CSI and its rival Grizzlies.

CSI sophomore Andrea Santos tied a school record with 28 kills, matching Jessica Uceda's single-match tally in 2001.  
"She was awesome," said Stroud. "We kind of got smoked in the first game so I moved Eliane (Santos) outside and moved Janry (Guevara) to the middle. It made our team a lot stronger. This team has a chance to be a special team."  
For CSI (14-3), Eliane Santos recorded a double-double with 18 kills and 15 digs. She also had 8 blocks.  
Setter Ashley Gandauli had 36 assists and

### Salt Lake invite

- Saturday's results
- CSI def. Dixie State 30-11, 30-27, 30-13
- CSI def. Lake Land (Ill.) 24-30, 30-22, 30-20, 30-28
- SW Missouri def. CSI 30-22, 27-30, 22-30, 30-26, 15-11
- Next up
- Yavapai (Ariz.) College Invitational, Sept. 5-6



11 digs. Andrea Santos had her third double-double of the day with 18 digs. Endia Oliver had nine blocks while Janry Guevara had eight spikes and seven blocks.  
Via Filipe had 10 kills and five blocks.

Ednall Serralla had 26 assists.  
Southwest Missouri's Rosalidah Obunaga of Kenya was named the tournament MVP. Obunaga had 23 kills and six blocks in the title match while teammate Felicia Jones recorded 26 spikes. Anna Dmowska had 20 kills while Jacqy Orlando had 14 spikes.  
The undefeated Grizzlies have five sophomores from last year's national runner-up team.  
Stroud liked how the young Eagles played against the more experienced team from West Plains, Mo.  
"They're pretty much the same team as last year and this is a brand new team that

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## Bees sting Spartans



Minico's Trent Fetzer returns the football in the first half of Saturday's opening game against Bonneville at Minico High School.

### Minico fails to overcome tough start in season opener

**By Scott Thompson**  
Times-News writer  
**RUPERT** - Football is a game of momentum swings, according to first-year Bonneville coach Alex Huxford.  
Minico is still waiting for it to swing its way after the Bees' pummeled the home-standing Spartans 59-21 in both teams' season opener Saturday.

"We got the momentum and we just kept riding it," Huxford said. "And the good thing was: We never gave it back."  
The Bees scored the first 12 points of the game - first on a 40-yard field goal by Jordan Keck that would have been good from another 15 yards out, then on a safety when Minico's snap sailed

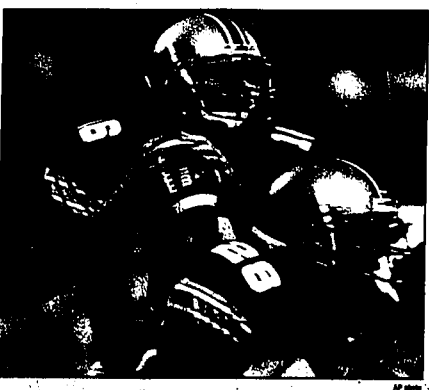
over punter Charlton Coats' head and then on a 30-yard run by Joey Hansen on the ensuing possession.  
It looked like Minico (0-1) may have got some of the momentum back when quarterback Cory Warburton hit Coats on a 52-yard pass for a touchdown to make it 12-7 but the Bees' Jared Coleman returned the resulting

kickoff 90 yards for a TD.  
Still, Minico got back in the game on a 3-yard TD run by Trent Fetzer at the beginning of the second quarter to make it 19-14.  
But that was when Big Mo decided to camp in Bonneville's corner as the Bees (1-0) reeled off 20 straight points in the final 3:33 of the half to go up 39-14.  
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## Buckeyes blast Huskies without star tailback

**The Associated Press**  
**COLUMBUS, Ohio** - With Craig Krenzell directing the offense and the same stout defense that won the national title, Ohio State didn't miss Maurice Clarett a bit.  
Krenzell accounted for 230 yards and ran for two first-half scores as the second-ranked Buckeyes opened the season with a punishing 28-9 victory over No. 17 Washington on Saturday night.  
Even without their star runner and five defensive starters who are in the NFL, the Buckeyes looked just as tough as they did in winning their first national title in 34 years in the Fiesta Bowl against Miami in January.  
Clarett's replacements, Maurice Hall and Lydell Ross, each ran for a score in the Buckeyes' 15th straight win, the second-longest streak in school history. Hall finished with 58 yards on 15 carries and Ross had 43 on 12.

Washington, which averaged 420.7 yards per game last year, was held to 147 yards through three quarters and didn't score a touchdown until Pickett's 2-yard run with 3:27 remaining.  
Krenzell, who had more than 22 pass attempts just once last season, threw 18 times in the first half as Ohio State took a 21-0 lead in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 105,078 in the sixth night game ever at Ohio Stadium.  
With running back Rich Alcega bottled up by Ohio State's line, Washington's high-powered duo of Pickett and receiver Reggie Williams generated little offense.  
Buckeyes cornerback Chris Gamble shadowed Williams every time he lined up wide and Williams got most of his 10 catches on short passes in the slot. Pickett finished 26-for-43 for 255 yards.  
Ohio State put the game away with a punting Clarett-style 15-yard run by Ross, who bulled through Jimmy Newell's arm tackle on his way into the end zone to make it 28-3.



Ohio State quarterback Craig Krenzell looks downfield over tailback Maurice Hall during the first quarter of the Buckeyes' 28-9 win over Washington Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

### HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PREVIEWS

## Sawtooth volleyball appears wide open

**By Ely Garner**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - All the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference volleyball coaches have one thing in common. They believe that any one of the six teams could take home the championship.  
Tim Richards, coach of the five-time district champion Wood River Wolverines, says that the conference could belong to anyone.  
"I have no prediction as to how the teams will finish," said Richards. "You can bet that the top end of the conference will be competitive no matter who it is there."  
Last year's district runner-up, Filer has no returning starters, but coach Ed Richards (no relation) has no illusions.  
"Our conference will be very competitive," said Ed Richards. "I don't think any one team will dominate."  
Declo coach Sheila Wheeler says that there will be no easy matches.  
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## Experience could help Valley claim another title

**By Ely Garner**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Apparently, the Valley Vikings are still the team to beat.  
In the past five years, Valley has taken home four Canyon Conference championship titles and is looking for a fifth in six years.  
And with three returning all-conference starters, the odds of a championship are not bad.  
"We have the edge because of the girls' experience," said Valley coach Julian Escobedo. "I am counting on their abilities and senior leadership to get us through and on to state."  
Four year starter Mindy Malone is a wall that Wendell and Glennis Ferry will have to work around. The 5-foot, 10-inch middle blocker is not only nearly impenetrable, but also has a swing with sting.  
"Mindy is a great player," said Escobedo. "Really tough on the net and can hit pretty hard."  
Adding to the power are outside  
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**Fall sports previews**

Tuesday - 2A and 3A volleyball  
Monday - 4A and 5A volleyball  
Tuesday - 3A volleyball  
Wednesday - Boys and girls soccer  
Thursday - Cross country  
Friday - Swimming

SPORTS

Bonds homers in return to Giants

Back from bereavement leave for his father, slugger leads San Francisco to 2-1 victory

PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Bonds homered off Randy Johnson in his return to the San Francisco lineup, leading Jerome Williams and the Giants past the Arizona Diamondbacks 2-1 Saturday. Bonds, who missed six games following his father's death last week, reached on an infield single in the first, then hit a 403-foot homer into the right-field stands leading off the fourth. Bobby Bonds died Aug. 23 at age 57 after being ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor. Overwhelmed by emotion, Bonds left in the eighth inning with an accelerated heart rate. He felt better after the game, and trainer Stan Conte said the team would monitor his heart rate through the night. Bonds was expected to play Sunday.

Marlins 4, Expos 3 MIAMI — Carl Pavano pitched eight-plus innings, and Juan Encarnacion homered and drove in four runs as Florida held on to beat Livan Hernandez and Montreal. Marlins All-Star third baseman Mike Lowell broke his left hand when he was hit by a pitch and is expected to miss the rest of the regular season in a huge blow to Florida's playoff hopes.

Brewers 9, Cubs 5 CHICAGO — Richie Sexson homered and drove in four runs, Scott Podsednik stole home and Matt Kwaney won his third straight start as Milwaukee got back to winning ways by beating Chicago. The Brewers had a 10-game winning streak — the second-longest in franchise history — snapped Friday.

Braves 13, Pirates 6 PITTSBURGH — Roidie Mike Heisezhnik hit a two-run homer in his only second start for Atlanta, keying a seven-run third inning that ruined Oliver Perez's debut with Pittsburgh. Javy Lopez and Mark DeRosa had two-run doubles off Perez (4-8), who retired only one of the seven batters he faced in the third. He left after allowing six runs and four hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Phillies 4, Mets 2 NEW YORK — Randy Wolf, coming off the worst start of his career, handcuffed New York for seven innings and pitched Philadelphia to a victory. Philadelphia bunched four singles against Tom Glavine (9-12) to break a 2-2 tie in the seventh.

Minico

Continued from C1 Defensive end Mark Asper, 6-foot-7, 290 pounds, coached the Minico offensive line and sacked Warburton for the second safety of the night. Bees' quarterback Eric Bullen ran for a 29-yard touchdown. Ryan scored one of his two interception returns for a touchdown and Keck took another interception back the distance just six seconds before the half ended. "Don't you kid yourselves,"

CSI

Continued from C1 made a few too many mistakes," Stroud said. "These little things cost us. Our passing isn't sharp yet but man, we're going to be really good." The win gave Southwest Missouri its second tournament title in as many weeks and prompted a loud celebration from the Grizzlies. "They're over there acting like they won the world championship," Stroud said. "I told the girls to remember it because our team will be ready at the end. We'll take care of business when it counts." The Golden Eagles advanced to the title match with a four-game win over Lake Land (Ill.) College, 24-30, 30-22, 30-20, 30-26. CSI middle blocker Oliver came alive against the home-state school, recording 14 blocks, two solo. Phillips strided, pounding down 12 kills and digging up a team and season-high 21 balls. Andrea Santos had 16 kills and

Cardinals 6, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Jim Edmonds drove in four runs with a homer and a double and made another sensational catch atop the center-field wall, leading St. Louis over Cincinnati.

The Cardinals' first victory in six games at Great American Ball Park kept them in first place in the NL Central.

Astros 11, Padres 6

HOUSTON — Lance Berkman and Morgan Lurie homered, and slugger Jermaine Gonzalez pitched six solid innings in Houston's win over San Diego. Fernandez (2-3) allowed one run and five hits as he snapped a personal three-game losing streak.

American League Yankees 10, Red Sox 7

BOSTON — Andy Pettite outlasted Pedro Martinez, surviving early trouble to earn his 17th victory Saturday as the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 10-7 and extended their lead in the AL East to 4.5 games.

White Sox 5, Tigers 2

DETROIT — Frank Thomas and Carlos Lee homered as the Chicago White Sox handed the Detroit Tigers their 100th loss of the season. The Tigers (34-100) join the 1962 Mets as the only teams in the modern era to lose 100 games before September.

Mariners 13, Orioles 1

SEATTLE — Carlos Guillen had two doubles and three RBIs in a 10-run fifth inning, leading Gil Meche to his first win in four starts as Seattle routed sloppy Baltimore.

Blue Jays 9, Indians 3

CLEVELAND — Frank Catalanotto hit a three-run homer and Cory Lidle got his first win in more than a month for Toronto.

Coats caught seven passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

He caught a 10-yarder from reserve QB Eric Killy in the fourth quarter to go along with the 52-yarder in the first quarter. Bingham caught five passes for 55 yards.

high seven blocks. All in all, Stroud was pleased with the team's performance this weekend. "This team really grew," Stroud said. "So much improvement. Our defense got better and our blocking for this time of year is incredible. We still have to get our middle going (on offense). Once we do it will be exciting." Notes: The Russian signing, 6-foot, 3-hitter Tatyana Menshikova, joined the team in Salt Lake City Friday night, instead of Wednesday, due to some paperwork troubles back in Moscow. She did not play this weekend, but warmed up with the team.

Major League Baseball

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No. 1 Oklahoma blows out N. Texas

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Jason White threw three touchdown passes and Oklahoma's defense was as good as advertised as the No. 1 Sooners opened the season with a 37-3 victory over North Texas on Saturday night.

College football

racked up 274 yards rushing. No. 16 N.C. State 59, Western Carolina 20 RALEIGH, N.C. — Trammie Hall had a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown, and Phillip Rivers threw three touchdown passes as No. 16 North Carolina State beat Western Carolina.

No. 4 Michigan 45, Central Michigan 7

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Chris Perry ran for a career-high 232 yards and two touchdowns as No. 4 Michigan beat Central Michigan 45-7 Saturday. The Wolverines scored three TDs in the third quarter to turn the opener for both teams into a rout after leading 17-0 at halftime.

No. 18 Virginia 27, Duke 0

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia beat Duke 27-0 Saturday night but the No. 18 Cavaliers lost quarterback Steve Schaub to an injury on the opening series and he watched the second half with his arm in a sling.

No. 7 Kansas St. 41, Troy St. 5

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Eli Roberson ran for three touchdowns and threw for 234 yards and another score as No. 7 Kansas State overcame its own mistakes for a 41-5 win over Troy State on Saturday night.

No. 21 Wisconsin 24, West Virginia 17

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Anthony Davis ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 2:57 remaining as No. 21 Wisconsin rallied from a 10-point second-half deficit to beat West Virginia.

No. 8 USC 23, No. 6 Auburn 0

AUBURN, Ala. — Southern California used a smothering defense to turn a much-hyped matchup into an ugly mismatch. Matt Leinar passed for 192 yards in his first start and the eighth-ranked Trojans set up 17 points with three turnovers in a 23-0 season-opening win over sixth-ranked Auburn.

Wyoming 21, Montana St. 10

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Casey Bramlet passed for 203 yards and a touchdown and Wyoming's defense forced five turnovers as the Cowboys, under new coach Joe Glenn, beat Division I-AA Montana State 21-10 Saturday.

No. 11 Georgia 30, Clemson 0

CLEMSON, S.C. — David Greene threw for one touchdown and ran for another as No. 11 Georgia handed Clemson its first shutout under coach Tommy Bowden. Georgia's defense held Clemson to 35 yards rushing and 199 yards of offense overall. Tigers' quarterback Charlie Whitehurst was 19-of-33 for 151 yards.

Washington State 10, Idaho 0

SEATTLE — The Washington State Cougars held a 104-half-time lead over the University of Idaho Vandals at press time Saturday night. Cougar tailback Jonathan Smith rushed for 162 yards on 14 carries and a 79-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Cody Boyd blocked two field goals in the second quarter, ending Idaho drives.

No. 12 Tennessee 24, Fresno State 6

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Casey Clausen threw two touchdowns passes and Jabari Davis ran 44 yards for another score as No. 12 Tennessee beat Fresno State in the season opener. Tennessee

Division I-AA Montana 30, Maine 20

ORONO, Maine — Jeff Disney completed 17 of 30 passes for 152 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score Saturday night as Montana beat Maine 30-20 in the season opener for both teams.

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SCORES AND STATS

Young American scores big upset at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget for a moment that David Dent faced a match point against No. 15-seeded Fernando Gonzalez. Or that Dent had to overcome two significant trends in his career: never having won a first-set match or reached the fourth round at a major.

Dent managed to win, thanks in large part to 26 aces and top-notch volleying, turning in the only upset of a seeded player Saturday at the U.S. Open.

And yet it was about the most matter-of-fact happening on a wet and wacky day at the National Tennis Center as the match unfolded.

Jennifer Capriati complained about the blimp hanging over Arthur Ashe Stadium.

After 4.5 hours of action, Juan Carlos Ferrero was the only player to be scheduled for a three-hour main relay to play one point and finish his victory.

After a set, a game, and a point, Andre Agassi's match against Yevgeny Kafelnikov was put off for about 24 hours.

French Open champion Justine Henin-Hardenne's match was moved to try Court 17 when the rain caused the field to become unusable because an air blower leaked oil while drying rainwater.

Ivan Ljubicic held a news conference just to discuss his chances in the men's conference the night before when he criticized Andy Roddick's on-court behavior.

Capriati thought the blimp was close to the court, that normal, and found the noise distracting.

Still, the three-time major champion recovered, eventually found a comfort zone and produced a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 victory over Emilio Loayza to reach the round of 16.

No. 11 Elena Dementieva got another big win, but she was not completed before the first down-pour of this Open made everyone put their rackets away.

Dementieva was joined by fellow Russian No. 10 Anastasiya Mykina and unseeded Dinara Safina, the younger sister of 2000 Open champion Marat Safin.

Agassi was leading Kafelnikov 6-3, 0-2 when he was forced to stop. They'll continue Sunday. The winner will face the unseeded Dent, who beat Chile's Gonzalez 7-6 (9), 6-7 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (4).

Another younger American, Robby Ginepro, was ousted by 33-year-old Todd Martin 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4), 6-4. Martin, the 1999 runner-up, then played French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero.

The third-seeded Ferrero was given a rousing ovation after flicking a passing shot through his legs with his back to the net during a 7-5, 7-5, 6-1 win over No. 33 Juan Ignacio Chela.

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BASEBALL

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• NHRA, Mac Tools U.S. Nationals, qualifying, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

- Phillies at Mets, WFO, 11:10 a.m.
• Braves at Pirates, TBS, 11:30 a.m.
• Orioles at Red Sox, WGN, 12:30 p.m.
• Giants at Diamondbacks, ESPN, 6 p.m.

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• WNBA playoffs, first round, Game 2, Sacramento at Houston, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.

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- College, UCF at Virginia Tech, ESPN, 1 p.m.
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- AMA 600 Supersport, SPEED, 10 a.m.
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- U.S. Open, men's third and women's fourth rounds, CBS, 9 a.m.
• U.S. Open, men's third and women's fourth rounds, USA, 5 p.m.

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- World Championships, ABC, 10:30 a.m.

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- AV, Chicago Beach Open, men's championship match, NBC, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Ohio State AD explains Claret's suspension
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State star tailback Maurice Claret's suspension was for misleading investigators who were looking for alleged off-the-field problems, athletic director Andy Geiger said Saturday.

The NCAA and Ohio State began an investigation in July when Claret's claim that more than \$10,000 in clothing, CDs, cash and stereo equipment was stolen in April from a 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that Claret had borrowed from a local dealership.

Claret is precizing with the defending national champions but is not permitted to play while the NCAA probes the equipment probing academic and legal problems for the sophomore.

Geiger said Claret was suspended because he did not answer questions about the stolen equipment, which compels athletes and coaches to answer truthfully when confronted by university or NCAA questions.

Claret, who had an Ohio State freshman record 1,237 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns, was held out of pre-season practices while the NCAA and Ohio State looked into questions about his eligibility.

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A single confirmed drug violation is enough to strip White of all her results, whether or not she passed a test after the 200, Ljungqvist said.

Sun sweeps Sting in WNBA playoffs
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Taj Williams-Franklin scored 16 points and Katie Douglas added 13 as the Connecticut Sun beat

the Charlotte Sting 68-62 Saturday, completing a sweep of the Eastern Conference semifinal series. Shannon Johnson finished with eight assists as Connecticut, formerly the Orlando Miracle, advanced to the conference finals against Detroit or Cleveland.

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SPORTS

# Scott scorches back nine to take lead

### Woods needs strong finish just to make cut at Deutsche Bank

NORTON, Mass. — Unhappy with how his season has gone, Adam Scott put himself into position to make it a whole lot better Saturday in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Scott played his final 10 holes in 8 under par at the TPC of Boston, topping it off with a 15-foot birdie putt for a 9-under 62 and a two-stroke lead over Vijay Singh.

The 23-year-old Aussie started his amazing run with a 4-foot eagle on No. 18, and quickly surged past a foreign-dominated leaderboard to take the 36-hole lead for the first time in a PGA Tour event.

Scott was at 11-under 131. Singh birdied four straight holes early in his round to reach 10 under, bogeyed the par-3 11th and closed with seven straight pars for a 68.

Tiger Woods was thankful to just stick around for the final two days of a \$5 million tournament and benefits his foundation. He made three straight bogeys and was 3 over par — three strokes over the cut line — when Woods responded with six birdies in nine holes to extend his streak to 111 consecutive cuts made on the PGA Tour.

Woods looked like he might miss the cut for only the second time in his career, the last one coming in the 1997 Canadian Open at Royal Montreal.

"It wasn't looking very good," Woods said. "I just hit bad shot after bad shot. I figured if I got back to even par I'd be pretty good. And I did a couple better than that."

Woods finished with a 2-under 69 and was eight holes out. Geoff Ogilvy of Australia had a 66 and was at 8-under 134 with Justin Rose (71).

Scott figures a victory would help atone for a disappointing year, at least by his standards. He has had a few great moments, such as his victory in the Scandinavian Masters and a semi-final loss to Woods in 20 holes at the Match Play Championship.

Darren Clarke of Northern Ireland, coming off a victory last week in the NEC Invitational was among those at 7-under 136. Greg Norman had a 67 and was at 136.

## Golf

wind Saturday, giving him a two-stroke lead after three rounds at the BMW Open.

Karlsson was at 16-under 200 but 16 players were within five strokes of the Swede, who won this tournament in 1997.

Lee Westwood was three strokes back after a 70 that included a 60-foot birdie on the 10th hole. The Englishman is having one of his best tournaments since a big slump after 2000, when he tied the European record with six titles.

### Watson falters in third round of the Tradition

ALOHA, Ore. — Jim Ahern birdied three of the final four holes for a 4-under 68 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead after the third round of Jeld-Wen Tradition, the final major this season on the Champions Tour.

Ahern was at 14-under 202 after 54 holes heading into Sunday's final round at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club west of Portland.

Second-round leader Tom Watson faltered with four bogeys to finish a stroke back at 13-under with a 7-over 75. Tom Kite and Morris Hatalsky each shot 5-under 67s to join Watson at 13-under.

Hale Irwin, the winningest senior with 37 tour victories, shot a 2-under 70 despite trouble with back spasms and was alone at 12-under.

It was a roller-coaster round for Watson, the second-round leader by four strokes.

Bogey-free for the first two days of the tournament, Watson dropped his first shot on the par-3 No. 2 hole on Saturday — then bogeyed the par-3 third hole to narrow the field. Ahern birdied the No. 3 hole to come within a stroke.

But Watson had back-to-back birdies on the fifth and sixth holes to climb back to 14-under.

Bogeys on the No. 12 and No. 13 holes, both par-4s, dropped Watson two strokes and allowed Irwin and Kite to pull even. From there it was a tug-of-war among the leaders for dominance.

### Kung clings to lead heading into State Farm finale

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Candie Kung played just well enough to keep her lead as Laura Davies and others closed the gap Saturday heading into the final round of the LPGA State Farm Classic.

### Sweden's Karlsson leads at rainy BMW Open

NORD-EICHENRIED, Germany — Robert Karlsson shot a 1-under-par 71 in the rain and



Adam Scott watches his shot on the 16th hole Saturday at the Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Mass.

After leading by four strokes through two rounds, Kung built her lead to five before stumbling. She finished the day with a 1-under 71 for a one-shot lead over Davies, a 20-time tour winner. Kung started uncharacteristically strong, moving to 15 under through her fourth hole and taking a five-stroke lead. But she shot 1 over the rest of the day, while Davies shot a 6-under 66 and moved closer heading into

Sunday's finale. Hec-Won Han shot a 69 and is in third at 12 under, followed by Karen Stupples, whose 68 put her at 10 under. The wind was the only thing that kept players from brutalizing the Rail Golf Course, whose greens were softened by rain Friday and whose wide fairways and little danger make it one of the tour's most birdie-friendly spots. Jennifer Rosales, who joined

Kung and Han in the final group, was in position to compete for her first LPGA win until the final stretch. She was one back with Davies at 13 under when her round blew up at the par-3 16th, the course's toughest test with a pin tucked right behind a lake. Rosales put two balls in the water and walked away with a 7. She's in a large group — along with No. 2 money winner Se Ri Pak — at 8 under.

## Boller gets starting job in Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kyle Boller will start quarterback when the Baltimore Ravens open the NFL regular season in Pittsburgh next Sunday, winning the job from incumbent Chris Redman.

The Ravens' selection of Boller defies a couple of the league's unwritten rules. Rarely are rookies thrown into the start of their careers, especially on teams seeking to make the playoffs.

John Elway, and more respectably Peyton Manning, struggled when they were made immediate starters, and both played on teams without high expectations.

And so Tom do rookies earn a starting job after holding out? Boller missed a week of training camp.

Ravens coach Brian Billick said the those rules don't apply to the 19th overall pick in last April's draft.

"The physical skills are obvious; anyone that's seen the kid — even in a practice — can recognize that," Billick said. "But his ability to absorb the offense has been shocking to me, and I've been doing this for a while."

Teams continued to cut down their rosters in preparation for the 2 p.m. MDT deadline Sunday, when they must be at 53.

Washington coach Steve Spurrier made an unlikely move — releasing quarterback Danny Wuerffel and Gibran Hammad.

The move leaves the Redskins with only starter Patrick Ramsey and backup Rob Johnson on the active roster.

The New York Giants were forced to put two key off-season acquisitions on injured reserve — long-snapper Ryan Kuech, with tendinitis in his right elbow, and kicker Mike Hollis, with back problems.

In addition, running back Ron Dayne said he had been told he had made the team after some speculation he might be cut.

Jacksonville released two veterans, defensive end Marco Coleman and wide receiver Donald Hayes.

And the New York Jets waived two quarterbacks, Marquel Blackwell and Todd Husak that leaves Jamie Martin and Brock Boller as the backups behind 38-year-old Vinny Testaverde.

Who is likely to start for much of the season with Chad Pennington out with a broken and dislocated left wrist.

Pittsburgh cut eight players including veteran offensive lineman Calvin Collins.

# 2003 Class 2A volleyball capsules

### Glenns Ferry Pilots

Coach: Melissa Martin, fourth season  
Assistant coach: Kelli McHone  
2002 record: 2-1  
2002 finish: 2nd  
Returning starters: sr. Jessica Simons MB; sr. Kylee Noble S; jr. Chelsey Jess OH; jr. Kenzie King DS; jr. Jamie Hurst OH  
Key players: sr. Alison Knox MB  
Season outlook: The Pilots only lost two seniors to graduation, the rest of the team returns to improve upon last year's 6-13 record. Senior Alison Knox returns after sitting out last season with a knee injury. Glenns Ferry's greatest strength will be

### Wendell Trojans

Coach: Erin Jasper, fifth year  
Assistant coach: Damon Schott  
2002 record: n/a  
2002 finish: 3rd in conference

their defense and their quickness to the ball. This group of girls can work very well together if they choose to do so. If all goes well for the Pilots, then they just might make the playoffs for the opportunity to play for the state title.

Each says: "Without a lot of height on the net, we are going to have to depend on our quickness."

Returning starters: sr. Madison Campbell MB; sr. Bonnie Sears OP/P; jr. Jaymie Goddbody OH; jr. Mallory Andrus OH  
Key players: jr. Megan Campbell MB; jr. Kaysie Gunter DS; jr. Whitney Wert OPP; soph. Jessie Lancaster S  
Season outlook: The Trojans are back to begin another season. The team is coordinated and quick on defense. Defensively, Wendell could be alright, but offense is a different matter entirely. They have been working on their offensive scheme and it should continue to improve as the season goes on. The main area of concern is depth, as Wendell only

has only eight varsity players.

Coach says: "With three teams in our conference, it's a battle every season. Valley and Glenns Ferry are always ready to play. We'll be competitive and we're looking forward to a great season."

### Valley Vikings

Coach: Julian Escobedo, 9th season  
Assistant coach: Jennifer Ostyn  
2002 record: 19-5  
2002 finish: District 4 champs  
Returning starters: sr. Mindy Malone, MB; sr. Sarah Praegitzer, OH; sr. Jessica Kowitz OH

Key players: sr. Brenton Black S, jr. Candice Callen RS  
Season outlook: The future looks bright for the Valley Vikings. They are coming off a big year that just left a little short. They have three powerful senior leaders, who will pick them up when they need a lift. Their qualities will keep the Vikings, focused through districts. Passing is a concern because an offense cannot run without it, but the wrinkles will iron out and Valley likely will again compete for the district title.

Coach says: "We need to have good passes to set up our big hitters."

younger girls. But it's never easy." Escobedo is certainly right.

The reigning conference champs may have an edge, but that isn't to say that Glenns Ferry and Wendell will roll over.

Glenns Ferry struggled with a young squad last fall and is ready to reap the benefits of that work.

"Last year was a little bit of a rebuilding year," said Pilots coach Melissa Martin. "I'm returning a lot of my players and have a good core. I think the hard work from last year will pay off."

The Pilots return five starters including two All-Conference seniors, Jessica

Simons and Kylee Noble. Alison Knox, also a senior, returns to the court after a knee injury last year.

All-Conference setter Kenzie King, a junior, will control the plays in the 5-1 offense.

"Our setter is really aggressive and will go for anything," said Martin.

Jamie Hurst and Chelsey Jess both juniors give the Pilots their much needed depth.

But even with depth, Glenns Ferry lacks height along the net. Simons, Knox, and Alisha Crane are all 5-9, but with opponents over 5-10, the girls are going to have

to dig and dive a lot.

"We are going to have to depend on our quickness. They work hard because they know their height is a disadvantage," said Martin. "I have some really strong quick girls ready to go for anything. If they put their mind to it, I think we can give Valley a tough run."

The Trojans face an uphill battle, but they are ready.

All eight of the Wendell players are dedicated and work hard, according to coach Erin Jasper. With only eight players, the Trojans want to prove that quality is more important than quantity.

Senior middle Bonnie Sears is poised to lead the squad to the next level of play. All-Conference setter Madison Campbell will control the court and 5-1 offense. Junior Jaymie Goddbody, another All-Conference player, will be over the court keeping the defense passing on track. Four other juniors — a sophomore will complete the Wendell eight.

"Everyone will be tough," said Escobedo. "I know we have been in state, but it's never easy. We have to win on our game to get back to state. But it's never easy."

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hitters Jessica Kowitz and Sara Praegitzer. Kowitz should dominate from behind the line, with no very reliable serving, but forceful serving. Praegitzer makes up for her height disadvantage with a vertical jump, approach, and swing big enough to scare the stronger blocker.

Setter Brenton Black and right-side hitter Candice Callen will strengthen the Vikings foundation with power.

"We're going to be a pretty good team again this year," said Escobedo. "I have a good group of senior girls that are going to be good for us and some pretty good

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# 2003 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference volleyball capsules

# Broncs get best of riders in second performance

### Buhl Indians

Coach: Erin Scott, third season  
Assistant coaches: Penny Mat  
2002 record: 15-4  
2002 finish: 3rd at district  
Returning starters: sr. Jessica Brown, SW; sr. Dani Kippes, S; sr. Dana Scott, SW;  
Key Players: All. Lauda, MB, AB; Hulsoe RS, Abbe Reynolds MB; Amanda Owen M/RS; Kelsey Speck RS  
Season outlook: The Indians have grown closer in the off-season. They have a good solid core of returning senior starters that have played together since the fifth grade. They are not only close on the court, but off it as well.  
Coach says: "I think we will be competing with every team we face this year."

### Declo Hornets

Coach: Sheila Wheeler, fifth season  
Assistant coaches: Kurt Marlock, Katie Wardle  
2002 record: n/a  
2002 finish: n/a  
Returning starters: sr. Ashley Peterson, OP; sr. Melissa Webb, MB; sr. Megan Webb, MB; sr. Kacie Wall, S  
Key players: jr. Chelsea Christensen OH; jr. Haley Murray RS  
Season outlook: The Hornets are a tall team so their offense will be strong. They return four senior starters this season, so the cohesiveness will be back with the Hornets. Declo has been learning a new defense through fall practices. With the senior leadership this team possesses the new defense should fit with ease. The Webb twins are a great asset to this program. Coach Wheeler even has trouble telling them apart.  
The Hornets have a good chance in the SCIC this fall.  
Coach says: "Everyone will be

tough this year. It's anybody's game."

### Flier Wildcats

Coach: Ed Richards, 20th season  
Assistant coaches: Megan Moez  
2002 record: 21-13 (7-3)  
2002 finish: 2nd at Districts  
Returning starters: sr. Monique Schaal, MB; sr. Britney Prigmore, DS; sr. Kiyomi Demoney, OH; sr. Kristi Chandler, S  
Key Players: jr. Jennica Meacham OH; jr. Linsay Heimkes OH; sr. Shelley Henstock DS; sr. Megan Elliot DS; Ashley Root S; jr. Rachel Jaynes MB  
Season outlook: If the Wildcats' passing develops they will be a strong attacking team. They have solid hitters and strong serving. The team is solid, with fast reaction time. The setters are inexperienced, but will improve in the multiple attack offense. Consistent passing and ball control are the keys to Flier's success. Krystal, Lindsay and Monique should be among the strongest hitters in the conference. Monique was also approached this summer by college coaches while attending volleyball camps.  
Coach says: "Our conference will be very competitive. I don't think that any one team will dominate."

### Gooding Seniors

Coach: Joleen Toone, 22nd season  
Assistant coaches: Jenny Koski, Tony Braga, Crystal Gillette  
2002 record: n/a  
2002 finish: 4th at district  
Returning starters: sr. Kalynn Pereira, S/H; jr. Ashley Abramowski, H; jr. Teri Leih, MB; soph. Britanie Toone, H; sr. Katie Rice, OP  
Key players: jr. Cady Coates

MB; jr. Malorie Born DS; jr. Afyon Turner M/BOH; jr. Sara Pierson OH; sr. Loren Harley DS  
Season outlook: The Senators are still rebuilding with a young team that now has a year of varsity experience under their belts. They are quick, with good serving and hitting. Passing is still a problem as the Senators try to make their offense run smoothly. This year's team respects one another and is very goal-oriented. These girls have or will represent Gooding in national events this year: Malorie Born - High School National Finals Rodeo and Cady Coates and Sarah Pierson will attend National FFA. Gooding expects to be in the top two in SCIC volleyball.  
Coach says: "Team unity is a key, they love being together and having fun."

### Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: Jan Hall, second season  
Assistant coaches: Kelly Youree, Angie Schroeder  
2002 record: 3-13  
2002 finish: 6th  
Returning starters: sr. Chelsea Cochran OH  
Key players: sr. Megan Gergen MB; jr. Whitney Funk OH; jr. Bjay Dille S  
Season outlook: This team is small, very small. But competition isn't about size or numbers. Okay, but it is also about pride and dedication and the desire to sacrifice the body for the team effort. Inexperience and youth are a part of this team. But those things are grown out of and played out of.  
Coach says: "No matter what the final outcome may be, we prepare and plan to never take 'our eyes' off of being highly competitive."

### Wood River Wolverines

Coach: Tim Richards  
Assistant coaches: Gary Carr, Dina Brunker  
2002 record: 21-15  
2002 finish: SCIC conference champ.  
Returning starters: sr. Jessica King, OH; sr. Liz Rippon, OH; sr. Emily Smith, S/OH; jr. Syringa Stark, M; sr. Natalie Green, MH; sr. Charlie Lindley, OH  
Key Players: jr. Syringa Stark, M; jr. Rachael Richards S; sr. Cory Hildner OH; sr. Nikki Calzavara M; soph. Hannah Richards S; soph. Jaimie Stone OH; soph. Ryan Menges S/OH  
Season outlook: The Wood River Wolverines return from the summer loaded and ready to reclaim their SCIC title. This team is full of talent and senior leadership. Coach Carr even has two senior setters when most teams are lucky to have two at all. The Wolverines have a good line of hitters across the line and chemistry is building as practice progresses. Some concerns for Wood River are the number of all coaches: the ability to withstand a long, competitive season, consistent play and injuries to key players. The Wolverines are making no predictions about the finish of the season, since so much happens during the regular season. Since they did win out last year and have many seniors on their team, they are a certain favorite again. They respect all of their opponents and will play the season one game at a time.  
Coach says: "This season brings to a close the careers of a group of seniors that have been playing volleyball and basketball together since their grade school years. The team decided that this year's theme would be: It's the journey that matters and not so much the destination."

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

FILER - The second performance scorecard for many of the rough stock riders at Friday night's Magic Valley Stampede at the Shouse arena favored the animals.  
Stock provided by the Sankey Rodeo Company showed why many of the horses and bulls have been tough enough to see action at the PRCA National Finals Rodeo.

Only four out of 10 bareback bronc riders were able to make the eight-second buzzer at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.  
Tim Rydalch of Stockton, Utah, sitting No. 11 in the Wilderness circuit, was one rider who did prevail against the stock, riding award-winning horse "Dippin, Broadway" to a score of 80 points and first place.

Wide Sankey of Joliet, Mont., rode Filer for a score of 77 and second place.

Two Utah cowboys, Colby Olsen of South Jordan and James Sursa of Roosevelt earned third and fourth with rides of 71 and 64, respectively.

Other Utah cowboys shined in the steel wrestling.  
Bryden Bennett of Riverton, Utah, earned first by dropping his steer in 4.7 seconds. Alex Fowler of Ogden, Utah was second with a time of 4.8 seconds and Shayne Bennett, South Jordan, Utah taking third in 5.1 seconds.

Local talent Ryan Likely of Jerome and Scott Rogers, Blackfoot, posted the fastest time in team roping with eight seconds.  
The first team to put up a time was that of Dustin Durfee of Salina, Utah and Greg Bennett of Garland, Utah, both sitting No. 3

in the Wilderness circuit, with a time of 10.5 seconds.

Rusty Allen strengthen his number one standing in the Wilderness circuit with a classic ride on Wild Card for the high score of 83 in the saddle bronc riding.  
Montana cowboys Buck Reiner of Fishtail and Hugh Connolly of Billings each had rides of 78, as did Jerad McFarlane of Redmond, Ore.

Jerome cowboy Ryan Likely took the honors in the tie-down roping with a time of 10.9 seconds. Trampus Quarnberg of Aramark, Utah was second with 12.9 and Ryan Endicott of Caldwell was third in a time of 13.2.

Tim Lickley of Jerome put up the time to beat in the barrel racing at 17.65 seconds. Shirley Ankrum of Pocatello was second with 17.68 and Stephanie Jones of West Haven, Utah placed third with a time of 17.79 seconds.

Utah cowboy Brad McKee of Riverton stayed on "Bob-a-Lewie" for a performance high of 80 points in the bull riding. Jake Wade, an Alamo, Nev. cowboy scored 76 for second place. Joshua Smith of Pocatello and Dustin Larsen of Manila, Utah tied with scores of 74 each.  
In the Mutton Bustin' contest, Colton Lewis was first with a ride of 87 and Hunter Nelhaus was second with 86. Riley Hughes rounded out the top three with a score of 84.

Six-year-old Sierra Mullen of Filer was first in the junior barrel racing with a time of 18.37. Cara Vesteris, 6, of Twin Falls was second with 18.47 seconds and Darby Robertson, 7, of Buhl was third in a time of 21.02.

# Mumme looks to revive career at Southeastern Louisiana

HAMMOND, La. (AP) - Hal Mumme's small office at Southeastern Louisiana is dominated by Kentucky memorabilia.  
There are pictures of the football coach with Kentucky players, awards he won as the Wildcats' coach and a framed magazine cover of his wife wearing a Kentucky blue jersey.  
Memories of Kentucky - good and bad - linger for Mumme. But if things go the way people at Southeastern Louisiana and the coach himself hope, they will begin to fade this fall.  
Eighteen years after Southeastern dumped football, citing the expense, and more than two years after Mumme resigned from Kentucky in the wake of an NCAA investigation, the Louisiana school and the coach are both starting over.

Mumme - 20 years at four seasons at Kentucky, and 40-17-1 in five seasons at Division II Valdosta State - and his new team took the field against Arkansas-Monticello late Saturday night.  
"There's a huge feeling of excitement around town, around the school - everywhere," Mumme said.

Southeastern was 2-9 when football was dropped in 1985. It wasn't the losses alone that did the program in. A small commuter school then, Southeastern didn't think the program was financially viable. The old stadium was left to slowly deteriorate, but dreams of the game didn't die.  
Boosters raised \$5 million to

"A day doesn't go by where people aren't talking about Southeastern football."

- Gino Marino, former tailback

reinstate the game, and the money was used to refurbish the stadium, buy new uniforms and a new scoreboard, fund scholarships and pay the coaches for the year they worked before the program began.

When the word went out that the school was looking for players, 400 people turned up, Mumme said.

It's the same kind of enthusiasm many of the alumni feel.  
"I can't tell you how much excitement there is in Hammond," said Gino Marino, a former tailback who led SLU in rushing in 1972 and '73. "A day doesn't go by where people here aren't talking about Southeastern football."

When I see the improvements they've made to the stadium and the new field and new scoreboard, I just get tears in my eyes." The team will play as a Division I-AA independent this season and next before it joins the I-AA Southland Conference in 2005.

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"Everyone will be tough this year," said Declo coach Sheila Wheeler. "It's anybody's game."  
The Buhl Indians are taking a self-assured stance this year.  
"It's going to be a very even conference," said second-year Buhl coach Erin Scott. "We will be competing with every team we face this year."

Kimberly's coach Jan Hall simply didn't want to make any predictions.

Perhaps Gooding coach Joleen Toone said it best.  
"It's going to be a horse race, anyone can beat anyone on any night if they're on," said Toone.  
The Wolverines graduated their starting setters Whitney Richards and Aubrey Kirtland, but return five offensive starters. Of those five, two were named to the All-Conference team and one was an "honorable mention."

Emily Smith and Jessica King will lead the SCIC offense along with Natalie Green. Senior starters Liz Rippon and Charlie Lindley will add power from the outside.  
"Like Wood River, Flier graduated its setters and returns a handful of starters. The Wildcats will be depending heavily on their serves, defense, and love of the game."

"Our serves will be one of our strengths," said Richards.

"It's going to be a very even conference. We will be competing with every team we face this year."

- Buhl coach Erin Scott

"Defensively, several players read and react very quickly to the ball."  
Seniors Monique Schaal and Krystal Demoney and junior Linsay Heimkes "should be among the strongest hitters in the conference," said Richards. Setter Krista Chandler and defensive specialist Britney Prigmore add to the strength behind some tall blockers.

Buhl peaked early in the season last year, losing only two matches in the conference before the district tournament. The Indians return three starters and two others with varsity time. Jessica Brown, Times News All-Area first team hitter, returns for her third year for Buhl. Teams will have to work around Brown's explosive kills. Setter Dani Kippes will control the swing offense.

With five juniors and two seniors, the Bulldogs are ready to prove that the underdogs can prevail. Kimberly's lone return-

ing starter from their sixth-place conference season last year is outside hitter Chelsea Cochran, who can hit with swinging force. At 5-foot, 10, Megan Gergen can be a defensive wall and as the only other senior for the Bulldogs, she will have to set a forceful example. Left-handed setter Bjay Dille is ready to make the 5-1 offense work, according to Hall.

The Hornets finished fifth in the SCIC last fall despite a lot of talent. With the setter and three tall hitters returning, Declo should not be overlooked. Setter Katie Wall will run the 5-1 offense with a slight change.  
"Someone gave me a different look toward our rotation," said Wheeler. "I am hoping it will keep us from getting burned in the middle."  
Blocking in the middle will be 5-11 Melissa Webb while twin Megan Webb will hit from the outside. Ashley Peterson will con-

tribute from the outside as well.  
"I didn't have a 'go-to' person last year and this year I do - I actually have three, Megan and Ashley outside and Melissa in the middle," said Wheeler.  
The Hornets have height and swings, but are struggling with consistent serving.  
"We can serve fast, but we aren't consistent," noted Wheeler. "Every team can hit well, serve well and pass well. It's who can outlast the rally - who's serving tough and not missing serves that wins."

Gooding finished in fourth place with a young team.  
The Senators pose a big threat now with seven juniors, two seniors, and a sophomore, nearly all with varsity experience.  
"I think it will give us an edge over that many returning," said Toone. "We don't have height, but we can jump and we're quick. When it comes to defense we are going to be able to get all over the floor and get most balls."

Setter Kalynn Pereira will run the 5-1 offense, which was chosen over the 6-2 by a unanimous team vote.  
The season starts for all the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference next week.  
"The district tournament is going to be exciting, the whole season is going to be exciting," said Toone.

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# Critics call rebuilt version of Soldier Field an eyesore

Toilet bowl, mistake, spaceship, monstrosity are among insults

By Dave Carpenter  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Ah, the architectural splendor of the city's distinctive skyline: majestic towers, historic skyscrapers, elegant designs.

The spaceshiplike football stadium on the lakefront.

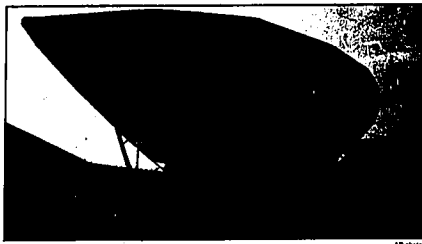
Chicago's newest phenomenon, rebuilt Soldier Field, is getting scathing early reviews in a city that prides itself on a treasure trove of landmark buildings.

So far, it's been called the Eyesore on Lake Shore, Mistake on the Lake, Monstrosity on the Midway, a crash-landed flying saucer and a giant toilet bowl.

Talk about negative advance publicity, those epithets are all being uttered even before the stadium's formal debut, a Sept. 29 Monday night game between the Bears and Green Bay Packers.

Local officials and the Bears hope the \$606 million stadium project will win fans over once they see the cozy interior and get to enjoy the newly created lakefront parkland.

But in a town sensitive to its rich architectural heritage, there's a



The newly rebuilt Soldier Field dwarfs the historic west colonnades of the old stadium. The new field will officially open Sept. 29 when the Packers visit.

lot of grouching to overcome. In an informal survey, readers of the Chicago Sun-Times voted it the city's ugliest building by a wide margin.

At the Field Museum of Natural History, a short punt away along the Lake Michigan waterfront, visitors are stunned at the shiny, mammoth structure plunked down between the trademark Soldier Field colonnades next door.

Overhauling a rickety, outdated stadium built in 1924 had become a growing priority over the years for the city and the Bears — dating almost from the

time the storied NFL franchise moved in in 1971.

The project's critics, for the most part, didn't dispute that intent. But they say the ultra-modern new stadium bowl, with a towering overhang that looms above the old facade next to busy Lake Shore Drive, mocks the columns and destroys the dignity of the lakefront area around Chicago's popular museum campus.

The stadium's sponsors are confident the boos will soon turn to cheers.

The chief designers concluded a modern stadium couldn't

**Soldier Field facts**

- Field: 65,000
- Interior amenities: Wider seats, improved sightlines, average seat 40 feet closer to field, bigger scoreboards, 100,000-sq-ft-for club lounge, more luxury boxes.
- Luxury boxes: 133 on four levels, with capacity of 2,384 plus standees. Cost \$100,000.
- \$300,000 per season.
- Club seats (padded seats with access to heated club lounges and dining rooms): 8,900.
- New parkland created: 17 acres.
- Parkland features: Access to colonnade area, open space, children's garden, sledding hill.

— The Associated Press

be built on the original Soldier Field site — 150 feet narrower than most modern stadiums — without making drastic changes around and over the colonnades.

He predicts the new Soldier Field will usher in a new era of more fan-friendly stadiums. The amenities include wider seats and cantilevered scoreboards that jut out behind each end zone. There are more luxury boxes, while overall seating capacity was shrunk from 65,000 to 61,500. And there are twice as many toilets as before, which could alleviate the constant complaints about impossibly long restroom lines.

But what strikes a visitor most is how close the seats are to the field — an average 40 feet closer than the old stadium.

"Football stadiums kept getting bigger and less intimate," Wood said. "This is the first time one has gotten more intimate."

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# Chang goes out in classic fashion

Diminutive tennis star never gave up

By Hal Bokk  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In the final match of his final tournament, Michael Chang watched Fernando Gonzalez whittle two straight sets past him right at the start and quickly found himself in a two-set hole at the U.S. Open.

It seemed a hopeless situation for a player ranked No. 222 in the world, a player burdened by 10 first-round losses in 12 matches this season. But if there's a trademark for Chang's career, it's that there are no hopeless situations.

So he played on, looking for an opening, still fighting, refusing to go away. There was a nifty behind-the-back shot in the third set. There was a dash across the baseline to nail a winner that was so satisfying Chang was moved to celebrate it with a little torso shake, rattle and roll.

He would win the set, prolong the match, keep after it until the very end.

Gonzalez prevailed eventually, of course, but that third set — the last set he would win as a pro — was sort of typical of Chang and his approach to the sport.

That legacy was established early on when the kid burst onto the Grand Slam scene by winning the French Open in 1989. He was 17, just starting out, viewed by some as fodder for big name opponents.

On the red clay at Roland Garros, Ivan Lendl was wearing Chang down when it occurred to the teenager that he might not want to continue this exercise in exasperation against the hitting machine on the other side of the net.

"There was actually one point in the fifth set where I was walking over to the side and I thought about quitting," Chang said. "I walked to the service line and something inside of me said, 'No, don't do that. You've got to fight. You've got to play the rest of this match whether you win or lose.'"

Eventually, Chang turned the tide, won the match and went on to win the tournament — the youngest Grand Slam champion in history. It was a lesson learned. He remembered that early match after finishing his final one.

"I think in many ways it is probably a defining match for my career," he said. "I think in many aspects, that match taught me a lot about recognizing that we have our ups and downs. I think the times where you're able to pick yourself up and you're able to fight through whether you come off the court having won or lost but being able to fight through, you've got to feel good about that."

That victory was the first Slam for Chang's generation of players — Andre Agasi, Jim Courier and Pete Sampras. It was a wakeup call for the rest of them.

Chang chuckled about that.

"I'm positive after I won the

### Commentary



Michael Chang, of the United States, gives a thumbs-up after losing to Chile's Fernando Gonzalez Tuesday at the U.S. Open in New York. Chang, who won the 1989 French Open, retired after the match.

French Open '89, the other guys were saying, 'Shoot, we've grown up playing with Michael. If this little squid can't win a Grand Slam, why can't I?'"

And so they did. Sampras set the standard with a record 14 Slams. Courier won four. Agasi is at eight and holding. For Chang, though, that French Open was his one and only Slam triumph.

He was always a factor but never again a major winner.

"All I can say is I went out and I tried," Chang said. "I think that's all you can really ask of yourself."

There were chances — three other finals, the last one in 1996 at the U.S. Open, when he was beaten in the final by Sampras.

That was the year Chang reached No. 2 in the world. Had he won that final against Sampras, he would have been No. 1.

"It sometimes think about that," he said. "I honestly feel like I had won that match and I'd become No. 1. I think I would have lost a little drive."

Michael Chang? Lose his drive? His brother and coach, Carl, dismissed that idea.

"Not Michael," Carl said. "He would have found some way to motivate himself."

Michael said losing that match helped him in a strange way.

"You know, sometimes it's easy to say, 'I reached No. 1. I won the U.S. Open.' It's easy to say, 'That's it, I'm done.' I learned a lot about myself."

He pushed himself, always bidding for another major, always a factor, never giving in to an opponent, always willing to stretch the match to another point, maybe another game, maybe another set.

Chang picked a perfect word to describe himself.

"Perseverance," he said. "He had that right."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Sales grow for Longview Fibre Co.

TWIN FALLS - Longview Fibre Co., the Washington-based operator of a Twin Falls container plant, said its sales for the third quarter grew to \$164.3 million, from \$193.2 million a year earlier.

But operating profit dropped to \$10.4 million from \$16.7 million in last year's third quarter. The company reported a quarterly net loss of \$177,000, or zero per share, compared with year-ago net income of \$3.2 million, or 6 cents per share.

Through the first nine months of fiscal 2003, Longview Fibre generated net income of \$1.7 million on sales of \$565.5 million, compared with a net loss of \$2.8 million on sales of \$554.0 million a year earlier.

"Our results through the first nine months of fiscal 2003 reflect the positive impact of our efficiency initiatives, despite weak demand from the sluggish domestic and Asian economies," said R.H. Wollenberg, president and chief executive.

"Cash provided by operations through the first nine months of fiscal 2003 increased 52 percent, to \$75.0 million ...," Wollenberg said. "We used this cash to pay down approximately \$48.3 million in total borrowed debt for the fiscal year and \$96.2 million in the past 12 months. We expect capital expenditures for the full year to finish at or below our original budget of \$43 million, and we've managed inventory and other working capital effectively through this period of reduced demand."

### Kraft Foods plans audio webcast of presentation

RUPERT - Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc., which has a cream cheese plant in Rupert, will host a live audio webcast of the company's presentations at the Annual Securities Analyst Back-to-School Consumer Conference at www.kraft.com, at 9:15 a.m. Thursday.

Co-CEOs Roger K. Deromedi and Betsy D. Holden will speak at the conference. The webcast will be in listen-only mode. An archived copy will be available at www.kraft.com.

In other news, the company increased its regular quarterly dividend by 20 percent, to an annualized rate of 72 cents per common share of Class A and B stock.

The new quarterly dividend of 18 cents per common share, up from 15 cents, is payable Oct. 6 to stockholders of record as of Sept. 15.

Kraft's dividend increase reflects our commitment to return value to our shareholders and confidence in our ability to consistently grow cash flow," Holden said.

We have reduced our debt levels over the past two years, freeing up cash for shareholder enhancing initiatives. Further, recent tax law changes have increased the attractiveness of dividends for many investors," Deromedi said.

### Developers may compete for housing tax credits

TWIN FALLS - Idaho affordable-housing developers will have 15 to submit competitive applications for more than \$1.3 million in 2004 Housing Tax Credit money, the Idaho Housing and Finance Association said.

The credit provides an incentive to developers of affordable rental housing. It provides a dollar-for-dollar federal tax liability reduction for owners of newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated rental housing.

"This is the first round for 2004 tax credit applications," said HEFA multifamily finance manager Eric Watkins. "Additional funds will be available after the first of the year, and the next round of applications will take place then."

Recipients of Housing Tax Credit allocations may claim the annual credit each year for 10 years. HEFA allocated more than \$2.65 million in annual Housing Tax Credits, generating just over \$19.1 million in equity to finance construction of 416 total units of rental housing. Of those, 388 (more than 93 percent) were designated for affordable housing.

Developers compete for credits under HEFA's Selection Criteria Field System. To receive a copy of the plan or an application, contact HEFA's Multifamily Financing Department at P.O. Box 7899, Boise, ID 83717-0899; call 475-4713; or TDD 1-800-545-1833; or fax 208-424-7092. A copy is also available online at www.ihfa.org.

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# Bigger may be better

## Amalgamated Sugar will use heavier trucks in 10-year trial

By Scott Kraus  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Transystems LLC can save Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Idaho about 10 percent on sugar beet trucking costs this fall if it can use 129,000-pound semi-trailer trucks to move some of Amalgamated's beets, a Transystems official said. Transystems, which hauls all of Amalgamated's beets from piling grounds to its sugar factories, aims to use the heavier trucks this fall under Idaho's new 10-year trial allowing them on about 600 miles of state and U.S. highways, said Dan Rice, vice president of Transystems in Great Falls, Mont.

The test, which doesn't include interstates, started July 1.

Drivers could use the 129,000-pound trucks (the prior maximum weight was 105,500 pounds) at 18 of the 75 piling grounds serving Amalgamated's sugar plants in Paul, Nampa and Twin Falls, Rice said.

Amalgamated also has a plant in Nyssa, Ore. The cost savings would come from fewer truck trips. Rice estimates the heavier trucks would save 8,700 round trips, or 17,400 one-way trips, this fall compared with using the 105,500-pound trucks. And that's while employing them at fewer than 25 percent of the piling grounds.

"It's a big jump in efficiency," he said.

### Seeking permits

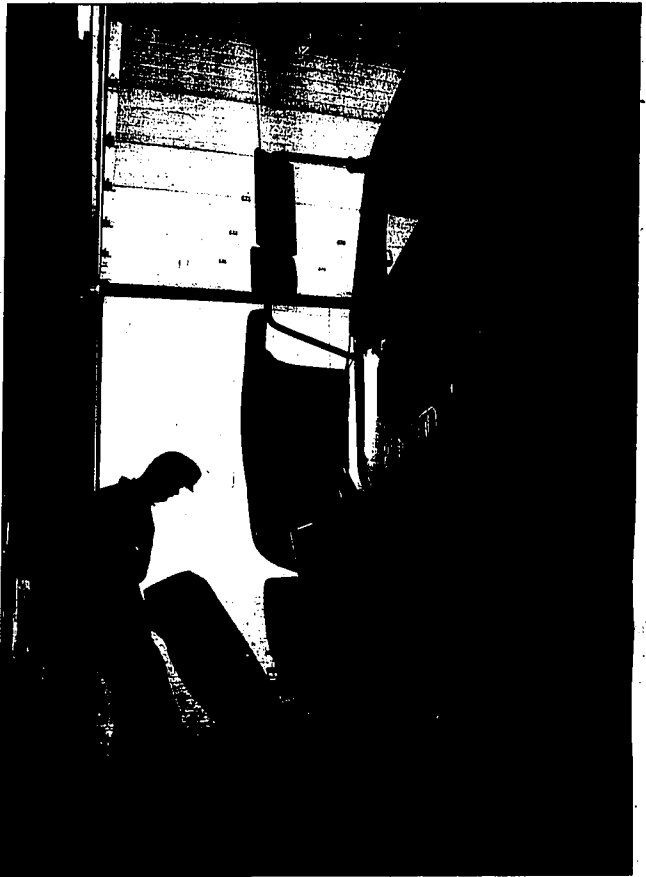
But to get those savings the company needs permits to run the 129,000-pound trucks on local roads from the approved highways to the sugar factories.

Transystems is seeking the permits from local highway districts and governments. Rice hopes it won't have significant problems getting them. But some local officials are concerned about heavier trucks on area roads.

For example, the Hillsdale Highway District, which covers just under half of Jerome County, has banned the 129,000-pound trucks, said Chairman Berwyn



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Joe Lott removes a wheel from a truck at the Transystems LLC maintenance facility in Paul. The company is gearing up for the coming sugar beet harvest and hopes to use some of the newly authorized 129,000-pound trailer-trucks to haul the beets.

said the heavier trucks will not only reduce freight costs, but actually cut emissions and lessen road damage by reducing the number of truck trips.

Amalgamated Sugar is anxious to prove the benefits of higher truck weights for everybody, said Bryan Whipple, traffic manager for Amalgamated at Ogden, Utah.

"It's economics. It's good for our growers. Vehicle congestion will be less. And there will be fewer trucks going down roads and through cities," Whipple

said. The network of test roads, however, isn't extensive enough to benefit a lot of businesses, said Paul Sudmeier, president and chief executive of the Idaho Trucking Association in Boise.

So the test will mainly aid enterprises such as Amalgamated Sugar, dairy farms and hay operations — that have shipping and receiving points near the approved highways.

"You're not going to get the full impact of the benefit to the state," Sudmeier said.

But it will provide a chance to address critics' concerns about the move to heavier trucks.

"This is a step in the right direction," Sudmeier said. "It's something for people to look at and get comfortable with."

### Critics' concerns

Critics of the heavier trucks — including AAA Idaho, railroads and many state residents — have several concerns. They worry the

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# Adviser says many women are financially unprepared

## Death, divorce must be considered, she says

By Michelle Guido  
Knight Ridder News Service

Most women have no qualms talking about deep emotional issues, the trials and tribulations of motherhood or hitting the glass ceiling.

But when it comes to money, women often either can't discuss it — or won't.

"I have met with so many brilliant, wonderful women who are very successful, but when they sit in my office with the door closed, they fall apart when it's time to talk about money," said Rita Rothstein, an associate vice president with Morgan Stanley in Cupertino, Calif. A former social worker, Rothstein also volunteers her time to give seminars on the topic.

## On setting comfortable financial goals

You want to start investing, but you aren't sure how to meet. Here are some simple steps you can take to get started:

- Set your goals. Decide what you want to achieve.
- The best way to become financially independent is to save at least 10 percent of what you make each month.
- Examine your spending habits. For three consecutive months, write down every penny you spend. Then review the data and determine what you can give up.
- Test your limits. Cut back on spending as far as you can. If you find you've gone too far for your comfort zone, add a small amount back in.
- Take it slow. If you try to change too quickly, you could get frustrated

and give up. Be sure you can live with the changes you make.

- Work with one or more friends who also want to be more frugal.
- Pay down debt. Then begin investing money in a retirement plan. Investing in stocks is more risky but has higher potential rewards over the long run compared with bonds, annuities or money-market funds.
- Diversify: You should own at least 10 stocks in different industries. An easy way to do this is to invest in a mutual fund.
- Max out. To the best of your ability, your tax-deferred retirement accounts, especially if your company has a matching 401(k) program.

Source: www.womeninvest.about.com, Call Business, Personal Investments

Why is it important for women to not only talk about, but also

pay close attention to, their finances and money goals?

Because so many find themselves — after a divorce, death of a spouse or other life transition — woefully unprepared to proceed alone financially.

During a recent presentation at a gathering of Silicon Valley Women in Business, a chapter of the National Association for Female Executives, Rothstein brought up some startling facts:

—Women put the same percentage of their salaries into 401(k) accounts (company-sponsored retirement savings plans) as men do, but they end up with far less money because they make less.

—They are typically out of the job market for some time while raising children, which limits not only their income but also their contributions to retirement plans.

—On average, women live seven years longer than men.

—According to Business Week magazine, the average age of widowhood is 56 years.

The average widow goes through her husband's life insurance in 2.5 months. That sounds shocking, but many people only have life insurance — which averages \$50,000 or less — through their workplace. The amount goes quickly when funeral expenses need to be paid.

—Fifty percent of all marriages end in divorce.

"One way to look at this is that chances are you will either get divorced or you will be widowed," Rothstein said.

"Either way, you are probably going to have to handle your money at some time in your life — why not start now?"

Loretta Chappelle of San Jose, Calif., got divorced eight years ago after 30 years of marriage and raising three children. At age 50, she found herself starting over not just emotionally, but financially as well. Just after the

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## MILESTONES

### Family Health Services will dedicate facility Thursday

**BURLEY** - Family Health Services will dedicate its newest facility from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday at 1308 Bennett Ave.

Family Health Services' Burley Clinic provides primary health care to anyone in Burley and its surrounding areas. Clinics also are in Buhl, Jerome and Twin Falls.

For information, call 678-7796.

### Preschool, child-care firm plans Jerome opening

**JEROME** - The Alpha Omega Developmental Preschool and Childcare will open for business Tuesday at 510 S. Adams.

The business is state licensed and registered with the Idaho Child Care Program. It offers child care for ages 3 to 5 and after-school care up to age 11.

Offerings include a five-day-per-week preschool for \$170 a month, three-day preschool for \$150 a month, a full-day program for \$325 a month, a half-day program for \$210 a month, an after-school minimum not to exceed two hours per day for \$80 a month, and an after-school program from 3 to 5:30 p.m. for \$100 a month.

Programs include biblical principles and age-appropriate curriculum and activities, said owner-teacher Jeanna Boer.

Registration is ongoing. For information, call 324-6789.

### Automotive business gets new ownership

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls Wheel & Brake, a family-owned business for 28 years, changed hands to a new generation of ownership.

Roger Bolton sold the business to nephew-in-law Earl Scott on Aug. 2.

Earl Scott has seven years of automotive service experience gained during his management of a national chain store that specializes in tires, brakes and suspension, as well as five years of service with America Honda Corp.

Scott, an Automotive Service Excellence-certified service consultant and experienced technician, joined staff members Gary Hughes and Rod Osterger.

Twin Falls Wheel & Brake specializes in front-end alignments, transmission services, brakes, engine repair work and general automotive maintenance.

The business is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and can be reached at 734-5725. The shop is at 261 Locust St. S. in Twin Falls.

### Family purchases 12-lane bowling center in Buhl

**BUHL** - Dick, Darla and Dustin McCallister are new owners of Sunset Bowling Center in Buhl.

The bowling family purchased the 12-lane center from Bob Wington for \$250,000. Wington operated the center

for 24 years and decided it was time to try other ventures.

"Bowling takes a volume of people, and the growth in Buhl has been slow as the kids graduate and leave town. We don't have enough young people bowling anymore," Wington said.

The McCallisters have some improvements in mind, starting with installation of automatic scoring. That new equipment will cost about \$60,000.

Bowling hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The business will close at midnight Friday and Saturday. The lunch counter will remain open during bowling hours.

The new management will continue the leagues already established but may consider an increase in bowling prices with the addition of automatic scoring equipment. Moonlight bowling events will continue on Sunday evenings, birthday parties are still offered, and there is open bowling at all times that lanes are available.

"We want to draw students from Castleford and Hagerman also," said Dirk McCallister.

Dustin McCallister will attend a two-day training session by Precision Pinsetters in Phoenix on the mechanics of the automatic pin setters.

Kenny Davis and Tom Rhodes will continue as maintenance mechanics.

The McCallisters plan to move to Buhl from Kimberly soon to be closer to their business.

A grand opening is planned when improvements are completed in Magic Valley and can be reached at 543-6835.

### New espresso stand offers assortment of drinks

**BUHL** - Drivers entering the east end of Buhl on U.S. Highway 30 will see a small trailer in the parking lot of Ridley's Food & Drug. That's Rox's Cuppa Go-Go, a drive-through espresso stand.

Roxie Clifford, owner and manager, opened the small stand to serve various kinds of espresso, lattes, soft drinks, juices and water.

Clifford worked as a cashier for three years, but when she learned of the espresso trailer being for sale in Jerome, she wanted back in the business.

"I love this business. I like making different kinds of espresso drinks," said Clifford.

Clifford runs the business by herself, but her husband takes care of maintenance.

The trailer is self-contained, and she pumps water from a tank for the drinks.

Rox's current specialty is Quads - four shots of different espresso flavors together and served as either mocha or mocha. Customers may add extra shots for 50 cents each.

Drink prices range from 75 cents to \$4.15. Customers may call ahead for the drinks of their choice, and the drinks will be ready when they drive through. The number is 539-2848.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The business closes Sunday.

Clifford said she hopes to have the business paid off in five years.

### Country Coop gift shop slates reopening in Buhl

**BUHL** - A Buhl gift shop plans a reopening.

Mary Lou Erdmann owns and operates Country Coop at 106 S. Broadway in Buhl. The business sells handmade items such as shelves, benches, cabinets, quilts and pictures as well as knick-knacks, collectibles and candles.

Erdmann has been in the business for a couple of years and prepares many of the items herself. Right now she is working on holiday items and plans a grand reopening in November.

The store opened at the time Buhl's downtown revitalization project got under way, and access to the store was inconvenient with sidewalks and streets under construction. So the reopening is an invitation to the community to visit and see the items the store carries.

Erdmann works with other artists on a consignment basis and is always looking for new items to put in her store. The phone number is 543-4338.

Erdmann's long-term plans call for expanding to carry more of the handmade furniture lines, and possibly teaching or holding classes for community artists.

Store hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Country Coop is closed on Sundays and Monday. Hours may change as business picks up during the holidays.

### First American, RE/MAX announce agreement

**TWIN FALLS** - First American Residential Group Inc., a member of The First American Corp. family of companies, and RE/MAX International Inc., a real estate franchisor with affiliations in Magic Valley, announced formation of a marketing agreement.

Under the arrangement, First American with affiliated offices in Magic Valley will be marketed as the exclusive supplier of title services to the RE/MAX global network of more than 4,500 real estate offices and 35,000 sales associates. The agreement will provide RE/MAX affiliates with access to First American title products and services designed to increase efficiency and improve operating margins for RE/MAX broker/owners.

"By electing to do business with First American, RE/MAX offices will have the opportunity to develop new revenue streams through structured title solutions and joint venture opportunities in areas where real estate is hot," said Clifford.

The companies said their agreement will also make the real estate closing process more efficient.

### Subway restaurants mark 38th anniversary

**TWIN FALLS** - Subway of Twin Falls celebrated the quick-serve restaurant chain's 38th anniversary last week.

Subway restaurants were founded in 1965 in Bridgeport, Conn., by then 17-year-old Fred DeLuca, with a \$1,000 loan from family friend, Dr. Peter Buck.

Subway is now the world's largest restaurant sandwich franchise, with more than 19,300 locations in 74 countries. It is also the second largest fast-food chain in the world and, last year, surpassed McDonald's in number of locations in the United States.

There are 10 Subway stores in the Twin Falls region.

### Public works crew BUHL - Under the direction of supervisor Gary Wynn, the Buhl Public Works Department earned the chamber of commerce's Extra Mile Award for August.

The crew went the extra mile during downtown revitalization this spring, the chamber said.

Coordinating with the construction crew, the department handled projects on a timely basis such as installing water meters, filling in basements under the streets, removing old light poles and making sure the streets and sidewalks were safe and passable during construction.

The public works crew worked extra hours and stayed on call when needed.

The crew received a plaque, appreciation certificates from Mayor Barbara Gletzen and flowers from Primrose Lane.

Crew members are Winn, Chuck Brown, Steve Highbarger, Bob Himmelberger, Robert Lowry, David Mills, Wayne Moberg, Rob Owen, Terry Owen, Pete Pletcher, Les Salko, Clayton Stroblinger, Richard Summerhill, Dave Wilson, Alyce Wolf and Bill Whiteley, now retired.

### Jo Hawk

**JEROME** - Jo Hawk, office manager of Jerome Family Clinic, obtained her CCS-P (certified coding specialist - physician based) certification.

Hawk worked at Jerome Family Clinic for 12 years and has over 10 years of coding experience. Prior to taking the exam, she completed a one-week coding institute in Billings and in Indianapolis.

Ward's background also includes a 30-year career in agriculture.

Ken Upton and Darlene Upton also are newly associated with Canyonside Realty/GMAC, in its Twin Falls office. Ken Upton said he moved to Magic Valley in 1973 to help build the Perrine Bridge and has lived in Idaho since.

### Yoga instructors

**TWIN FALLS** - Yoga instructors Joyce Ballard and David Duhaime recently attended a week-long seminar on "Fullness of Yoga" with world-renowned yoga teacher Rodney Yee.

The seminar, at the Feather Pike Ranch near Helena, Mont., consisted of six-hour sessions each day, covering all aspects of yoga from the physical postures to the philosophy of yoga.

### Steve Kohntopp

**TWIN FALLS** - Steve Kohntopp, owner and designated broker of Magic Valley Realty, was elected chairman of the Idaho Real Estate Commission.

Kohntopp represents the South Central Idaho District and is serving his last year of a two-year, non-appointed term.

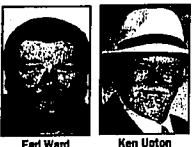
He has been a licensed Realtor for more than 30 years and holds the designations of Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager, Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate Realtor Institute. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Washington University and a master's degree in archeology and the heritage from the University of Leicester.

### Real estate agents

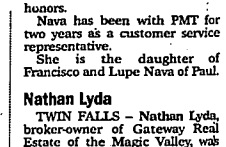
**JEROME** - Earl Ward joined the staff at Canyonside Realty.



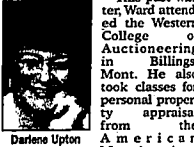
Buhl's public works crew earned honors from the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.



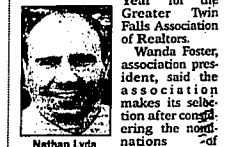
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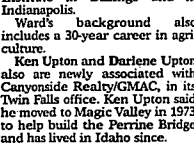
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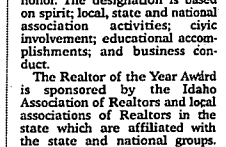
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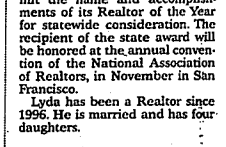
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## Women

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divorce, she went into high-tech sales, which was great for her economically, but when the market went south, so did her portfolio.

Now 58, Chappelle has started another career as a real estate agent. But divorce taught her some valuable money lessons.

"He was the major breadwinner and though I've always worked, he transferred a lot, so I just picked up whatever jobs were available," Chappelle said. "When the marriage ended, I literally had nothing."

So with her first high-tech sales commission check, she put a down payment on a townhouse in San Jose. When that piece of property increased in value, she bought another. And another. Now, Chappelle has three homes, a 401(k) and IRAs (individual retirement accounts).

"I didn't look after myself financially when I was younger," she said. "And when I was forced to look after myself, it was later in

life, so now I'm playing catch-up." Chappelle has sought advice for younger women: Always plan for your own financial future - even if you're happily married, but especially if you're single.

"That's good advice," agrees Gail Buckner, a senior vice president for Putnam Investments in Boston.

"Single women are in the biggest jeopardy because married couples have each other to fall back on," said Buckner, who also hosts a financial news show called "Money Matters" on Fox News Network.

"A single person doesn't have that support, and single women don't have the income that men do, so they are most likely to find themselves in financial trouble later."

Rothstein of Morgan Stanley said many women she talks to think they can't afford to invest in an IRA or 401(k). But she tries to convince them that investing is affordable by asking them to pay close

attention to what they spend so see if there isn't as little as \$5 a day they could save.

That alone is more than \$1,800 a year they could be putting into an IRA. Or even putting \$25 a month into mutual funds, a place to start. The point, she said, is that everyone can afford to put something away for the future.

Rothstein, 54, gives free seminars called "Smart Women Finish Rich," based on a book by David Bach. She said women need to think ahead, and be vigilant about taking care of themselves financially.

"There are a lot of women my age who end up divorced or widowed and all of a sudden they are forced to be responsible for their money and make sure they retire and be OK," Rothstein said.

"When everything's falling apart, that's not the time to start learning about this stuff because you're so emotionally devastated, and you don't make good decisions."

## Seminar at CSI focuses on achieving priorities

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - "Achieving Your Highest Priorities," a new workshop from Franklin Covey, will be the focus of a full-day workshop Sept. 25 at the College of Southern Idaho.

Franklin Covey facilitators describe this as a workshop for the work environment where success is no longer measured in simply getting things done but in people who know how to focus on the most important goals to move their organizations forward. The session will cover prioritizing, setting objectives and developing a plan, system or tool ranging from a planner and desktop to

personal digital assistants.

Gary Richins, a certified Franklin Covey trainer, will conduct the session.

The course will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 277 of the Taylor Building. The Idaho Small Business Development Center is offering a \$74 discount to anyone who signs up through CSI; that discounted price is \$225, which includes a Franklin planner. The fee for participants who already have a planner is \$175.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. Deadline to register is Sept. 19.

For information, contact Sherry Rust, IDSDC training facilitator, at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

## Tell us your business

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Changes in business activities.
- Other business news.

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SCHOOLS GET SUPPLIES



Minidoka Memorial Hospital donated supplies to local elementary schools to help kick off the new school year. From left are Tammy Hanks, community relations coordinator at Minidoka Memorial, and Karen Sken, Memorial Elementary School principal. Hanks said sometimes children can't afford the supplies needed and teachers provide supplies out of their own pockets. Minidoka Memorial hopes the donation will help ensure that all children have what they need to succeed, Hanks said.

GIRL WINS COMPUTER



John V. Evans Sr., president of D.L. Evans Bank, presents Dani Bates with a new computer. Bates won the bank's 'Education Pays' computer giveaway for Magic Valley. Bates, daughter of John and Cheryl Bates of Twin Falls, attends Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School and enjoys basketball and softball. Area students in grades six through 12 can enter once for a chance to win a computer for each 'A' earned in a core class. Bates earned an 'A' in language and placed her winning entry at the Main Avenue branch.

The South Central Community Action Partnership received a \$20,000 grant from money raised during Glanbia Foods' 10th Annual Charity Challenge Golf Tournament.

SCCAP will use the grant toward purchase of a more reliable truck to pull its cargo trailer, which hauls 6,000 to 7,000 pounds of food throughout Magic Valley.

With this contribution, SCCAP said, it will be able to continue providing needed food to its distribution sites and to less fortunate families.

The SCCAP distributes more than \$250,000 worth of food for individual and family food boxes, and it stocks five local food pantries and shelters and two soup kitchens, as well as pantries and soup kitchens in Hailey and Camas County. More than 8,000 pounds of food is delivered each month to the Burley site for distribution in Mini-Cassia.

As one of this year's recipients, SCCAP acknowledged Glanbia Foods as a community-minded company that cares about residents' quality of life, said Ken Roberts, executive director for SCCAP.

"I'm sure we speak for all those who receive our food distribution in expressing our deep appreciation to Glanbia and to all those who participated in the Charity Challenge event," Robinette said.

for 2003 school year.

Applicants were judged based on activities, leadership and academics. To qualify, applicants must be students in a college of agriculture and be entering their freshman, sophomore or junior years at any university or college. Applicants can apply from Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Camas, Cassia and Minidoka counties.



Dalton, daughter of Rex and Elaine Dalton, graduated from Gooding High School. Dalton plans to attend Brigham Young University-Idaho to earn a degree in ag business management.

Erkins, son of Randy and Laren Erkins and a graduate of Bliss High School, attends the University of Idaho, majoring in ag business.

Hoogland, daughter of Harry and Vicki Hoogland and a graduate of Castleford High School, plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall to study veterinary technology.

Jenison, daughter of Jim and Louise Hollister and a student at Filer High School, attended U of I and plans to attend CSI this fall, majoring in ag business.

Rodriguez is the daughter of Teresa and Heleida Rodriguez. A graduate of Gooding High School and now a student at CSI, Rodriguez plans to continue at CSI in the fall, majoring in horticulture.

For the sixth consecutive year, American Express will raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as a national sponsor of the 2003 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon.

Every time a cardmember uses the American Express Card to make a telephone contribution to support MDA's battle against neuromuscular diseases, American Express will make a \$5 donation to MDA, up to a maximum of \$160,000.

In addition, American Express will donate \$79,000 during segments of big-city Telethon broadcasts. The company is also encouraging its Membership Rewards cardmembers to donate their reward points to MDA.

Magic Valley Bank awarded \$250,000 in college scholarships to five A-ZETA students. Sara Dalton, Gooding; Cade Erkins, Bliss; Danielle Hoogland, Buhl; Andrea Jenison, Twin Falls; and Alondra Rodriguez, Gooding. Each received a \$50 scholarship.

Warehouse space grows in Magic Valley

By Cindy Snyder  
Three-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A combination of increased demand and long-range business planning is fueling an increase in warehouse space in Magic Valley.

For S & G Produce Co., the decision to build a new warehouse came down to economics. The Twin Falls-based wholesale produce distributor had outgrown its existing facility.

"We are operating out of a facility that is too small and has too high of a labor cost," said Stan Sheppard, president of S & G Produce.

The business was expanding rapidly before the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks slowed the restaurant business, a large part of S & G's clientele. The distributor also sells to stores, schools and other businesses in the region plus Wood River Valley, Jackpot, Nev. and eastern Idaho. Business growth has continued to be positive, albeit slower, in the past two years.

Nonetheless, Sheppard said it's the right time to build a new ware-

house. "This economy isn't going to be bad forever," he said.

And interest rates, which have fueled a home-building boom in Magic Valley, are also expected to decline. Sheppard hoped to have the new facility completed by September.

The new 24,306-square-foot facility will more than double the amount of space available. Most importantly, it will be completely refrigerated and has been designed for more efficient product flow.

"We want to have the finest refrigerated facility in Idaho," Sheppard said.

North of the Snake River, another warehouse is looking first to maximize the use of its existing space. WOW Logistics, which operates a 232,650-square-foot warehouse in Jerome, is in the midst of a racking project that will allow product to be stacked five racks high. The project involves 45,000 square feet of the

existing facility, which just celebrated its grand opening in January.

A potential 70,000-square-foot addition to the structure is still in planning stages.

Tom Behr, regional manager for WOW Logistics, said the company researched the Magic Valley well before deciding to locate a warehouse facility here. The presence of large dairies and a strong dairy industry in the valley led to the Wisconsin-based warehouse and distribution company's decision to build here, he said.

"We are very tied to the dairy industry in Wisconsin," Behr said. "This was a good location for us."

Magic Valley seems to be a good location for distribution centers. Sheppard said the freight rate to deliver produce to Magic Valley from the growing regions is comparable to freight rates going into Salt Lake City or Boise. And truckers seem to be able to find product to fill their semis on the return trip.

From Sheppard's perspective, the Magic Valley is a good place to be a distributor.

"The area is growing and it

seems like we have a solid base for business year-round," he said.

David McAlindin, economic development director for the city of Twin Falls, said that as Magic Valley becomes more of a distribution center the goods stored in the area's warehouses have changed over the past 20 years.

"There is such a wide variety of products here," he said, citing frozen food, dry products and merchandise. Having a wider variety of goods here also makes it easier for truckers to backhaul.

As businesses have shifted their inventory management to "just in time," the amount of goods stored in warehouses has also increased.

"Companies are just not storing as much as they used to," McAlindin said. Things are in storage, but in distribution centers.

"As businesses grow and expand, they must do so within zoned areas. In Twin Falls County that area is in the southeast and southwest parts of town. Imagine Kimberly Road extending all the way across Twin Falls, McAlindin said. Warehouses must be south of that line.

U of I, trucking group study road management

MOSCOW (AP)—The American Trucking Association has contracted with the University of Idaho for three years on trucking safety and road maintenance.

In one study, university researchers will analyze winter road management practices and their impact on trucking operations and equipment. Association officials estimate that corrosion

from anti-icing chemicals costs \$23 billion each year in the western states and road damage.

Researchers will also study the way truck loads are secured and the safety of longer trucks in the western states.

The studies are funded by leftover money from Idaho's weight-

distance tax system. The American Trucking Association successfully challenged the system in February 2000, and a district court judge ordered that money collected under the tax be refunded to those that paid it. Any money that could not be refunded was to be used for projects and activities that benefit the trucking industry.

The national association, along with the Idaho Trucking Association, was awarded more than \$3 million in refundable money.

The Idaho Trucking Association will also begin working with law enforcement and transportation officials to develop uniform accident reporting procedures for western states, an association spokesman said.

Trucks

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heavier trucks will damage roads and bridges, won't pay enough in taxes to cover the cost of that damage, will prove less safe than lighter trucks and will steal business from railroads.

Dave Carlson, spokesman for AAA Idaho in Boise, pointed to a backlog of Idaho bridge work needed under just the existing truck weights.

"There is little doubt that more weight is going to cause more problems," Carlson said.

Further, trucks already are often significantly overloaded, he said. He worries that allowing 129,000-pound trucks will increase the overloading problem. That could hurt roads, bridges and safety.

"If there's something about a

truck's size and weight that affects a motorist's safety, we have something to say about it," Carlson said.

But Sudmeier pointed to a 2001 study from Alberta, Canada, that found that heavier trucks had the lowest accident rates because they have the most experienced drivers and restricted routes. The report also found that heavier trucks caused less road damage because they made fewer trips. They caused less pollution and didn't take business away from railroads.

Sudmeier also mentioned a 1994 Idaho study that found heavy trucks here pay more than their fair share of taxes. But Carlson contends that study used information that was too incomplete to be reliable. Also, it's obsolete now because the state's truck-

taxation system has changed.

Surrounding states

Meanwhile, officials from Nevada and Utah, which both have allowed 129,000-pound trucks for many years, say they haven't seen safety problems or additional road damage from the heavier trucks.

In fact, the heavier trucks are better for roads because they make fewer trips, said Michael Lawson, traffic information division chief for the Nevada Department of Transportation.

"We do a lot better in terms of our pavement infrastructure and our bridges," he said.

Nevada has allowed trucks of at least 129,000 pounds for more than 30 years and hasn't run into significant problems.

"We have a lot of experience with it and it works well," Lawson said.

In Utah, which has allowed 129,000-pound trucks for about 20 years, the situation is the same, said Rick Clabby, director of the Motor Carriers Division of the Utah Department of Transportation. In fact, truck congestion is much less because of the heavier trucks, he said.

Last year, the state issued about 11,000 permits for trucks heavier than 80,000 pounds. Overall, truck traffic has risen 7 to 11 percent a year over the past 10 years because of population and economic growth. It would have gone up much more if larger trucks weren't allowed, he said.

Clabby wants to go back to 105,500 or 80,000, we've had more trucks and trips," Clabby said.

Beef checkoff lawsuit goes another round

LINCOLN, Neb. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Lincoln's Beef Board have asked the full panel of judges for the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review its decision on the beef checkoff.

The request, filed by the U.S. Department of Justice late last week, met the required deadline. The Department of Justice represents the USDA and the Cattlemen's Beef Board in a lawsuit filed against them nearly three years ago. The petition to appeal was brought forward by the Nebraska Cattlemen association, an intervenor in the case.

Chad Dobson, attorney for Weiser, Idaho — and a member of Western Organization of Resource Councils, which opposes the checkoff — said the appeal filing was anticipated.

"There is a phenomenal sum of money involved in checkoff dollars," she said. "We did not think the USDA and the Cattlemen's Beef Board would voluntarily be taking money from independent producers," she said.

The request for a full panel hearing follows an Eighth Circuit court ruling in July of this year by three of the eight judges who make up the panel. The three-judges unanimously upheld a previous ruling by U.S. District Judge Charles Kommann of Aberdeen, S.D., declaring the beef checkoff unconstitutional.

Mike Fitzgerald, spokesman for the Nebraska Cattlemen, said the request for a full panel hearing is part of the legal process.

**Aquaculture takes a close look at TAA**

TWIN FALLS — A new program designed to help producers who have watched imports eat away at their market share could help Idaho's trout industry.

Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program, agricultural producers must prove that

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increased imports from competitive commodities have contributed to a 20 percent or more price decline of their commodities. U.S. farmers, livestock producers and aquaculture producers who can show that their prices are less than or equal to 80 percent of the national average during the previous five marketing years are eligible for both technical assistance and adjustment payments.

Trouble producers in Idaho have seen prices drop to the point that trout are being hauled to rendering plants and some producers are giving trout away to be stocked in waterways, said Gary Forsnell, University of Idaho extension aquaculture specialist. He believes trout producers can demonstrate that imports have hurt their market share and could qualify for assistance under this program.

U.S. fish and seafood imports have increased from just under \$6 billion in 1992 to nearly \$10 billion in 2002, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The U.S. exports \$3 of fish and seafood for every \$1 the U.S. exports.

Hay sales pick up pace within the last week

TWIN FALLS — Ample supplies and light demand have kept hay prices low and hay sales scarce all year.

"It's been a slow hay year," said Bob Whitchurch of Northwest Labs in Jerome. But, the dairy nutritionist added, hay sales have picked up "big time" in the last week or so.

He blames lagging hay sales on the economic conditions facing dairies. Low milk prices mean dairies have less money to spend on feed, forcing some into a "just-in-time" hay-inventory strategy where they buy hay two to four weeks before they need it.

Late blight-resistant spud should save farmers money

ABERDEEN — Potato growers who want to save money on late blight control should like a new potato developed at the Aberdeen Research and Extension Center that could be released next year.

The AS0586-1 potato, which won't be named until it's released, resists late blight, which can destroy a field of potatoes in as lit-

tle as a week if it's not sprayed with fungicide. And the new spud's growth and french fry processing characteristics are similar to Ranger Russet, said Stephen Love, potato variety development specialist for the University of Idaho.

The AS0586-1 variety in most cases won't need fungicide spray to prevent late blight, he said. Each fungicide spraying costs producers \$15 to \$30 an acre, depending on how it's applied.

And producers may need to spray anywhere from a couple times to a dozen times a season when late blight is present, Love said. So the new potato could easily save them tens of thousands of dollars a year. It also resists early blight and early dying.

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# More firms purge Labor Day was born from unrest paid sick days

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Lori Abraham doesn't get any paid sick days, even though she has worked at her firm for 16 years. She's not complaining. Instead, she's the beneficiary of a legal secretary raves about the "paid-time-off" program her law firm introduced in January 2000.

Under the program, there are no sick, vacation or personal leave days. Instead, the days are lumped together in a "paid-time-off bank" to be used for whatever reason she chooses.

For Abraham, a wife and mother of an 11-month-old son, the paid-time-off bank has meant more time with her family, and more flexibility when planning that time.

"It's the greatest plan. I don't know of anybody here who doesn't like it," says Abraham, who annually receives 27 days of PTO, corporate shorthand for "paid time off."

Such testimonies are becoming commonplace as paid-time-off programs proliferate. About two-thirds of U.S. employers now offer them, compared with one-third of employers who reported doing so in 1999, according to the Society for Human Resource Management's annual benefits survey.

There are many variations on paid-time-off plans, which combine paid sick leave with some or all other paid-time-off benefits.

Why tamper with paid sick leave? "Studies have shown a rise in people taking sick leave for personal reasons," explains Jennifer Schrumm, the society's manager of workplace trends and forecasting.

As a result, many companies have dispensed with the traditional concept that sick days are used only for an employee's own sickness.

But that's not the only motivation. There also is the problem of different workers viewing sick days differently, often in the same workplace.

Some use sick days strictly according to the rules: for personal sickness only. Some interpret sick days liberally and use them to care for sick family members. And some (need it be said?) view sick days as use-it-or-lose-it entitlements, making sure every one of their sick days is used by the end of the year—in sickness or in health.

But no matter how employees interpret the meaning of "sick days," they know the obvious: Unlike personal leave or vacation, a sick day is not scheduled in advance.

A paid-time-off program doesn't make real sick days any easier to schedule, but it dispenses with the differing perceptions. Employees know how many paid days off they get a year and can decide for themselves how and when to use them. Most paid-time-off plans allow employees to cash in at least some of their paid days off, if they prefer money over time.

So, no more "use it or lose it." Giving value to every PTO day tends to reduce the number of people calling in sick when they're not. It also translates into fewer unscheduled absences.

"We don't get sick calls like we used to get," says Colleen Pendergrast, administrative services manager for the Central Florida Health Care Federation Credit Union. When the credit union converted to a paid-time-off program in 1996, "our sick calls were reduced by 60 percent," she estimates.

These days, Pendergrast occasionally has to deal with the opposite problem she used to have: workers come to work when they should stay home sick in order to save their paid time off for vacations or for cash conversion, Pendergrast says.

"That's a downside," she says. "It's going to happen, and you have to deal with it."

Poorly managed paid-time-off plans can cause other problems. Marjorie Pelham, a medical transcriptionist, says she used to work for an Orlando hospital's west coast but too much emphasis on scheduling paid time off in advance. The upshot was that employees who called in sick without notice were often reprimanded, no matter how sick they really were.

At Pelham, who moved to Orlando a year and now works at Florida Hospital, has nothing but good things to say about her new employer's paid-time-off plan.

Florida Hospital was among the earliest employers in Central

## Paid time off

U.S. companies with programs combining sick, vacation and personal leave, by industry:

Health	88%
Services, profit	79%
High technology	78%
All U.S. companies	68%
Education services	67%
Manufacturing, non-durable goods	67%
Wholesale, retail sales	65%
Services, nonprofit	62%
Finance	62%
Insurance	57%
Government	56%
Manufacturing, durable goods	55%

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Florida to offer such a plan. Its PTO, or "paid-day-off" plan, has been in place for more than 25 years.

"We have one bucket for everything: holidays, sick time, vacation time and personal-leave time," says Michael Good, the hospital's human-resources director. Florida Hospital employees receive from 21 to 36-and-a-half paid days off a year, depending on longevity. The program can be confusing to new employees coming from more traditional benefits programs, Wood says, "but once they understand it, there's an appreciation of the fact we trust them to use their own time as they need and want to."

He warns that the system places a burden on employees. "There's self-management that has to occur," Wood says, noting that employees who use their allotted paid days off too quickly may face having to take unpaid time off if they get sick before the year is out.

Nancy Balderson, an obstetrics nurse, enjoys the freedom and the responsibility that Florida Hospital's PTO program affords her. At previous nursing jobs, she really having as many as 11 paid sick days a year. "I don't think I ever used more than two," Balderson says. "Here, I get to use it or cash it out. That's a big benefit."

The biggest benefit, she says, is being able to take her paid time off when and how she wants. "The downside? I don't see one," says Balderson, who has been on PTO for 30 years, the past 10 at Florida Hospital.

There may be a downside, however, for those employees who use their sick days every year. In most cases, when companies convert to a paid-time-off plan, the total number of paid days off is reduced.

For example, when the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress introduced its paid-time-off plan in 1999, the total number of paid days off was reduced by two. But, point to human-resources director Mark Havard, the new plan allows employees to cash in their unused paid days off while the old plan did not.

But that has made a real difference to Rose Holley, a housekeeper office coordinator with the hotel. Holley acknowledges that before the hotel converted to a PTO program in 1999, she would use most of her allotted six sick days each year, whether she was sick or not.

"I'd call in about every other month," says Holley, 39. Now that she can cash in up to eight paid-time-off days whenever she wants to, she takes a sick day only if she really needs it. This year, for example, she has called in sick once.

The paid-time-off plan at Grand Cypress has an unusual wrinkle. Employees receive two to four weeks of paid vacation, depending on longevity. In addition, they receive a total of 12 paid-time-off days a year, to cover not just sick and vacation days but holidays as well.

They can bank as many PTO days as they like, up to 60, and cash in up to eight PTO days at any time.

As with hospitals, paid-time-off plans are becoming the rule rather than the exception at large hotels and resorts. "If you don't have PTO," Havard says, "you're behind the eight ball from a recruiting standpoint."

The biggest increasingly true for other industries as well. Financial-services giant Wachovia Corp. has had a paid-time-off plan since at least the mid-1990s. Siemens ICM, a major telecommunications employer, topped on the bandwagon in 2000.

By Harry Wessel  
The Orlando Sentinel

Labor Day, which the nation officially celebrates this week for the 110th consecutive year, is the least understood of our holidays.

Ask the average Joe or Jane and you'll find a host of theories for the first Monday in September marks the unofficial end of summer, or the unofficial start of the new TV season, or the kickoff for fall football season. But it's after Labor Day or the date for a charity telethon hosted by France's favorite comedian.

But what does any of that have to do with work?

Unless you're a labor historian, there probably is a lot you don't know about Labor Day. For instance, the observance was conceived by militant unionists in the 19th century. Its debut as an official national holiday came in the wake of one of the worst labor strikes in American history.

In case you're wondering how a holiday with such militant origins morphed into a day even the Chamber of Commerce could love, we talked with a few historians to trace how it got from there to here.

**Q. When was Labor Day first celebrated?**

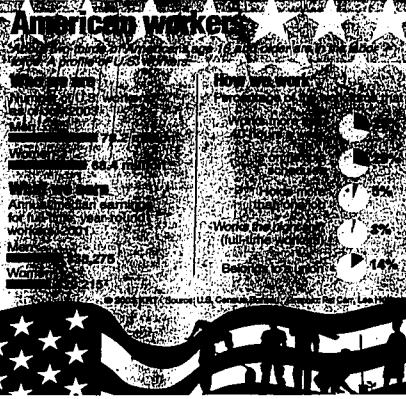
**A.** An official national holiday since 1894, Labor Day first was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. "More than 30,000 men and women, brickyards, freight handlers, printers, sailors, shoemakers, millwrights, men, cigar makers, furriers, seamstresses and other workers lined up for the march," according to Philip Foner's multi-volume history of the labor movement.

**Q. Who came up with the idea?**

**A.** There is some dispute over this, but most historians credit Peter McGuire, a first-century union firebrand who is considered not only the father of Labor Day, but of May Day as well. McGuire's two biggest issues in the 1870s and 1880s, aside from organizing carpenters and other workers, were the establishment of an eight-hour workday and an annual Labor Day holiday on the first Monday of September.

**Q. Why the first Monday in September?**

**A.** Because, McGuire wrote, "it would come at the most pleasant season of the year, midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving, and would fill a wide gap in the chronology of legal holidays." Back then, getting a Monday off for most workers



meant a two-day weekend, since workers worked at least a half-day on Saturdays. The standard five-day, 40-hour workweek was still decades away.

**Q. So why was the first Labor Day celebrated on a Tuesday?**

**A.** Nobody seems to know. The second Labor Day celebration in New York City, in 1883, was on a Wednesday. But in 1884 the New York Central Labor Union moved it to the first Monday in September, as McGuire had originally proposed, and it's been that way since.

**Q. If McGuire fathered both Labor Day and May Day, which came first?**

**A.** Labor Day. The first May Day took place in 1886 in an attempt to steamroll McGuire's call for an eight-hour workday. Unions had had little success obtaining a shorter workday through legislation, so McGuire called for a nationwide general strike. Three days after the May 1, 1886, strike, a bomb thrower in Chicago killed several policemen in the notorious Haymarket Square riot. In 1889, the Second Socialist International declared May 1 as the official worker's holiday to commemorate the Haymarket Square incident.

**Q. How did Labor Day turn into a U.S. national holiday?**

**A.** After 1882, union leaders pushed the ideas to other cities,

and it spread to the states. In 1887 five states — Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York — recognized Labor Day as a worker's holiday. Florida came on board in 1883. By 1894, 23 of the country's 44 states officially celebrated Labor Day.

**Q. What happened in 1894 to persuade the federal government to adopt Labor Day as a holiday?**

**A.** In the wake of the economic depression of 1893, a nationwide railroad strike threatened to shut down the country. President Grover Cleveland declared the strike a crime and sent thousands of troops to break it. His heavy hand worked, but it also caused widespread resentment. Cleveland quickly signed a bill making Labor Day a national holiday. "It was a preventive measure, to keep labor from organizing" said Thomas DiBacco, history professor emeritus at American University who has written numerous articles on the origins of Labor Day.

**Q. But didn't unions use the day off to organize workers?**

**A.** They certainly tried, but many leaders in the labor movement, including Peter McGuire and Samuel Gompers, also wanted to distance themselves from the kind of radical elements that gave labor a bad name.

"Labor and other social movements in the 19th century had

parades and demonstrations for a particular cause," said Michael J. Walsh, director of the George Meany Memorial Archives in Silver Spring, Md. "The notion here was that there was no particular cause except to respect and honor labor in American society, to take time off from work to celebrate workers. It also was to specifically be a family day."

**Q. How was Labor Day typically celebrated during those early years?**

**A.** Parades, picnics and oratory. It's how Fly Berman describes it. He has been teaching labor history at the University of Minnesota for more than 40 years. "Even those connected with the repression of organized labor would come out to talk about the glories of the working man," Berman said.

**Q. So, what happened to the parades?**

**A.** There are still Labor Day parades in some union strongholds in the Northeast and Midwest, but parades in general have faded in popularity. Berman said the fade began as early as World War I, when Gompers and the labor union movement supported the Wilson administration and worried that parades could be viewed as anti-government and provocative. Merrill theorizes the spread of public parks in the early 20th century gave working people nicer places to go on their day off.

Before the war, Berman said, "parks and picnic areas were not that accessible to working folks, so they took over the streets."

**Q. Are counting acts of God, has Labor Day done anything to actually advance the labor movement?**

**A.** In the past half-century, the percentage of unionized workers in the U.S. work force has dropped from 34 percent to about 12 percent. But in the 1890s, the percentage of unionized workers was less than 1 percent. The AFL-CIO, whose Meany Archives is affiliated with the AFL-CIO, said the union movement has always gone through spurts.

"In 1920 the labor movement was at 13 percent (of the work force), then someone figured out how to organize the manufacturing sector. Now we're trying to figure out how to organize the service sector," he said, adding, "We're working hard to keep the flame alive. The glass is less than half full at the moment, but it's not dry."

# Frequent flier program limitations complicate redemption

By Martin J. Moylan  
Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — It's a breeze to collect frequent-flier miles, especially when you're a road warrior like Cal Kirchoff. The Minnetonka, Minn., resident has racked up more than 1 million miles on Northwest Airlines since 1985, mostly by winging it for work. But like many other members of frequent flier programs, Kirchoff says it's tough to redeem his miles for tickets.

"There are too many restrictions," he said. "You can ask for something today and not get it, but the next day you might. Two, three times, my wife and I would get to Europe using WorldPerks miles. But there was no way to get back."

Kirchoff, Kirchoff has managed to use more than 300,000 of the miles he's earned. And his gratis flights have included at least three round-trips to Europe with this wife, Mary.

But Maureen Stanton of Brainerd, Minn., who files three to six times a year, hasn't been as fortunate.

"I think the frequent flier program is a great idea," she said. "It seemed just when I reached my eligibility to receive my 'free' flight somewhere, they upped the ante."

Old-line carriers such as Northwest are feeling pressure to improve their programs.

Ease of redemption is a huge issue, as is maintaining the attractiveness of the program. In the face of competition from low-fare rivals that offer not just cheap tickets but often reward programs of their own.

Frequent flier programs have been the airlines' most effective marketing tool, said Jim Craun, senior vice president of Eclat Consulting.

But they seem less effective now, he said. "Low-fare carriers have been taking business traffic away from the major carriers. Corporate travel departments are insisting on low fares."

Despite the traveler laments about the hassles of redeeming miles for tickets, reward tickets issued to frequent fliers actually

## Earning miles

Ways travelers earn frequent flier miles:

Flying	57%
Flight bonuses	13%
Credit cards	11%
Phone service	7%
Car rentals	3%
Hotels	3%
Shopping	1%
Financial services	1%
Flowers	1%
Airline apologies	1%

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shot up at most of the big carriers last year.

"People believed it would be harder to get tickets because of the airlines' cutbacks," said Randy Petersen, publisher of InsideFlyer magazine and an expert on frequent flier programs.

But there's no statistical proof it got harder. The reality is that reward redemptions jumped by 16 percent last year.

At Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest, reward ticket redemptions rose about 15 percent from 2000 to 2002.

US Airways said it's flying more to Florida, the Caribbean and other places leisure travelers want to redeem miles," said Stephen Usery, former vice president of marketing and revenue management.

For its part, Northwest notes that its WorldPerks members can earn and burn miles on more than 40 airlines, including Continental and now Delta.

Northwest and its peers caution that they have "limited" reward seats during peak travel periods and to the most popular destinations.

# Flexibility leads to free tickets

By Martin J. Moylan  
Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — You've got all those frequent flier miles. Now, how are you going to use them, especially to get a free plane ticket?

Well, if you're flying on any of the big traditional network carriers, such as Northwest or United, don't count on using them to fly when and where you'd want. Not unless you're prepared to fork over twice as many miles to get around caps airlines set on the freebie seats dispensed at their standard exchange rates.

To secure a domestic round-trip ticket for a mere 25,000 frequent flier miles, you have to be flexible with your travel dates and times, said Bill Nicklay, an auditor who often files internationally for his job.

"Most of the time I am able to gain a free ticket with connecting service and layovers," he said. "For a free ticket I am willing to be understanding of this."

Consider flying in and out of the same airports, says Jim Mulligan, a Minneapolis freelance photographer who files about once a month.

When he couldn't get a free ticket on flights into Los Angeles or San Diego, he booked a flight into the Orange County airport.

"Try multi-city connections," said Hans Molenaar, who picks up frequent-flier miles in his job at Deluxe Corp. "Fly off hours, red-eyes, non-business rush hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m."

Reward tickets can be had on most every flight but getting them can take determination, said Randy Petersen, a Colorado-based expert on frequent flier programs.

"The carriers tend to block out

certain days or events," he said. "But 99 percent of flights have (some) saver rewards available. The average plane has 127 seats — and about 10 free seats per flight. Some have more. Some have less."

Some longtime travelers advise checking for frequent flier seats just past midnight. Industry insiders advise travelers to check early in the morning to get the seats, noting the availability of the seats on a flight can change suddenly.

John Raposo looks to the Far East for freedom. He turns to Japan to get the seats, for instance, <http://www.nwa.com/jpen/home.html>.

"It has a much more user-friendly option to search for open seats," he says.

And to pick up the latest tips, he peruses flyertalk.com, a Web site devoted to all things having to do with frequent flier programs.

"Just about every question about miles I've ever had has been answered there," Raposo said.

If you really want to get, where you want when you want, part with more money than the ticket. Airlines typically permit travelers to get any seat on a plane if they're willing to surrender 50,000 miles for a domestic round-trip ticket.

That's not a big issue with road warriors with millions of miles in their accounts. But it does pain those whose accounts are not quite so full.

"We had to burn twice as many miles — a total of 150,000 — on a ruse for spring vacation in Arizona, even planning months in advance," Mulligan said. But he adds that he hasn't paid for a vacation flight in eight years, thanks to NWA's WorldPerks frequent flier program.

Northwest and other traditional hub-and-spoke carriers are quick to note that passengers can get around limits on free seats if they invoke "rule-busters." But that requires them to fork over twice as many miles as used to secure a seat. That means 50,000 miles for a round-trip domestic ticket.



BUSINESS FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during July with the Idaho secretary of state's office...

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

1000 Springs Tour, Steven A. Meckler, 310 S. Sinto St., Hagerman, ID 83332, retail trade and services.

410 K Properties LLC, David K. Kubonick, 215 Cobblestone Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Admission Collision Repair Inc., Jared Povey, 1196 Addison Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Adobe Mortgage, Darlene Robinson, 831 Alturas, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.

Abbey Clean, Rhonda Linderman, 200 S. Sixth St., Bellevue, ID 83313, services.

All Missionary LLC, Colin Hamilton, 47 Hillside Ranch, Bellevue, ID 83313.

Anderson Property Management LLC, Roy Anderson, 3055 Highway Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Anthony P. McLaughlin LLC, Anthony P. McLaughlin, 112 Latigo Lake, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Arrington-Briggs LLC, Dan L. Arrington, 2998 April Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Arroyo Lakes Canal Co., James P. Speck, 120 E. Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Avatar Wellness Inc., Trudy Cardie, 1048 Stray Swing Lane, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Barbara's Quality Travel Services, Barbara Quail, P.O. Box 574, Sun Valley, ID 83353, services.

Bear Paw Herbs, Richard Champ, 120 Fifth St., Filer, ID 83328, wholesale trade and manufacturing.

Benihana of Japan, Elizabeth Wade, 220 Maxine Lane, Kimberly, ID 83341, retail trade.

Big Wood Development LLC, James H. Coulter, 231 Robin Hood Drive, Halley, ID 83333.

Blahop Well Drilling Inc., John Bishop, 3521 N. 1100 E., Buhl, ID 83302.

Black Tie Limo, Janet Gummer, 2496 E. 3706 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Blueberry Management LLC, Taylor & Taylor PA, 401 Second St. N., Suite 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Budes LLC, William A. Parsons, 131 E. 2nd St., Filer, ID 83328.

Built In My Town Co., Irwin Sentilles, P.O. Box 4724, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

services and construction.

Finestra Services, Daniel Carlo Roman, P.O. Box 1780, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Frontier Construction, Robert E. Odum, 963 Lincoln St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

Full Swing Performance LLC, Raulan Young, 2311 Park Ave., Suite 2, Burley, ID 83318.

Fusion 20, Jennifer Lavigne, P.O. Box 4648, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade.

Gall S. Abel Consulting Services LLC, Gall S. Abel, 215 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

GAP Services Inc., Gregory A. Paulson, 9808 W. Main, Jerome, ID 83338.

Green Grass Landscaping, Guadalupe Arizmendi, 409 Broadway, Buhl, ID 83316, services.

Greene, 223 S. G. St., Rupert, ID 83350, services.

Halley Beautification Foundation, Kelli G. Halley, P.O. Box 100, Halley, ID 83333, services.

Happy Trails Productions LLC, Mitchell Clair, 375 Ridgeway Drive, Teton, ID 83326, services.

Highland Investments LLC, Larry Easterday, 3874 N. 1300 E., Buhl, ID 83316.

Idaho Rose Ranch LLC, Ken Edwards, 213 E. 450 S., Jerome, ID 83343.

Holland Chiropractic & Rehab PC, John H. Holland Jr., 2086 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Honey Locust Apartments LLC, Loreta Thompson, 1839 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

Hub City Electric Inc., Charles Gray, 3156 S. 2000 E., Wendell, ID 83355.

Idaho City Motorcross, Anthony DeBartolo, 3161A S. 1700 E., Wendell, ID 83355, services.

Ibis Hoarding, Dan Daggett, 1994 Highway E. E., No. 1, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Idaho Rose Center, Rose Express Inc., 2035 E. 3500 N., Filer, ID 83328, retail trade.

Int'l. 92358, John Jacobsen, P.O. Box 340, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Innerbalance, Rebecca Sergeant, 3315 Sand Ave., No. 7, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Integrated Electronic Solutions LLC, David Getz, 4110 Glenbrook Drive, Suite 9, Halley, ID 83333.

Interland Capital Corp., Jamie B. Schwartz, 3 Woodruff Court, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

Ketchum, ID 83340.

Orchopro of Twin Falls Inc., Thomas A. Johnson, 348 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Painter's Paintball, Dave M. Painter Jr., P.O. Box 553, Sun Valley, ID 83355, retail trade and manufacturing.

Passo Compose, Treasors DVD Patao LLC, P.O. Box 5334, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

Pharr West Enterprises LLC, Darrell Mingo, 2984 E. 990 W., Hazelton, ID 83355.

Phillips Financial Services, Todd Phillips, 1710 Overland Ave., Buhl, ID 83318.

Power House Business Solutions, Sandra Bosteder, 229 Mountain View Road E., Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.

Quicker Books by Amber, Amber A. Lutz, 2025 Carl's Cove, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

R&M Land and Livestock LLC, Mitchell Daryl Nelbur, 225 N. Fourth, Burley, ID 83347.

Redfish Accounting Solutions Inc., Shirlean A. Coleman, 611 W. Meadow Drive, Halley, ID 83333.

Redfish Predictions LLC, Alexander Halpin McElroy, 500 Ohio Gulch Road, Halley, ID 83333.

Ridgeway Drywall Inc., Joshua A. Licht, 2879 Deann, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

River Bend LLC, Randall Acker, 106 S. Clear Creek, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

River Ranch Tree Farm LLC, Matthew A. Minor, 921 Airport Way, Halley, ID 83347.

River Packing LLC, R. Edge E. Peterson, 1906 W. Main St., Burley, ID 83318.

RLB Trucking Inc., Robert L. Blahop, 743 S. Highway 93, Hollister, ID 83301.

RTI Sales Inc., Ronald A. Rose, 1110 E. 900 S., Eden, ID 83325.

RW Companies LLC, R. Rose E. Peterson, 76 N. 400 W., Burley, ID 83318.

Sandhill Farm Inc., William Corbett, 3700 Creek Road, Cornville, ID 83322.

SB Companies LLC, Shawn J. Peterson, 185 E. 900 S., Burley, ID 83318.

Scott's Frame & Mat LLC, Scott Harder, 134 W. Fourth St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Shooting Star Entertainment, Anthony De Bartolo, 3161 S. 1700 E., Wendell, ID 83355, retail trade and services.

Shotswell's Guns, Dave Shotswell, 924 N. W. Shoshone, ID 83352, retail and wholesale trade.

Bond funds fall out of favor

Surge in interest rates lead to devaluation

Los Angeles Times

As the economy warms up, investors suddenly are turning a cold shoulder to bond mutual funds.

The surge in market interest rates since mid-June has devalued existing fixed-rate bonds, sending bond fund share prices down.

That, in turn, has caused some investors to stop buying the funds, and convinced others that it's time to sell.

The result: Bond funds overall had a net cash outflow of \$10.8 billion in July, marking the second time since December 2001 that redemptions outpaced new purchases, the Investment Company Institute reported Thursday.

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change in market value) of 2.5 percent between June 30 and last Friday, according to fund tracker Lipper Inc. in Denver.

But some funds that focus on the longest-term bonds have racked up drops in market value nearing double digits over the last two months, as interest rates have jumped.

"If you're on the rise to 10 percent or more when you're buying eBay stock and hoping to double your money," Gundiach said. "But when you're buying a Treasury fund and only hoping for about a 10 percent return, that's something else."

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continue forever," said Bill Hornberger, fixed-income strategist at brokerage A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis. "In my opinion it is much more difficult to be an income investor than a growth investor right now."

Though analysts often chide stock investors for "performance-chasing," some say shifting money away from fixed income assets may make sense these days, especially for those who are under-weighted in stocks.

"If over the past three years you've let your profits ride on bond funds, it probably makes sense to scrape away your gains and put them into equity funds," said Andrew Clark, senior research analyst at Lipper.

But analysts say it's also important to put bonds' situation in perspective.

Year to date, the average bond mutual fund still is posting a positive total return. The giant Pimco Total Return fund, for example, is up about 1.1 percent, as measured by Lipper.

For investors who need regular interest income - and relative safety of principal - bond funds may make sense, many experts say. As market rates rise, bond fund yields eventually will go up as well as the portfolios reinvest in newer securities.

But history shows that when interest rates rise, bond fund share values fall, many investors flee. That happened in 1994, when the Fed doubled short-term interest rates.

Bond funds also suffered heavy outflows in late-1999 and in the first half of 2000, when market rates were rising.

Chain looks to move beyond milkshakes

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Satisfying the spring, the billboards were all over town, against a backdrop of two jovial bovines, frolicking in a green meadow: "Great cheese comes from happy cows. Happy cows come from California's Real California Cheese."

Oregon takes its cheese seriously; the Tillamook Cheesemakers won their second straight basketball title this year. And there's never been any love lost for California anyway. So the "happy cows" campaign clearly meant war.

It was the first salvo came from Burgerville, a Pacific Northwest fast-food chain that spotlights locally grown ingredients, like Marionberry milkshakes, Walla Walla sweet onion rings and - of course - Tillamook cheddar cheesecakeburgers.

"California cheese? Surely you jest," the Burgerville billboards retailed.

"A lot of it depends on what their positioning is with consumers," said Bob Sandelman, president of Sandelman & Associates, a food-service marketing and research firm in Orange County, Calif. "If the expansion will be in those areas where consumers are freshness-oriented, the concept would translate very well. But there is some truth to the fact that there is a different mindset in the Pacific Northwest than in, say, Dallas or Los Angeles."

Already, Burgerville has gained attention beyond the Northwest. The chain was recently dubbed "America's Freshest Fast Food," on the cover of Gourmet Magazine, in which food-food denizens Jane and Michael Stern declared they had found, "no restaurant, plain or fancy, more devoted to serving dishes that celebrate Northwest ingredients."

That sparked an Internet foodie debate over how Burgerville stacks up against California's In-N-Out Burger, or Washington's beloved Dick's Drive-In Valley.

Chef Brown, too, has forged ties beyond those of traditional fast-food companies. He's a member of the Chef's Collaborative, a national organization dedicated to making links between local growers and restaurants.

Brown, 37, with the company since last October, has set about

refining some of the menu's standards and introducing new items. He's passionate about Oregon hazelnuts and is considering the possibility of adding a Quinalt razor clam sandwich to the menu.

Occasionally, the demands of Burgerville's local suppliers providers. It took the Rogue River Creamery four months to come up with enough cheese to launch the blue cheesecakeburgers.

Brown said, and the chain has 200,000 pounds of Walla Walla onions every season, making it among the largest restaurant customers for the onions.

The menu also carries two varieties of gardenburgers, a free-range turkey burger and smoothies, mirroring the fast-food industry's latest shift toward healthier options in the wake of public outcry about the nation's obesity problem.

The new venture, "noodlin'" is also part of the trend for healthier foods. The restaurant is just getting off the ground, with one store open in a Portland suburb, and another set for fall in an urban shopping district.

Customers will order at a counter off a menu. The servers will bring the food to the tables.

The menu plays off the American taste for pasta, but instead of offering Italian, based noodle dishes, the menu also offers Asian entrees from around the world, from macaroni and cheese to yaki soba, curried noodles to Greek pasta with feta cheese and olives. At \$6.75, the most expensive item at "noodlin'" is beef stroganoff, served with mushroom sauce over malfada pasta. There's a children's menu, with no item over \$5.

"There's no other chain out there trying to do exactly the same thing," said Sandelman, the food industry analyst.

"Most of the other noodle concepts are very Asian-oriented," he said. "It sounds like it is worth testing for them. But there are two cautions: How do you communicate this menu that goes everywhere from Greek to mac and cheese? And assuming you can communicate that, is there a risk of having consumers think, 'How can they do all of these well?'"

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# September could be harsh for the Street

By Amy Bakwin  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — On Wall Street, September is sometimes seen as a curse, historically the worst month.

In the market enters this September, it has higher prices and upward momentum going for it. But unfortunately, those gains could also work against the market over the next month — if economic or earnings data disappoints in the least, investors could rush to lock in profits.

"People are becoming a little bit wary because the market has had a decent run going into a seasonal slow time... If there is any type of crack in the market, I think people will react to it," said Brian Belkdi, fundamental market strategist at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

September is traditionally tough for the market for a variety of reasons. Companies often reduce spending as the end of the year approaches and they realize that much of their budgets have been used up.

Individual investors often take time to assess where their portfolios stand for the year and decide to pull back on stocks, thinking the market has already hit its high for the year.

This year, Wall Street goes into September already having had a stunning advance. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor 500 Index ended August with their sixth set of monthly gains. The Nasdaq composite index enjoyed a seventh consecutive winning month.

The last time the Dow had a stretch of six or more consecutive monthly gains was the eight-month run from December 1994 through July 1995. The S&P 500 had its seventh run from January through June 1996.

The last time the Nasdaq had a streak as long as the 10-month period that ran from December 1994 through September 1995.

It could be tough for the gauges to pull off another winning month, historically at least.

Since 1950, the month of September has produced total percentage losses of 43.6 percent for the Dow and 27 percent for the S&P, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac. In August, the Dow has declined 0.8 percent in September, while the S&P has forfeited 0.5 percent.

Since 1971, the month of September has lost 25 percent away from the Nasdaq composite index, according to the Stock Trader's Almanac. On average the Nasdaq has lost 0.8 percent in

September. Combine historical tendencies with a market that some market observers fear is overvalued, and stocks could be doomed.

"This is a little dangerous," Belkdi said.

The Dow is trading at levels not seen in 14 months, while the Nasdaq is at highs last witnessed 16 months ago. But with those gauges managing to hold those levels for two weeks now, some on Wall Street believe those highs could end up acting as support levels.

That means the market might hover around those levels, rather than fall precipitously if September yields disappointing economic news or if companies issue profit warnings, said Brian Williamson, an equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management.

"If you get any kind of negative sentiment, I think the market will work its way to these well known levels," he said.

Many analysts believe any weakness will be short lived, saying the economy is strengthening and investors increasingly want to buy stocks.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we see the market settle a bit between September and October," said Thomas F. Lydon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif. "But I wouldn't be banking on a big correction in September and October, because even though the thinking is the market is overvalued, you also have the argument that we are seeing a nice recovery in the economy."

Lydon believes the market has more upside potential left in 2003, saying, "I think we are going to see higher highs by the end of the year."

Wall Street's main gauges ended the week higher. It was the fourth straight winning week for the Dow and the third for the Nasdaq, S&P and Russell 200 index.

The Dow ended the week up 66.95, or 0.7 percent, closing Friday at 9,415.82.

The Nasdaq had a weekly gain of 45.13, or 2.6 percent, closing at 1,610.45 Friday. The S&P rose 14.95, or 1.5 percent, for the week, closing at 1,008.01.

For the week, the Russell 2000, the barometer of smaller company stocks, advanced 11.92, or 2.5 percent, closing at 677.42.

The Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index, which tracks more than 5,700 U.S.-based companies, ended the week at 9,770.56, up 158.09 from the previous week. A

# Boomers find more time, money

## With nest empty, parenting demands and tuition bills fade away

NEW YORK (AP) — The youngest kid just left for college. Better still, the youngest just finished college.

So what's a parent to do with all the extra time that used to go to parenting, or all the extra money that used to go to tuition?

For some whose nests have recently emptied, it may be as easy as suddenly discovering the time to read or perhaps even take up bocce. For others, it's time to feather the nest lavishly with a home improvement, flee the nest with an extravagant vacation, or replace the nest altogether with a new home.

Jeanine Washburn, a 59-year-old mother of two, emptied her nest this spring with the graduation of her youngest, a son, from college. But the transition to life after child rearing began before the final tuition bills were paid.

At her son's urging, Washburn purchased a new home near the ocean in an upscale development in Plymouth, Mass., where the former school principal and teacher moved from nearby Middleboro slightly more than a year ago.

"For all these years I've been working and saving, so being the frugal person I am, I needed a little kick," said Washburn, who took an early retirement after 36 years in public school education. "My son was the driving force. He was on the cusp of his adult life and he wanted mom to be happy, so he encouraged me to make the move from my home in Middleboro, where I basically would be living alone in a house in suburbia as a single-again woman."

Once she made the move, however, Washburn needed little prodding. She quickly settled in as an official activities coordinator at The Pinehills, a 3,000-acre development where more than half the 300-or-so residents are empty-nested baby boomers. Over the past year, Washburn has organized a daily walking club, yoga classes, a fishing group and a theater company. The Pinehill Players, who are currently in rehearsal for their first show, scheduled to run in September.

"I'm fulfilling a lifelong dream. As a young person, I always wanted to go into drama. But it was postponed in my day because it wasn't considered a real job," said Washburn, who with the encouragement of neighbors and



Jeanine Washburn, 59, right, who retired recently, helps Joem Blanton with her lines during play practice in Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 29. Washburn is involved in many community activities and says she is enjoying retired life.

Pinehills officials has now formed a company, Enterprises for Education and Entertainment.

Washburn is one of an estimated 26 million baby boomers who are parents, but no longer have children under age 18 living in the household, according to a national survey in 2002 by Yankeelevich Inc., a marketing consulting firm based in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Those numbers, of course, will only grow with the graying of the boomer generation. With more than 12,000 boomers turning 50 every day, there are millions more who may be nearing the empty nest stage of life, said Chae Underwood, a generational business consultant.

With their hefty tuition expenses gone or nearly gone, the spending power within this segment is potentially greater than among boomers as a whole.

Notably, nearly half of those boomers surveyed by Yankeelevich who were still rearing children at home or paying tuition said they envisioned a big splurge once the

kids move on.

Still, it's unclear how many will follow through on such impulses with retirement beginning to loom larger on the horizon, life savings still beaten down by the stock market's collapse, and the economy still looking shaky.

"Many boomers have been ambushed in mid-career by layoffs, retirement-fund scandals, their own failure to save enough money for retirement, and other financial setbacks," said Underwood, who also noted that in a troubled economy, the end of college may see children return home rather than immediately striking out on their own.

So rather than selling the house and heading cross country with a recreational vehicle — though some do — many of the recently empty-nested and those soon-to-be pursue more modest changes for life after the kids.

Karen and Al Reichers have three children: a son who graduated from college a year ago, a son who is due to graduate next May,

and a daughter who's a senior in high school and will be heading off to college in a year.

Rather than looking to yank up their roots once the last is off to school, the Reichers recently embarked on a home improvement to their house in Eastham, Mass.

"We would have never been able to do this when the children were younger or when both boys were in school," said Karen Reichers, 50, who works as a school nurse. With the middle child due to graduate before the youngest starts college, "It's a little bit easier on the finances."

As such, the Reichers finally found themselves in a position to finish their basement and build a new deck with a \$7,600 hot tub made by ThermoSpa, a company that says 81 percent of its customers do not have children under age 18 living at home.

Then again, Reichers noted, "It would have been nice to have the basement as a playroom" when the kids were younger.

## Intrafamily loans can benefit both

By Marshall Loeb  
Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Parents who want to help their children buy a house or make an investment may run into the constraints of federal gift tax rules: one person can give another just \$11,000 a year without triggering tax.

One strategy you can use to skirt the limit is to arrange an under-market-rate loan with the person in need of cash.

If parents or other relatives have the means, they may consider loaning money at very low rates. Every month, the IRS sets minimum rates for intrafamily loans, based on short-term, midterm or long-term periods. (Short-term loans last three years or less, midterm loans are between three to nine years, and long-term loans are for more than nine years.)

For August 2003, the rates for loans that compound quarterly are 1.21 percent for short-term, 2.67 percent for midterm and 4.29 percent for long-term loans.

Considering the alternatives, this arrangement can be mutually beneficial. Personal loan rates are hovering around 14 percent, according to Bankrate.com. When someone gives more than \$11,000 in one year, that rest is subject to gift tax — up to 49 percent in 2003.

For more on special conditions of gift loans see IRS Publication 550, or go to <http://www.irs.gov>.

For details on minimum loan rates, visit the Index of Applicable Federal Rates at <http://www.irs.gov/afpr/afpr.html>.

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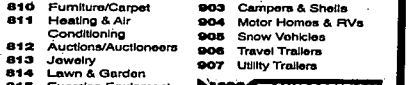
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•2 bedrooms, 2 baths  
New carpet and vinyl, fenced yard.  
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•3 bedrooms, 2 baths Clean and cute.  
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Well maintained home with all the places  
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•3 bedrooms, 1 bath  
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•4 bedrooms, 2 baths  
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DWM, 41, 5'10", brown/brn, fit, self-employed, enjoys travel, children, outdoors, movies, quiet evenings at home. Seeking outgoing, honest SWF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. #259400

**GREAT CATCH**  
Fun-loving, easygoing, loving guy, 32, NS, NS, very intelligent, athletic, likes sports, outdoors, travel, movies, dining out, looking for marriage and family. #257324

**LET'S MAKE A MATCH**  
Low-key, fun, father of two, love gardening, reading, boating, fishing, school activities, good listener. Seeking sincere, fit SWF, 40-47, mother of two, preferred, companionship first, possibly more. #263630

**YOU AND I**  
SWM, 18, 5'10", 180lbs, very athletic, enjoys sports, parties, movies, dining out, seeking a similar interested SWF for friendship, possible LTR. #295421

**CASUAL**  
SM, 59', 135lbs, enjoys enjoy fishing, the outdoors, dining out, playing cards, casual fun-loving, someone to be with and do things with. 55-75, #296067

**GREAT PERSONALITY**  
Shoers, hard-working SWM, 36, enjoys sports, outdoors, movies, dining out, travel, seeking a similar interested woman who enjoys the same. You won't be disappointed. #252891

**THE YOUNG MAN**  
SWM, 28, enjoys the outdoors, quiet evenings at home, movies, travel, dining out, seeking a similar interested SWF for friendship, possible LTR. #275409

**NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH**  
Nice-looking, laid-back SWM, 39, enjoys drive, dining out, going for walks, the mountains, quiet evenings, watching movies, short tips. Seeking SF, 20-38, similar interests, friendship first. #251342

**REDEEM YOUR PRIZE**  
Fun-loving SWM, 28, 6' brown/brown, 180lbs, non-smoker, would like to meet outgoing, smart, fit SWF, 22-30, for unlimited possibilities. #241830

**ONE-IN-A-MILLION**  
SWM, 22, Capricorn, NS, 5'6", 180lbs, likes 4-wheeling, going into the mountains, seeks a companion, 21-24. #254459

**COUNTRY BOY**  
SWM, young 47, 5'9", 140lbs, blond/blue, seeks SF, 21-25, with a good personality, for friendship, possible LTR. Serious inquiries only. #248282

**44 AND LOOKING**  
Love a woman, ambitious, honest, SWM, enjoys being on edge, 39, love camping, fishing, travel, bicycling and ATV riding, looking for 38, NS, SWF, 50-58, bring the lovey love together. #230972

**LET**  
SWM, 42, 6'3", 180lbs, brown/green, marathon runner, Virgo, NS, loves cooking, camping, and fishing. Seeking woman, 34-41, NS. #412695

**THINK OF ME**  
SM, 21, 5'9", Gemini, amateur, enjoys driving, books, movies, fishing, clubbing. Seeking smart, sweet SF, 21-29, for dinner, the outdoors, being out. #244590

**SINGLE-DAD OF FOUR**  
DWM, 31, Arles, smoker, enjoys cooking, the ocean, the outdoors, being out. Seeking SWF, 25-32, smoker, for possible relationship. #241159

**MR. RIGHT IS HERE!**  
SWM, 32, occasional smoker, seeks SF, 24-37, who doesn't play games, for friendship and maybe something special. #244422

**CALL ME**  
Young looking SWM, 48, Gemini, non smoker, seeks woman, 40-50, non smoker, for dating and more. #246221

**HOPELESS ROMANTIC**  
SWM, 33, enjoys movies, bowling, quiet evenings, cooking, travel, interested in romance and friendship. #243656

**SINGLE PARENT**  
SWM, 126, 6'3", 175lbs, fit, brown/hazel, passionate, fun, enjoys fishing, movies, music, working out, cardio, bar/bocce, car shows. Seeking SWF, 20-33, for friendship and more. #247989

**LET'S DO THINGS**  
Sleazy SWM, 32, Scorpio, smoker, 5'7", 145lbs, blondish-brown/blue, enjoys travel, dining, nights in, movies. Seeking SF, 21-45, for possible relationship. #241816

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SWM, 58, 6', 190lbs, after/green, mustache, raises quarter horses, loves the outdoors, reading, writing, dancing, etc. Seeking SF, 21-45, for possible relationship. #205104

**FANCY FREE**  
DW dad, 38, 5'7", 145lbs, brown/blue, seeks a woman who enjoys golf, travel, skiing, hiking and camping. #250033

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SWM, 23, 6', 170lbs, with an athletic build, enjoys life sports, kids and barbecues. If that sounds fun to you, call now. #250616

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SWM, 39, 5'8", 190lbs, auburn/blue, seeks a woman who loves to ride Harley, four-wheeling, and loves to cook. #277109

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SWM, 58, 6'2", 200lbs, active, outdoor lifestyle, hobbies include photography, travel, looking for creative, cupping SF, 52-72, possible LTR. #243013

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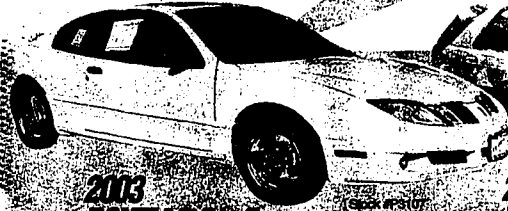
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## Writing obituaries for toothpaste

"Seduced in the Supermarket." Is it a new R-rated movie about J. Lo and Ben's home life? Is it a reality-TV show starring beefcake bag boys?

Actually, it's the title of a story I once read in a Reader's Digest magazine - about the 30,000-plus products that vie for a shopper's attention during a 30-minute trip down the aisles of the average American supermarket. And research indicates that the shopper's choices are made, not necessarily according to taste buds, but as the result of a psychological draw toward containers and labels.

There are lots of quizzes on the Internet that test your memory of advertising slogans and TV commercials. It's amazing how many, both old and new, have managed to make the jump into my brain. I suspect I am not alone.

Here are a few sample questions:  
"Just do it." 1. Nike 2. Adidas 3. Coca 4. Reebok  
"The incredible, edible" (fill in the blank).  
If you got caught squeezing Charmin, who would you have to look out for?  
1. Madge 2. Mr. Whipple 3. Mr. Hooper 4. Mr. Roper

In case you're not sure, the correct answers are Nike, egg and Mr. Whipple. But you probably know that. Years ago, a marketing psychologist placed identical products in two different packages, one decorated with circles and the other with triangles. More than 80 percent of people preferred the product with the circles, because they believed it would be of higher quality.

Somewhere, along the way, Madison Avenue picked up on this kind of basic concept and ran marathons - with it. Today, according to the Reader's Digest story, at least one leading package design firm has made it a practice to design packaging for its products that do not yet exist. It's only after the packaging has been thoroughly tested on consumers that the company goes to the expense of actually developing the product.

Does that make you feel manipulated? I sometimes feel like a slave to advertising, but I do like to shop. I come by it honestly. I have a mother who once bought a supersized bargain pack of compact disks - and she doesn't even have a CD player.

"They sounded so good, and the lady on the phone was so nice." Mom told me.  
Sales clerks love my mother. When there are our children, who are probably totally brainwashed by advertising. Of course, it's hard to criticize your children for something you taught them.

Supposedly, we buy V8 vegetable juice because the label is so compelling, printed in five colors instead of the old, standard four-color process, and we choose products packaged in feminine forms like circles and ovals because those shapes suggest completeness, receptiveness and enclosure.

Marketing consultant Simon Gross reportedly asks people to play games when they are shown potential product packages: "If this toothpaste were a person, write its obituary." Or "If this detergent were a movie, what would it be about?"

One group of consumers saw Tide as being like Sylvester Stallone. "Now I am asking myself, 'Do I want a bunch of people who are sitting around in a room writing obituaries for toothpaste and seeing Sylvester Stallone in a box of Tide choosing my products for me?'"

Oh well, at least I know I'm being used. I don't want to stop short of yielding to the need to conform at all costs. There is an old story about a factory owner who set his clock by the watch repairman's clock in the jewelry shop window every day on his way to work. The problem: The repairman was setting his clock by the factory whistle.

And life goes on.  
Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

# Church & state

## The first lady of Idaho politics looks back in ardor

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In Idaho's 113-year history, there's only been one political dynasty, and Bethine Clark Church was at the heart of it. The widow of four-term U.S. Sen. Frank Church, she's also the daughter and niece of governors of Idaho and first cousin to another U.S. senator and congressman.

From 1932 to 1980, she was a near-constant presence in Idaho politics. Now, at age 80, Bethine Church has stories to tell. Her autobiography, "A Lifelong Affair: My Passion for People and Politics," will be released Sept. 17.

"I was 9 years old when my father was elected to the Legislature from Bonneville County," she said in a telephone interview from her Boise home. In one campaign a few years earlier, Church asked a shoe-store clerk to "boot for my daddy."

She met Frank Church when both were students at Boise High School in 1941 and Frank and his buddies would come over on Sunday nights to talk politics and raid the Clarks' refrigerator.

"My mother always cooked extra for Sunday dinner so she'd had food left over for Monday," Bethine said. "But I never lasted until Monday."

It's unlikely that there's another Idahoan alive who has met so many important players in Idaho history - and so many national and international political celebrities, including every American president from Franklin Roosevelt to Bill Clinton.

"I was born to politics," she said. "It's part of me."  
Since Frank Church died of cancer in 1984, Bethine has been the elder stateswoman of Idaho Democrats. Founder of the Sawtooth Society, a non-profit organization that seeks to preserve open space in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, she also sits on the board of the Wilderness Society.

"I'm busier now than I've ever been," she said.  
Bethine Church's origins are in the most Republican part of Idaho. Born while her parents were living in Mackay, she grew up in Idaho Falls, where her father and grandfather were mayor. Chase Clark, a lawyer, was first elected to the Legislature from rock-rich Republican Custer County in 1911 and became a protégé of the state's World War I-era Democratic governor, Moses Alexander. By the time Bethine was born in 1923, Chase was a rising star in Idaho politics, and he was elected governor in 1940 (Bethine's uncle, Barzilla, was governor from 1937-39).

It was during her father's governorship that Bethine got to know Frank Church, a young man in a hurry. A champion orator, he went to Stanford University but left after a year to join the Army. By the time Frank was discharged in 1946, Bethine had graduated from the University of Michigan and was engaged to somebody else.  
"When I told him I was having cold feet about Mitt, he said 'Then marry me,' and I said, 'Yes.' It seemed so natural, like it was bound to happen."  
After their first son was born in 1948, Frank - by then a student at Stanford Law School - was diagnosed with testicular cancer, a disease that victims rarely survived in that era. But he recovered, went back to Boise to practice law, and by 1956 had filed for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, facing a former incumbent - Glen Taylor - in the primary

and the current incumbent, Republican Sen. Herman Welker, in the general election.  
Against all odds, Church beat them both.  
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## Book signing planned



Bethine Church will sign copies of her new autobiography, "A Lifelong Affair: My Passion for People and Politics," on Sept. 27 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Twin Falls. She'll be on hand from 1-3 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 1239-A Pole Line Road E. "A Lifelong Affair," published by The Francis Press, will go on sale Sept. 17. It sells for \$26.

## Lunchtime: Kids in control

The Washington Post

From the first day of school to the last day in spring, you open your lunchbox about 20 times. You roll your eyes and then start figuring out what you can trade and what you'll toss in the trash. Wouldn't it be great if your parents made you a lunch that you might actually eat? Don't count on it. After shuffling you between school and after-school activities, then cooking dinner, then helping with your homework and various dioramas, they will make the lunch that is easiest for them. Yummy is beside the point.

But you can get a decent lunch, every day. All you have to do is take control of the whole operation and make it yourself. Don't groan.

Say this to your parents: "I want to start making my own lunch and I have a plan for how to do it without making more work for you." This will make their mouths. They will be so happy they will do anything to help out. Here's the plan:

Explore the supermarket  
Search for stuff that looks good. If that's where you are in life, revisit this

idea in a year or so when you're ready to face the real world.

Your first stop is the deli counter, unless you are a vegetarian. This shows your parents that you understand the importance of protein, even if you really don't. The deli staff will let you taste everything. Buy small quantities to start off. Your next stops are dairy and produce. Grab some yogurt, string cheese, carrots, grapes, or whatever you like. Your parents will be thrilled to cut slices of anything for you.

Next pick out some breads, rolls and condiments.  
Vital tip: Save the chips, sweets and juice boxes for last - your parents will be wildly impressed. They will want to reward your maturity by buying lots of this stuff. Don't try to figure out how this works. Just go with it.

Locate your 'zone'  
Find an easy-to-reach spot in the kitchen for storing all your lunch stuff. A large drawer or two feet of shelf works well. You'll also need a spot in the fridge.

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## What kids worry about

Here is a look at the percentage of kids ages 8 to 12 who said they worry about these things:

- Getting good grades - 61 percent
- How I look - 38 percent
- Getting along with parents - 30 percent
- Doing well in sports - 30 percent
- People thinking I'm cool - 28 percent
- Not being able to go to college because of the cost - 23 percent

- Sources: Harris Interactive, the Washington Post

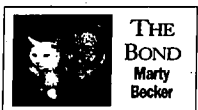
# Etc...

FAMILY LIFE

# What do different barks mean?

Recent scientific studies have demonstrated that dog owners have known for centuries; dogs use different sounding barks to communicate different things.

Sophia Yin recorded dogs when left alone, when disturbed by a stranger ringing the doorbell and when playing. She found that the barks produced in those circumstances were sonographically different from each other and it was possible to distinguish between them. There was a difference in the tonality of the barks; disturbance barks were lower and more harsh while the more tonal, higher



THE BOND  
Marty  
Becker

itched, modulated barks were more common in isolation and play situations.

It makes sense that a dog faced with the potentially hostile circumstance of an intruder at their door would respond with a low, rough sounding warning bark. This

is a lot like a cat fluffing up its fur to make itself look bigger when there is a threat. So while dog barking might not be analogous to human language, it is a form of communication, not meaningless noise.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE PLOTS

**TWIN FALLS** — Mr. and Mrs. Dale Plot of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the LDS Institute building on the corner of Falls Avenue and Harrison Street. A program will be held at 8 p.m. Please bring a memory that can be added to their book.

Plot and Elvort Aljer were married Aug. 28, 1953. Their marriage was solemnized July 30, 1954, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

They have lived in Twin Falls their entire married life.

He retired in 1984 from the Twin Falls Fire Department as battalion chief after 26 years of service.

She has taught private piano and organ lessons for 47 years. She also worked for Western Union for nine years in the early 1950s and for



Keith Jorgensen's Music for 10 years.

They have been active in the LDS Church. They enjoy spending time with their family and many activities and winters in Yuma, Ariz. They are still active in their dance band which they have had for 47 years. The band was known as the Dale Plot Originals and then Dale Plot Orchestra, and as



Richard and Dorothy Amen

of 1996 the two of them have played mostly and are now known as The Gems, playing during the winter season in Yuma, Ariz.

The event is hosted by their children, Luanne Plot (Jim) Horning of Twin Falls, Vernon (Tina) Plot of Kimberly and Duane (Roxie) Plot of Twin Falls.

The couple has 16 grandchildren.

# SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, beet salad, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fruit salad, rolls, cake

Thursday: Hawaiian chicken, vegetables, bread, coleslaw, Hawaiian dessert

Friday: Stuffed peppers, potatoes, corn, bean salad, muffins, dessert

**Activities:**  
Monday: Center closed for Labor Day

Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 10:11-4:5 a.m.

Wednesday: Quilting Elks card club Foot clinic

Thursday: Pinochle, 1-3 p.m. Friday: Bingo

Quilting Blood-pressure checks, 10:30-11 a.m.

Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m.

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl

**Menu:**  
No menus made available this week.

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafts, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Farmers' market, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated cheese, French bread, green beans, mixed fruit, cookies

Thursday: Sliced ham, cream potatoes, steamed cabbage, tossed salad, bread, frosted sheet-cake.

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Thrift store is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Menu:**  
Wednesday: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexican, tossed salad, bread and butter, Jell-O, coffee, milk and tea.

Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, apple-sauce, cookies, coffee, milk and tea.

Thursday: Pit ham, scalloped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, 4-bean salad, rolls, spice cake

**Activities:**  
Sunday: Mexican train, 2 p.m. Monday: Pinochle, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Foot clinic, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Massages, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday: Quilt social, 9 a.m. Linda Norris from Sen. Mike Crapo's office, 12:30 p.m.

TOPS, 4 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.

Hand/foot clinic, 1 p.m. Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m. (coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice; cost, \$3.50).

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, pickled beets, fruit, cookies

Wednesday: Baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, scalloped tomatoes, fruit, peanut butter bars

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, green beans, apple salad, strawberry shortcake

Friday: Ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, peas, Jell-O, chocolate cream pie

**Activities:**  
Monday: Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Old-Time Fiddlers perform 1 p.m. Pinochle, 2 p.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Meals are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. All meals are subject to change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

**Menu:**  
Tuesday: Chicken pot pie, spinach salad, cinnamon apple slices

Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, salad, hot rolls, fruit, cookies

Friday: Country-fried steak, parsley potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, fruit.

**Activities:**  
Monday: Art class, 9 a.m. Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 1-3 p.m. Weight-loss group, 7:30 p.m.

Friday: Pool, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Birthday party, noon

Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Friday, 9:50 a.m.

**Activities:**  
Coffee, Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Silver and Gold Senior Citizens**  
203 Wilson, Eden

Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee.

Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and apple bar bake days.

No menus made available this week.

**Activities:**  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7-9 p.m.

**Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center**  
140 E. Lake, Hagerman

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

**Menu:**  
No menus made available this week.

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: store open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday is \$2 bag day in the thrift shop

Wednesday: Bingo before the Wednesday noon meal.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
721 Third Ave. S., Halley

Meals are served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.

No menus made available this week.

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered on request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.

**Menu:**  
Monday: Center closed for Labor Day

Tuesday: Pea salad, chicken nuggets, carrots, rolls, nice cream

Wednesday: Broccoli salad, rolls, cake, mixed potatoes, peas, rolls, cake

Thursday: Jell-O salad, chili, cornbread, orange wedges, ice cream

Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1-4 p.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1-4 p.m. Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1-4 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1-4 p.m. Sunday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle, 1-4 p.m. Birthday party, noon

## THE AMENS

**PAUL** — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Amen of Paul will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 4.

Amen and Dorothy Gruner were married Sept. 4, 1943, in California.

They have lived in Minidoka County for 58 years. He farmed all his life. She helped on the farm and worked as a housewife.

They have been active members of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for more than 50 years.

Their children include Judy (Frankie) Hermandson, Rod (Claudia) Amen and Duane (Mary Louise) Amen, all of Paul, and Tom Amen of Pocatello.

The couple has 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

# Medicare benefits still start at age 65

**Q:** I am 41 years old, and I know I have to be 67 to get Social Security. But what about Medicare? Do I have to be 67 to get Medicare, too?

**A:** Under current law, you will still get Medicare at age 65. Although Congress raised the age to receive full retirement benefits from Social Security, it has not changed the Medicare age. People currently approaching 65 who plan to continue working and delay filing for Social Security benefits until their full retirement age should remember to apply for Medicare a few months before their 65th birthday.

**Q:** My mother has received her Social Security check on the third of the month for more than 20 years. I filed for my Social Security six months ago, and my check is direct deposited on a different day each month. Why?

**A:** We are anticipating the retirement of the baby boomers and a large increase in the number of Social Security payments we issue, which would overburden the Treasury Department, banking and postal computers if we continued to deliver all Social Security benefits on the same day. So we began sending checks out on different Wednesdays. If you filed for Social Security in 1997 or later, you get your Social Security benefit on the second, third or fourth Wednesday of the month, depending on your date of birth.

**Q:** I am getting married this month. I plan to keep my maiden name. But I was told I have to change my Social Security card into my husband's name. Is this true?

**A:** No, it's not. We constantly receive new brides changing their names in Social Security records and they change their names after getting married. And this includes women who choose to use a hyphenated version of their own name and their husband's name. But if you decide to keep your maiden name, there is no need to change Social Security records. The whole point is to make sure the name your employer is using to report your earnings to the government and the name you use to file your tax returns with IRS match the name in Social Security's records. We don't care which name that is, as long as you are consistent in using the same name for all official purposes.

**Q:** My sister-in-law recently died rather suddenly. Her husband, my brother, is 60 years old and has been quite devastated by her death, to the point where he's had to stop working. Can he get anything from Social Security on her record? And if he gets those benefits, is he locked into them?

**A:** Yes, we pay widower's benefits in the same way we pay widow's benefits. Assuming your sister-in-law worked and paid Social Security taxes, your brother can collect widower's benefits now. The rate would be about 71 percent of his wife's Social Security benefits. And at any time after age 62, he can switch to his own Social Security retirement benefit, if it pays more than his widower's rate.

**Q:** A friend told me I am required to carry my Social Security card with me at all times.

## Social Security Q&A

**Is this true?**  
**A:** No. In fact, we advise people just the opposite. Unless you are applying for a job and for some government benefits (times when you may need to show your actual Social Security card), there is generally no reason to carry it around with you. You can help prevent identity theft if you keep your Social Security card in a safe place at home.

**Q:** I have had a good salary for most of my adult life. I am 59 years old. And now, just as I'm approaching Social Security retirement age, I find myself in a position where my salary will be cut in half. I am wondering what impact this will have on my Social Security checks. Is the estimate in my Social Security Statement still accurate?

**A:** Your Social Security benefit will probably be slightly less than we are currently projecting it to be. But it probably won't be significantly less. Your Social Security benefit represents a percentage of your average wage using a 35-year base of earnings. With only a few years of reduced earnings near the end of your career, your average wage will be somewhat less than it would have been had you kept making a high salary until you retired. But after over 35 years, those few years of lower earnings probably will not reduce your Social Security benefit as much as you fear. You can go to our retirement calculators at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/calculators.htm) to get a better idea of what the impact will be.

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# Church

Continued from E1 that investigated Central Intelligence Agency abuses. In 1976, he was a Democratic candidate for president.

But he's probably best remembered for his early and vocal opposition to the American involvement in Vietnam, a position that divided his own family.

"No matter what Frank said about (Lyndon) Johnson being wrong on the domino theory or anything else, Pop would not listen. Eventually, they stopped talking about the issue. In a bitter moment after Pop died in January 1967, Frank said it was lucky that Pop had not lived to see Frank's final break with Lyndon Johnson on Vietnam, which occurred during the Senate race in 1968, when Frank firmly and repeatedly stated his opposition to the war."

Church lost his last election for the Senate to then-Rep. Steve Symms, in a cliffhanger in 1980.

"Frank told me before the campaign we weren't going to win this one," Bethine said. "His support for the Panetta and the Hon. Ronald Reagan's popularity at the top of the Republican ticket were just too much."

"And when it was over, you know we were going to spend four years with my husband and he got to go back to the practice of law



Frank and Bethine Church meet Chinese Premier Cho En-Lai on a visit to Beijing in 1979.

Bethine says Frank would have despised President Bush's foreign policy.

"Frank always thought America's strength was its ideals, not its arms," she said. "We have the best armed forces that we've ever had, and these young men and women are in a no-win situation in Iraq."

She says Church, whose Senate committee exposed CIA spying on American citizens in the 1970s, would have had strong feelings about the Patriot Act, the post-9/11 law that gives the FBI more power to do the same.

"(First District Congressman) Butch Otter (a Republican and

vocal opponent of the Patriot Act) didn't agree with Frank about that, but he said Frank would have been opposed these restrictions on our freedom."

Although the fortunes of Idaho Democrats ebbed after Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus left office in 1995, Church says Idaho's perennial minority party shouldn't be written off just yet.

"Harder for Democrats in Idaho; we have to swim up stream, like the salmon," she said. "But we made some inroads in the last election by finding good people to run for office."

Only once did Bethine consider running for public office herself, in 1985, against Symms. But she bowed when then-Gov. John Evans decided to make the race.

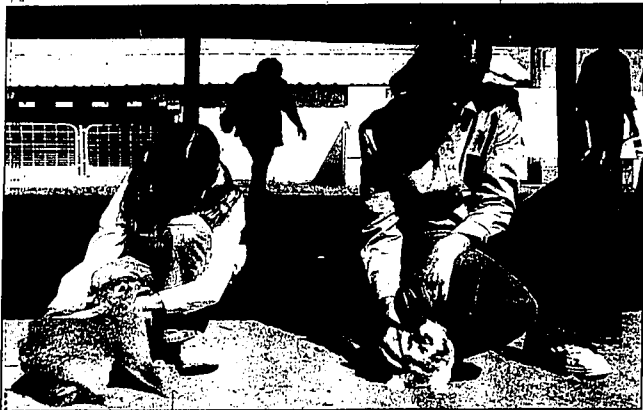
"I'm better as a backup person, I think," she said. "I've been through a lot of campaigns."

Church says she's content with her lot, "perhaps because I played house so much in my lifetime. No matter what else is going on in the world, cooking a good dinner helps keep me centered and relaxed."

"Once when Pop was traveling through Mackay, an old gypsy fortune-teller told him, 'You'll never be wealthy, but you'll never want Church writes. "I inherited Pop's fortune."



## BUNNY TALES



Megan Lucas, left, and her sister, Jessica Lucas, prepare to show their rabbits at the Cassia County Fair. This is Megan's first year in the project and Jessica's third. Both are members of the Anything Goes 4-H Club in Burley. Megan's rabbit, Carmela, was awarded grand champion pet in quality, and Jessica's rabbit, Malako, received second place in intermediate.



Young women in the Mini-Cassia area are tutored at a modeling workshop in preparation for a fashion show that will show trendy fashions that are also modest. In addition to being taught how to walk, they were also tutored in nail, make-up, hair care and presentation.

Photo courtesy of LESLIE ANDERSON

## Show stresses fashion and modesty

**DECLO** - Fifty young women from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Mini-Cassia area, will model modest casual, church and prom attire at a regional fashion show at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Declo LDS Stake Center. The event is for all young

women, their mothers and Young Women leaders. Admission is free and the community is invited. Combined with the fashion show will be a young men's choir directed by Lorretta Peterson and a young women's choir directed by Paige Beck. Gary Walker, the Idaho public

relations director for the LDS Church, will be the featured speaker. Burley, Oakley and Rupert Stakes are invited to attend on Wednesday; and Burley West, Declo and Paul Stakes are invited to attend on Thursday.

## STORK REPORT

## Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Lela Marie Sanchez, daughter of Tina Marie Lee of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003.

Thomas Lane Barnes, son of Amy Michelle Albertson of Wendell, was born Monday, Aug. 11, 2003.

Garrett James Thomas, son of Jeanine Marie Woodland of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003.

Rylee Jordan Lindsey, son of Kimberly Ann Brundage of Gooding, was born Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003.

Alexander Michael Stuhlberg, son of Cynthia Kaye and David Michael Stuhlberg of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003.

Tyia Marie De Kruyf, daughter of Amber Nicole and Dean Michael De Kruyf of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

William Josiah Porter, son of Robyn Scott and David Albert Porter of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

Harley Sall Turbox, daughter of Rhonda Lee Koepnick and Don Harley Turbox of Filer, was born Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003.

Lun Richard Hawker, son of Sharon and Richard Samuel

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: 734-5638. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Hawker of Oakley, was born Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003.

Garrett Michael Eden, son of Tabatha Nicole and Jeffrey Thomas Eden of Gooding, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Kylee Nicole Greeley, daughter of Kimberly Dawn and Frederick Martin Greeley II of Gooding, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Kalden James Haney, son of Camden Renee and Matthew James Haney of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Raquel Anna Nice, daughter of Leslie Raquel and Jim Nice of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Shannon KayAnn Palmer, daughter of Marla Dawn Palmer of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Aug. 22, 2003.

Kaden Joshua Homan, son of Melanie Renee and Joshua Andrew Homan of Buhl, was born Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003.

## St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Matthew Douglas Marshall, son of Greg and Trish Marshall of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003.

Kytrina Lynn Richey, daughter of Bobby and Stephanie Richey of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003.

Dustin Ray Curetan Jr., son of Dustin and Janine Curetan of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003.

Angelina Guadalupe Camacho, daughter of Luis and Nikki Camacho of Jerome, was born Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003.

Mikayla Beelyn Nutsch, daughter of Mike and Dena Nutsch of Jerome, was born Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003.

Forrest Aden Canite, son of Caesar and Kimberly Canite of Gooding, was born Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003.

Aspen Leigh Kemp, daughter of Lindsey Lewis and Beau Kemp of Jerome, was born Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

## First Presbyterian Church awards scholarships

The First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls announced the recipients of college scholarship funds from the Betty Kelker, Anne Powers, Helen Krenzel and other family memorial scholarship funds.

Becky Atkins is a National Merit Scholar and plans to attend Utah State University in Logan. Kylie Boggs was awarded a Whitworth Presidential scholarship and plans on attending Whitworth College in Spokane,

Wash. to study pre-med. Jayson Vogt plans to attend Willamette University in Salem Ore. and study pre-med.

## Mickl graduates with degree in religious studies

Erin Catherine Mickl, daughter of Ron and Deb Mickl of Twin Falls, received a bachelor's of arts in religious studies from Gonzaga University on May 11.

The commencement ceremony was held at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena, and Bowie Kuhn, former Major League

Baseball commissioner, was the speaker.

## Tutty receives performance award from Whitworth

Erin Tutty of Twin Falls has received the outstanding student performance award from the theater department at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.

Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and other accomplishments. The awards were presented at Whitworth's annual Honors Showcase, which recognizes the college's best students.

## Training course in domestic violence is held in Heyburn

**HEYBURN** - A course entitled, "Train the Trainer in Domestic Violence" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 8-9, Sept. 15-16, Sept. 22-23, Sept. 29-30 and Oct. 5 at the Heyburn Police Department, 1800 J St. The training is designed to disseminate domestic violence information that can be used to teach or share with others. Instructional areas include evolution of domestic violence response, rural culture and rural law enforcement response, key definitions and issues, investigations, report writing, civil process, bonding and holding and more.

The class is free, and child care is available at no cost. Class size is limited to 16, with a minimum enrollment of 10. Early registration is recommended. Students who graduate will become federally certified to instruct the course. The instructor will be Cpl. Dan Bristol of the Heyburn Police Department. He has more than 100 hours of domestic vio-

lence training, is the Region V representative on the Idaho Council of Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, chairman of the Mini-Cassia Domestic Violence Task Force and a certified Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Domestic Violence Train the Trainer instructor.

For more information or to register, call 678-4595 or e-mail policemandan@cablcone.net

## Castelford FFA seeks sponsors for activities

**CASTLEFORD** - In an effort to broaden the Castelford High School FFA fund base, the chapter is inviting the community to support a team or be a general sponsor.

Teams available for sponsorship include forestry, foods, soils, creed, gopher, hard, ag mechanics, dairy, livestock, extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure, meats, opening ceremonies, crops and public speaking.

Sponsorship available are \$5 to \$25 for bronze level, \$26 to \$50 for silver, \$51 to \$75 for gold or \$76 and up for platinum.

Checks can be sent to Castelford FFA, 500 Main St., Castelford, ID 83221.

For more information, call the school at 537-6511.

## Twin Falls Public Library offers story times, activities

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., will offer KBC (Kids, Books, Crafts) for students in kindergarten through second grade.

Children will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Saturday of September through November in the Storywell Kiva.

On Sept. 5, the staff will present "The Frog Prince" and the interactive Spanish folk tale, "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Oh!" Each participant will create a schultze, which is a decorated cone traditionally given to young German students as a gift at the beginning of the school year. It

## Elko civilian participates in Naval summer seminar

Civilian Joel C. Donaldson, son of Sharon C. and Robert B. Donaldson of Elko, Nev., recently participated in the U.S. Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md.

During the program, Donaldson was introduced to academy life through a regimen of academics, physical training, intramural sports, sailing and seamanship, as well as leadership training and social activities.

The summer program was designed by the U.S. Naval Academy's office of admissions to give students a taste of the challenges and benefits of a Naval Academy education.

Donaldson will attend Elko High School.

## McClymonds completes hospital corps training

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice

## Brenna J. McClymonds, daughter of Vickie L. and David J. McClymonds of Twin Falls, has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at the Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, McClymonds learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. McClymonds also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly-acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. McClymonds' first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with her training, McClymonds can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery,

pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections. McClymonds is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## McKenzie completes basic Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Moses L. McKenzie Jr., son of Sheila L. Rush of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

The training is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, McKenzie 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. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

is filled with candy, pencils and small gifts. Space and materials are limited. To register, call 733-2964, ext. 110.

## OVAC auditions for 'You Can't Take It With You'

**OAKLEY** - The Oakley Valley Arts Council announced try-outs for the November 2003 production of "You Can't Take It With You."

Auditions will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at Howells Opera House, 118 N. Blaine St., Oakley. For more information, call Steve at 677-2922.

## Mary Time Club plans Sept. 9 meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Mary Time Club will meet Sept. 9 at the home of Betty Carl. The roll call will be decorating ideas.

The club met on Aug. 5 for a picnic at the Filer rest area park. Thirteen mem-

bers attended, and roll call was garden hints. Members thanked secret pals for cards.

## Shoshone Fire Department holds fund-raiser ball next month

**SHOSHONE** - The Shoshone Fire Department Station's second annual fireman's ball and fund-raiser will be held Sept. 7 at the Wood River Grange, 375 W. Four Mile Road.

Dinner will be held from 4-7 p.m. with an auction at 7 p.m. A dance will follow. The money will go toward adding three additional truck bays and a meeting room. The additional room will house additional firefighting equipment.

The cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Johnnie's Country Store or from any Shoshone firefighter. For more information, call Dale Hellwinkel at 885-7179 or Jay Loesche at 886-2244.

# ENGAGEMENTS

## AYERS-BRADSHAW

**EDEN** - Louie and Rita Ayers of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Brandoe Jo Ayers, to Ron Bradshaw, son of Earl and Kathy Leonard of Nampa.

Ayers is a graduate of Valley High School and Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. She is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Bradshaw is a graduate of Minico High School and ITT. He is employed at Six States Distributors in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Ayers residence.



Brandoe Ayers and Ron Bradshaw. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

## GREEN-HARRISON

**HEYBURN** - Rena R. Green and James "Jim" F. Harrison announce their engagement.

Green is a graduate of Minico High School and attended Ricks College. She has lived in Burley, Pocatello and Cheyenne, Wyo. She is employed at D.L. Evans Bank in Burley.

Harrison is a graduate of Marsh Valley High School and Ricks College. He has lived in Idaho Falls, Driggs, Rexburg, Shelley and Heyburn. He is employed by Schuck's Auto Supply in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, in the Logan LDS Temple.



Rena Green and Jim Harrison. The couple will reside in Heyburn.

## JANSEN-ADAMSON

**JEROME** - Bruhdon C. Adamson and Deborah Lee Jansen of Nampa announce their engagement.

Jansen is the daughter of Anthon H. and Marilyn Jansen of Jerome. She is a graduate of Jerome High School and Idaho State University. She is currently teaching third grade at Snake River Elementary School in Nampa.

Adamson is the son of Steven A. and Mary Ann Adamson of Nampa. He is a graduate of Nampa High School and attended Albertson College of Idaho. He is currently working in business and finance in Nampa. He served a two-year mission in the Philippines for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Deborah Jansen and Brandon Adamson. The wedding is planned for Friday, Sept. 5, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 5 in Nampa. A local reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 6 at the Jerome 3rd Ward building.

## KLOSTERMAN-HAINLINE

**RUPERT** - Jeff and Barbara Feroc of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Ann (Feroc) Klosterman, to Robert Craig Hainline, son of Flora Hainline of Buhl and the late Robert Hainline.

Klosterman is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School. She is a stay-at-home mom.

Hainline is a 1987 graduate of Buhl High School. He is employed at Skills Resource in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Sept. 12, at The First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. A reception will be held



Cynthia Klosterman and Robert Hainline after the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Twin Falls.

## MATHIS-HOBSON

**BURLEY** - Stephen and Connie Mathis of Folsom, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Lee Mathis, to Ryan Paul Hobson, son of Paul and Jolene Hobson of Burley.

Mathis is attending Brigham Young University, majoring in interior design.

Hobson is a graduate of BYU, majoring in landscape design. He also served an LDS mission to Fortaleza, Brazil. He is employed by Roth Nursery in Draper, Utah.

The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to



Laura Mathis and Ryan Hobson honor the couple will be held Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Hobson residence.

**Anniversary or wedding planned?**  
Let us know soon

The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements. Deadline to get them into

Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Questions? Call Ramona Jones at 735-3252.

## HATCH-BOWEN

**BURLEY** - Lani and Hill Hatch of Orem, Utah, announce the marriage of their daughter, Brittany Hatch, to Brandon Bowen, son of Brent and Julie Bowen of Burley.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Orem High School and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is employed in Orem.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School and a 2000 graduate of Ricks College. He is currently attending BYU and is also employed at the university.

The wedding was held Friday, Aug. 29, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple



Brandon and Brittany Bowen will be held Friday, Sept. 5, at the Pella LDS Church, 400 S. 160 W. in Burley.

## DOTY-RUMFELT

**FILER** - Tracy Doty and Jeremy Rumfelt were married June 7 at Alexander's Barn in Filer.

The bride is the daughter of Monty and Darlene Doty of Filer. The groom is the son of Gary and Carma Rumfelt of Filer. Terry Winkle officiated the ceremony.

Ylonda Hayes, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Jennifer Doty, sister-in-law of the bride, and Marcy Brodine, cousin of the bride.

Aaliyha Langdon, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

Josh Gianchetta, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Robyn Swalston and Seth Ruyter, friends of the groom.

Carter Doty, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Charlie and Vida Doty of Wendell, and grandmother of the groom, Hilda Rumfelt of Twin Falls.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Alexander's Barn. Serving at the reception were Rick and Cheryl Eggleston, aunt and uncle of the bride; Sharon Pew, second cousin of the



Tracy and Jeremy Rumfelt bride; and Carma Sobotka. Sarah Foster, friend of the bride, attended the guest book and was also the gift attendant. The bride is a graduate of Buhl High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Seastrom's in Twin Falls. The groom is a graduate of Filer High School. He is employed at Langdon Tool and Bolt Supply in Twin Falls. The newlyweds reside in Filer.

## ROPER-HOWARD

**TWIN FALLS** - Cathy Roper and Merlin Howard of Blackfoot were married July 12 at Jonny Lake at Teton Mountain in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

The groom is the son of the late Julie and Laurel Howard of Twin Falls.

The ceremony was officiated by Magistrate Thomas Jordan.

Sindy Gray of Rupert, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Roger Gray of Rupert, friend of the groom, served as best man.

The groom is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University.

After a honeymoon in Vancouver and Alaska, they will reside



Merlin and Cathy Howard in Twin Falls and Island Park. A reception will be held at a later date.

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FAMILY LIFE

# Touchable, teachable 'toybooks' are big business

The Washington Post

See the gift for baby!  
 "Is it a book?" Jane asks.  
 "Is it a toy?" Dick asks.  
 "Heck if I know!" Jane says.  
 Jane's right. It's hard to tell these days that first little sparsely worded, multi-colored object in Junior's hands is a piece of literature or a bath toy or a blankie or just another suckable, toss-off-the-highchair, three-dimensional drooled-upon thingamajig.

Baby books have gotten way weird. Today's bookstore shelves spill over with tot-oriented "toybooks" shaped like animals, insects and other things.

- "Teatime Piglet" by Steve Bland is a picture book that looks and sounds like a cell phone that rings when you punch it.
- "Ocean Animals" by Melanie Walsh is a precise board book that also serves as a handle for a water-filled teaching ring.
- "My Ragged Bears Cuddly Book" by Paul Strickland is advertised as a book, a pillow and a teddy bear all rolled into one.
- "How! Buddy: A Child's First Book," published by Running Press—with eyes, mouth, rectangular torso and arms and legs—is actually a soft doll-sort-of-thing. It looks more like a refuge from a Muppet movie than a book. There is no real writing, just a few words and pictures here and there. "More educational than a toy and more cuddly than any board book, 'Book Buddy' is the perfect friend to introduce children to the world of reading!" reads the back of the box.

Just this year Disney's publishing wing, Hyperion, brought out a mirror-rattle-book called "My Favorite Colors" for Baby Einstein, another Disney company. "My Lunch Box," illustrated by Bob Filippovich is a Tot-Along Soft-Shapes book, disguised as a lunch box. Dorling Kindersley published a baby-rattle book, "On the Move" by Linda Esposito. And Intervisual Books unveiled "Apple," a plush red book posing as a huge softcover piece of fruit.

Some toybooks "are really, really fun. Some are contrived," says Jewell Stoddard, who runs the children's section at Washington bookstore Politics & Prose. But "parents should use some restraint. It's important to make the connection of ideas and books and stories and language. You don't want the language to get lost in the toy activity."

Micki Geifman, 32, of Rockville, Md., started with toybooks to teach her children to read. "Pat the Bunny," by Dorothy



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Kunhardt, was a favorite, says Geifman, who was visiting a suburban Washington bookstore recently with her two young children.

"Doing anything with your children that is interactive is beneficial," Geifman says. Not everyone is completely sold on toy-

books, however. "Oh, 'Pat the Bunny' might be okay for a 1-year-old, but basically books are books and toys are toys and never the twin should meet," wrote Daniel Menaker in the New York Times in 1991. "It seems to me a good idea to encourage children... to understand that books are for holding and looking at or reading, not playing with. My

goals is that there's some part of the brain—the Node of Bibliophilia or some such—that needs prompt and constant stimulation to make all its little synaptic connections, so that the adults that children tend to become will have available the great pleasure that only reading can bring.

Today Menaker is editor in chief of Random House. "I think you can have it both ways," he says. "But I would stick by the idea that books as books, not playthings, are essential to the intellectual development of any child."

The fusion, and confusion, started with the 1940 publication of "Pat the Bunny," the pink and blue book with the fluffy bunny on the cover and the scratch-and-sniff flowers and tinfoil mirror and sundae-pan for Daddy's scratchy beard. The book, written for Kunhardt's 3-year-old daughter Edith, became a sweet-smelling success.

"Dorothy felt that there was more to books than just words on paper," according to the Random House Web site, "and that added elements could increase a child's love for reading and learning."

By most standards, Kunhardt has won. "Pat the Bunny" has sold more than 7 million copies. Edith eventually picked up the banner, with "Pat the Cat" in 1984, "Pat the Puppy" in 1991 and "Pat the Pony" in 1993.

Toybooks are a growing part of children's publishing, which, Publishers Weekly reports, is a \$1.75 billion annual industry.

Brody Bagert, a New Orleans poet and co-author of the Department of Education's publication "Helping Your Child Learn to Read," believes "it's a good idea to have kids sit down and hold something in their hands."

If you give a 1-year-old a book in the shape of a bunny, Bagert says, as that child becomes more developmentally ready to read, he can move to a 16-page picture book, then a 32-page book with more words, and so on. "This is still a far cry from the thousand-page 'Don Quixote,' which we hope they eventually read," he says, "but they have to work their way up."

"Is it better to give them a toy and not a book? I don't think so," he says. "I think it's better to have a book." Too often these days, he says, reading in the classroom is a boring proposition. "Once a child gets the idea that reading is work, he'll stop reading," Bagert says. "A book is anything. Books are fun. Books are a joy."

## Aries: You're up to your eyeballs

**IF AUGUST 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** — you are always on the go, and you use to unexpected and unusual situations presenting themselves more often than not. You would be good in sales, and electronic hi-tech, computer technology and aviation should be fields of interest. Like good wine, you travel well, and this year should be no exception. You're in a lucky period so make the most of it.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** You're up to your eyeballs in work these days. Shopping for something special proves difficult to find and only at a high price. Guard your assets well.

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**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** With a packed fifth house, you're busy with creative projects or children. An inspiration from a partner who seeks a new understanding comes your way. Sports, writing and gourmet cooking take up your day.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You're busy making improvements and additions to your home. Intellectual friends want your input on a philosophical matter. Scorpio or Taurus is serving.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A partner may let you know over breakfast that all is not well even though you reassure them that they are very special. The truth could become casualty unless gossip is nipped in the bud.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You feel somewhat euphoric as things are going your way. Attending a function this evening, you are guessing what's on somebody's mind as words don't match your expectations.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Opposite-sex acquaintances meet new people are on the increase. It is what you don't say that counts. You may sidestep an argument that involves money.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A charity event may be keeping you busy today. With multiple 12th house activity in your chart, you possess a wonderful sense of civic responsibility. Amidst much activity, you've come to some vital decisions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** With the moon entering your sign about midday today, there's a likelihood that you'll receive an invitation to a sports event or have a sports-related discussion over lunch.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** With so much going on concerning career and status, it looks like your boat is finally coming in. Saturn may be reminding you of a financial obligation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Someone you met makes overtures; are you in the mood to take things one step further? With the ninth house planets begging you to stay true to your feelings, you may have sufficient confidence.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your unselfish concern for others causes you to shelve your own problems, which may become more serious than you expected. In the end, you have to say no and oblige yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** You know better than anyone that offers too good to be true are just too good to be true. If you're looking for love, caution is justified. The strangest of circumstances can play a part today.

# Novelty of older woman/younger man pairings wanes

The Orange County Register

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** — So 40-year-old Demi Moore makes kissy face with 25-year-old Ashton Kutcher.

She looks hot, he looks happy; how could this possibly be worth so much buzz?

It's not, of course, but that's another matter. The conventional thinking (at least among those who chart entertainment news and, perhaps, among the publicists for Moore and Kutcher) is that the world will stare, mostly aghast, at an image of an older woman expressing physical affection for a younger man. In the past several weeks Moore and Kutcher have been mentioned and/or pictured in People magazine, "The Tonight Show" and "Entertainment Tonight," among others.

Saggy older men with nubling, younger women? That's fine. And old news. But anything even close to the other way around isn't.

Or, rather, it is. Moore and Kutcher are hardly alone in Hollywood. Several brand-name couples — Susan Sarandon, 56, and Tim Robbins, 44; Madonna, 34, and Guy Ritchie, 34; even the great (if somewhat freakish and short-lived) Hollywood pairing of Elizabeth Taylor, then 59, and



Demi Moore, at right, and her lover Ashton Kutcher (with Tara Reid, in a scene from his current movie, "My Boss' Daughter") have made entertainment news with their older woman/younger man relationship.

Larry Fortensky, then 39 — feature women who are at least a decade older than their partners.

As if those Hollywood hookups upset you, steel yourself. Not only is the younger-man-with-older-woman pairing not just a Hollywood thing, it's also no short-term fad. People who track sex and romance point to several cultural and social trends, everything from coming demographic shifts to the rise of

Botox, and predict we're in for a flood of the sort of romantic pairings that once made Mrs. Robinson seem both funny and risqué.

"It's definitely going to happen more," says Tina Tessina, a psychologist and family counselor who specializes in helping so-called alternative relationships, including what she terms "age gap" couples of any gender mix, stay together.



Demi Moore

social stigmas have been a barrier to these kinds of relationships," says Tessina.

"I'd say some women are even looked on as sexy foxes because they're managed to spare the younger guy," she adds, laughing. "It's not necessarily a negative by any means."

How common these relationships are today isn't clear. There isn't much reliable data about how many of nonmarried couples. But age data on married couples suggests a growing trend of women marrying younger partners.

The age gap between brides and grooms has shrunk. A lot. Today, brides are, on average, exactly two years younger than grooms. In 1970 the age gap was three years, and at the end of the 19th century it was about seven years, according to statistics from the National Center for Health

Statistics. Logic says that older women marrying younger men is responsible for at least part of the shrink.

Likewise, anecdotal evidence suggests that the aging of the baby-boom generation could produce a huge burst of pairings in which the woman is considerably older. For a glimpse of the future, check out the latest census data for Laguna Woods, Calif., where there are two women for every man. Mix that ratio with the fact that baby-boom women have been conditioned throughout their adult lives to believe they can and should stay romantic and sexy as long as they live, and there's bound to be a burst of older women hooking up with ever-younger men who survive long enough to make it close to old age.

It's not just about how society looks at these relationships as much as it is about self-definition," says Jennifer Bass, a spokeswoman for the sex-research group the Kinsey Institute at the University of Indiana.

"Women define themselves, increasingly, as sexual beings. And that continues or even intensifies as women age. If they don't have partners of the same age around, they'll find men who are younger."

# Road warriors: For many children, the road's too much traveled

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**WASHINGTON** — Katie Butler logs up to three hours a day in a minivan. Between shuttling with her kids to the grocery store, errands, attending ballet classes and visiting friends, she is a veteran of the Washington area's mind-boggling traffic.

She is also 2 1/2 years old. Like many young children, Katie accompanies her mother on a busy schedule that revolves around juggling family life. Chris Butler said she likes being able to ferry her three children to after-school activities, play dates and birthday parties.

But she worries about how much time she spends on the road. She has hired a babysitter for two days a week, hoping to limit Katie's time in a car seat. "If I didn't have help," said Butler of the District of Columbia, "she'd spend enormous amounts of the day in the car."

For the first time, the federal government's national survey on travel habits includes children 5

and younger. The National Household Travel Survey, conducted every six years and released this month by the U.S. Department of Transportation, found that three-fourths of children 5 and younger rode in private cars daily.

Nationwide, young children averaged 65 minutes a day in cars. Those 6 of 18 spent an average of 51 minutes, not including time on a school bus, according to Pat Hu, director of the Center for Transportation Analysis at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, which assisted in analyzing the survey.

But some parents say it's more like two to three hours a day, especially for children not in school. For stay-at-home parents, whether Mom or Dad goes, the young ones go. Children of working parents tag along on often lengthy commutes to day-care centers near a parent's workplace. One transportation researcher refers to driving as "mobile day care."

Lifestyle changes, particularly the rise in two-career households

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and programming of children's free time, have not only added to traffic but also increased children's time on the road.

Butler, a stay-at-home mother, said her own mother didn't drive, so she rarely rode in a car beyond a Saturday drive to the grocery store and a Sunday drive to church. She took the bus to school and went to a friend's house maybe once a month. Today, she

drives her sons, Jack, 6, and Will, 4, to different campuses for school and to an after-school activity most days. Three days a week, Katie goes along for the ride.

"Soccer and hockey haven't even started yet," Butler said with a sigh. If such family staples as child-care centers and grocery stores aren't located near bus and train stops, researchers say, many par-

ents — accompanied by children — will have little choice but to stick with driving.

Child advocates question how much parental stress and vehicle exhaust children soak up sitting in traffic.

"It's certainly a worry that when kids are in cars, they're not out doing other things," said Daniel Swartz, executive director of the children's Environmental Health Network. "We're designing cities, school systems, neighborhoods and lifestyles in a way that we can only get kids to things in cars."

At a time when children are fatter than ever, researchers say they're concerned that car time is using up valuable play and exercise time.

"When I was a kid, you spent all afternoon in the backyard after school," Butler said. She said her children were thinner and had more energy when they lived in London and walked everywhere. "I spent less time getting to places and more time at places," she said. Sandra Rosenbloom, a

University of Arizona professor who researches women's travel behavior, said the findings bolster the need for more public awareness about how to buckle up children.

"If kids are spending their lives in cars, it can't be healthy," Rosenbloom said. "I think it's something we should be concerned about."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 4 to 19, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. However, safety advocates said they have had little information on "exposure rates," or the true driving risks, for young children because they haven't known how much time they were on the road.

Peter Kissinger, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, said the findings bolster the need for more public awareness about how to buckle up children. "That's a pretty high exposure," to traffic, Kissinger said. "An hour a day is certainly something that needs to be addressed."