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No ties allowed: Burley and Wood River tried to pick up their first football win Friday night.

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He's outdoors while she's at home. Is this healthy?

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Mount St. Helens puts on show

More small eruptions may be on the way



With spectators yelling and hooting at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, Mount St. Helens erupts, first with steam, then with ash on Friday, in Mount St. Helens, Wash. The observatory is five miles from the crater.

The Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Mount St. Helens belched a rolling plume of gray-white steam and ash Friday, more than a week after a flurry of earthquakes warned the volcano was reawakening.

Within hours of the steam blast, seismic readings suggested pressure was building up inside the mountain again. Scientists said there could be more steam eruptions, possibly within hours.

Friday's eruption was the first in 18 years at the volcano, which exploded with devastating force and killed 57 people

on May 18, 1980. "It was such a dull!" said Layne Ray, a retired school teacher who watched from an observatory near the mountain. "I just felt we would see something today and we did."

At about 1 p.m. PDT, there was a small explosion, followed by a steam and ash cloud that poured from the southern edge of a nearly 1,000-foot-tall lava dome in the volcano's crater. A large section of a glacier there had fractured and risen as much as 11 yards in the 24 hours before the eruption, scientists said.

After about 20 minutes, the mountain calmed and the plume dissipated, revealing a

100-foot-wide crater in the 600-foot-deep glacier. Apparently no magma reached the surface.

Small earthquakes had been occurring continuously in the crater since Sept. 23. They grew steadily stronger, finally reaching a magnitude of 3.3 Thursday and Friday, but stopped for several hours after the eruption, said Jeff Wynn, the chief scientist for volcano hazards at the Cascades Volcano Observatory of the USGS.

He called the eruption a "threat-clearing."

At about 3:30 p.m., small earthquakes had resumed at a rate of about one every 4 minutes. Please see VOLCANO, Page A2

Dispute over dispatch?

County may face coming SIRCOMM financing battle

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BUHL — When Mayor Barbara Gletzen saw the bill from the county for 911 service for the upcoming year, she said she gasped.

While the dispatch bill for the 2003-04 year had been \$22,300, the county commissioners told the city of Buhl it would owe \$47,056 for the 2004-05 fiscal year.

"I thought, oh my gosh, how are we going to pay?" Gletzen said.

Buhl City Council members agreed. They had planned on only a 2 percent increase to pay for emergency dispatch services for the 2004-05 fiscal year from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. A bill that more than doubled in one year was a shock.

SIRCOMM is an emergency dispatch center that has been used by Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties since 1995. About a year ago, citing long-standing dissatisfaction with SIRCOMM services as a reason to withdraw, the city of Twin Falls struck a deal with the Twin Falls County commissioners and started up its own dispatch center.

SIRCOMM now uses 16 dispatchers to cover a population of about 67,600 in the four-

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Paying for SIRCOMM services

County	03-04 amount	04-05 amount	Percent increase
Gooding	\$82,200	\$118,881	27.41%
Jerome	\$144,519	\$183,504	13.14%
Lincoln	\$32,030	\$37,245	14.45%
Twin Falls	\$279,578	\$289,755	3.66%

Long shot gives voters a choice

Man switches parties to take on Sen. Crapo

The Associated Press

BOISE — There are lopsided political races all over the nation this election season. Then there's the U.S. Senate race in Idaho, where the Republican incumbent has \$1.3 million waiting to be spent a month before the polls open — and only his name on the ballot.

The closest Sen. Mike Crapo is coming to an opponent is a Democrat who concedes he switched parties just to give voters some semblance of a choice. It's the first time in state history that Democrats have not fielded a U.S. Senate candidate on the ballot, and Crapo was left



Twin Falls dispatcher Tracy Ferreira sits in front of computer monitors that help her field emergency calls.

UNDER PRESSURE

Dispatchers stay cool in the face of challenges

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When an hysterical parent calls 911 about a missing child, it almost always turns out to be a false alarm.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time we're going to find the child at the neighbor's or hiding under the bed," said city of Twin Falls emergency dispatcher Tracy Ferreira from her ergonomically designed computer chair.

But in May, she took a call about a toddler who died as a result of falling into the Harmon Park coulee. Ever since, when a crying mother calls and says she can't find her child, Ferreira is a little more on edge while she calms an upset mom and gives directions on where to look first.

Ferreira and 11 other dispatchers work for the city of Twin Falls in its call center, which is hidden away in a windowless room filled with computer screens at the Twin Falls Police Department. Twin Falls used to be primarily covered by the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center near Jerome, but on Jan. 1 the city of about 37,000 got its own full-time dispatching services.

The center is set up for city residents to dial 911 for emergencies and 311 for calls having to do with city business. The first month the center was in full operation, dispatchers took a little over 11,000 phone calls. In August, the number of calls had increased to about 14,700, with about 30 percent qualifying as emergency calls, its director L. Bryan Krear said.

On average Ferreira figures the city's call center will get about one missing-child call per week.

Sizing up the costs

The city of Twin Falls officially launched its own dispatch call center in January 2004. Here's a look at estimated and actual costs during its first fiscal year.

	Estimated	Actual
Facility and equipment	\$493,332	\$750,000
Operating costs	\$423,430	\$508,000
Revenue from phone user fees	\$360,000	\$360,000

On those issues, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo and McClure have opposing views typical of their respective party's leanings. Crapo opposes same-sex civil unions at the federal level, preferring to leave the decision up to the states, and says that if he were a state-level politician he'd vote against them anyway. McClure supports same-sex civil unions but prefers to reserve marriage for two people of different genders.

Crapo wants the United States to scale back financial support of the United Nations.

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"Missing children? Those are the ones when people are the most upset," says Ferreira's counterpart, Timmy Buck. "You have to get people calmed down enough in order to extract information."

Krear said the personality profile for dispatchers tends toward the extrovert.

"They're caring and attentive — helpful people," he said.

When medical emergencies arise, neither Ferreira nor Buck handle those for more than a few seconds. That's because they switch those calls immediately to SIRCOMM.

"Once we learn it's medical, we ask the caller to hold for a minute. We're going to transfer to medical dispatch," Buck said. "Our ultimate goal is to transfer in less than 30 seconds."

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Landfill yields body of missing Utah woman

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Police found Lori Hacking's body in a landfill Friday after picking through the trash for weeks in a search for the young Utah woman allegedly murdered by her husband.

"The state medical examiner's office used dental records to identify the remains about six hours after they were discovered."

"It means everything to us to find Lori's natural remains so that we might lay them to rest with dignity," Hacking's parents, Gerald and Thelma Soares, said in a statement.

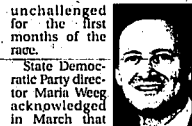
The discovery came on the 33rd working day of a search of 4,600 tons of garbage. Over the past weeks, investigators used crawler dikes and brought in garden rakes to comb through



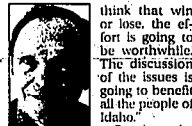
Lori Hacking. Searchers found body Friday

the trash. About 20 law enforcement officers were just beginning a manual search Friday when the body was found.

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Sen. Mike Crapo



Scott McClure

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with mild temperatures. Highs in the middle 70s.
Tonight: Decreasing clouds. Temperatures will be above normal. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Periods of variable and mild temperatures. Highs in the middle 70s.

BURLEUP/REPUTY FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and pleasant temperatures. Highs in the low to middle 70s.
Tonight: Decreasing clouds and light winds. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny mild and dry. Highs in the middle 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies and pleasant mid temperatures are expected through Monday. No precipitation is expected.

Today Highs: 60 to 70-Tonight Lows: 27 to 37.
BOISE: Periods of sunshine and pleasant temperatures will continue through early next week. Even the winds may not be as brisk. No rain is expected in the forecast.

Today Highs: 60 to 70-Tonight Lows: 27 to 37.
NORTHERN IDAHO: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and mountain showers are expected through the weekend. Temperatures will be seasonal.

Table with columns for City, Today High/Low, Tomorrow High/Low, Monday High/Low. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

Yesterday's State Extremes: P: 0 at Coeur d'Alene. Low: 25 at Burley. Wind: 40 mph at Burley.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday with high/low temperatures and weather icons.

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Almanac table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for Oct 1, 14, 21, 28.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Denver, Dallas, Houston, etc.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

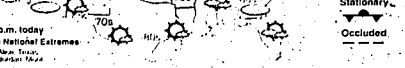
Pollen Count

Pollen count table for various allergens like Tree, Grass, Weed, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities like London, Tokyo, Sydney, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for 'Comunidad' featuring phone numbers 733-0931 and 677-4042.

Advertisement for 'CANADIAN FORECAST' with a table of weather for Canadian cities.

Advertisement for 'Hacking' with contact information for a security service.

Advertisement for 'Dispatch' with contact information for a dispatch service.

Officials cite alcohol as cause of student's death

NOHRMAN, Okla. (AP) — A 19-year-old student whose body was found the morning after a party in a fraternity house died from alcohol poisoning, officials said Friday.
Blake Adair Hammontrout had a blood alcohol level of 0.42

Chi fraternity house near the campus of the University of Oklahoma, said police spokesman Jennifer Newell.
A freshman, Hammontrout was a Sigma Chi pledge who had been drinking at the house Wednesday night during a fraternity function, Howland said.
University President David Borger said he will shut down the fraternity's operations immediately and close the house within two weeks for the rest of the academic year.

Volcano

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Steech said. It is difficult to make any predictions but said he wouldn't be surprised if there was a second one "in time for the 11 o'clock news."
He said there are likely to be a few more steam explosions "until enough clabs is cleared, and then there is a significant chance that lava could be extruded at the surface."
Friday's eruption destroyed the seismic and deformation stations on the dome. The deformation gear enables scientists to track ground movement.

SIRCOMM

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SIRCOMM officials had originally asked Twin Falls County to pay 17 percent more than last year, he said.
But I made my intentions well known," Mikessel said.
To whittle the budget down, two proposed hires were dropped, Mikessel said.
The formula that Twin Falls County uses to distribute the costs includes charging cities in accordance with the number of phones each runs through the SIRCOMM system. Bull had always paid its bill, though the cities of Kimberly and Hansen refuse to.
We contend it's a county service, it was marked as a county service. It was a county-wide election, so we've always denied those bills," said Kimberly City Councilman Dave Overacre.

A court date in the offing?

Gletzen said the emergency dispatch services bill is so outrageous that he has to sue and after the fact crimes, Vogt said.
The discrepancy in numbers is part of what has Bull officials up in arms. Grimes pointed out that his 911 bill actually went down from last year, and he can't figure that out, either.
In 2002-03, SIRCOMM recorded 72 calls to the Bull Rural Fire District, and the county projected the bill for the coming year to be \$225,518. SIRCOMM reported 236 calls during this past year, and the county billed the district \$1,472.
Grimes isn't complaining.
It's a keeper," he said.

Hacking

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Hacking, 27, has not been seen since July 14. Her husband, Mark Hacking, reported her missing the following day, saying she never returned from a morning job that police determined she never took.
Mark Hacking has been pulled on a charge of murder. While he was hospitalized in a psychiatric unit, he allegedly confessed to his brothers that he shot his wife while she was sleeping and disposed of her body, the weapon and a mattress in separate trash bins.
The searchers found the remains in an area not previously probed by cadaver dogs.
The remains were found among trees that included newspapers dated July 16-19, the weekend Lari Hacking disappeared. Investigators also found business envelopes indicating they were from the University of Utah Research Park area where Mark Hacking worked and where prosecutors believed he dumped the body.
The search was called off Friday, even though police haven't found a 22-caliber firearm they believe was the murder weapon.
Investigators' hopes of finding the body had diminished in recent weeks. The search of landfill has been tedious, with each day presenting searchers and dogs with 300 or more tons of trash to sort through.
Searchers at the 550-acre landfill had concentrated their search on a football-sized stretch, going through compacted garbage 20 feet deep.

Dispatch

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Before the city withdrew from SIRCOMM, it had agreed that all medical calls would continue to go through the regional center. Bull, Buck and Perrera had worked previously at SIRCOMM before coming to the city. Buck has had special training in working through medical calls, such as how to give instructions on CPR.
The key to taking those kinds of calls, like 911 calls about missing children, is to remain patient, she said.
You have to remain calm yet firm at the same time," Buck said. "You can't let them get to you, or you can't get your job."
Doing the job well is about knowing how to find help for the caller quickly and doing it safely. Perrera said, pointing to myriad manuals and binders with thousands of pages containing information about the who, what and why of almost everything in Magic Valley.
Perrera said when she first started at SIRCOMM, the life-and-death aspect of the job she had been hired to do was unnerving.
The missing-child phone calls, domestic violence calls where a woman is screaming because she's being beaten, serious automobile crashes — none of these calls the dispatchers deal with are not of that nature. But still, the idea of handling those kinds of stressful events took some getting used to. Ongoing training coupled with on-the-job experience helped alleviate the fear.
The first six months at SIRCOMM, I had this feeling in the pit of my stomach — I just didn't think I could do it," Perrera said. "Now I love it. The busier things are, the better I like it."

Clarification

Office assistant will earn \$1,600 more
A story Friday about the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization was unclear regarding a salary increase approved for office assistant Ann Overmire-Juelcher.
Overmire-Juelcher, who works full time, will earn \$21,600 in the current fiscal year, compared with \$20,000 the previous year. The raise to SIRCOMM was more than that because the College of Southern Idaho's Workkeys program has ceased partially funding her salary. SIRCOMM's cost for Overmire-Juelcher's salary rose a total of \$1,600.

Clarification

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Advertisement for 'Circulation' with contact information for Daniel Walock, Director.

Advertisement for 'A court date in the offing?' with contact information for a legal service.

Advertisement for 'Dispatch' with contact information for a dispatch service.

Large advertisement for 'The Times-News NEW Information Line' featuring phone number 735-3350 and website www.magicvalley.com.

First debate draws 62.5M TV-viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — With an estimated 62.5 million viewers, the first Bush-Kerry debate was a television hit that demonstrated Americans' intense interest in the presidential campaign.

The viewership was up 34 percent from the 46.5 million people who watched the first debate between George W. Bush and Al Gore in 2000, according to Nielsen Media Research. That 2000 debate also had competition from a baseball playoff game.

NBC, with 17.2 million viewers, topped the seven networks that aired the 90-minute debate, Nielsen said.

During the debate, television networks ignored Bush and Kerry campaign wishes that they not air reaction shots — the president's own face as he appeared to be laughing or crying — which they couldn't resist.

Cameras caught the president's irritation during some of Sen. John Kerry's responses, but for the most part, maintained a stoic expression and joint notes.

The meticulous agreement between the Bush and Kerry camps on a debate logistics calendar to television cameras to remain trained on the candidate speaking. None of the networks played along, arguing reports were part of the story.

C-SPAN, as it has done in the past, had a split-screen image of Bush and Kerry for the entire debate.

"If you were in the audience and in the room, you got to see the reactions," said Clinton Lamb, C-SPAN's chairman and chief executive. "Why shouldn't the public?"

The campaigns didn't make an issue of it. Bush was told before the debate that cameras would be focused on him for the entire 90 minutes, said Nicole Devenish, campaign communications director.

"The president is a man of deep conviction," Devenish said. "The president reacted honestly. It showed the president really believes in his convictions."

Lamb said the reaction shots can be seen on the network's website.

In 2000, cameras caught Gore sighing at some of Bush's answers, and that turned some voters off.

"I don't even know if showing him reacting agitated was necessary, a negative," Lamb said. "It showed the way he was."

Campaign spinners were working overtime on Friday. White House communications director Dan Bartenski and Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards presented their sides on all three network morning shows.

NBC, meanwhile, said it made a special effort to not declare a winner or loser of Thursday's debate, after reading research that showed many voters' opinions of the debate were formed as much by puns directed by who they saw on TV.

Unlike ABC and CBS, the network did not conduct an instant poll of viewers to determine who won or lost, said Tom Touchet, executive producer of the "Today" show.

Bush, Kerry hope to win post-debate debate

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

FLAUNDERHALE, Fla. — Sen. John Kerry hopes the fast-paced first debate is President Bush's last performance — a flourish of rhetoric, glares and grins. The Republican incumbent plans to turn the tables with fresh attacks.

As both campaigns tried to shift and then cement perceptions about what happened before the eyes of 62.5 million television viewers, some Republicans said they feared Bush had given new life to an embattled foe.

A poster boy for bad body language, Bush rolled his eyes as Kerry criticized him on Iraq, pursed his lips, wagged his finger and looked away, seemingly in disgust. The president's team all but conceded that his boss had lost the debate on style points, but they sought a longer-lasting victory on substance.

With a heaping of faint praise for his boss, White House communications director Dan Bartenski said the debate comes down to, "Do you want a president who says the right thing or do you want a president who does the right thing?"

Bush's top adviser, Karl Howe, said the night proved that Kerry "is arguably the better debater of the two." But he also said there was a history of candidates losing the first debate and winning the election.

"The best of these debates all have one thing in common: They are spoken in a vacuum," Howe said. "That's why both campaigns are seeking to shape people's second and third impressions of the debate. They need commercials into production, dispatched surrogates across the country and led their candidates with new lines of attack."

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Several uncommitted, or "purple," voters interviewed by The Associated Press said Kerry performed well in the debates and Bush appeared to struggle with some of his answers. Yet some also said Kerry still needed to provide more specifics about his plans for Iraq.

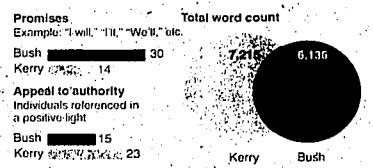
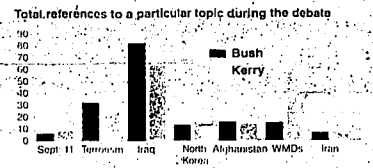
"I found Kerry's statements were more accurate," said Alia Branton, a Republican retiree from Kingswood, Texas, near Houston. "I really felt sorry for Bush, he became a little agitated and uneasy in his reactions to Kerry. He didn't show self control."

Republicans criticized Bush. Or praised Kerry. They had words of warning for the White House.

"I was pretty disappointed," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. "I think the president

Decoding the debate

WordCruncher, a text analysis tool developed at Brigham Young University, examined the responses of President Bush and Sen. John Kerry during the first presidential debate. The computer program compares each candidate's emphasis on key topics, ideas and policies.



WordCruncher is a trademark of Brigham Young University.

SOURCE: WordCruncher Analysis, Hamilton Lockie Inc. (www.hamiltonlockie.com) AP

had the opportunity to articulate why we're in Iraq and what we need to do, and I think he got distracted. It's a very good man, a decent man, I think he just needs to relax."

Sen. John McCain, one of the nation's most popular politicians and chairman of Bush's campaign in Arizona, said the debate was probably Kerry's "brightest moment" in the past six weeks. McCain, who considers the fellow Vietnam veteran a friend, said, "Kerry came out slugging."

Republican consultant Joe Gaylord said Kerry "did a great job defending the indefensible — his positions on Iraq."

He said voters lost to Bush in the debate should quickly drift back, but the debate "has given Kerry an opening to get people to take another look at him."

Aides to both candidates noted that then-Vice President Al Gore urged Bush in the instant polls following their first debate in 2000, then quickly lost ground as Republicans pummeled him over alleged inconsistencies in his debate statements.

Kerry's advisers said Bush reminded them of his father, the former president, who was caught glancing at his watch in a flip-flopping liberal ready to sacrifice U.S. security to the whims of the French.

"Senator Kerry, last night, said that America has to pass some sort of global test before we can use American troops in the ourselves," Bush told supporters in Allentown, Pa. "Listen, I'll continue to work with our allies and the international community, but I will never submit America's national security to

an international test."

On orders from the Kerry campaign, the Democratic National Committee posted a 45-second video clip on its Web site called "The Faces of Frustration." It shows Bush and Kerry debating side by side, the Democrat appearing serious and foreboding while the incumbent Republican squirms.

Both campaigns considered using debate clips in their television ads, despite an agreement not to do so.

The Kerry's campaign said it was preparing an ad that showed newspaper headlines from Friday editions praising the Democrat's performance. They hope to create a sense of momentum for Kerry.

Ron Fournier has covered politics for the AP since 1983.

U.S. troops start series of operations

SAMARRIA, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces battered their way into the heart of Iraq's second strongest Friday and moved house to house in search of militants in what appeared to be the first major offensive to regain control of areas lost to insurgents before the January elections.

More than 100 guerrillas were killed and 37 captured, according to an Iraqi official. The military said one American soldier was killed and four were wounded.

Backed by warplanes and tanks, some 5,000 troops swept in to seize the city hall, the main mosque and other important sites in Samarra, leaving only pockets of resistance after more than 12 hours of combat, according to the U.S. military and Iraqi authorities.

The city appeared calm late Friday except for American snipers on rooftops firing at anybody appearing in the streets below. Troops ordered residents to stay inside and announced a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew. Water and electricity services were severed.

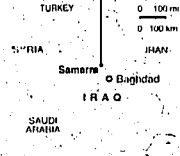
U.S. forces also clashed with insurgents in Baghdad, where warplanes and tanks attacked militants in the vast suburb of Sadr City. A hospital director said 12 Iraqis were killed and 11 were wounded. The U.S. military, which minimizes casualties, often exaggerated by Iraqi hospital sources, said only one American insurgent was killed.

Late Friday, a U.S. airstrike flattened two houses in the insurgent-held city of Fallujah, according to Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein, who said he saw a number of bodies, including those of women and children. A hospital director said the strike killed five Iraqi civilians and wounded 11 others. American military spokesmen in Baghdad said they had no information on the attack, but the U.S. command says it has been launching "precision strikes" against suspected terrorist hideouts in Fallujah.

The Americans said they conducted the operation in

U.S. and Iraqis launch offensive

Thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops fought their way into Samarra, Iraq, on Friday, in what appeared to be the first major offensive to retake areas lost to insurgents.



SOURCES: Space Imaging, ESRI, AP

Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, at the request of the Iraqi government. The attack appeared to trump the launch of major military operations to wrest other areas of the country from insurgents ahead of general elections.

U.S. military officials have signaled they plan to increase incursions into key Iraqi cities, this fall — partly as a way for the United States to try to pressure insurgents into negotiations with Iraqi officials, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld alluded to this last week, when he said insurgents in Fallujah and the city of Hamadi can be solved either diplomatically through negotiations, or through force.

Also on the list for U.S. military commanders is Sadr City, scene of almost daily clashes and U.S. airstrikes against armed forces of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

'Combover' engineers among winners of the Ig Nobel award

BOSTON (AP) — The "combover" has long been a source of amusement, even as it has provided bald men such as former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani with valuable head coverage.

But though reactions to it vary, the comb-over's importance in hair history is undeniable, for their contribution, the father and son who patented this baldness-beater 26 years ago were awarded an Ig Nobel prize in engineering this week.

The 14th annual Ig Nobel awards, handed out by Nobel Prize winners, recognize scientific achievements that "make you laugh, then makes you think," said Marc Abrahamson, editor of

the Annals of Improbable Research, which gives out the awards.

The prizes were awarded in a rowdy ceremony Thursday night at Harvard University. Among the other recipients: the inventor of karaoke and a girl who investigated the validity of the "flocculated" count, commonly applied to dropped food.

The combover patent was born when the late Frank Smith and his son Donald, both of Orlando, Fla., began discussing Frank's baldness over some wine in 1977. Frank shaved his head, but had so many knots that "it didn't look good at all," his son said. "So we went to Fluon II."

Appeals court: Using computers for child porn isn't federal crime

MIAMI (AP) — Simply using computer equipment to view child pornography is not a federal crime, a federal appeals panel ruled Friday in reversing the conviction of a Florida man.

Federal prosecutors stretched the link to interstate commerce by prosecuting James Maxwell for possession

of child pornography without offering any evidence that he obtained the photos from out of state, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled.

The ruling adds to a split among appellate courts on the minimum requirements for federal child-pornography convictions.

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WORLD

Purported al-Qaida tape urges more attacks

DUHAJ, United Arab Emirates — An audiotape that surfaced Friday purportedly by al-Qaida spokesman Osama bin Laden urged Muslims to carry out pre-emptive strikes against the United States and its allies. The tape, said by al-Qaida television identified the speaker as Ayman al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian-born confidante of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. Following a technical analysis, U.S. intelligence officials said authorities were able to determine with "high confidence" that the voice was that of al-Zawahiri.

Less than a month ago, a videotape showed al-Zawahiri proclaiming the United States would be defeated in Iraq and Afghanistan. "The government has been running a propaganda campaign; a war of rumors to make the people feel that America would only support one candidate and the others were invited to defect," Zawahiri told the cheering crowd, noting U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad had said publicly that "Washington was not playing favorites."

The tape aired Friday urged young Muslims to fight on even if al-Qaida leaders were killed or captured. "You, youth of Islam, this is our message," the speaker said. "If you die or are detained, continue the path after us, and don't betray God and his prophet, and don't knowingly betray the trust."

Osama bin Laden, an expert on Islamic militancy, played down the significance of such remarks. "According to his belief, being killed is normal and expected, especially in this case," bin Laden said. "This is the first time he has said this. It doesn't mean they are close to being captured or killed."

Britain's Blair recovers after heart operation

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair arrived home Friday after a successful operation to correct an irregular heartbeat, and doctors expected him to make a "rapid and complete recovery" with a very low risk of recurrence. "I'm absolutely fine thanks. The hospital staff, the nurses, the doctors were brilliant," said the 51-year-old Blair, joining as he emerged his No. 10 Downing Street residence.

Aristide supporters riot again in Haitian capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Violence erupted again Friday in the Haitian capital, a day after three policemen were killed in a clash with protesters demanding the return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Demonstrators who appeared to be Aristide supporters lined in the air, blocked a highway with burning tires and smashed car windows in the Marianne neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, witnesses said.

Suicide bomber kills at least 25 at mosque

SHARAJI, Pakistan — A suicide bomber carrying a home-made explosive struck a Shiite mosque crammed with hundreds of worshippers in eastern Pakistan, killing at least 25 people and wounding more than 50 during Friday prayers. Shortly after the attack, experts defused a second bomb outside the mosque, where hundreds of angry Shiites had gathered to protest the attack. No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, but a prominent Shiite cleric speculated it was in retaliation for the killing by security forces of a Sunni militant and top al-Qaida operative accused in the beleaguering of American reporter Daniel Pearl.

Challenger accuses Karzai of propaganda

HERAT, Afghanistan — The main rival to interim President Hamid Karzai charged Friday that a government "propaganda campaign" is trying to trick Afghans into backing Karzai in the early of 18 candidates to have Washington's backing for the Oct. 9 presidential election. More than 1,000 people jammed the main mosque in this western city to proclaim former Interior Minister Yousuf Qanuni "our great leader" and vent their frustration at what

Oil-rich Iraqi provinces may seek autonomous region

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — Three southern Iraqi provinces, which it atop more than 80 percent of Iraq's huge oil reserves, are considering setting up an autonomous region, claiming the area is being marginalized by the central government, officials said Friday. The issue was raised this week during a visit by Vice President Joseph Blawie, who visited members of city councils in the southern provinces of Basra, Missan and Dhiqar to visit three northern Kurdish provinces that sought autonomy after the 1991 Gulf War. But no formal demand or blueprint has yet been put forth. Walid Ghaliqan, Basra's representative on the National Council, said the city and the southern region were not fairly represented in Baghdad. The National Council is serving as a watchdog for the interim central government until elections are held in January.

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After Simonas freed, rancor resumes in Italy

ROME — For three weeks, Italians across the country marched, held vigils and lit candles and politicians united to promote freedom for a pair of humanitarian aid workers held captive in Iraq. Detractors called the women ingrates and accused them of being soft on terrorism. Opposition politicians renewed debate over whether to press for the withdrawal of Italy's 2,700 troops from Iraq. The criticism began almost immediately upon the arrival of Pari and Torretta in Rome early Wednesday. The pair expressed thanks to a variety of people and groups, including Arab moderates and Muslims. But they failed to single out the government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Berlusconi organized a diplomatic campaign to free them and, it is widely reported and only tepidly denied by him, paid a ransom of \$1 million. The women, who opposed the war and Italy's involvement in the occupation, also expressed a desire to quickly return to Iraq and they called for an end to Italy's involvement. They made no appeal for the freedom of other hostages.

WORLD

Kamikaze survivors reflect on their fate

Officers ready to die for their country never got the chance.

CHIRAN, a former airbase on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu. The kamikazes attacked military targets. In contrast, the main purpose of a suicide bomber is to kill as many innocent civilians as they can. Kamazono says. That, he says, "is just madness."

Three times during the final months of World War II, Japanese officers sent Kamazono off to die, ordering him to crash-land a single-engine plane stuffed with bombs into an American warship. Bad weather aborted the first mission, an oil leak the second. On his final attempt in April 1945, he encountered three American pilots over the sea off Okinawa. In the ensuing dogfight, Kamazono was burned and took shrapnel in his shoulder, but his plane limped home. You could call him the luckiest man in Japan, though Kamazono didn't see it that way at the time.

"I was, of course, ready to die," says Kamazono, who instead has aged into a bent but dignified 81-year-old. Fate allowed him to see his hair turn wispy and gray. And fate made him part of one of history's strangest and most exclusive brotherhoods: "kamikaze survivors."

Most were still waiting for orders to fly when Japan surrendered to the Allies in August 1945. A handful of others were spared because they did not reach their intended targets — a fate Kamazono found intolerable at the time. He was on standby to fly a fourth mission when Japan capitulated. Denied the opportunity to redeem his honor, he felt disgraced.

"I wish I had died," he says. In the postwar years, a traumatized nation treated the kamikaze survivors like pariahs. But in the last decade, their reputation has recovered. Publishers clamor for memoirs. Scholars pick over their backgrounds in search of an explanation for their willingness to die for a lost cause. Japanese nationalists buff and shine their medals and medals.

"Kamikaze" has ceased to be a slur in Japan. If the Japanese still can't agree on whether the pilots were victims or heroes, historians are at least prepared to honor their spirit of sacrifice. Only the modern menace of the suicide bomber has emerged to spoil this sentiment.

The survivors bitterly resent the world's admiration of the term "kamikaze" — meaning "divine wind" — and originally coined to describe the unexpected typhoons that saved 13th-century Japan from invading Mongol ships — as shorthand for suicide bombers of every stripe.

There are the "al-Qaida kamikazes" who flew passenger planes into office towers; Palestinian kamikazes who blow up pizza parlors filled with teenagers in Jerusalem; and female Chechen kamikazes willing to detonate explosive-piled cars in the middle of crowded gymnasiums crammed with children.

Japan's originals "are insited to be mentioned in the same breath." "When I hear the comparison, I feel so sorry for my friends who died, because our mission were asked to volunteer, all but three agreed, he recalls, spreading out photographs of himself that show a handsome young man in pilot's gear. The other three got beaten up."

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NASA delays shuttle's spring 2005 launch date

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA's shuttle fleet has been grounded since space shuttle Columbia disintegrated during re-entry in February 2003, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board issued 15 recommendations NASA is working to meet before resuming shuttle flights. The agency has met five of the recommendations so far, Beutel said.

"Right now, those milestones are pointing us toward a new launch window," said William Readdy, NASA's associate administrator for space operations. James Kennedy, director of

Florida's Kennedy Space Center, said recent hurricanes that battered the state cost workers three weeks of shuttle-processing time.

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events. The campaign isn't over yet," Crapo said. "If a candidate took his or her race for granted and said I'm not going to raise any money, that would be a foolish thing. The campaign isn't over yet."

It is getting close, however, with just under a month left until election day.

McClure said he decided to run after realizing Crapo had been left unopposed.

included limited government, fiscally sound government, protection of civil rights and support for armed forces — I believe this administration and the neo-republican forces have moved away from those principles. So it's not that I have changed, but the party has changed," McClure said.

Crapo said he respects McClure's decision to run.

"I understand his rationale. Choice is one of the great things about our system. In a very real sense, if a person chooses not to run often it is because they've looked at the polls or the potential of a race or the will of the people. In my campaign, regardless of whether I have an opponent, I'm going to go to the Idaho people and ask for their vote," Crapo said.

Still, the biggest difference between the two may be on the ballot — Crapo's there, McClure's not.

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Candidates on the issues

Question: Do you believe Congress met its commitment to finance the No Child Left Behind initiative, and if not, how much more should be made available by the federal government?



Sen. Mike Crapo

Crapo: The government has made significant progress. In fact, one of the good things was that this significantly increased resources put into education in the act. They will never be able to find sufficient funding for everything. It's something that I will always be working to achieve.

That being said, I do have some significant problems with No Child Left Behind in the arena of unfunded mandates, because of the burden put on the state by it. My biggest concern, about the act is that it provided or mandated a system of national testing, and I don't believe that's a proper role for the federal government. That should be made at the state or school board level, not at the federal level.



Scott McClure

McClure: The idea of the No Child Left Behind Act is good. The critical thing is — once they identify the students that are not meeting the current criteria — whether the school districts have sufficient funding to bring them up to a successful level. It's one thing to provide a grade, but if you're truly committed you have to put out the money to fund the additional effort to bring them up to standard. From the administrators that I've talked to, that's the area that they're deficient on.

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Should same-sex couples be allowed to form civil unions?

Crapo: At the federal level, I would oppose that. I believe it's a state issue. If I were at the state level, I would vote against that. I believe in the sanctity of the traditional form of marriage.

McClure: Same-sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not have marriages. I believe marriage is between a man and a woman and civil unions are more of a matter of recognition that two people are together.

Do you support increasing the federal minimum wage? Why or why not?

Crapo: No, I do not believe we should increase the minimum wage. We've had several significant increases in the past, and each time that it's done, it causes a reduction of jobs at the small business level. It's a question of jobs and the adequacy of jobs.

McClure: I think an incremental increase would be appropriate, just simply because an individual having to live on the current minimum wage would have a very difficult time. With dependents it becomes even more difficult.

Do you believe providing basic health care is a responsibility of the federal government? If so, how should it be paid for? If not, how should it be done and who should pay for it?

Crapo: The provision of health care is not a constitutional or required responsibility of the federal government. However, the government has made the decision it will at least provide a safety net for those who are unable to obtain coverage through the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The costs of that is something that is continuing to increase, similar to those in the private sector. The federal government should work more toward a market-oriented system of health care. Not socialized or national medicine, not like the Canadians have, because that will ultimately result in lower quality of medicine and people having to wait in lines and not being confident in the medicine they get.

McClure: The approach that I take is that the employer should be the first line of defense as far as providing health care to employees. Any government plan that they would implement should be directed primarily at helping individuals recover from catastrophic illnesses that destroy their entire life savings.

I don't know that I have an answer for that, whether the money should come through the general fund or the Medicare fund. I really haven't looked at how that breakdown should occur.

Would you support increasing the number of visas issued for foreign agricultural workers?

Crapo: That decision would need to be made on the basis of need. At the current time, I do believe we have a need for a better guest worker program that would allow workers to come in when American citizens have not filled the jobs. How we first made jobs available to the American citizens and they remain unfilled? Then the level of visas should match the unfulfilled need.

McClure: The current system that we have with undocumented workers coming across and filling these slots is basically not working for us. It doesn't protect our borders and it brings people across who do not enjoy the protection of our civil systems. So we have to create a system that in my mind protects this country and also serves those individuals who serve a very valuable purpose. They're critical to our economy in a lot of ways. They cover a lot of jobs that need to be done in this country.

How much more U.S. taxpayer dollars should the U.S. pay for reconstruction and military operations in Iraq? The nation has spent approximately \$87 billion now.

Crapo: It's not possible to put a dollar figure on the cost of reconstruction in Iraq. Instead we must define the commitment by the result that we desire. One of the key elements in making sure Iraq does not return to be a terrorist breeding ground is making sure the academy gets off the ground and the infrastructure is met. Iraq's oil should be the foundation of that. But at the front end, we need to provide some support. Everything we do should be through a loan, to be paid back over time, so the American people do not have to cover the cost.

McClure: We need to fund military operations in Iraq sufficiently to get the job done. To a large extent I feel that even in our initial commitment to that war we have underestimated the amount of commitment it's going to take for this country to successfully accomplish what we've set out to do. So the critical thing is not money but what kind of resources are going to be needed to establish a stable situation in Iraq in which a legitimate government can be established which represents the Iraqi people.

Do you support the trade embargo against the Communist country of Cuba?

Crapo: No, I don't. I believe we should lift the trade embargo. If we want to see political change in Cuba, one of the best ways to accomplish that is through trade and travel with Cuba.

McClure: I don't believe that I would want to change it at this time. It's something worth examining, as to whether it's outlived its usefulness, but I'm certainly not ready to take that position.

Should Congress grant government greater authority under the Patriot Act to allow agencies to read mail and e-mail, tap telephones, and conduct searches to prevent terrorism?

Crapo: No, in fact, I'm a co-sponsor for the bill called the Safe Act, which would pare back some of the authority Congress granted under the Patriot Act. Intelligence authorities do need strong investigatory powers, but we should not give up our civil rights that are protected in this country. Some paring back is needed.

McClure: No. Certainly terrorism is a significant threat and one which we need to address aggressively within the laws that we have available to us. But there is another threat to our civil liberties, and we cannot ignore that threat in trying to protect ourselves from the potential of terrorist activities.

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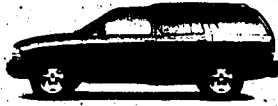
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Cubs choke down the stretch of wild-card race

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TORONTO - David Bush... Blue Jays 7, Yankees 0

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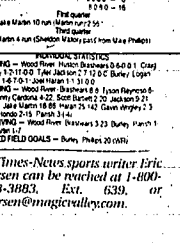
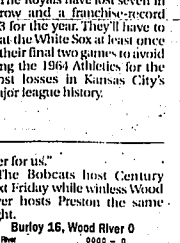
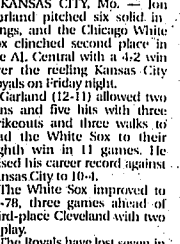
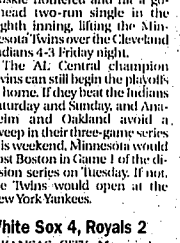
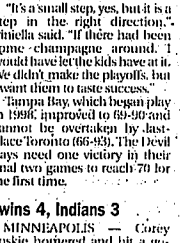
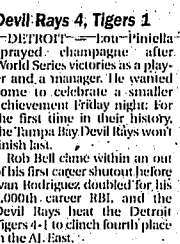
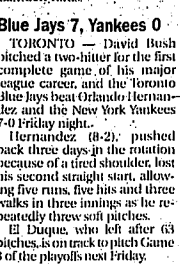
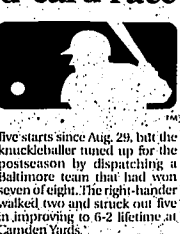
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Top 25 Schedule

Table with columns: Week, Home, Away, Time, Network. Lists matchups for weeks 1 through 17.

NFL Injury Report

Table with columns: Team, Player, Injury, Status. Lists injury reports for various NFL teams.

Champions-Constellation Energy Classic

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, Home, Road, Overall. Lists results for the Constellation Energy Classic.

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Tillman, the former safety who walked away from the NFL to join the U.S. Army Rangers and fought in Afghanistan, was killed in action in April.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Party on

- What: Historic Old Towne's two-day Oktoberfest celebration wraps up today in Twin Falls.
- Where: Along Main Avenue.
- When: Events are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Highlights include the Battle of the Bands at the fountain from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a classic car show from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in front of the D.L. Evans Bank, and the 12th annual Dutch-Oven Cook-off at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be continuous live music from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- How much: Most events are free; there's a \$3 charge for sample-tasting at the Dutch-oven cookoff at 2 p.m.; proceeds go to fund a culinary scholarship at the College of Southern Idaho.



Righteous, brother

- What: Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers will perform in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Petes Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 10 p.m. tonight.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (801) 821-1103.

Star trek

- What: The Faulkner Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "Space Jammin'," a multi-media show featuring eight space-oriented rock 'n' roll songs with graphics created by the Faulkner staff. The playlist includes Elton John's "Rocket Man," David Bowie's "Space Oddity" and "Space Truckin'" by Deep Purple.
- Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus.
- When: Tonight at 8:15 p.m. Other shows today include "The Greatest Wonders of the Universe" at 7 p.m., "Cowboy Astronomer" at 4 p.m. and "WVCK Radio Station to the Stars" at 2 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children under 4 are not admitted.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Aubrey Scott Johnson, Age: 29, Description: 5-foot-7, 220 pounds, red hair, green eyes. Wanted for: Failure to appear on a felony possession of a controlled substance charge, failure to appear on a felony aggravated battery charge. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Johnson's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

SHARING HIS WISDOM



Michael Hingson, right, talks with Dabi Kraal during a meeting with the 4-H Guide Dog Puppy Raisers of Southern Idaho at the KMYV Community Room Friday. Hingson and his guide dog, Rosella, were in the World Trade Center at the time of the Sept. 11 attacks and will be giving a speech at 7 p.m. today in CSI's Fine Arts Auditorium.

WTC attack survivor meets with puppy-raisers

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Michael Hingson came to Twin Falls with a serious message, but on Friday afternoon he kept things light by telling stories about his dogs to a local 4-H group.

Hingson, who is blind, survived the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center with the help of his guide dog, Rosella.

At the time he managed an office for a computer company on the 78th floor of the north tower.

After his story gained a lot of media attention — he was even featured in a locally written Times-News article less than a year ago — Hingson became a national representative for the nonprofit organization Guide Dogs for the Blind because he wanted to give back.

He'll speak about his experi-

ences at the College of Southern Idaho tonight.

In addition to Rosella's abilities as a guide, she can eat four cups of dog food in 48 seconds, Hingson said. He knows because he timed her.

"You should see her eat," Hingson told the Tomorrow's Leaders 4-H Club, which centers on raising puppies to prepare them to train as guide dogs for blind people.

Tomorrow's Leaders has five

members involved in raising three puppies at the moment, said Denise Ervin, of Gooding.

Ervin said the idea behind a lot of the guide dog training is to get the dogs to bond with people and to behave well around other dogs.

"They have to learn to concentrate on their tasks and not be distracted by every little thing they see."

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Trucker: 'was told

that fruit comes first

Man tells police his company told him to keep driving after headlights went out

The Times-News

RUPERT — A trucker hauling a load of fruit to Utah was told by his dispatcher to push on through the night despite the fact that his headlights weren't working, the trucker told police.

Jonathan Winckler, 31, of Fort Worth, Texas, was caught driving his rig eastbound on Interstate 84 just west of Rupert Wednesday around 9:30 p.m. with the hazard lights flashing but no headlights, according to a Minidoka County Sheriff's Department report.

A caller on a cell phone reported the truck was traveling 65 miles per hour as it passed mile post 190.

The caller also reported that the truck nearly struck the bridge near mile post 201.

Minidoka County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Broner observed Winckler drift into the emergency lane and swerve abruptly back into his lane after hiding the trouble strip on the corners.

He caught up with Winckler at mile post 205 and pulled him over, according to the report.

Winckler told the officer that the headlights went out and the trouble strip on the corners was to rendezvous with another truck and transfer the load of fruit.

When Winckler asked the dispatcher if the other truck could meet him at a closer location, he said he was told "no" and to continue on.

The dispatcher also told him

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CUTTING THE CORDS



Burley Public Library patron Ken Hale, of Oakley, tries his hand at the library's new wireless Internet system Friday afternoon. The recently installed system allows those with "Wi-Fi" equipped laptop computers to access the library's high-speed DSL service via a wireless connection anywhere in the building and is expected to benefit travelers and students.

Men face charges in Paul vandalism spree

PAUL — Formal charges were filed Friday against two of three suspects in last weekend's vandalism spree through Paul.

Loren Gene Hammond and Jacob O'Dwyer, both 18, of Heyburn, were each charged with seven felony counts of malicious injury to property in connection with the rampage that is estimated to have caused about \$35,000 in damage.

Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker said he had not filed any misdemeanor charges against the pair at this time. Felony charges relate to instances that cause more than \$1,000 damage to a individual victim.

Police reports indicate that 53 windows were smashed out of more than 20 vehicles in and around Paul late Saturday and early Sunday. So far 19 victims have reported damages ranging from \$300 to \$4,000.

Police said they expect to identify the third suspect by Monday.

Idaho troops head off to Fort Polk, La.

TWIN FALLS — Local soldiers with the Army's 2-116th Brigade Combat Team have started to pack up duffel bags and are beginning to move from Fort Bliss,

Magic Valley in brief

Texas, to Fort Polk, La., according to Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard.

Home of the Joint Readiness Training Center, soldiers will be participating in a mission rehearsal exercise that replicates the conditions of Iraq where soldiers will do a one-year tour of duty beginning around Christmas.

"It's like a final exam to ensure they're ready to undertake this mission in Iraq," Marsano said.

The troops are expected to begin two-week leaves after finishing training at the end of the month.

Two-vehicle crash sends one person to hospital

KIMBERLY — A two-vehicle accident Friday morning near Kimberly sent one person to the hospital.

Idaho State Police were called to U.S. Highway 30 and State Highway 50, an area known as Red Cap corner, around 8:15 a.m., according to an ISP dispatcher.

The unidentified person was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, but the injuries

did not appear to be life threatening, the dispatcher said.

This junction is on a list put forth by Idaho Transportation Department and Twin Falls Highway District that names roads and intersections that could use improvements. The agencies recommended that intersection get a traffic signal.

No other details on the crash were available Friday.

Hospital: Man hit by tree is in critical condition

BOISE — A man who was hit by a falling tree Wednesday remained in the hospital Friday evening.

Dave Madellina, of Arco, was listed in critical condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, according to a hospital spokesman.

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies were called to the west end of the parking lot of DMJ Mandellfield Jack's in the South Hills for a report of a man who had been hit by a tree.

Initial reports indicate that Eli Garner, also of Arco, was cutting down a tree that fell on Madellina, who was limping a tree near by according to Nancy Howell, the sheriff's spokeswoman.

Madellina was taken by air ambulance to Boise.

Open-air festivities enliven City Park

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Centennial Commission is putting on an open-air party in City Park today, with food, music and games that evoke an old-fashioned community get-together.

The Second Century Kickoff runs from 2 to 6 p.m. in City Park. Admission is free, and it costs nothing to enjoy musical entertainment, tour an old-time tent town or compete in cheese carving, sack racing, hot dog eating and a lineup of other contests.

The only thing you'll pay for is lunch. For the food, organizers suggest a donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. They're prepared to feed 3,000 people, but some dishes will run out well before the 3,000-diners mark. Serving starts at 2 p.m.

Here is the rest of today's festivities in City Park for the Second Century Kickoff:

- 2-6 p.m. — Free horse-drawn wagon rides shuttle parties between the centennial party in City Park and downtown's annual Oktoberfest festivity on Main Avenue. The two pick-up and drop-off points are at the side of City Park near the public library, and at the Main Avenue fountain downtown.
- 2-3 p.m. — CSI Jazz Combo plays at the band shell.
- 2-5 p.m. — Kids' fishing pond.
- 2:30-5 p.m. — Cow chip throwing, pumpkin carving, potato decorating and cheese carving contests.
- 3-5:30 p.m. — Give & Take, an arts and crafts market, performs at the band shell.
- 3-4 p.m. — Milking contest.
- 3-4 p.m. — Hot dog eating contest.
- 3-4 p.m. — Co-editors

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Trail dedication

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission conducted a walking trail rising from Shoshone Falls Park to the Snake River Canyon rim above, and running along the canyon rim to the west.

Today, the commission will dedicate the new segment with a ribbon cutting and speeches at 11 a.m.

To attend, park at the bottom of Shoshone Falls Park. Walk up the park's steep grass incline and follow signs marking the trailhead at the park's upper end. Folks are newly paved trail up to the first overlook.

South Hills campground construction begins

TWIN FALLS — The reconstruction of Purcupine Springs Campground, located in the South Hills, is under way.

The new campground will include 18 camping units — 14 single and four double units. Two new restrooms will be constructed. All of the facilities in this new campground are constructed to be barrier free. This will provide many opportunities for people who use wheelchairs, or have difficulty walking, to camp in this outdoor setting.

Last year, U.S. Forest Service crews closed the large meadow in the Purcupine Springs area to vehicle access.

The meadow and surrounding area contain the remains of the historic Civilian Conservation Corps built during the Great Depression.

The \$281,475 contract for the new family campground was awarded to D&H construction of Boise. Work is expected to be completed by late 2005.

The funding for this new campground comes from the Forest Service and a grant from the Idaho State Department of Parks and Recreation.

— collated from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY

Alaska pollock earns certification for being environmentally friendly

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The largest fishery in the United States received final approval for an eco-label that tells customers the seafood they are buying is environmentally friendly.

The London-based Marine Stewardship Council gave the Bering Sea pollock the final OK on Thursday, ending a lengthy review of the \$750 million a year fishery of Alaska's coast.

The certification is good for five years and subject to annual audits.

"We are a certified fishery," Alison Proccersis' Association spokesman Jim Gilmore said Friday. "I think the fishery proved itself to be sustainable and well-managed."

The industry group sought the eco-label in January 2001 at the urging of European seafood buyers, Gilmore said. In Europe, consumers are more likely to buy products with eco-labels.

The Bering Sea pollock fishery is the 10th fishery to receive MSC approval. Alaska salmon was the first U.S. fishery to get MSC certification.

The Alaska pollock fishery accounts for approximately one-third of all seafood landings in the United States each year.

Several environmental groups opposed granting an

eco-label for pollock. One of their major concerns was the effect the huge fishery is having on Stellar sea lions, which eat pollock, among other species of fish. Stellar sea lion populations off Alaska's coast have plummeted more than 80 percent in the past 30 years. The reasons for the decline aren't known.

Danny Consenstein, executive director of "Business for Alaska," one of the groups that opposed the eco-label, said the California certifier and MSC have ignored data that indicate the pollock fishery is harmful to sea lions.

"This decision is a slap in the face to consumers. It dupes consumers into believing this is a well-managed, sustainable fishery," Consenstein said. "The Bering Sea ecosystem is in trouble."

The decision Thursday by the London-based group ended a lengthy process in which Scientific Certification Systems of Emeryville, Calif., evaluated the fishery. The company conducted the nearly three-year evaluation with a panel looking at 72 performance measures in three areas: stock levels, environmental effects of the fishery and how effectively it is managed.

The panel concluded the fishery was responsibly managed.

Gilmore said any remaining problems are technicalities.

Janis Searles, a lawyer for Oceana, another group that objected to the eco-label, said part of the problem is the MSC process.

"We think you can't just look at the fishery but have to look at the context in which the fishery takes place," Searles said.

Brendan May, the MSC's outgoing chief executive, defended the council's process in a statement posted on the MSC Web site.

"The Bering Sea/Alaskan Islands pollock fishery has been subject to robust and rigorous scrutiny under the MSC program," he said. "It is hard to find a more thorough certification and auditing process for any commodity in the world than the MSC has developed for fisheries."

Gilmore said he expects the certification process to be completed in the next few weeks.

Scientists estimate there are 11 million tons of Bering Sea pollock. In 2004, fishermen were allowed to harvest a little less than 1.5 million tons, with most of the fish going into fast-food fish sandwiches, fish sticks and imitation crab products.

EXPLORING TOGETHER



Chris Coggburn and Jessica Foreman, left, of Nampa, walk through a corn maze Monday in Meridian.

Police arrest suspect in attempted abduction

COORWALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Police arrested an Albany man accused of attempting to abduct an Oregon State University student.

Aaron Evans, 21, was arrested at his home Thursday. He was being held in the Benton County Jail on charges of attempted kidnapping, attempted sexual abuse and menacing, Oregon State Police said.

The alleged victim, a 21-year-old junior, lives off campus. She said she was taking a walk on Wednesday morning when a man jumped from some bushes and tried to grab her by the shoulders.

The woman resisted, screamed for help and ran from the scene. She said her attacker fled in the opposite direction.

The attempted abduction happened about a block from where Broderick Wilberger vanished in May.

Idaho Falls man fights task force's plan for city

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A local businessman has been bucking civic leaders by opposing the city's effort to win a philanthropic grant to build a community center. Steve Vucovich complains the center would compete with his own \$17 million Apple Athletic Club.

"After starting it with my father 10 years ago, I now face the prospect of losing my livelihood as well as the opportunity to advance my mother's retirement," Vucovich wrote in the letter to a task force considering grant proposals.

The task force of officials from Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Twin Falls, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene and Mountain Home, was expected to announce its recommendations next week for community center grants of up to \$40 million.

It was narrowing seven pending plans down to between one and three.

The money is a share of the \$1.9 billion that Joan Kroc,

widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc, gave to the Salvation Army with the stipulation that it finance 25 to 30 community centers across the nation.

Vucovich was out of town on Friday and could not be reached for comment on his opposition to the Idaho Falls application.

But a week ago he sent members of the task force a packet of material including a six-page letter outlining his objections to the Idaho Falls grant primarily that it would compete with him.

But those promoting a new community center in Idaho Falls say it would be more than another health club, offering after-school and educational programs for youth and the underprivileged, said Jerry Frazzelli, a board member of the Idaho Falls YMCA.

"If he is out there lobbying to keep it out of our community strictly for his own self-interest, he is not being a good citizen," Frazzelli said.

Lawmakers debate how to reform nuclear worker camp program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional lawmakers agree a program to compensate sick nuclear weapons workers is broken, but how to fix it is the subject of debate on Capitol Hill.

"Many of the tens of thousands of people nationwide, who built Cold-War era bombs or cleaned up the waste left behind, got sick from harsh toxins and are seeking lost wages for time spent off the job."

Legislation passed by the Senate would move the program from the Energy Department to the Labor Department, which is said to be doing a good job handling a separate compensation program for nuclear workers.

In contrast, the program run by the Energy Department has been bogged down by delays.

"The Energy Department is supposed to help workers file for assistance under state worker compensation systems. Federal contractors pay the claims and get reimbursed."

The Senate proposal would require the government not the contractors — to pay the bills.

In some cases, contractors are long gone.

"In others, the government can't compel contractors to pay the claims because they are privately insured."

The Senate proposal is included in a larger defense bill. The House defense bill does not include such a measure, and lawmakers from both chambers are trying to negotiate a compromise.

Some lawmakers who repre-

sent the workers say a proposal put forward by the House negotiators doesn't go far enough.

"The House plan I have seen is a far cry from the sound plan the Senate passed," said Republican Rep. Ed Whitfield, who represents workers at a uranium enrichment facility in Paducah, Ky.

House negotiators agree the Energy Department program should be moved to the Labor Department.

However, they disagree with House and Senate members who represent the sick workers over the level of benefits the workers should get.

The proposal in the Senate bill would require the Labor Department to use individual state worker compensation laws when determining how much employees should get.

House members believe such a system is too complicated. They say a better approach is to offer various lump sum benefits to the workers that are uniform. The benefits would vary depending how sick a person is.

House and Senate lawmakers who represent the workers say that approach falls to give workers something equivalent to what they have lost.

"The compensation program run by the Labor Department is entirely different from the Energy program."

It pays workers a lump sum of \$150,000 only if they got cancer due to radiation or lung diseases associated with beryllium or silica.

Workers are now allowed to apply for benefits under both

compensation programs, and many of them do that.

Lawmakers who represent the workers say that's only fair since the lump sum is an apology for putting workers in harm's way, while the other program is supposed to replace lost wages.

A House proposal would limit the degree to which workers could apply for assistance under both programs.

"It just seems like we are once again trying to sock it to the worker, while pretending to reform a program," said Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio. "I don't think it's fair."

A call to the House Armed Services Committee seeking comment on the negotiations was not immediately returned.

The government previously kept quiet about the toxins the workers were exposed to at the nuclear sites.

Four years ago, after the Clinton administration apologized to the workers, Congress passed the dual compensation programs.

House and Senate negotiators are trying to work out their differences, so they can produce a compromise defense bill before Congress adjourns next week for a lengthy recess.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., who sponsored the Senate measure, said Friday he was "cautiously optimistic that a good deal will be worked out."

Most of the people covered by the program worked at facilities in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and the state of Washington.

SERVICES

Domingo Ollivas of Burley, funeral Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church. Friends may call one hour before Mass today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Mabel Helen Lathin, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Auld-Wagoner Funeral Chapel.

Ronald W. Fox of Filer, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; friends and family may call from 10 a.m. to noon today at White Mortuary.

Shayna Lynn Carlin, of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at LightHouse Christian Fellowship, 253 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Thomas Cserapes of Jerome, funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hogg Funeral Home in Jerome. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Howe-Roberson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Merle Henry Caldwell of Greenleaf, graveside service at

1 p.m. Monday at the Greenleaf Cemetery; memorial service at 2 p.m. at Deer Flat Free Methodist Church, 17703 Beet Road, Caldwell (Fluhuff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

DEATH NOTICES

Phyllis Kurtz — Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Joseph Antonio Tony Sedano — JEROME — Jose Antonio "Tony" Sedano, 35, of Jerome, died Sept. 30, 2004, in Boise. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday Oct. 4, 2004, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome, with Father Ronald Wokerle presiding. On Sunday evening, Oct. 3, 2004, a visitation will be held for family and friends beginning at 4 p.m. through the evening until the service on Monday. A vigil will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday evening. The viewing and vigil will also be held at St. Jerome's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1345 S. — Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Rae Hutchinson — BURLEY — Rae Hutchinson, 78-year-old, Burley resident, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the Burley Care Center. Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley.

Evelyn M. Quisenell — KIMBERLY — Evelyn M. Quisenell, 86, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at her home in Kimberly. Arrangements will be made by Park & Magic Valley Funeral

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John Reeves - Coeur d'Alene

John C. Reeves, 60, of Coeur d'Alene, died Sept. 27, 2004. He was born Dec. 21, 1943, in Humboldt, Nev., to Virgil and Lucille Reeves. John grew up in Castlegard, Idaho. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Idaho, where he met and married Dinne Tucker, originally from Hayden Lake, Idaho. He taught in public schools for 15 years. The family moved to Bonners Ferry in 1984, where he enjoyed refinishing furniture and his wood shop. He moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1999. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Diane Reeves; son and daughter-in-law, JD and

Two men plead guilty to ELF arson

SAIT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two Utah men pleaded guilty Friday to setting fires that were accompanied by ecoterrorist graffiti.

Justin A. Ireland, 23, admitted to starting a June 14 fire at a West Jordan lumber yard. Ireland placed a lighted flare under a pallet loaded with cardboard and wood and another on the seat of a delivery truck, he said in a Friday hearing.

He said he spray painted the initials "ELF" in various places on the site and sent a fax to news reporters claiming responsibility on behalf of the Earth Liberation Front.

In a separate hearing, Joshua Stephen Demmitt, 18, said he started a blaze a month later at an animal husbandry farm building on the campus of Brigham Young University in Provo.

Demmitt said he poured gasoline onto bound cardboard under a storage shed and then threw a match. Graffiti was left behind identifying the Animal Liberation Front, ELF's sister organization.

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MAGIC VALLEY

TWIN FALLS CITY COURTS

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

Driving under the influence sentencings

Irene Alferrero Arroyo, 41, 1901 Maple Ave., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$750 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Walter Gray Clark, 39, 2611 South 1st, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Misdemeanor sentencings

David Bartholomew, 43, 2925 E. 10th, Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$250 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Donald Lester Jones, 41, 1008 Lakeside Blvd., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Court records

Age 21, Twin Falls, failure to provide financial support, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Michael Charles, 30, 1721 Harrison St., Twin Falls, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

Robert Butler, 35, 508 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Howard Sinker.

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Magistrate Judge Randy Sinker. Robert Daniel Johnson, 30, 115 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, injury to property, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, Magistrate Judge Randy Sinker.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

RECENT ACTIVITY IN 5TH DISTRICT COURT IN CASSIA COUNTY

Jermye Mark Stokolski, 11, falling on asphalt parking lot, pleaded guilty, \$250 fine with 30 days suspended, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail with 10 suspended, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Butler.

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OF STOGIES AND STATE

Schwarzenegger sets up outdoor smoking room

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — There he is, Juan Vargas, the state assemblyman known for his anti-tobacco leanings, in the state that prides itself as having the strictest smoking policies in the United States — there he is, watching from his Capitol building office as newly elected Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger puts flame to stogie in the courtyard two stories below.

In the weeks following, Vargas watches as Schwarzenegger's people cover the terrace with artificial grass and erect a large tent — then strike that one and assemble the 12-by-16-foot cabana-style tent that remains standing today.

Arnold travels up through the six floors of legislative offices that surround the courtyard on all sides. "It's a smoking tent," an aide tells another aide. "A meeting tent," says an assemblyman. "A cigar-making tent," says a state senator.

"I hate tobacco," Vargas says. "I think it's a terrible thing." But Vargas doesn't mind the smoking tent, which has become the governor's de facto office. The only time Vargas noticed Schwarzenegger breaking the law — a law that Vargas sponsored — no smoking within 20 feet of a public building's windows or doors — "was when I lured him," he says.

A group of children visiting Vargas — asked to see Schwarzenegger — Vargas glanced toward the courtyard and suggested the children "bang on the window."

After a minute of enthusiastic pounding, "I saw that guy come out and literally saw his aide out of the way," Vargas says. Schwarzenegger emerged, cigar in tooth, to give the thumbs-up and pose for pictures.

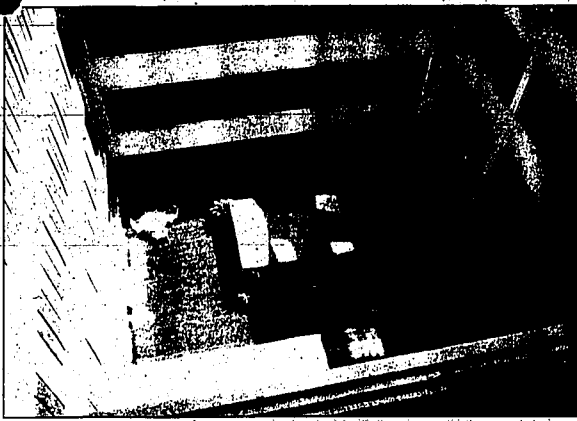
"He didn't put his cigar down," Vargas says. "That was a very nice thing for him to do." Cigars have long been part of Schwarzenegger's public persona — father-in-law Sargent Shriver introduced him to cigars, and he has twice graced the cover of Cigar Aficionado magazine. The smoking tent is his tribute to those who know him. It's "typical of his creativity" to construct a business environment where he can "smoke a cigar, schmooze and drink coffee," says longtime personal financial adviser Paul Watcher. Schwarzenegger came up with the idea on his first day in office, Watcher says, and he paid for it himself.

The location of the courtyard allows Schwarzenegger to control access: A California Highway Patrol officer guards the entrance to the governor's outer office, and another officer blocks the door leading to the courtyard, which leads outside to the tent. "I don't know about security at the White House," says one CHP officer, "but this is pretty close." The setup means that Schwarzenegger's body can peer down from above, only the select have the chance to gaze up from below.

"On a recent morning, a reporter sits in the governor's outer office for nearly two hours, waiting to spend less than five minutes in the tent. The office is filled with chatter and movement — Sierra Club activists lobbying to protect bears; ranch business interests lobbying for this or that legislation; kids who ask to see Schwarzenegger but get his business card instead; Kristen Cavero, the receptionist who worked under Gov. Gray-Davis as well, says, there has been "much more traffic" since Schwarzenegger moved in. "Terri Carbaugh, a Schwarzenegger spokeswoman, arrives and whisks the reporter into the inner sanctum, and then unlocks the door that leads outside to the tent.

The tent is fashioned of brown — one might say cigar brown — Sunbrella fabric, and it luxuriates in the center of the courtyard, surrounded by plants and metal picnic tables and chairs.

One side of the tent is open; another is partly open and draped with mosquito netting. Inside, the faux-grass floor is covered with a brown mat, and a small but powerful fan creates a pleasant breeze, keeping the tent remarkably cool. Six brown rattan swivel chairs surround a large glass table on which sits a



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger set up a smoking pavilion in the courtyard of the California state Capitol building as his de facto office.

crystal ashtray emblazoned with the Cuban cigar label Montecristo. Two cigar stubs lie in the ashtray. Somebody has left a silver-handled exerciser on the brown humidifier nearby. There is a pile of magazines on a table at the opposite side of the tent, topped by an issue of Muscle & Fitness featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Time is up. On the way out," Carbaugh tells the reporter, "it's really no big deal, just a tent."

"One can safely say," says State Librarian Emeritus Kevin Starr, "that never before in the history of California has its governor conducted significant business in a smoking tent."

But if there's no precedent in Sacramento, there is precedent in Hollywood, just look as far as the governor's buddy John Milius, who directed Schwarzenegger in "Conan the Barbarian" (1982). Milius — long ago stopped recalling his own trailer on movie sets — like Schwarzenegger, he prefers to work while smoking cigars in a tent.

Actually, Milius claims it was he who introduced Schwarzenegger to stogies in the first place. Good stogies, that is — Cuban stogies. "When I did 'Conan,'" he says, "I made sure there was a box of cigars open so anyone could come get one. Issue cigars, Montecristo No. 4," Schwarzenegger had "smoked cigars a little before," Milius says, "but it doesn't take you long to get hooked on Cuban cigars. He got started on good Cuban cigars. It's probably a narcotic of some sort."

When Schwarzenegger arrived in Sacramento, he announced his intention to bring Democrats and Republicans together, to unify the fractured Legislature — and has since held many negotiations in his smoking tent.

But not all California legislators have been invited inside. Those who have usually return to their offices with a keepsake. "You can always tell when someone has been to see the governor," says Assemblyman

Greg Aghazarian, because "they're running around with a cigar in their hand."

"An 'economy of cigars' has hung on in the Capitol. Even nonsmokers, who predominate in the Legislature, seek out the governor's personal stogies — which are actually Daniel Marshall cigars with "Arnold Schwarzenegger" printed in gold on their cellophane wrappers. (Daniel Marshalls retail from \$100 to \$200 for a box of 25.)

Aghazarian describes the gift-giving process: Schwarzenegger invites you into the tent, opens a humidifier or a box of cigars, pushes it toward you and says (in a heavy Austrian accent), "Do you like stogies?" or "I like to have a stogie." Aghazarian says he has received "a number of them."

Assemblywoman Nicole Parra has received none, but says that Legislative Secretary Richard Costigan "was supposed to get me one."

Assemblywoman Sarah Reyes: "He hasn't given me one, but if you speak with him, please tell him that Assemblywoman Reyes wants one."

State Sen. John Burton finds smoking "a detestable habit," so when in the tent he sits down, "Beats talking to somebody in the bathroom," he says. Still, Burton has accepted cigars from the governor, which he promptly gives away. The ranking Democrat in Sacramento, he apparently receives better cigars than most. "I think they're Colihbas or Montecristos," he says. "Contraband from Cuba."

Sometimes, cigars flow toward Schwarzenegger from outside the Capitol. Pleased with the governor's workers' compensation reform, Renwood Winery founder and former cigar manufacturer Robert Smeltling sent a box of cigars to Schwarzenegger via Assemblyman Alan Nakanishi.

The smoke wafting from Sacramento has drawn criticism from health organizations

Governor sticks to green commitment

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — (AP) — With few exceptions, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger stuck to his commitment as an environmentalist during September's bill-signing, approving more than 20 legislative proposals to protect oceans, improve air quality and bring millions more dollars to the Sierra Nevada.

Backers said many bills represented the first of their kind nationally, such as banning cruise ships from burning trash or dumping sewage inside California's three-mile limit, and establishing a Cabinet-level Ocean Protection Council inside state government.

But the governor also disappointed some environmental groups, rejecting bills to recycle crumb rubber into highway construction projects and expand the mission of state forests beyond timber harvesting. Still, environmentalists said Schwarzenegger's actions this year raised hopes of more advances next year.

"It's been more of an environmental advocate than any other Republican in Sacramento," said Bill Magavern, legislative director for the Sierra Club.

The results showed in his decisions on more than 1,200 bills sent to him by the Democratic-controlled Legislature. Overall, he leaned left on social issues and right on business and budget matters.

Schwarzenegger signed a bill to encourage fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles by letting them get into 1,100 miles of car pool lanes. The bill applies to cars getting at least 45 miles per gallon. He also banned commercial fishing fleets from

bottom trawling in designated areas off the California coast and ordered metering of water deliveries within 20 years in Sacramento and other Northern California cities that don't use water meters for conservation purposes.

That drew praise from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"The water meter law will bring Sacramento and other cities into the 21st Century," said spokesman Craig Noble. "Water is too scarce a resource not to encourage conservation."

The NRDC also hailed Schwarzenegger's decision to bring more focus to Pacific Ocean protection inside state government with a three-member council consisting of the heads of the resources and environmental protection agencies and the State Lands Commission. The bill brings \$10 million to fund new research, mapping and programs to retire commercial fishing boats.

"The governor also signed a bill establishing the 25 million-acre Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The bill is expected to bring \$30 million to the mountain region to preserve open space, improve water quality in rivers that represent much of the state's drinking water and guard against forest fires."

Schwarzenegger also signed bills to reduce diesel emissions from trucks and buses, increase the number of vehicles needing smog checks, make Mexican trucks comply with national air emissions standards and require recycling of cellular phones.

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Israeli army armored units prepare to go into Gaza, at a staging area along the northern border with Gaza Strip, near Kibbutz Mefa'olim, on Friday.

Israeli reinforcements prepare for showdown in Gaza camp

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP - Gaza Strip (AP) - Israeli aircraft struck more targets in the Gaza Strip on Friday as the army massed an armored force in apparent preparation for a major military operation against militants in Jebaliya, the Palestinians' biggest refugee camp.

Some 200 tanks, armored personnel carriers and armored bulldozers assembled along Israel's border on Gaza's north and east of Gaza. Security officials quoted Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz as ordering troops to "exact a price" from the militants. Soldiers began erecting makeshift camps, indicating commanders could be planning a prolonged operation. At the same time, masked Palestinian gunmen fortified positions in the maze of alleys

that lace Jebaliya, a roughly half-square mile that is home to 106,000 people, one of the most densely populated places on Earth.

The Palestinians' death toll in the most recent round of fighting reached 39 early Saturday when Israeli aircraft fired at a group of Palestinians northeast of Jebaliya, killing two militants from the Islamic Jihad group and wounding four other people, according to witnesses and Palestinian hospital officials said. The army said it had fired at a group of gunmen.

Seven Palestinians were killed and at least 32 wounded by the missiles and in a failed attack on an Israeli border crossing Friday while two others died from wounds suffered a day earlier. Fighting on Thursday killed 28 Palestinians and wounded 139, most of

them in Jebaliya, in the worst single-day toll in 30 months.

The Israeli death toll stood at five, including two preschoolers whose killing Wednesday by a Palestinian rocket led the Israeli government to order what was shaping into one of the largest offensives of the 4-year-old Palestinian uprising.

Underlining the difficulty of stopping such attacks, another homemade Qassam rocket fired Friday hit Sderot, the dead children's hometown, even as Israeli troops took control of a five-mile-wide strip of Gaza in an effort to put Israeli towns out of rocket range.

The rocket caused no injuries, but the Israeli incursion into Jebaliya was in flaming passions in a conflict that has killed some 3,000 Palestinians and 1,000 Israelis in four years.

Group says N. Korea lacks proof on reports

NEW YORK (AP) - North Korea may have only a single nuclear weapon and there is no proof that the reclusive country has actually produced any, the leading group trying to disarm North Korea's atomic program said in an interview Friday.

Figures: up to a half-dozen and sometimes more are circulated in discussions of North Korea's self-proclaimed program. South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Soo-hyuk said in April that North Korea could make eight bombs by reprocessing 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods.

On Thursday evening, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry criticized President Bush for not opening direct dialogue with North Korea on nuclear disarmament, saying "Today, there are four to seven nuclear weapons in the hands of North Korea."

"When you get into this discussion about the numbers, it quickly sort of becomes people seeking facts," said Charles Kartman, the executive director of the New York-based Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, known as KEPO.

told The Associated Press. "They feel comfortable with the numbers because they imply facts. These aren't facts. They're worst-case-all sorts of stuff. There may be zero. The number of proven weapons is zero," Kartman told The Associated Press.

Experts believed in the mid-1990s that North Korea might have reprocessed some plutonium from its Russian-supplied reactor complex at Yongbyon, because the International Atomic Energy Agency found traces of it in a chemical analysis of samples from the site.

"There is a maximum amount of plutonium that could have been reprocessed, and if that is true, then depending on the state of North Korean technology, it would have been sufficient for one or, at most, two weapons," Kartman said.

Now when you get to the number two, you are really applying the worst-case scenario. Everything has to run right," Kartman said. "You're not going to get too many responsible scientists going along with the number two" from that time period in the mid-1990s.

European judge mulls Microsoft Windows case

The Washington Post

LUXEMBOURG - A European judge on Friday cast a skeptical eye on whether Microsoft Corp. should be forced to create two versions of its Windows operating system, one with its program for playing digital music and videos and one without.

On the last of two days of hearings here, Jo Vesterdorf, president of the European Court of First Instance, questioned whether an order by anti-trust regulators would work to restore competition, or confuse consumers and possibly hurt other firms.

Vesterdorf is slated to rule within 60 days on whether the mandate will take effect immediately or be put on hold while Microsoft appeals a European Commission judgment that it broke the continent's anti-trust laws.

That appeal could take several years.

If Vesterdorf allows the order to take effect, regulators for the first time would have prevented the software giant from one of its primary growth strategies: bundling more and more functions into an operating system that is the brain of more than 90 percent of the world's personal computers.

Vesterdorf also will rule on whether the company should be forced to immediately disclose more software code to rival makers of server systems, which power networks of computers, so that they will work better with Windows systems.

Microsoft has been battling anti-trust charges in Europe ever since the commission opened its probe five years ago. Similar anti-trust charges in the United States resulted in a settlement with the Justice Department in late 2001, but negotiations in Europe broke down early this year.

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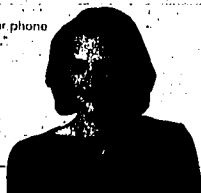
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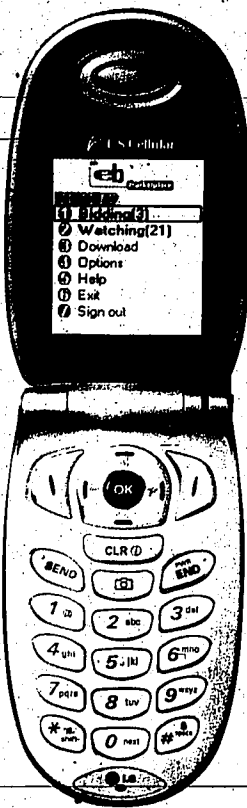
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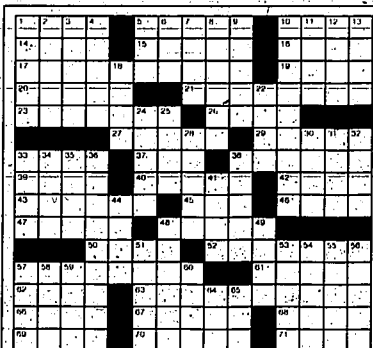


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Husband's restlessness disturbs wife's sleep

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Sherman," and I sleep together. Recently, I have noticed that he constantly moves his legs and feet. He does this even after he falls asleep. I have lost a lot of sleep during the last few weeks because of his constant leg movements.
I approached "Sherman" this morning and asked him to go to the doctor and get something for this. He became defensive and refused. I told him if he isn't willing to go with me to the doctor, I'd have to sleep in another bed because I need my rest. I'm also afraid Sherman isn't getting the rest he needs, even though he may not realize it.
I feel if my husband respects me and cares about my feelings, he should be willing to go. Who is right?
— SLEEPLESS
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Love will replace lust for Scorpio this weekend

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Donald Trump holds one of his new action figures at Toys 'R Us Times Square, on Wednesday, in New York. The 12-inch figure, made by Stevenson Entertainment Group, speaks 17 phrases that include advice from Trump as well as his trademark boardroom dismissal.

Trump gets fired up for more firings on 'The Apprentice'

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press
NEW YORK — With the new round of "The Apprentice," Donald Trump is fired. Fired up, that is. Maybe even more fired up than usual.
His show — back for a second season every Thursday on NBC — is even better than before, crowns the billionaire businessman, who can afford to brag, especially since this is the first time anyone has named NBC's baron and made "You're fired!" a bankable catchphrase.
But though never one to shrink from the spotlight, Trump signed on for "The Apprentice" trying to get the job as "The Apprentice." The first edition's finale in April — when he hired Bill Rancic to oversee a Chicago construction project — drew more than 28 million people.
"You can have a really good time when that happens," Trump said.
Besides, it doesn't cut into his schedule as much as you might think. "Frankly, the biggest time (demand) happens here to fly to California to do a Jay Leno or something," he said. His show "is not scripted, there's nothing to study. It's something that we have done to a science."

which made it very exciting."
Each vying for Trump's \$250,000-a-year "dream job of a lifetime," the candidates were chosen from 1 million applicants, said Trump, which, if strictly accurate, would mean a third of 1 percent of everybody in the United States took a shot — or every attractive person slightly too old to audition for "American Idol."
In any case, that cloying cliché from Oscar telecasts — you're a winner fast by being nominated — would seem to be true with "The Apprentice," just to get on the show, with its guaranteed publicity and TV face-time, is to be an automatic winner.
Among them: Bill, a real estate developer from Philadelphia who affects a dandyish sartorial style likened by a rival to Rodney Dangerfield's in "Caddyshack," and Pamela, a San Francisco-based investment firm partner whose searing look invites comparison to Cruella de Vil.

Europeans fawn over motorcycles; couple has 'American Wedding'

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"Kings of the Road" — Europeans value Japanese motorcycles for their streamlined styling and high-revving speed. (TVPG) THE TRAVEL CHANNEL 6 p.m.
"Wild Travels" — Spirit of woman unjustly executed on Boston Common; relics of fearsome whalers rise from watery graves. (TVPG) THE TRAVEL CHANNEL 7 p.m.
"American Wedding" — Jim and Michelle prepare to get married while Stiller plans to throw a bachelor party. (CC) HOME BOX OFFICE 9 p.m.
Sunday
"Good Will Hunting" — A young janitor with a high intellect goes through a battle of wits with a therapist to realize true feelings. (CC) (TVMA) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 6 p.m.

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"NFL Football" — From San Francisco Stadium at Candlestick Point in San Francisco. (CC) ESPN 6:30 p.m.
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"Model Citizens" — The models rebuild a basketball court for inner city youth in South Central Los Angeles. (TVPG) KTVB 6 p.m.
"NFL Football" — From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. (CC) ABC 7 p.m.
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Word trackers say that "hummongus" is a recent coinage. The term first appeared in 1973 as a new slang term in the University of Denver's student newspaper. A similar term, "gimmormous," is still awaiting similar recognition.
"Drop-out" came from a factory term for a part discarded from an assembly line for being defective.
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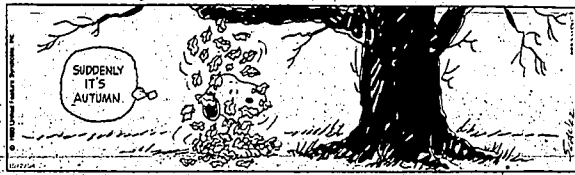
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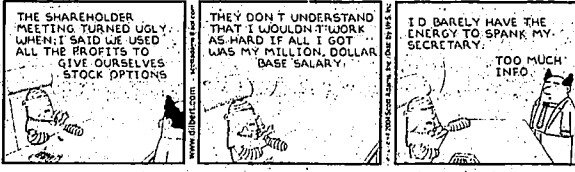
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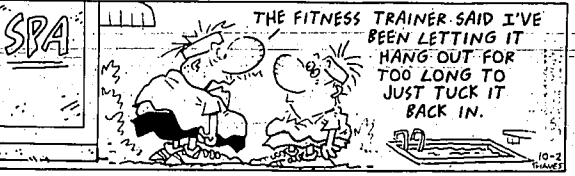
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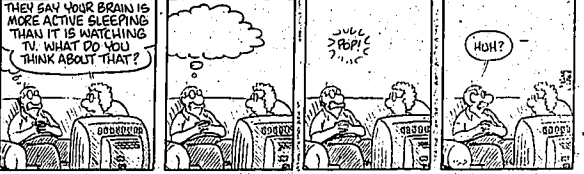
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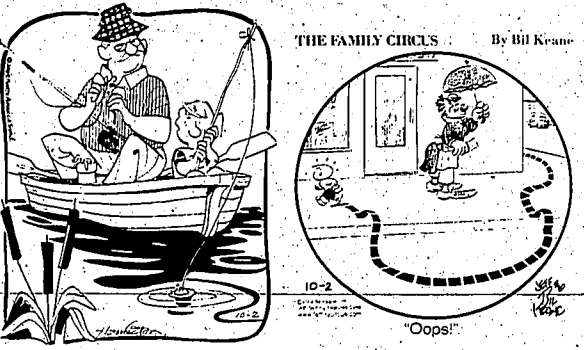
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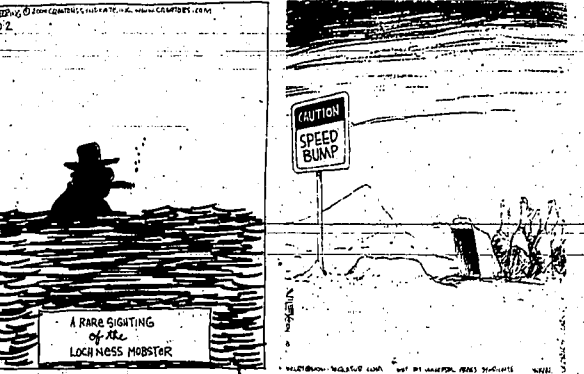


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Flaming Gorge offers up salmon — and a smile

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — If the month of September isn't highlighted on your calendar as a can't-miss opportunity to visit Flaming Gorge, then it should be.

This is the time of year to get into the kokanee salmon just before the spawning run closes down the fishing for these tasty minnows.

Although trolling will certainly take lures, worm fishing is also a fun tactic that can be really fast and furious. Either way, kokanee are a big target item for mealtime.

After only about three years in the reservoir, they have grown up to pounds, and the transformation doesn't stop there.

The males begin to exhibit a humped back and hooked jaw, complete with a rassy set of big teeth. And both sexes begin to turn to their spawning red as part of autumn's festival of colors.

Downrigging is vital for these deep-dwelling, hand-locked salmon. A small can of 34 inches or so in front of a brightly colored spoon or Tasmarran Devil, often down 60 feet or more, is often the way to go.

The take isn't usually that small either. Fish whose mouths can be rather tender during the summer months have now hardened with the changes that have taken place.

Keep moving across points and even into open water staging areas while searching for kokoes. Adjust depths, too, until active fish-catching combinations are discovered.

When jigging, it is best to secure your boat to the bottom with a good anchor so you are able to stay over the school you've located. A depth finder is important here; and a line-counter reel makes the work easier when it comes to putting your lure right into the school.

Mushrooms offer fall bounty

PRIEST LAKE (AP) — Idaho Mushroom expert Michael Beug led an expedition into the damp forest near Priest Lake on a foggy Sunday morning, pointing out the visible fruits from a mysterious subterranean world.

There were baseball-size specimens smelling of aluminum, white legs covered with slimy "witches butter," peculiar mushrooms dripping with white liquid when cut, prized white matsutake mushrooms worth \$100 per pound in Japan, and clusters of buttons tasting of fried chicken.

After five years of dry summers in which some species were scarce, forests are again bursting with mushrooms. Beug, keynote speaker at the Spokane Mushroom Club's annual fall foray, could barely speak fast enough as he darted between mushrooms, poking through a soft carpet of electric green sphagnum moss. A contingent from the mushroom club followed behind, clinging to every word while trying to gather specimens for their own stewpots and sautéed pans.

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Mushroom expert Michael Beug holds up a large Agaricus mushroom while talking with a group of mushroom pickers from the Spokane Mushroom Club on Sept. 25 at Priest Lake during the annual fall foray.

Monday morning with reports of a bumper crop of matsutake, which is the mushroom worth \$100 per pound in Japan, and clusters of buttons tasting of fried chicken.

On Friday, Beug filled an 80-quart cooler with matsutake. He estimated his take to be worth \$9,000 in Japan, where the strong-flavored, cinnamon-scented flesh has been prized for centuries. Beug plans to give away all of the mushrooms to his friends.

During most years, Beug said, he picks three or four matsutake the entire season. "I've never seen anything like this before."

Beug compares picking mushrooms to picking apples. The fungi poking out of the forest floor are the fruit of a massive underground network of mycorrhizae. Some of the underground fungal specimens are believed to be more than 1,000 years old, he said.

"They're incredibly important to healthy forests," he said. "Without the decay function of mushrooms, the forests would be piled high with litter and cease to function."

Mushrooms are also good sources of nutrition for both humans and forest wildlife. "They're comparable to peas and lentils, but they're very high in protein. They're extremely nutritious."

Just as mushrooms occupy a mysterious middle earth between the plant and animal

worlds, mushroom pickers are in their own kingdom, too. While others walk through the forest staring at the tree canopy or watching birds, mushroom enthusiasts keep their eyes on the ground, searching for all that is damp, pungent and slimy. Their faces brighten at the mention of boletes, chanterelles, corals and morels.

Spokane contractor Orlando Ferraro compared it with fishing, but with better chances of success and less expense. Trips to the forest are calming and powerful tonics for his sore back. He's also able to gather ingredients for his favorite recipes, including a New York steak covered in a porcini mushroom sauce.

"This is just like a postcard out here," Ferraro said, speaking while Beug peered at a stump a few feet away. "Why do people travel to Mexico to look at the scenery when we have this right out our doorstep?"

Nearly, another club member held up a contorted, colorful specimen that looked like it came from a horror movie set or an alien spaceship's pantry. Beug's eyes widened. "What the hell is that?" he said.

Club members laughed. "That's the first time you've said that!" said Michael Fox, a Spokane resident and novice picker.

Within seconds Beug had regained composure and spluttered out a name — *Flutis*

lusco boletinus ochraceo roseus.

Fox grinned. "Oh yeah, that's what I was thinking."

Even all the joking wasn't enough to distract one club member's focus from the forest floor. Her basket was heavy with matsutake and she rarely passed in her foraging. One of the mushroom foray participants — a beginner who barely knows mushrooms beyond the stems and pieces found in a can — picked up the zenobas scavenger "The Shroomsstress."

Beug has taught more than 1,000 people to pick mushrooms and has never had a student become ill. Much of his mushroom safari consisted of safety lessons.

"If you cut this raw, it will rupture your red blood cell walls and you can die," Beug said, holding a gelatinous-looking false morel.

Some mushrooms are easy for beginners to identify. Others require elaborate tests, including placing the cap atop white paper and observing the color of the spores. Pink spores could mean a trip to the hospital. Blue bruising on the cap or stem might just mean a long, strange trip, Beug said.

In Johnson, a longtime picker from Liberty, Mont., soaked up Beug's fountain of knowledge. It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in the world's most perfect classroom.

"This is really a treat," she said.

Asian mushroom harvesters hold strike

CRESCENT JUNCTION, Ore. (AP) — Matsutake mushrooms were a fast fortune once for the many Southeast Asian immigrants who provided the pine forests of the Oregon Cascades for the beige-white fungi.

In the early 1990s the price went crazy at times topping \$500 a pound for sale fresh to a voracious market in Japan. That didn't last, but in early September, when the pickers moved into the camps for the two-month season, the price was still \$28 a pound for top grade matsutakes.

The bottom dropped out — to \$18 a pound, to \$8 to \$4, then to \$3.

Last Sunday, the pickers made an unprecedented move: They sold their mushrooms at the low price and went on strike, crusading for \$15 a pound for top grade matsutakes.

Instead it got worse. By Thursday night, the price was \$2 a pound.

"This year they came out of their shell for the first time, they said they believe they have freedom too," said Kuoq Loch, 44, a Cambodian migrant who lost a leg fighting the Khmer Rouge army in Cambodia in 1983. When the price tumbled, Loch helped organize a meeting of the Laotians, Cambodians, Hispanics and others staying in and near a forest Service campground that exists mostly to house mushroom hunters.

"We became as one whole group," he said. "Picker lines went up at the clusters of white tents along the highway, with some pickers waving signs with slogans like 'if you can't pay the price, get out of here.'"

Nearly, a few buyers with their scales waited patiently for the few pickers still not working to bring in their day's haul.

The air was heavy with the musty, earthy aroma of the mushrooms as buyers sorted them into grades for weighing.

"Two bucks," grumbled a picker who declined to give his name. "Zang way from \$20 or \$30, ain't it?"

Most of the rest of the pickers went home during the strike, initially called for five days and scheduled to end Thursday. They have agreed to come back over the weekend to decide whether to continue it.

Arizona border deaths set record

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants who died crossing into Arizona reached 177 in the just-ended fiscal year, the most ever for any state bordering Mexico, Border Patrol figures showed Friday.

According to preliminary counts, the Tucson sector, the nation's busiest in terms of illegal immigrant entries, counted 141 deaths from all causes, and the Yuma sector registered 36 deaths for fiscal 2004, which ended Thursday. Nationally, the total number of migrant deaths dropped from 340 to 325.

The number of heat-related deaths in the Tucson sector dropped significantly, from 43 for the previous 12 months to a preliminary number of 41.

Largely offsetting that drop, though, is a rise in nearly tripled from last year earlier, going from 12 to at least 33, said Border Patrol spokesman Andy Adams.

During fiscal 2003, there were 154 deaths in Arizona.

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WORLD

City of Light harbors secret world

Paris' underground served as vast network for both bandits and saints

PARIS (AP) — The City of Light harbors a city of darkness, a vast network of subterranean tunnels that once gave refuge to bandits, smugglers, and saints, and cradles the bones of some million Parisians.

Today, this eerie maze is the haunt of living spirits, from youths looking for adventure to urban explorers carving out a new frontier.

An underground movie house replete with bar and phone service, recently discovered by the police, is but a slice of the thriving underworld below Paris.

Some 185 miles of tunnels and underground passageways honeycomb the underbelly of the city, most old quarries for the fountain industry used to build the French capital. Others house electricity and telephone cables.

In the deepest sphere, some 100 feet under, lie the catacombs, holding ancient bones from overexcited cemetery. But of the catacombs are open to the public, but dropping into the rest of the city darkness is illegal and can be hazardous.

This is not a journey for the faint of heart. One way is a riddle-of-the-night descent through a manhole and down a ladder. Once inside, a sand-colored maze of galleries, nooks and crannies unfolds. One must be sure to descend to the center of the Earth.

It's an all-wet-ter trip that includes strolling, sloshing through mud and slithering through watery tunnels.

"Paris is a Mecca" for underground exploration, said Lazar Kinstmann, a spokesman for the group that set up a cinema called the Seine River in the Eiffel tower. The group has seven other subterranean sites, he said, refusing to give details.

In the eternal night of underground Paris, secrecy is sacrosanct, creating a subculture with its own code and names.

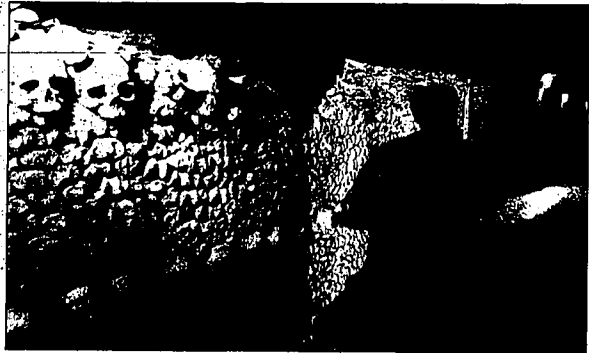
Slipping into the underground, social classes melt away, and there's a sense of having a double life, said Patrick Aalk, a photographer with more than two decades of experience as an urban explorer.

Like Lewis Carroll's Alice discovering when she falls into a rabbit hole, fear, intrigue and wonder await the subterranean traveler. Instead of a tea party with the Mad Hatter, there are parties by flashlight in dank, musty, many rooms bearing names like "Bazance," "the Cathedral," or "Room Z."

But this strange universe is being increasingly scarred by "cataphilis" who daub graffiti or scribble on walls with their hand. Some quartz rooms are covered in paint, making another breed of subterranean spirits who call themselves urban explorers.

The police chief in charge of subterranean Paris fears the new generation of tunnel-seekers is on a collision course with the urban explorers who regard the underground as part of Paris' patrimony.

It's a matter that is becoming



A man is shadowed in the catacombs, Sept. 15, in Paris. The City of Light harbors a vast network of subterranean tunnels that once gave refuge to bandits, smugglers and saints and cradles the remains of some 6 million Parisians. Today, this eerie maze is the haunt of living spirits, from youths looking for adventure to urban explorers carving out a new frontier. An underground movie house replete with bar, phone service and reportedly even a toilet, recently discovered by police, is but a slice of a secretive underworld that thrives below Paris, those connected with the project say.

more and more mixed... with some people who can be in top... Commander Luc Bourgeois told The Associated Press.

Cataphilas have haunted the Paris underworld for decades, but the Aug. 23 discovery by police of the cinema, set up by an urban explorers' group calling itself The Perforating Mexican, revealed just how sophisticated the below-ground has become.

The cinema seated about 30 people of tapes carved from rock — and covered with wood for comfort, according to Kinstmann. The complex included a bar, a restaurant and some annex rooms for privacy.

A toilet drew water from the Trocadero gardens above, where "there was a permanent leak," said Kinstmann. Electricity was siphoned off by wrapping wires around the state power company's cables, he said. "The problem is not to leave a trace on the electricity

network," according to Kinstmann, the cinema, finished some 18 months ago, was a renovation of a crude theater built three years ago.

"There was a certain surprise" when police found the movie houses, Commander Bourgeois conceded.

A less surprising but more worrisome discovery was made across town, under the high security La Sante prison. There, several tunnels, one shut, were partially reopened. Tests that prisoners were plotting an escape or, worse, that terrorists had invaded the underground set off alarms.

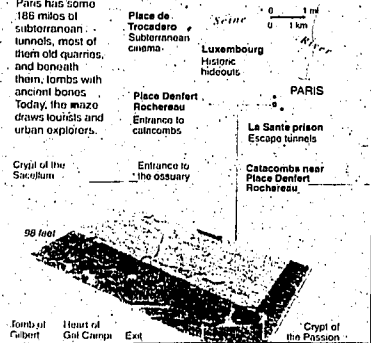
In the end, "we think it's attempts of the underground looking for an old passage," said Catherine Biquet, judicial police spokeswoman. There have been no arrests, she said.

Bourgeois warns of dangers, from this that can cause queasiness to cave-ins. He cited cases of people falling into 30-foot deep wells or getting lost. There are no known deaths.

The catacombs have inspired writers from Victor Hugo to Gaston Leroux, whose "Phantom of the Opera" hid in "that infernal underground maze."

"When you go down, you enter the city's past. It's a voyage into the bowels of dreams," said

Secrets of the City of Light



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World's take on debate: First round to Kerry

LONDON (AP) — Sen. John Kerry scored points against President Bush on the Iraq war during his televised debate, but Bush soon avoided the kind of gaffe that could be a turning point in the presidential election, international analysts and media said Friday.

Whatever the early verdicts, one thing was clear: the debate attracted a lot of viewers overseas. In Europe, many people had to stay up past 4 a.m. to see the whole debate, and it was not even shown in some Asian countries until Friday morning.

In France and Germany, which opposed the Iraq war, Kerry's promise of a multilateral U.S. foreign policy was welcomed.

Germans could not help noticing that Kerry's stand on the Iraq war and his opposition to unilateral attacks is closer to Berlin's stance. Gerart Erlar, a senior lawmaker with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats, told n-tv television.

In France, results of a pre-debate poll said nearly 90 percent of French favor Kerry, and one analyst said the reasons vary are obvious.

"We are in a logic of 'Anything but Bush,'" Andre Kaspi, an expert on the United States at Paris Sorbonne University, told the daily newspaper La Croix.

"There is no doubt that international support for the United States has fallen a lot in the last four years — in France particularly, but this is a global trend and it is also very strong in the Arab world."

During the debate, Kerry accused Bush of leaving U.S. alliances around the world "in shatters," and said that as president he would try to win more international support for the war.

In Russia, Italy and Sweden, media Web sites declared Bush's Democratic challenger the winner in the debate, but some said that may not be enough for a comeback in the polls.

"It wasn't a knockout victory, but Bush was groggy afterward," analyst Wolfgang Hansson told Sweden's leading tabloid, Aftonbladet.

Kerry "won more points," said Stephan Strube, a commentator on Germany's N24 news channel.

"Kerry seemed to show that he had the stuff to be president. He had more facts in his head, and he was able to explain his position in Iraq," Strube said. "He is back in the race."

London's Financial Times portrayed it as more of a draw, but one that did not seem to immediately benefit Bush.

"There was no single moment which sealed the debate for one man," correspondent James Harding wrote on the paper's Web site.

Citing early polls, he said Bush failed to put Kerry away. Kerry climaxed during the debate but Americans have been left with an "incredible mess in Iraq."

Bush said Kerry's varying positions about the war have left American troops wondering how they could follow him as their president.

Kerry also questioned Bush's handling of North Korea and Iran, two countries suspected of pursuing nuclear weapons programs.

In addition, the two presidential candidates debated the situation in Russia, with Kerry saying President Vladimir Putin's crackdowns during the war on terror have been excessive.

In South Korea, analysis said the debate showed that Bush and Kerry both favor a tough stand against North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Experts in Seoul said the debate indicated neither would have much patience for delays by North Korea in dismantling its nuclear facilities.

Still, Iraq dominated the debate, and many see that as the election's turning point issue.

Christian Hacke, a political science professor at the University of Bonn, Germany, said observers must remember that opposition to the Iraq war is much stronger in Europe than in the United States.

"Many Europeans forget that there is a war climate in the U.S., and that emotion can be more important than reason," Hacke said.

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Revitalize your spiritual side

He calls it the empty-shell syndrome: a lack of spiritual maturity among those who claim to be spiritual. The name of the malady was coined by J.B. Moreland, a Christian philosopher at Talbot School of Theology. You can test its validity in your life by comparing the values you espouse as a religious or spiritual person with the values our culture promotes.



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- If you say you stand for love of neighbor, self-sacrifice and humility, do you tend to look first at whether a situation benefits you, gives you pleasure or advances your personal agenda?
- If you say you believe in selfless love and self-denial, do you usually seek out a comfortable lifestyle?
- If you say you'll follow the road less traveled, do you strive for self-fulfillment above all else? Most of us who claim to be spiritual regrettably must answer yes. We're too attuned to and consumed by the culture to answer any other way.
- As for spiritual values? In the honest, we mostly give them lip service.
- In the book "The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex and the Meaning of Life," and in the recent PBS series about it, Harvard University professor Armand Nicholi shows how Freud, an atheist, and Lewis, a Christian, tackled the basic issues of life from two different perspectives.
- "It may be that Freud and Lewis represent conflicting parts of ourselves," Nicholi said. "Part of us yearns for a relationship with the source of all joy, hope and happiness, as described by Lewis, and yet, there is another part that raises its fist in defiance and says with Freud, 'I will not surrender!'"
- In one sense, those are the competing forces we're up against in life, every day. And as the Freudian side prevails, the spiritual side recedes.
- "Many pack their lives with endless activities in order to block out the emotional emptiness and spiritual hunger that fills their souls," says Don Closson of Frohe Ministries.
- Thus, the sickness unto death we experience.
- At this point, many of us will ignore the symptoms and go on with our lives, oblivious to the warning signs. Others will recognize a need for healing and a new direction in life.
- In "Love Your God With All Your Mind," Moreland offers several steps to spiritual health.
- Use your brain. So much simplistic talk about faith and spirituality misses the fact that God gives us a brain to use. Lewis is a prime example of a believer who plumbed the depths of faith with a piercing intellect. Start with some of his challenging works ("A Grief Observed," "The Problem of Pain," "The Christian Philosophy" and "Imitation of Christ").
- Be different. Fads fade, and conformity to the culture offers no lasting satisfaction. When organized religion tries to mimic the culture by espousing its values, it loses every time. Stand up for what you believe, not what the culture promotes.
- Change your routine. We are creatures of habit, and we readily succumb to the temptations of an easy life. Commit yourself to spiritual enrichment. Read challenging works. Be active in community affairs.
- Be patient and enduring. "Bickering tough-tossers" and "life-changing moments" teach us valuable spiritual lessons. Avoid easy answers to life's hard questions.
- Make no mistake: "The empty-shell syndrome is a deadly condition, leaving destruction in its wake."
- The spiritual path, to be sure, has its share of potholes, hairpin turns, and frustrating detours. (Even Mother Teresa had her dark night of the soul.)
- But if we persevere and are faithful, one thing is certain: A "welcoming home" awaits us at the end of the road.

Tom Schaeffer writes about religion and ethics for the *Wichita (Kan.) Eagle*.

A TASTE OF NOAH'S ARK T.F. church will continue anointment of creatures

By Steve Turner
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Ascension Episcopal Church may look a little more like Noah's Ark this Sunday.

A Blessing of the Animals, which was held last year as well, is expecting to expand greatly this year, as people in the community are invited to bring in their animals for a brief service.

The ceremony, conducted here three or four times during the mid-1990s, attracted 25 animals upon its return to center pulp last year.

"This year, we're thinking there could be anywhere from 60 to 90," said Father Brian Thom, rector at Ascension.

And the pets won't all be your standard dogs and cats. This year, the church is expecting donkeys, a turkey and maybe even a camel.

"The camel is scheduled to appear," Thom said, "if it's in the mood."

The service will consist of a Scripture reading, a prayer about creation and a couple of statements about animals.

"The animals will be lined up by types of critter," Thom said, "and I'll say something like 'God bless you, Rufus' and 'Be the best dog, cat, snake, whatever, you can be.'"

Traditionally, churches that participate in blessing animals hold services on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi — this Sunday — to honor the monk who loved animals. The ceremony serves as a way to acknowledge all of God's creation and also provides fellowship among the community, Thom explained.

"It's good for people to be grateful for their pets," he said.

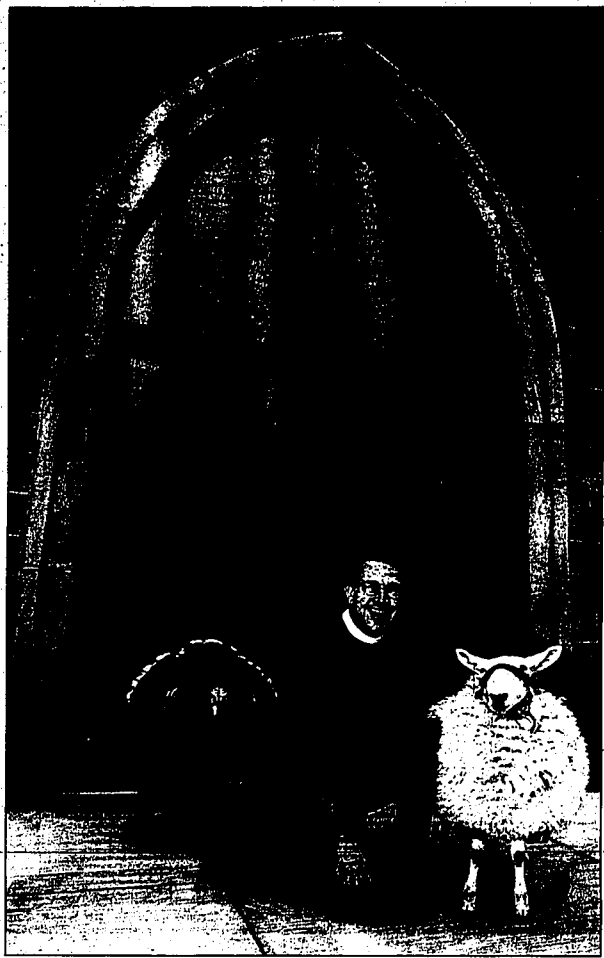
During the eight times that Thom has been a part of this type of ceremony, he has not had a problem with any animals. This year may be different.

For a small donation, Thom has agreed to kiss any animal.

"I think I may be kissing the turkey," he said.

When asked if he thought that animals go to heaven, Thom replied, "Why not? We can leave it in God's good hands and find out when we get there."

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Father Brian Thom will bless animals this Sunday. In celebration of St. Francis Day, at Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls.

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BLESSINGS FOR ALL THE ANIMALS

Baseball & God

Major leagues' only full-time chaplain a confidant for Astros

By Bobby Ross Jr.
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — When Houston Astros starting pitcher Pete Munro arrived at the ballpark on a recent Saturday, a white-haired man with an easy smile greeted him and slipped him a handwritten message.

A bit of advice for handling the Milwaukee Brewers that night? Not exactly.

"I got a little Scripture for him," said Gene Penber-ton, the Astros' chaplain. "I can stick it in his pocket and take it to the mound."

As the major leagues' only full-time chaplain, the 61-year-old Penber-ton leads a regular Bible study for Astros players, comforts injured players at the hospital and helps with Sunday church services in the clubhouse. Even more important, the Astros' spiritual coach works with players and provides a supportive, reassuring presence in the grind of a 162-game



Houston Astros chaplain Gene Penber-ton is caught by the camera during batting practice in Houston. Major League Baseball's only full-time chaplain is a supporting and reassuring presence in the locker room and on the field.

AP photo

regular season, said team owner Drayton McLane, and players such as All-Star outfielder Lance Berkman. "You've got 25 young men who travel endlessly for six months out of the year. There's just so much pressure," said McLane, a prominent Texas Baptist who serves on the board of church-affiliated Baylor University. Each Sunday, about 3,000 baseball players, coaches, managers, trainers and other team personnel participate in chapel

programs offered to the more than 200 teams in the major and minor leagues, according to Baseball Chapel, an international ministry. However, no team other than the Astros has a full-time chaplain, said Vince Nuss, the ministry's president. Penber-ton — who for many years officiated basketball and football games at the high school and college levels — became the team's chaplain in

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Gospel TV: Music with a spiritual side gets a 24-hour television channel

By Kristen Wyatt
The Associated Press

TYRONNE, Ga. — Growing up the son of televangelist Rex Humbard, Charles Humbard remembers family suppers with gospel music greats — Pat Boone, June Carter Cash and The Gatlin Brothers among them.

Humbard went on to choose a career in cable television over the ministry, but now he's bringing his profession together with his family's heritage as he starts the Gospel-Music Channel, the first 24-hour music network for Christian music.

Set to air in seven markets this month, the Atlanta-based cable network aims to be as popular as MTV and a blessing for gospel artists, who find themselves mostly ignored on television despite selling millions of records.

"This is a music genre with a large, underserved, passionate audience," said Humbard, who left a top post at the Discovery Networks to start the Gospel Music Channel along with Brad Siegel, a former president of Turner Entertainment Networks. — The channel will span all Christian music styles, from rock to rap to traditional gospel.



Charles Humbard, left, is president and CEO of the Gospel Music Channel. Brad Siegel is vice chairman of the new 24-hour music network for Christian music.

along with an artist biography show called "Faith & Fame." Gospel-music album sales have gone up 10 percent since 1998, accounting for 47 million albums sold last year, according to Nielsen SoundScan. During the same five-year period, overall music sales dipped 10 percent.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Company disputes settlement details

ROISE — Annuagated Sugar Co. is disputing the federal government's description of its settlement of allegations of discrimination against women.

Corporate attorney James Leuchman maintained that the deal requires the Annunagated to pay only \$19,000 as to many, as 151 female applicants and 42 female employees at its Nyssa, Ore., sugar plant whom Labor Department investigators found had been discriminated against because of their sex — not the \$476,000 the Labor Department said was the settlement total.

But Department spokesman Michael Shuman on Friday said the company also will pay \$413,000 a year in salary because it must hire 22 of the women it denied jobs to because they were female. It must raise the pay of five current employees by a combined total of \$13,000 a year to bring their salaries up to those paid men in comparable positions.

The settlement also requires nearly \$1,500 to be spent to train Annunagated managers and supervisors on equal employment opportunity requirements.

Leuchman claimed suggestions that the settlement would require 193 women would raise \$476,000 because they were victims of sex discrimination were "gross inaccuracies."

Annunagated's Magic Valley sugar plants are in Twin Falls and Paul.

Stimson Lumber will buy Hauser mill

HANOVER — Stimson Lumber Co. has agreed to buy the local manufacturing mill that will provide an outlet for lumber culled from its other operations.

The Portland, Ore.-based company, which has three other mills with 400 employees in central Idaho, will purchase the mill for \$10 million, close the price it will pay for Hauser Lake Lumber Operations. The deal was expected to close in November.

The mill with 50 employees is owned by Fleetwood Enterprises, a recreational vehicle and mobile home manufacturer. Employees manufacture short pieces of lumber into longer two-by-fours used in recreational vehicle and mobile home construction.

When Fleetwood bought the plant 20 years ago owning a mill was the most efficient, cost-effective way to get the lumber, spokeswoman Katy Munson said.

But now the material can be as efficiently sourced from outside suppliers.

Stimson Vice President Jeff Hoyer said the company has been looking for an outlet for its shorter lengths of wood that are either sold or turned into sawdust now.

He said he didn't know if the mill will be a permanent customer once the mill changes hands.

Tully's Coffee gets new president Nov. 1

SEATTLE — Tully's Coffee, which has a store in downtown Seattle, named former Seattle Smith executive John Desel as president and chief operating officer, effective Nov. 1.

The 45-year-old replaces Tom O'Keefe, who left in July to return to his family in California.

O'Keefe's founder and head barista Tom O'Keefe made the announcement at the chain's flagship store in downtown Seattle.

Desel was president of the Ackerley Television Group, a division of the Seattle-based media conglomerate The Ackerley Group, which owned the Sunes, Seattle Storm and various broadcast and interactive media.

The chairman of Tully's biggest competitor, Starbucks, Howard Schultz, became part owner of the basketball teams in 2001.

The appointment comes nearly two months after Tully's reported a loss of \$376,000 for the first quarter of its fiscal year, which began in late March.

— compiled from wire reports

Idaho gas prices remain stable

The Associated Press

BOISE — Average gasoline prices in Idaho have been relatively stable in the face of the escalating crude oil prices and various supply disruptions, including hurricanes, that have pushed up the price nationally by over seven cents a gallon in just the last two weeks.

But Idaho's pump prices are still among the highest in the nation, according to the American Automobile Association.

"Idaho is served by refineries in Wyoming and Utah, so we're not immediately or directly impacted," said Dave Carlson of the AAA of Idaho.

The AAA's daily gasoline price survey put the average pump price for self-service unleaded gasoline on Friday at just under \$1.96 a gallon, still about a penny less than two weeks ago.

Nationally, the price jumped over \$1.92.

After Idaho's price picked in early June at a record \$2.09 a gallon, it took only three weeks to drop back below \$2. But since early July, the price has been between \$1.95 and \$1.97, which was the upper end of the range Carlson predicted for summer motorists back in late June.

By contrast, the price nationally peaked at \$2.05 just before Memorial Day and then slide back to nearly \$1.80 before beginning to rise again last month.

"Gasoline prices may continue to move even higher over the next few weeks as the oil industry and consumers attempt to recover from one of the worst hurricane seasons ever experienced," Carlson said.

He said the United States lost more than 11 million barrels of oil production in the past two weeks because of the storms in the Gulf of Mexico and production continues to run as much as 500,000 barrels a day below normal.

"High oil and gas prices are a signal we need to head in a new direction," Carlson said. "We

need to promote new energy sources like hydrogen fuel cells."

At the same time he conceded that "we're not going to stop driving, but lessons of high gasoline prices this year have taught us to consolidate errands, keep our vehicles well maintained, drive less and use more fuel-efficient vehicles."

Although less than four cents a gallon separated the Idaho and national averages, Idaho's price remains the highest in the nation as October began.

Goat farms gain popularity



Kimber Hamm, of Poplar Hill Farm, walks with her goats as they head to the barn Tuesday in Lindley, N.Y. The increasing number of immigrants to the United States from countries where goat meat is a dietary staple has made goat farming an expanding business nationwide.

Immigrants spur demand for different meat

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — An immigrant-fueled demand for goat meat and dairy products has led to a mini-boom in the number of farmers nationwide who are capitalizing on the cheaper and easier-to-raise livestock.

The growth is especially true in New York and other Eastern states where immigrants from the Middle East, Africa, eastern Europe and southern Asia are settling, said Danen Hillehey, an agricultural development specialist at Cornell University.

"Of the top 20 immigrant groups in New York City, 18 or 19 come from goat meat-eating countries," Hillehey said. "Immigrants are bringing their food traditions to the Northeast and that's creating opportunity."

The number of goat farms in New York rose 50 percent to 2,474 in 2002, from 1,616 farms in 1997, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Nationally, the number of goat farms rose 19.5 percent to 31,462 in 2002 from 26,543 in 1997.

"Goat meat just has the highest demand right now," said Dennis Hamm, who in 1999 converted his cattle and horse farm in Lindley, about 60 miles south of Rochester, to a goat-raising operation. "We have no trouble selling it. We're about at our maximum right now."

Hillehey said 30 to 40 live markets have sprung up in New York City in which consumers can pick out the animal they want and have it slaughtered to their specifications.

Hamm sends most of his animals to a Vermont company that supplies high-end restaurants in Boston and New York.

Goat meat fetches \$1.70 to \$2.25 a pound in the live markets in New York City and \$4 to \$6 a pound in retail grocers, according to Lisa Boyle, a goat breeder and marketer in Middletown.

The meat has 50 percent to 65 percent less fat than similarly prepared beef and has up to 60 percent less fat than lamb.

The cholesterol content of goat meat, also called chevon, is similar to that of beef, lamb, pork, and chicken and is much lower than some dairy, poultry products and some seafood, according to various researchers.

The switch to goat farming is painless for many farmers because the animals are adaptable to a range of environmental conditions.

"Our area doesn't have the greatest land," said Hamm, vice president of the Empire State Meat Goat Producers Association.

Raising goats "takes advantage of the kind of land that is suitable for pasture land. It's hilly with a lot of brush."

Brittania Stanton, an extension associate with the Northeast Sheep & Goat Marketing Program at Cornell

University, said goats are easier to handle than beef cattle or dairy cows and require less capital investment and equipment.

"It's something children can help with and they're easy for people who don't have a lot of animal background," she said.

"Goats bond well with people, even though they can be mischievous animals and can be good escape artists. It's nothing like running a dairy farm."

Oliver of LaFayette, 10 miles south Syracuse, started raising goats about five years ago.

His farm is now "almost 100 percent" devoted to raising goats. He owns just under 50 head.

"It's not my primary source of income yet, but we're on track to get it to that point," Oliver said. "I think we can continue to grow. As the ethnic population continues to grow, we're going to grow with it."

The increase was double what economists had been forecasting, and Jolly's figure was revised to reflect an even stronger month than previously estimated.

"This was an extremely strong and encouraging report," said Kenneth Simonson, chief economist at Associated General Contractors of America.

The generally upbeat manufacturing and construction report is somewhat in line with the University of Michigan's index of consumer confidence for September, also released Friday.

"That reading declined to 94.2 last month from 95.9 in August, lower than had been expected by economists."

Automakers also reported car and truck sales for September. Ford Motor Co. said its sales fell nearly 7 percent as sales dragged down overall results. But General Motors Corp. said its new vehicle sales jumped 20 percent, and Toyota Motor Corp., Nissan Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group also posted double-digit gains.

Company gives students \$50,000 to practice investing

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — University of Idaho finance Professor Mario Reyes walks before his class of investor neophytes, firing off pointed questions to students by name.

"This session of his securities analysis class focuses on picking stocks, and Reyes wants to know how the 35 class members plan to dig up the information that will tell them when to buy, sell or hold."

"How can we learn about the tools and the techniques and the models so that we can make a report?" Reyes asks.

The attentive students, most with laptops at the ready, are quick to name newsletters, Web sites and financial television shows that offer the analysis that can make the difference between a boom or bust year.

And attentive they better be. Reyes walks before his 16 other schools, they have \$50,000 in cash, courtesy of Investment firm D.A. Davidson & Co., based



University of Idaho professor Mario Reyes teaches a class in securities analysis Sept. 9, in Moscow. Along with students at 18 other schools, they have \$50,000 in real-cash, courtesy of Investment firm D.A. Davidson & Co., based in Great Falls, Mont., to invest as they see fit on the open market.

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"Yeah, it's good to give us more of a real-life experience," agrees classmate Pete Schindler, a 22-year-old accounting

and finance major from Boise.

The securities analysis class is the first group to get its hands on this year's \$50,000.

The fund will be taken over next semester by Reyes' portfolio management class.

The UI and Washington State University joined the Student Investment Program in 1994.

Investment returns since then vary from year to year. But overall, both programs have seen profits, according to statistics from the money funds.

The UI has seen a \$42,899 total gain and been able to keep \$27,928.

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D.A. Davidson & Co. started the investment program in 1985 at Montana State University.

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Richardson says his firm counts the money funds and adding time to the program to pay back the communities where Please see INVESTMENT, Page E6

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