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Garage sales

Today's garage sale listing includes

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Heating costs will rise

PUC approves a 27.6 percent rate hike for Intermountain Gas

The Associated Press

BOISE — Intermountain Gas customers will pay an average of \$17 more a month on their fuel bills after state utility regulators Friday approved a 27.6 percent rate increase for the company, which serves 260,000 households and businesses in southern Idaho.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission granted the Boise-based company's request, filed

in August, to raise rates to reflect the rising cost of wholesale natural gas. None of the increase goes to the company's bottom line and the commission ordered that the company promptly apply to reduce customer prices if the wholesale rate for natural gas drops by 5 percent or more. The new rate goes into effect today.

State regulators said in their order that the \$67.7 million revenue increase for Intermountain

was justified because wholesale gas prices have fluctuated dramatically over the past several months.

"The volatile gas market has seen forecasts of future costs, at recent levels, and resulted in increased uncertainty about when and where prices will stabilize," the commission wrote.

Analysts predict that parts of the country could see natural gas price increases this winter of as much as 70 percent.

Idaho regulators also rejected a PUC staff request to investigate Intermountain's charitable contribution rate to low-income assistance programs. Compared to Intermountain's 3 cents per customer contribution to such programs, Idaho Power contributes 13 cents, Utah Power and Light contributes 22 cents and Avista Corp. gives 31 cents.

The commission wrote that a probe into the discrepancy was beyond its jurisdiction.

MORE THAN THE BASICS



Victor Gunter leads a discussion on various breeds of livestock Wednesday during an animal science class at Shoshone High School. An instructor in college preparation classes is affecting students pursuing agricultural careers because those courses tend to be listed as electives.

Stricter standards put squeeze on electives

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — So let's say you want to create productive citizens. The process may be more complex than you would think because there is one challenge facing both post-secondary and higher education: teaching students how to apply in the real world what they learn in the classroom.

At Shoshone High School, about 40 students participate in

FFA, formerly called Future Farmers of America. The program operates through the school and creates opportunities for students to use their knowledge outside of school, but the challenge facing some students is the increasing graduation requirements that are making it more difficult to pursue elective courses.

The students balance an increasingly hectic schedule between school classes, FFA activities, sports and study time.

Meanwhile, the state is demanding more core requirements — such as reading, language arts, math and science — to prepare students for college, and starting in January the state Legislature will begin debating the Idaho High School Redesign program that will add more credit requirements for math and science classes as well as additional senior projects.

"Right now we're all working on assumptions," said Shoshone Junior-Senior High

School Principal Joe Hendrickson. "We don't know what will happen, so we have a lot of questions."

In smaller school districts, the question of electives and scheduling is a concern because they cannot afford additional mediation courses or multiple offerings to accommodate conflicts in student schedules. But in rural districts like Shoshone, educators (as well as the community) are advocating

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Controversial Smith at center of annual Mormon conference

By Jennifer Dobner
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — In his essay, "The Prophet Puzzle Revisited," author and historian Dan Vogel calls Joseph Smith, the founder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, complex and gifted.

He also says Smith was a "pious fraud," who knowingly duped followers into believing that God and angels spoke to him in visions, directing the formation of the church in 1830. "I have no judgment as a historian upon what he did. What I like to talk about is what he thought he was doing," Vogel said in a telephone interview from his home in Westerville, Ohio. "And he thought he was doing a good work."

That work included writing the Book of Mormon, the faith's foundational text. Woven into its stories of battles between good and evil is the message that the Saints — as Mormons are often called here — should obey God's commandments and believe in Jesus Christ. "Even if the Book of Mormon is not history, for Joseph Smith it's still inspired because it does those two things," said Vogel, a sixth generation Mormon who left the church about 30 years ago.

Mormons revere Smith as a true prophet, who through revelation.



Lori Hillstrom arranges fake flowers in the Mormon church's conference center in Salt Lake City. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold their semi-annual meeting this weekend.

SPACE TOURIST

U.S. millionaire prepares to blast off for space station

The Associated Press

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — U.S. millionaire scientist Gregory Boush, the world's third space tourist, bid farewell to his family Friday during final preparations for his flight to the international space station with a Russian-American crew.

The 60-year-old founder of an infrared-camera maker based in Princeton, N.J., reportedly paid \$20 million for a seat on the Expedition 12 flight.

Olsen, who holds advanced degrees in physics and materials science, defended his presence in the capsule as a necessary step in the evolution of space flight.

"I would hope that my flight would help, if just to make space flight more routine," Olsen said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "One hundred years ago, airline flight was reserved for only a few brave souls. Everyone flies on (planes) nowadays. The same will be true of space flight."

demands for payment could end U.S. participation.

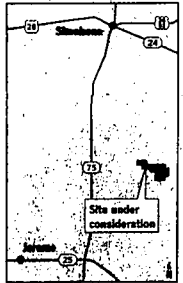
NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said a 2000 U.S. law banning non-space station-related payments to Russia because Moscow helped Iran build a nuclear plant "continues to generate American pressure" on the station.

The cash-strapped Russian Federal Space Agency has turned to space tourism to generate money. Olsen is the third non-astronaut to visit the station: California businessman Dennis Tito paid about \$20 million for a week-long trip to the space station in 2001, and South African Mark Shuttleworth followed a year later.

Olsen made his fortune on optic inventions. He is the founder of Sensors Unlimited Inc., a company that makes infrared imaging cameras and fiber-optic communications components.

At a preflight news conference with cosmonaut William Tokarev and astronaut Valery Tarasov, Olsen said he pre-

Sempra proposal



CHRISTIAN DRAFFS/THE TIMES-NEWS

Sempra meeting draws crowd

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

JEROME — Two smokeless stacks rise up behind a green field where cattle graze.

A municipality searches for a new water source.

Residents left a public forum Friday night with two contrasting images of what life might be like if a proposed coal-fired power plant moves into Jerome County. The event, organized by the Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional teachers' society, was intended to provide information on both sides of the coal-fired plant debate.

Representatives of Sempra, the company that intends to build a 600-megawatt facility northeast of Jerome, offered the first view of how a coal-fired plant might impact Magic Valley life. Bruce McCulloch, manager of project development, showed a video of the company's two facilities in Texas, hoping to paint a picture of the prosperity Jerome County could enjoy if Sempra is allowed to build its plant.

"There's a lot of fear and concern about coal plants because people don't know what they're about," McCulloch said.

Coal plants are not about gashly amounts of toxic emissions or sucking-up vast quantities.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A sunny, warm and breezy day. Highs near 80. Tonight: Increasing clouds along with a chance for passing rain showers. Lows, upper 40s to near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy to brisk winds and quite warm. Highs, upper 70s. Tonight: Developing showers possible very late. Lows, mid 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be the warmest day of the season as it will be a slightly cooler Sunday. A few light showers could also move through tonight and Sunday morning thanks to a cold front.

BOISE Enjoy the above average temperatures today as they will be a slightly cooler Sunday. A few light showers could also move through tonight and Sunday morning thanks to a cold front.

CORNER UTAH It will be a mild start to October. However, by Sunday an incoming cold front will bring cooler conditions and a few showers to the region.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 83 at Hope, 30 at Starvation. Today's high is 82 at Hope, 50 at Starvation. Low is 30 at Starvation, 20 at Hope.

CRISIS MINISTRY'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Try the small things and you will be surprised to find that they are the most important things in life. In fact, the more you do the more you will find that they are the most important things in life."

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 80, Low 48).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists various Idaho cities and their weather forecasts.

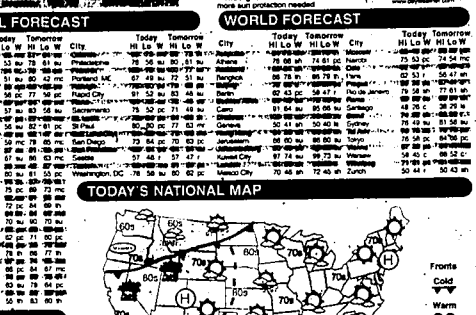
Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, HI, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists weather for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists weather for various Canadian cities.

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Sempra

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That's business I can do without... Douglas Smith, an environmental consultant for Sempra, expressed his faith that governmental regulations, including those of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, protect MagicValley residents from pollutant levels that might be harmful.

Space

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ferred the term "space flight participant" to "space tourist." "Tourism implies that anyone can just buy a check and go up there. That's not what happened," he told the AP.

Smith

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elation restored God's true church to the earth. His life and work promise to be a central theme of the church's 175th semiannual conference in Salt Lake City this weekend.

Education

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importance of vocational agriculture programs such as the FFA. "We are trying to prepare life-long learners and productive citizens," said Victor Gunter, who is the FFA adviser.

Through his journals, I consistently see he really believed in what he was doing and that he was very concerned for his fellow man.

quently. And subsequent leaders: from Brigham Young to current President Gordon B. Hinckley, have continued to shift the institution, said Sandra Tanner, a former Mormon who, with her husband Jerald, owns the Utah Lighthouse Ministry bookstore in Salt Lake City.

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Freed reporter testifies in leak

Scrutiny shifts to the aid of vice president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out of jail after 85 days, New York Times reporter Judith Miller testified before a grand jury Friday, setting the stage for prosecutors to decide whether to charge anyone in the Bush administration in the leak of a CIA operative's name.

Miller, who had been in jail for refusing to testify, was the final holdout witness whose testimony Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald said he needed before concluding down the probe into who leaked the identity of Valerie Plame.

Miller said she got assurances from her source and from Fitzgerald that enabled her to testify.

I know what my conscience would allow and ... I stood fast to that," the reporter said as she emerged from the federal courthouse where she spent more than four hours, most of it behind closed doors testifying.

Before she agreed to talk to the grand jury, Miller's source, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, gave her assurances she could reveal the contents of their conversations. For his part, Fitzgerald promised to limit his questioning of Miller to the Libby contacts.

"Believe me, I did not want to be in jail. But I would have stayed even longer," said Miller. Fitzgerald has characterized Miller's testimony as key to completing his investigation into the White House role in the disclosure of Plame's identity. The grand jury expires Oct. 26.

Fitzgerald exited the courtroom without commenting, except to tell reporters, "I'm leaving." Fitzgerald's spokesman, Randall Sarabon, declined to comment about what would happen next.



New York Times reporter Judith Miller gives a thumbs up as she leaves U.S. District Court in Washington on Friday after testifying to a grand jury investigating the leaking of a CIA operative's identity. Miller served three months in jail for refusing to divulge her source in the matter.

Until a few months ago, the White House maintained that the Wilsons' name first surfaced in a column by journalist Robert Novak on July 14, 2003. Novak, who had spoken to Rove about Wilson's wife, wrote that two senior administration officials told him Plame had suggested sending her husband to the African nation of Niger on behalf of the CIA to look into possible Iraqi purchases of uranium yellowcake.

Wilson's article in the Times, titled "What I Didn't Find in Africa," stated it was highly doubtful that any such transaction had ever taken place.

In October 2003, with the criminal investigation of the Plame leak gaining speed, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said of Rove and Libby: "Those individuals assured me they were not involved in this."

On Friday, Libby's lawyer detailed some of the recent events leading to Miller's grand jury appearance.

Attorney Joseph Tate said he and his client had released Miller long ago to testify, and were surprised when Miller's lawyers again asked for a release in the past few weeks.

Tate said Miller's lawyers called recently and said there was "a misunderstanding and Judy wanted to hear it straight from the horse's mouth" that Libby was releasing her to talk to the grand jury. Tate said Libby didn't know Plame's name until seeing it in Novak's column.

Although Miller declined to identify her source, the Times identified him as Libby.

Miller, released from jail Thursday night, had been in custody in Alexandria, Va., since July 6. A federal judge ordered her jailed for civil contempt of court when she refused to testify.

Of the reporters swept up in Fitzgerald's investigation, Miller is the only one to go to jail. Novak apparently has cooperated with prosecutors, though neither he nor his lawyer has said so.

Harvard cracks \$25 billion with its endowment

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University's riches have surged past \$25 billion, but the school announced Friday that the news came amid signs that the world's wealthiest university is struggling to find a permanent CEO for its in-house money management company.

Harvard said that former Morgan Stanley Asset Management president Peter Naulosy will serve as interim chief investment officer of the quasi-independent Harvard Management Company, replacing Jack Meyer, while the search for a permanent successor continues.

Harvard's endowment, now \$25.9 billion, exceeds No. 2 Yale's by more than \$10 billion and is one-and-a-half-times larger than the market value of General Motors. The endowment functions as a kind of trust fund, kicking in \$850 million a year to Harvard's budget.

Meyer, who added billions to Harvard's coffers by consistently beating benchmarks over his 15 years there, announced in January he would leave to start his own company. He had postponed his departure while the university searched for a permanent successor. But Friday was his last day and the school announced the appointment of Naulosy, an HMC board member, in the company's annual letter to the Harvard community.

"We've been talking to a lot of very interested and very talented people, and it is tricky for them to understand and learn enough about Harvard, and it's tricky for us to make sure we find the right person," James Rothenberg, chair of HMC's board of directors, said in a telephone interview.

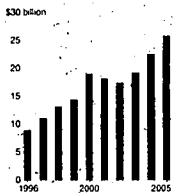
Harvard faced criticism from some alumni for paying its in-house investment advisers as much as \$35 million, though top investment managers at for-profit companies can command far larger salaries and bonuses. The letter released Friday, however, says the school is probably an issue for some people, because some of the people you're talking to are walking away from larger opportunities," Rothenberg said. "For other people, it's not an issue at all."

The uncertainty over HMC's future cast a shadow on another

Harvard University tops \$25 billion

Harvard University's endowment, the largest of any university in the world, more than doubling since 1996.

Total Market Value Harvard University Endowment Year ended June 30



SOURCE: Harvard University Alumni Affairs and Development

year of stellar returns Meyer: 19.2 percent, compared to a median of 15.8 percent for comparable endowments, according to figures provided by Harvard.

The school's nest-egg stood at just \$4.7 billion when Meyer arrived in 1990. But he complemented the school's prodigious fundraising — it received 123 gifts of \$1 million or more last year alone — with aggressive investments in nontraditional assets like hedge funds, timber and venture capital. In the letter released Friday, Rothenberg said that if Harvard had performed only as well as the average large, diversified fund over the last 10 years, it would be \$1.4 billion poorer today.

Those extra billions have transformed the university, though critics say Harvard should spend more of its savings. The university recently eliminated tuition for low-income families. The business school, which already has a wood-paneled gym, recently spent \$5.4 million renovating its library. There are new medical research buildings, and plans for a new campus in Boston for several of the professional schools. "It's nice to be rich," said government professor Harvey Mansfield.

Seat belt use reaches an all-time high

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans than ever are strapping on their seat belts when they get into their cars.

Belt use has reached a record 82 percent this year, an increase of 2 percentage points from last year, the Transportation Department said Friday. The credit goes to growing awareness of safety benefits — and a possible ticket if a police officer pulls a driver over.

"The fact that safety belts save lives is starting to click with the American public," said Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta.

State-by-state list will be released later in the year, officials said.

While more vehicles are becoming equipped with technology to help reduce collisions, safety advocates still view the seat belt as the most effective tool in preventing traffic deaths.

Seat belts have been required equipment in new cars since the mid-1960s, but have been utilized in wider numbers during

the past decade. About 58 percent of Americans buckled up in 1994 and 71 percent snipped themselves in by 2004.

With a use rate of 82 percent, Mineta said seat belts annually prevent 15,700 fatalities, 350,000 serious injuries, and \$7 billion in economic costs linked to deaths and injuries. The 2-point increase saved an estimated 540 lives, he said.

A warning light and tone instructs motorists to wear their seat belts in all new vehicles, and some automakers — such as Ford Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp. — have developed systems to remind motorists to buckle up if they remain unbelted while in transit.

Experts attribute the progress to the use of high-profile media campaigns such as "Click It or Ticker," more enforcement by police officers and the adoption of primary seat belt laws, which let police stop motorists who fail to use seat belts.

In West Virginia, highway officials placed a big emphasis on its "Click It or Ticker" campaign in

May, airing commercials on MTV, during NASCAR events and ESPN's "SportsCenter." It actively worked — the state says its use rate hit nearly 85 percent this year, a vast improvement over 2001, when only about half the motorists wore seat belts.

"You could barely turn the television on without seeing (a commercial)," said Bob Tipton, director of West Virginia's highway safety office.

Michigan expanded its use of safety belt enforcement zones, in which motorists were notified by road signs that police were looking for unbuckled travelers. The state's belt use grew from 90.5 percent in 2004 to 92.9 percent this year, said Anne Beaudet, a spokeswoman for Michigan's office of highway safety planning.

Others give credit to primary seat belt laws, which have been passed in 22 states. Most other states have secondary laws,

which allow police to issue a seat belt violation only if a driver is stopped for another infraction.

New Hampshire is the only state that has no adult safety belt law.

"We need more states to enact primary enforcement safety belt use laws and continued government support for the 'Click It or Ticker' mobilizations," said Bob Laugel, General Motors Corp.'s top safety officer.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimated that states with primary belt laws averaged use rates of 85 percent, compared with 75 percent in states with secondary laws.

The Bush administration has tried to entice more states to adopt primary belt laws, offering grant money for highway construction and safety enforcement programs to states that pass the measures. States also can become eligible if they achieve 85 percent belt use for two consecutive years.

Child Find

In cooperation with parents and non-school agencies, the Twin Falls School District engages in Child Find activities throughout the school year. These activities are conducted to create public awareness of special education programs, advise the public of the rights of students, and alert community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities from the age of three through the semester in which they turn 21.

If you know of a child who may have individual needs that result from disabilities or developmental delays, and who is not enrolled in a school program, please contact Support Services at 733-8456.

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AROUND THE VALLEY



Dog show

- **What:** The Snake River Kennel Club Dog Festival, featuring an AKC sanctioned obedience and best-of-breed match, fun competition events, rally and agility classes, a variety of demonstration and educational activities, and mini-training classes for dogs and their owners. Proceeds will benefit the Magic Valley Humane Society's People for Pets Fund.
- **Where:** City Park, Twin Falls.
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.
- **How much:** Most events are free. For more information, call Monte Smith at 321-6551.



Mr. Bluegrass

- **What:** Barley Skaggs
- **Where:** Cactus Petes Restaurant, Casita in Jackpot, Nev.
- **When:** 8 and 10 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.



Leapin' Lizards!

- **What:** Magic Valley Little Theater will present Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Garmiri's musical "Annie."
- **Where:** O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, Twin Falls.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10, are available at Everybody's Business and Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl, or at the door.

Authorities probe armed robberies

By Terry Smith Times-News writer

WENDILL — Four men remain at large after robbing six dairies south of Wendell.

"We've got some pretty good leads, but no suspects are in custody yet," Gondering County Sheriff Shaun Lough said Friday. Authorities served a search warrant at Jerome County residence on Thursday night and found guns and other items believed to have been used in the robberies.

The suspects were described as two black men and two

Hispanics.

"We know who they are," Gough said. "We just don't know where to find them yet."

No workers were injured in the holdups.

Six dairies in Gondering and Jerome counties were hit around midnight Sept. 20 and early the following morning. Gondering County facilities, robbed were County Line Dairy, Canyonview Dairy, DeWitt Dairy and Ardenna Dairy No. 5. Jerome County facilities were Alves Dairy and Stouder Holdings.

Some reports say three men

were involved; Gough said four.

He said the men robbed employees who were milking cows.

"They walked in at gunpoint and said, 'Hand over your money,'" he said.

The robbers were apparently familiar with the workings of dairy farms. Many farms pay employees on the 5th and 20th of each month.

Gough said it's not known how much money was taken, but said one employee was robbed of \$850.

The robbers have sent a shock wave through the local

dairy industry. Many workers are scared, and dairy owners are looking at ways to increase security. Some are hiring guards or increasing security patrols.

"It's a scary deal," said Mary Lou Alves, who along with her husband, George, owns the Alves Dairy in Jerome County. Their dairy, which milks about 600 cows, was robbed Sept. 21.

Mary Lou Alves said only one milker was on duty at the time. She said three men wearing masks entered the milking parlor shortly before 1 a.m.

"They apparently walked in

and demanded his money, but he didn't have any on him," she said. "They asked for his keys, like they were going to take his car, but they apparently got spooked and left."

Alves said their milking parlor is equipped with a video camera but it wasn't running at the time of the robbery.

She said the robberies are causing a lot of fear and uncertainty in the dairy industry. Thieves have been stealing expensive medicine from dairies for quite some time, but armed robberies are something new, she said.

FLOWER FINDER



Alan Porter of Rupert stands among a variety of orchids in his home on the Idaho Youth Ranch where he works. His collection includes at least 30 different types of orchids.

Orchid finds niche in Wood River Valley

By Marie Mischel For The Times-News

RUPERT — Far from the steamy tropics where exotic flowers flourish, rare orchids grow wild in the Wood River Valley.

Alan Porter is one of the few people who knows exactly where.

The Rupert resident was working at his monthly consulting job at Webb Garden Center in Ketchum when a friend invited him to visit some orchids growing behind a barley field in Wood River Valley.

Just after a June rainstorm, Porter hiked a half mile through "a hundred billion mosquitoes" and found about 20 groups of lady slipper orchids.

Suddenly, the itching insect bites didn't matter. Porter began to take pictures of the flowers, known as *Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*, a species prevalent in the northeastern United States but rare in Idaho.

Porter wasn't discrete, exactly, where the flowers grow. He said he's afraid thieves will dig them up.



Porter photographed this wild lady slipper orchid, a rare find in Idaho, in a Wood River Valley field.

While it may seem strange to see delicate-looking flowers growing in such a harsh environment, even greenhouse orchids tended by experts can wither. In the 28 years since he received his first mail-order catalog as a 4-H project, Porter estimates he's killed off 1,000 plants while learning to care properly for the 600 or so thriving

orchids in the sunroom of his home on the Idaho Youth Ranch, where he works. The collection includes 30 different types of orchids.

"I have just about everything from the most extremely rare to the everyday," he said.

His collection includes phalaenopsis, a common species with showy flowers that re-

quires little more care than ordinary houseplants. These plants can be found at retail outlets, Porter said.

Another species he has tried his hand at is an Australian wild terrestrial orchid.

"It's a little more difficult (than phalaenopsis)," he said. "I can get it up to the dormant period and then it just doesn't come back."

Among his prize possessions is a hybrid of which there are fewer than 10 in the world because no one has been able to successfully reproduce it.

The variety of 35,000 known species of orchids fascinates Porter. Some have flowers that are almost microscopic, while the largest blooms are 12 inches wide.

"They go from flowers that look like bugs to the really elegant," and the fragrance can range from floral to spicy to "something that died three weeks ago," he said.

It's a subject he knows well enough that his business card identifies him as the Orchid Doctor. President of the Magic Valley Society of Orchids, Page A6

Buhl enjoys Centennial Clock: Plans for celebration move forward

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Located in the heart of Buhl, on the southwest corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street, is the city's Centennial Clock.

In service only two weeks, the community timepiece cost the Centennial Committee \$11,000, according to Mayor Barbara Gietzen, the committee's co-vice president.

"The committee budgeted \$15,000 for the construction and installation of the clock. We haven't gotten the bill in yet for the installation," Gietzen said.

The stately looking clock shows the time to all four corners of the intersection and is brightly illuminated for those on the go after sunset.

Centennial events

To check on the availability of tickets to the New Year's party contact Gietzen at 543-5575 or 543-5650.

For brick purchase information, call 543-0968 or 543-8870.

The committee plans to sell commemorative bricks for the memorial wall design and layout plans are already underway.

"We are hoping to sell at least 1500 bricks," Committee President Holly Langdon said. "They are selling pretty well and hopefully by the end of the year we can start designing and building the tiered wall behind the clock."

The bricks, which will be engraved, provide families and businesses an opportunity to give a lasting tribute to the city.

They come in two sizes: 4 by 8 inch and 8 by 8 inch and can be purchased for \$25 and \$50 each, respectively.

There will be a dedication for the clock and Centennial Wall on January 7th, Langdon explained.

Both the clock and memorial wall are elements of the planned on-going celebrations for Buhl's centennial next year.

Tickets are just about sold-out for the centennial's kick-off dinner and dance on New Year's Eve.

The event will take place at the Buhl Country Club and will feature a fireworks display.

Other events slated throughout the year include: The

"Desert Brown to Valley Green" community party in May; a cattle drive at the end of June; and a Harvest Festival planned for October.

The city of Buhl will be officially turning 100 years old in April.

"The Twin Falls Land and Water Company had built a hotel and held a lot drawing and sale in April 1906," Committee Co-Vice President Jim Barker said. "It wasn't until 1908 that the city had enough people to become a village. Then it was big enough for city government. Around 1911, Buhl became a municipality."

Blair Koch lives in Buhl. She can be reached by e-mail at Blair_20@hotmail.com or 316-2607.

Counties announce candidates

By Terry Smith and Blair Koch Times-News writers

Twin Falls

Eleven citizens have filed to run for three City Council seats up for election this year. Only one is an incumbent — two other council members have decided not to seek re-election. Council members will be elected at-large, since seats do not represent geographical boundaries, explained Sharon Bryan, deputy city clerk. Likewise, council seats, as designated by numbers, do not correspond with council assignments, such as acting as liaison to various city departments.

Only incumbent Lance Glow is seeking re-election. Council members Chris Talkington and Elaine Steele have opted not to run.

Glow currently holds council seat No. 1. Facing him in the election will be Tony Ash and Bob Powers.

Council seat No. 5, presently held by Steele, has four candidates: Sherry Olsen-Frank, Gregory L. Lanting, David E. Johnson and Jackie L. Zapf.

Four citizens are vying for council seat #6, currently held by Talkington. They are: Dan Hall, Kenneth D. Stevens, Wade M. Falcomberg and Glenn E. Hardin.

All seats are for four-year terms. The election for the city will be Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bryan said the "top vote-getter" wins for each position; a majority is not required and no election run-off is planned.

"Let's just hope we don't have a tie vote," Bryan said.

Castleford

Come this Nov. 7th, voters in Castleford will need to decide on who will serve the community.

This year, voters will fill three council positions and a mayor. Incumbent mayor Rita Ruffing will be seeking re-election for the four year term.

Councilman Oscar Flores is running for re-election, as is Omar Ramos. Flores' term is set for four years and Ramos is up for a two year term.

Councilman Herb Runyan decided against seeking re-election, leaving a vacancy that Please see ELECTION, Page A6

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Tyra Colleen Crowley, also known as Tyra Sears
Age: 23
Description: 5 feet, 150 pounds, brown hair, green eyes
Wanted for: Probation violation
Original charge: Possession of a controlled substance, bond: \$50,000; three counts for felony forgery, bond: \$100,000
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Crowley's whereabouts to call 735-3314 or Crime Stoppers at 735-5357, where tipsters can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.



State gears up to fight weeds

By Anne-Wallace Allen
Associated Press writer

MERIDIAN — A fast-moving invasive weed that spreads like carpet of thorns on the ground, punctures bicycle tires and bedevils farmers is the target of a full-scale counterattack.

Teams of hand-pullers in every county in the state will be organized next spring by weed consultant Roger Batt, who anticipates he'll have no trouble finding volunteers.

"People hate puncture vine," he said.

Puncture vine, puncture weed, gooseweed — call it what you want, it's making a home for itself in much of Idaho. Bicyclists, farmers and weed specialists report seeing more of it now than ever before, especially in urban areas.

The plant is a foreign invader that was imported, probably by accident in a shipment of wool, 100 years ago or more from the Northwestern United States.

In its native environment, homegrown pests keep puncture vine in check. But it has no natural enemies in the arid regions of the western United States.

"You fix enough flat tires and step on enough of these things in the carpet and pretty soon you develop a deep resentment for this species of plant," said Rod Tenbeck, who devotes his life to fighting the weed.

Puncture vine observers agree that the plant is spreading.

David Peckham, a carpenter, said he saw puncture vine in Moscow for the first time this year. Peckham, who has lived in its northern Idaho town since 1977, blames global warming.

"Moscow is warmer and drier than it was 20 years ago, and I've never seen this stuff before," he said.

Puncture vine is one of 36 plants classified as noxious by the state of Idaho.

Noxious weeds — which include purple loofwiller and Eurasian watermilfoil — are invaders from another region that have taken an unusually strong hold on their area, crowding out native species. Puncture vine's seeds are able travelers, sticking to truck tires, clothes, or animal fur. They can live for as long as 75 years in the ground, waiting for the right conditions to become a plant.

They found the right conditions last spring, said Wayne Hoffman, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

"Because of the wet spring and early summer, many nox-



Weed consultant Roger Batt holds up an invasive weed, called puncture vine in Meridian. Batt is organizing teams of hand-pullers in every county next spring. Puncture vine is one of 36 plants classified as noxious by the state of Idaho.

Want to learn more?

For more information on noxious weeds, visit these sites:
Idaho's noxious weeds
guidebook: www.info.ag.idaho.gov/noxiousweeds
Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign
www.idahoweedawareness.org
U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service
<http://plants.usda.gov>

they ride their bike through it," said Batt, who works for the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign, a collaboration of state and federal agencies, universities, conservation groups, businesses and landowners.

"They may not know the exact name, but they recognize that this weed is a problem," he said. "It makes our job a little bit easier."

Bicyclists, farmers, pedestrians, and landowners have a dozen methods of doing away with it.

"I take the main plant up and bag it," said Stan Williams, a Boise resident who remembers spraying puncture vine with kerosene on his grandparents' farm in California in the 1920s.

"Then with my bare hand I try to pick up as many goatheads as I can. Then I have a butane burner, or a big one, and I burn what is left."

Tenbeck sells puncture vine-venting tools — a type of handle with a hole in the middle (Ore.), and runs a web site about battling puncture vine called www.goatheads.com. Tenbeck sells a box of 250 weevils for \$75.

He said the weevils work well

by eating the plant's seeds or stems, but they won't take care of the whole problem. He recommends using more than one method to kill the plant, including pulling or burning it.

Celeste Gentry of Slaton, Tenn., bought weevils from Tenbeck last year after it became too costly to spray pesticide on her three acres.

"I cracked open a goathead and there was a little worm inside, and it was eating the goathead," said Gentry. "It was just amazing."

Puncture weed hasn't taken off quite as fast in neighboring Washington state; the Washington Noxious Weed Control Board lets each county decide whether to have it on their noxious weeds list, said David Mundi, coordinator of the Spokane County Noxious Weed Board.

But "a lot of fairgrounds throughout the state have weeds because people bring in their horse trailers, their different recreation vehicles, and they go from one fair to another," Mundi said.

In Idaho state and local entities take several approaches to fighting puncture vine, and Batt's organization plans public service announcements and an education campaign next spring to show people what the plant looks like, and how to remove it.

"I want to show that the public can engage themselves enough to get out there and control noxious weeds," Batt said. "And I think puncture vine is a pretty good place to start."

The Idaho Department of Agriculture's Noxious Weeds Program will ask state lawmakers next year to increase the penalty in the existing law that requires landowners to control noxious weeds growing on their property. That could be expensive for large landholders.

"Sometimes the cost to control the weed could be more than the value of the land itself," Batt said. "But there are grants out there."

Meanwhile, bicyclists have taken an aggressive tire-saving approach: using a product that plugs a hole when a thorn enters, or a liner that stops thorns from puncturing the tube.

Peckham plans to ask friends to help him find a site for any puncture vine in Moscow. He thinks he can keep the weed from gaining a foothold.

"If you have a vigilant and determined population, you can take care of these things manually," Peckham said. "You just have to have the time and the interest."

Idaho quarter design narrowed to finalists

Infamous spud is not among the contenders

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The five potential faces of a future Idaho quarter are a peregrine falcon, the Sawtooth Mountains, a patchwork of plowed fields, the lyrics to the state song or simply the word "Idaho" written boldly across the coin.

Those were the winning concepts Gov. Dirk Kempthorne sent to artists at the U.S. Mint on Friday as part of the final selection process for a design to grace the state's 2007 contribution to the 50 State Quarters Program.

"I knew the ideas would be creative, beautiful and bold — just like Idaho," Kempthorne said in a statement.

The five descriptions — the Mint refused to accept drawings — were chosen by the governor from a list of 10 semifinalists that were determined by a panel of community leaders, artists and historians organized by the Idaho Commission of the Arts. After reviewing more than 1,200 submissions from Idaho residents and at least one Idaho soldier stationed in Iraq.

Artists at the Mint will now create sketches of coin designs based on the five descriptions and send those back to Kempthorne in December for suggested alterations. The governor will select the preferred design to represent the state quarter, but final approval rests with the Mint.

Noticeably absent from the list was the ubiquitous Idaho potato, apparently a victim of its own fame.

"In our discussions, the governor didn't think it would be right to have one commodity on the quarter, whether it was a potato or a microchip, because if you put one on there, the other commodities you did not put on become more telling," said Dan Harpole, executive director of the arts commission and a member of the quarter review panel.

Added Kempthorne spokesman Mike Journe: "It was important to the governor and the committee that the design be representative of the entire state."

The peregrine falcon design, a reflection of the birds of prey National Conservation Area and World Center for Birds of Prey in Idaho, was inspired by the new Jefferson Nickel, which uses a close-up portrait of President Thomas Jefferson. Noticing one of the new nickels lying on a table during their meeting, the panel came up with a similar treatment, with the raptor's face emerging from the left side of the coin offset by the state motto "Esto Perpetua" — "may it be forever" — accompanying the once-endangered species that is now found throughout the state.

Another design depicting the jagged peaks of the Sawtooth Range "would be a symbol worthy of Idaho's rugged beauty," Journe said.

Journe said Kempthorne has not disclosed his personal favorite among the five, adding, "He likes them all."

Quarter designs

Here is the text of the five final design narratives and the reasons for the selection submitted to the U.S. Mint for the 2007 Idaho quarter and creative input by Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Friday:

PEREGRINE FALCON: In a cradle similar to the new Jefferson Nickels, the head and neck and shoulder profile of a peregrine falcon protrudes from the left side of the coin. Detail is minimal, with the exception of the falcon's eye, which is clear and imposing. Its curved beak is slightly open. The state's motto "Esto Perpetua" is written in the open space to the right.

REASON: Idaho hosts the 485,000-acre Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, extending 81 miles along the Snake River and the state is also home to the World Center for Birds of Prey.

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS: The snow-capped Sawtooth mountain range occupies the uppermost portion of the coin. A rocky river winds its way from the mountains, narrow at the top and widening to the right as it descends, subtly creating the outline of the State of Idaho. Tall Ponderosa Pine trees speckle the landscape. State motto, "Esto Perpetua," is written to one side.

REASON: Idaho's rugged Sawtooth Range, aptly named for its soaring peaks, is the largest of the state's 14 mountain ranges, among the more recognizable landscapes in Idaho. The 30-mile mountain range has 33 peaks of 10,000 feet or more and is contained within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

FARMLAND TAPESTRY: A mosaic is created from an aerial view of various crops and orchards. Plowed ground alternates with fallow or planted ground in strips or sections. On the horizon, whether it was a potato or a microchip, because if you put one on there, the other commodities you did not put on become more telling," said Dan Harpole, executive director of the arts commission and a member of the quarter review panel.

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Couer d'Alene discusses downtown's future

The Associated Press

COUER D'ALENE — An advisory committee has recommended that city leaders limit the height of downtown buildings to up to 160 feet, and city developers agree to incorporate features that would benefit the public.

Couer d'Alene officials want to transform the downtown area into an area with high-density, living and businesses, but they also want to maintain the town's views of Lake Couer d'Alene and Tibbbs Hill.

The Downtown-Regulations Committee has been examining the issue to come up with recommendations for the best way to build downtown. Under the recommendations, most developers could construct buildings up to 75 feet tall — about six stories. In some cases, that limit would be increased to up to 160 feet — about 14 stories.

To qualify for the extra height, developers would have to include features that would benefit the public such as retail space or public art.

They could also donate money to a cultural attraction or the city's park fund.

The Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the proposal Nov. 8, and the city council will make the final decision.

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Dionicio 'Nicho' Benavides Sr.



NAMPA — Dionicio "Nicho" Benavides Sr., of Nampa, passed away Sept. 28, 2005, on his 59th birthday with family by his side at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of Boise.

Holy Mass of the resurrection will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1518 Eighth St. S., Nampa, graveside rites will follow at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Rosary and Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 2005, at Alisp & Persons Funeral Chapel.

Nicho was born Sept. 28, 1946, at Laredo, Texas, to Arturo and Ramona (Alfaro) Benavides. He was the youngest of five children. Nicho finished high school in Twin Falls. He married Juanita in Twin Falls, Idaho, sharing 38 wonderful years together with this union they have two sons.

The family has called Nampa home since 1974.

Nicho was family-owned and operated La Copa from 1987 to

2001, their familia cantina.

They shared many moments of fiesta, which included close friends, Mexican music and dancing. Nicho always had an ear to lend to those that needed it, his stunning smile and charming personality greeted everyone at the door; he will be missed by all.

Nicho loved his family and has shared many precious moments with Rosalinda Al-

vare; granddaughters, Alicia, Karina and Claudia; and great-granddaughter, Lucero; all of whom touched his heart deeply.

He was very active in the Nampa community; the migrant council and Vocational Training Center, coaching Los Pirates and Los Tigres baseball teams, boxing association, performing dance ballet throughout Idaho, the Democratic party and a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Nicho is survived, and will be dearly missed, by his wife of 38 years, Juanita at their home in Nampa; two children, Ramiro Benavides and Dionicio Benavides Jr. both of Nampa, Idaho; two brothers, Arturo Benavides Jr. and Fernando Benavides; two sisters, Lupe Estrada and Berna Morales; and other distant family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and close friend, Leo Arambula.

Arrangements are under the direction of Alisp & Persons Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

Virginia Rogers

BURLEY — Virginia Rogers, a 68-year-old resident of Burley, died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

SERVICES

George Miroslav Flala of Jerome, graveside service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Lorraine Sue Caverer of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church; viewing one hour before the service (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Barbara E. Unander, graveside memorial at 2:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Memories

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A cash casualty of DeLay indictment? Big donors may hang onto their cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tom DeLay has persuaded donors to give more than \$35 million to the Republican fundraising operations, a steady cash flow over 10 years that the GOP fears will slow with the criminal indictment of the one-time House majority leader.

In the coming weeks, the Republicans won't have DeLay to charm, cajole or arm-twist potential contributors. The 11-term lawmaker will be focusing on fighting a charge of conspiracy to violate Texas election law in a campaign finance scheme.

Professing his innocence, DeLay has said he is a victim of a political witch hunt.

Tom needs to deal with this situation and get it behind him," said former Rep. Robert S. Walker, R-Pa., a lobbyist who was a top lieutenant in the 1994 Republican revival that broke the Democrats' 40-year stranglehold on the House and brought DeLay to power.

As House Republican whip and then the leadership's No. 2, the hard-charging DeLay took on Washington's political elite and the nation's industries, forcing contributors who had covered their bets by giving to both political parties to throw their support to the GOP.

"Tom DeLay's effectiveness was not his ability to raise money, but the amount of money because people were afraid not to give," said former Rep. Tony Coelho of California, who served as the Democratic whip.

Troubling to the Republicans is that DeLay's indictment coincided with other GOP gloomy news — President Bush's declining approval ratings, rising gas prices and other scandals — could convince big-money donors that the Democrats have a chance of winning next year. They fear this will depress contributions to the GOP and increase the numbers for the Democrats.

Top senior Republican officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity while the legal process plays out, said DeLay's predicament and the other GOP woes could lead to candidate recruitment and undercut Bush's agenda.

One Republican — Rep. Jeb Bradley of New Hampshire — told the New Hampshire Union Leader that he was returning \$15,000 that he received from DeLay's political action committee.

Some Republicans, however, offer more upbeat assessment.

"I don't anticipate a significant diminution of support for Republican efforts," said former Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., a lobbyist.



Harris County Judge Robert Eckles, right, speaks on behalf of Congressman Tom DeLay, second from right, at a United by DeLay rally with local elected officials and friends who welcomed him back to his district Friday. DeLay was indicted recently by a Texas grand jury on a charge of criminally conspiring to violate political fundraising laws.

Fundraising fortitude

Over the last decade, Tom DeLay has been a fundraising powerhouse, raising at least \$35 million for his campaign, political action committees, charity and legal defense fund.

NOTE: In 2000, DeLay began disclosing non-federal account fundraising totals for his political action committee, Americans for a Republican Majority.

SOURCE: Reports filed by DeLay and his political and charitable organizations.

Republican fundraising is "very mature at all levels," said former Rep. Bill Paxton, R-N.Y. Since 1994, DeLay has been a fundraiser with few peers. Former President Clinton and President Bush are the other top draws. Through DeLay's campaign account, his political action committees — Americans for a Republican Majority — and other entities, the Texas Republican has raised tens of millions and divided up the dollars to numerous GOP candidates.

His campaign account has collected more than \$12 million, largely from the finance, insurance and energy sectors, and dispensed nearly that much, DeLay's various committees and organizations have

raised millions more for the GOP with the amount climbing steadily as the Republicans tightened their grip on Congress and captured the White House in 2000.

But this is just one slice of DeLay's fundraising prowess. He pressured Washington's lobbying firms to hire Republicans — known as the "K Street Project" — and keep the money flowing to the GOP at the Democrats' expense. He set fundraising goals for rank-and-file House Republicans.

The result was that by the last election industries across the board — agriculture, real estate, health care, finance — favored Republicans over Democrats by 2-to-1, even 3-to-1 margins in campaign dollars, according to

the nonpartisan Political MoneyLine. The lone exception was labor.

With the 2006 midterm elections looming, the party is struggling with Bush's standing, diminishing public confidence in the economy, a growing U.S. death toll in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina's toll on Republican political capital.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., faces a federal investigation into a stock sale. At the White House, a federal prosecutor is looking at the highest echelon in the leak of a CIA operative's name. In the House, DeLay's departure has touched off a battle in the GOP ranks for the leadership spots.

Coelho, who resigned in 1999 and a junk bond scandal, has seen the reaction from donors to political woes.

"Am I saying they're going to be kicked out next year? No, I'm not." However, he said, "It is the perfect storm right now. ... And people on Wall Street and people in the business community sit back and say 'wait a minute here.'"

Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform who works closely with the House Republican leadership, argued that DeLay and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., "created a Republican cause and majority in the House that is self-sustaining."

And if DeLay survives the change, switch out, "Tom DeLay is a Christian and may turn the other cheek, but I wouldn't bet on it."

Otter, Simpson among several who've received DeLay PAC money

LEWISTON (AP) — Idaho's two Republican congressmen are among lawmakers in 41 states who received campaign donations from a political action committee founded by embattled former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas.

But the PAC that Idaho Reps. C.L. "Butch" Otter and Mike Simpson received donations from is not the one that's at the center of an indictment handed down in Texas this week.

DeLay, R-Texas, was charged Wednesday with conspiring with two political associates to use corporate donations to support Texas legislative candidates. State law only allows political committees to use corporate money for administrative expenses and a grand jury alleged the DeLay-founded "Texas for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee" (TRMAPAC) sent corporate contributions to the Republican National Committee for distribution back to Texas candidates.

Otter and Simpson received money from DeLay's Americans for a Republican Majority, or ARMPAC, which is not under investigation. But, national Democratic party officials are calling on all lawmakers who accepted money from the DeLay PAC to return it.

"We're not saying the donations are illegal," said spokesman Bill Burden for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in Washington, D.C. "We just think it important to let folks know what

their congressmen are up to." A spokesman for Otter said the Idaho congressman has no intention of returning the money at this point.

"If the FEC (Federal Election Commission) determines that Congressmen DeLay distributed PAC money improperly several years ago, Congressmen Otter and Simpson would be pleased to make a mark."

Mark Warburton, told the Lewiston Tribune. Otter received \$5,000 from ARMPAC in 2000 and \$10,000 in 2002.

Nikki Watts, Simpson's press secretary, said Friday that Simpson also had no plans to return the \$5,000 he received from ARMPAC in 1998. Simpson released a statement saying DeLay is entitled to a presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

"I continue to support Tom DeLay as a leading figure in our party, appreciate his service to our party and nation, and believe he will emerge from this ordeal stronger than ever," Simpson said.

Seattle considers ban on lap dancing to curb strip clubs

SEATTLE (AP) — Hearing a rash of new cabarets after a federal judge struck down the city's 17-year moratorium on new strip clubs, the City Council plans to vote Monday on whether to impose some of the strictest adult-entertainment regulations of any big city in the country.

No lap dances. No placing dollar bills in a dancer's G-string. And much more light — think parking-garage bright.

The ban on new strip clubs had its roots in the late 1960s, when the number of cabarets in Seattle jumped from two to seven. Concerned residents persuaded the city in 1968 to impose a 180-day moratorium, to freeze the number while officials studied the social effects of the clubs and whether zoning regulations were needed.

For almost two decades, the City Council has repeatedly extended the moratorium as a

way of avoiding the sensitive issue of where to allow strip clubs. But last year, a man who hoped to open a club downtown sued. U.S. District Judge James Robb sided with him last month, ruling the moratorium was an unconstitutional restraint on free speech.

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UI president pushes raises for his faculty

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho President Tim White says his top priority is increasing faculty salaries so they're in line with pay offered at other universities, but the governor won't say if he'll back the hike.

Idaho's faculty is the "best in the world," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said while dedicating the school's renovated Teaching and Learning Center Thursday. But he deflected the question of whether he would call for faculty raises.

"How do we divide up that precious dollar — knowing we're in a competitive world?" Kempthorne said.

The university wants the state to give faculty and staff an 8 percent raise, at a cost of about \$5.7 million. White said he's concerned that the school's best faculty are leaving to work at higher-paying schools.

"Our salaries do lag behind," White said.

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A FAT BEGGAR.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

THESE GUYS NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON EXCEPT BEING DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
DO NOT WORRY THAT I'VE BEEN FIRED. I'VE BEEN FIRED BY A DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
AN EXTREMELY HAPPY CHILD.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

THE EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION SURVEY SAYS THEY DON'T TRUST MANAGEMENT.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL FIND OUT WHO FEELS THAT WAY AND FIRE THEM DURING THE NEXT RETIREMENT.
PURR? WHO SAID PURR?

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Trose

THE ELDERBERRY RESIDENTS WANT GARDENING AND A MONTHLY TRUST FUND.
I'M GONNA TRY TO GET YOU TO GET THE QUARTERBACK!
THE WOMAN DROPS HER HUSBAND AND SAYS 'WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? I WAS ONLY 25 CENTS!'
I'M GONNA TRY TO GET YOU TO GET THE QUARTERBACK!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

WELL, A PENNY SAVED IS STILL A PENNY EARNED... MINUS USER'S FEES AND TRANSACTION CHARGES.

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

CHILDREN FROM TWO-PARENT FAMILIES ARE BETTER OFF ECONOMICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SOCIALLY ACCORDING TO A REVIEW JUST RELEASED...
...BY THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.
AND THE FOUNDATION FOR SPENDING LOTS OF TIME AND MONEY TO REDISCOVER WHAT OUR GRANDPARENTS KNEW INSTINCTIVELY...

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU WANT THE PAPER? HERE, TAKE IT. VIA THROUGH WITH IT ANYWAY.
THANKS!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

DAD I NEED A RIDE TO BAND PRACTICE.
HERE, WHEN YOU ASK A PERSON FOR A FAVOR, YOU SHOULD GO IN A WAY THAT WILL MAKE THAT PERSON WANT TO GRANT THE FAVOR.
DAD I NEED A RIDE TO BAND PRACTICE OR THE GYM'S GONNA TO PRACTICE HERE.
I'LL GET MY KEYS.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

OH, WHAT A WONDER... IT APPEARS SOME NEW TESTIMONY HAS BEEN ENTERED INTO THE RECORD.

Strange Brew By John Deering

THE DRAWBACK TO OUTLIVING YOUR EX...

Horse Pools of the Old West

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

LOOK HOW HONKING AND THEN HE WERE THEM!
YEAH, AND THAT WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS AGO!
EIGHT YEARS?! THAT'S ALMOST HOW OLD I AM!
WELL, IT SEEMED LIKE A LONGER TIME TO ME!

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

GOOD MORNING, HERE'S YOUR PLACEBO... I MEAN MEDICINE... WELL, I'M FIRED.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

HOW DO YOU ABOUT READY TO ROLL?
I'M ON THE LINE WITH THE INSURE...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?
THE PREPARING TO INVESTIGATE ON THE MESSAGE BOARD...
DO YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN...
YES, YOU'VE BEEN...
DAMN, HE MUST BE SOMEONE MORE THAN A FEW FEET TALL...
THEY SAID HE WAS KNOWLEDGED AND HONORED.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

LEAVE ME, HOOP DANCERS AND FANCY DANCERS!
AND NOW NOTHING DOES GETS WEARING HAND-MADE WEARERS!
THE MEN JUMPED AND WARRLED AND SOMEWHERE AN ELDER OF A VERY OLD MAN DIED.
THIS MEANT THAT SOMEWHERE AN ELDER OF A VERY OLD MAN DIED.
THEY SAID HE WAS KNOWLEDGED AND HONORED.

Luann By Greg Evans

DEAD THY, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FRIENDS A LOT LATELY AND I REALIZE THAT MY BEST BUDDIES ARE ALL VERY DIFFERENT.
SOME ARE OUTGOSNG, SOME ARE NEERNG, SOME ARE CLASNG, SOME ARE JUST PLAIN WEIRD.
AND SOME ARE EVEN DIFFERENT SPECIES.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

MY SOCK PUPPET, PERITO, REPORTS THAT YOU PAID HIM WITH THE WRONG SOCK IN THE SOCK DRAWER. THIS IS LIVE PATTING THE SOCKS WERE IN A HANG BED.
SRRY, I'VE NOT GOOD ENOUGH WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS A MORAL OUTRAGE. LOOK AT THE EMOTIONAL DAMAGE YOU'VE CAUSED PERITO.
PERITO HAS AN ODD WAY OF SHOWING EMOTIONAL DAMAGE.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

OKAY ONE THIS PAIR A TRY, SEE HOW THEY FEEL!
THESE SHOES ARE FINE, BUT THE CARPET COULD USE A LITTLE BOUNCE!

Passionate stars light up Capricorn

IF OCT. 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Maybe you are in the process of reinventing yourself. This year perhaps your perceptions are undergoing an important alteration. Either way, the year ahead will be exciting as you test new things and learn that nothing is too up to you as a sterling example of independence and self-reliance. You will succeed best by calling your own shots — especially in January, when your personality sparkles the brightest. Use wise control and take care to fulfill obligations in February, when someone close could tempt you to throw caution to the wind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not only are you brimming with sex appeal, you aren't afraid to show it. You can conquer any obstacle and overcome any objections. Start things now that require intense physical energy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Mars turns retrograde today, keeping the fiery planet in your sign until February. Make good use of the extra energy it imparts and ask for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't mix business with pleasure. Social events could center on work or job-related connections.

HOORSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

hoy/girl chemistry can be intoxicating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The stars are right for tackling demanding projects and taking charge of situations that require dedicated effort. A flirtatious atmosphere can lead to heavenly demonstrations of love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Strut like a lion and purr like a kitten. You may safely toy with the affections of your romantic prey. A large challenge guarantees a more intense chase and lasting satisfaction.

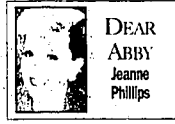
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): These passionate stars may light the way to blissful hours with a loved one. For singles on the prowl, instant gratification may be expected but still waters can run deeper than expected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ardent desires are in play under these celestial conditions and couples may enjoy some exhilarating hours of sensual play. You may get more than you bargain for with a new hookup.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Birds and bees do it. Go ahead and fall in love, or at the very least engage in a lighthearted flirtation. Casual infatuations may lead to amorous meetings behind closed doors if a one-night stand is desired.

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Burial after second marriage requires advance planning



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My co-workers and I put him an interesting discussion today. The topic: What would you do as far as burial is concerned if your spouse passed away and you remarried? Everyone had a different opinion.

I have been married to my husband for 26 years. If something were to happen to him and I remarried, where would I be buried? I would feel as if I were betraying both husbands if I chose one over the other. What is your opinion, and is there a "correct" answer to this?

—AURORA FROM MILWAUKEE

malus be cremated and divided equally between both husbands, providing it is all right with whoever survives you.

school and work on your degree. Please help me. I have everything on the line.

—MARRIED BUT ALONE IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR ALONE: Rather than packing your bags, check out schools in your area, and start working on your degree right where you are. At least you will have a roof over your head, and it will distract you from your loneliness. Once you have your degree, you will be better able to provide for your daughter should the need arise.

DEAR ABBY: I married my high school sweetheart, "Brent," at 17 and had a daughter with him. We have been together 5 1/2 years and married almost three years. I moved across country to a military base to accommodate his career.

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Rose," asked me something. I'm not sure about — so I'm turning to you.

An elderly friend of hers was ill, so Rose bought a get-well card and the people at her senior center all signed it. Before she could mail it, the friend passed in general. It can't tell the difference between green and orange.

Our main problem is that we argue a lot because he is never home. Brent is always hanging out with his friend. It's not that I don't trust him; I just want him to spend more time with me and his daughter. Sometimes I think we're not the same people we both fell in love with.

Brent has talked about counseling, but he never follows through. He won't give me a divorce, but he refuses to do anything to help the situation. I am trying to decide if I should pack my bags and leave with my daughter, and return to

I told her she should have the sympathy card just sign the sympathy card and send it. Now I'm having second thoughts. Do you think I said the right thing?

—UNSURE IN CAMPBELL, CALIF.

However, because you would feel as if you were betraying both of your husbands if you chose to be buried with one over the other, allow me to offer a suggestion: Ask that your re-

DEAR UNSURE: Absolutely. It was a little late to send a get-well card.

Fabulous: More fiction, less fact?



RANDOM KINDNESS
Erin Barrett

The word "fabulous" comes from the same root word as "fable." It originally meant something that sounded more fictional than truthful.

quently nervous about their marriages and lack confidence in their driving skills.

Although a giraffe has good vision in general, it can't tell the difference between green and orange.

This day in history: On Oct. 1, 1880, John Philip Sousa became the 17th leader of the Marine Band. Up until that time, he had played violin and composed music for operas, but his new band inspired him to discover his true musical forte — writing marches.

According to Fred Schaasma, a top General Motors engineer, "Sport-utility owners tend to be more like 'I wonder how people view me,' and are more willing to trade off flexibility or functionality to get that." Internal industry-market research concluded that SUV buyers are "insecure, vain, self-centered and self-absorbed, are fre-

A study in the British Medical Journal found that couples are more likely to share even non-genetic diseases. If one partner has depression or ulcers, the other is twice as likely than normal to have the same problem. Other shared conditions include high blood pressure, cholesterol problems and asthma.

The world's largest potato chip can be found in Blackfoot, Idaho — the town that hosts the year-round World Potato Exposition. The chip, a Pringle, is more than 2 feet wide and was donated to the potato museum by Fritsch & Gamble.

What's a camelopard? It's another name for a giraffe. The giraffe got this name because its head looks like the head of a camel while its spots resemble the leopard.

The slang term "hot," meaning "sexy," isn't all that new. It was used in the same way back in 1910.

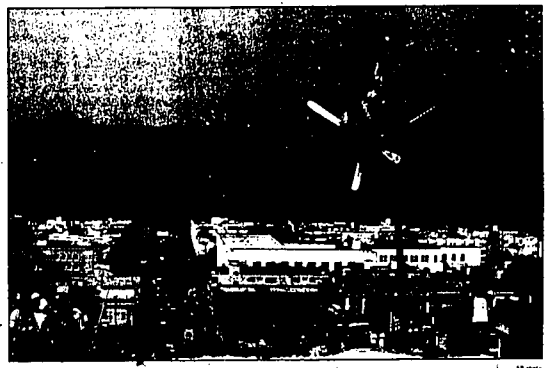
Each of the couples who married at the House of the Lord Church had been living together for years and had children together.

Denists say that grasping is

Republicans as a group are more likely to be wine-drinkers than Democrats.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmon-gorstemingo-barrett.com.

SAN FRANCISCO AIR



Tanner Reinville, of Stowe, Vt., goes airborne as the Pacific Ocean looms in the background during the Ice Air Urban Big-Air Competition on Thursday in San Francisco.

Couples marry in event promoting importance of two-parent families

NEW YORK — Ten couples tied the knot in a group wedding billed as "Marry Your Baby Daddy Day."

Odds and ends

probably will not go on sale publicly for several years.

The older I get, I see getting married as the way to go," said Garfield James, 34, who married Millicent Ellis, 35. "I want to raise my kids the right way."

and being married is looked at as unusual," she said. Thursday's ceremony "gives me hope that our future generations can possibly see this and break the cycle of broken homes."

"This is a cute car for people who have problems parking," said Nissan Motor Co. chief designer Masato Inoue.

The ceremony was organized by Maynard Rubin, author of the book "Marry Your Baby Daddy," who said she was dismayed by what she said were too many single-parent families within the black community.

Nissan demonstrates experimental pivoting car

Such moves are possible because Pivo's steering, wheels and other parts are controlled electronically by wireless, or electronic signals, not mechanical links between the cabin and the vehicle's chassis.

"Single parenthood is very much accepted as the norm

TOKYO — For drivers who find backing out of tight parking spots a hassle, Nissan has an answer: An egg-shaped car whose body pivots 360 degrees so that its rear end becomes the front.

Pivo also allows the driver to see blind spots via cameras attached to the outside of the car.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

HELLO!

WHAT THE @#%\$! AM I DOING HERE? DO YOU WANT?!

NOW IT'S AN ECHO WITH AN ATTITUDE!

GAG: NO, WALKER!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LOOKS LIKE YOUR BILLS ARE STARTING TO COME IN FROM THE BIG CELEBRATION

THERE ARE NO REGRETS FOR GREAT TIMES

WOW! M-----!

NO REGRETS, BUT A WHOLE HEAP OF GRYN

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

SOCCER PRACTICE IS THE PITS!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM—DO YOU THINK SOCCER IS JUST SOMETHING YOU AREN'T REALLY GOOD AT?

OH, I DO JUST FINE, EXCEPT EVERYBODY ELSE KEEPS TRYING TO TAKE THE BALL AWAY FROM ME!

Garfield By Jim Davis

ONE THING ABOUT CATS...

THEY'RE VERY CURIOUS ANIMALS

AND WHO IS THAT, GARFIELD?

DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT TERRIBLE WINDSTORM WE HAD LAST WINTER!

NEITHER I CAN

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK ABOUT IT EVERY TIME IT RAINS

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

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THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN A TREE TURN PINK!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

YOU JUST CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THE KING

THAT'S TRUE

HE COULD BE LISTENING

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU'LL SEE THAT EVERYTHING CHANGES.

"EXCEPT MR. WILSON, RIGHT?"

"Well, if ours is a V8 engine, could it run on tomato juice?"

CHEERS & JEERS

Highway 93 road project speeds through its delays

CHEERS: To the Idaho Transportation Department for a quick finish on the Highway 93 road project.

We know, the 10 days required to resurface Highway 93 from the northern side of the Perrine Bridge to Interstate 84 were a delay-ridden pain for commuters. But it could have been a lot worse.



ITD officials opted for a 10-day project instead of a two-month plan. Just imagine, eight or nine weeks of gridlock over the Perrine.

With its 10-day push, the state moved construction forward from down a disk — seven days a week — until the work was mostly finished Sept. 17.

fight, however, the Eagles focused on the future. That diligence is paying off, with two straight weeks at the top of the NCAA volleyball poll.

CSL, now 31-1, opened the scenic West Conference season by beating Snow College, and like a team on a mission.

Here's hoping their determined quest continues. And speaking of polls...

JEERS: To the Harris Interactive college football poll. Absurd as it may sound, the new poll has given University of Idaho reason more to reason to believe it belongs in Division I football.

The first poll came out this week with the top 25 teams in the country, led by defending NCAA champion Southern Cal at 4-0. Among the teams receiving "other votes" in the poll — the University of Idaho Vandals.

Never mind the fact that the Vandals are 0-4. A moral victory is one thing. But apparently a pile of moral jingoism is good enough for a ranking.

If this poll is supposed to give credibility to voting polls, let's hope this voter meant Iowa by mistake.

JEERS: To the sale of Joseph Duncan's letters on the Internet.

Duncan is the convicted pedophile who is suspected of kidnapping Dylan and Shasta Greene. Their mother, brother and family friend were killed in Coeur d'Alene last spring. Dylan's body was found weeks later. Duncan faces murder charges for all four individuals. Authorities contend the slayings were part of a scheme to kidnap two children for sex.

But Duncan's sick notoriety is apparently too alluring for purveyors of murderabilia.com, a Web site that has listed one of Duncan's letters from Kootenai County Jail for sale.

The site specializes in selling items related to serial killers. Its consumers, it seems, specialize in a sickening affection for celebrity.

Cheers and Jeers is a mix of commentary and quibbles from the week's news. Send your ideas and suggestions to Opinion Editor David Cooper at coop@timesnews.com

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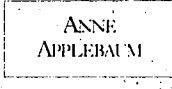
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Getting in touch

- Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how: Sen. Mike Crapo, Rep. Mike Simpson, Sen. Larry Craig...

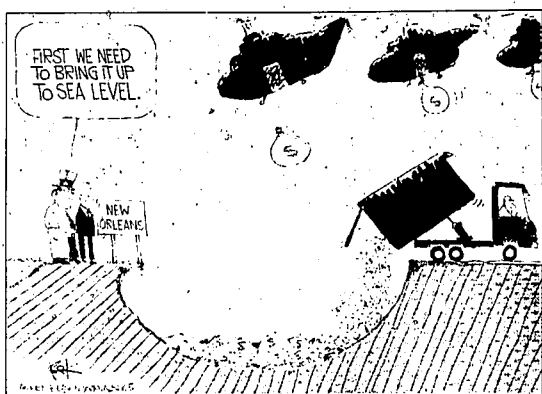
Corruption as usual on the Bayou

Two hurricanes have now hit Louisiana, wreaking terrible destruction. New Orleans continues to flood. Hundreds of thousands of people are scattered across the country, many in shelters. Given the scale of the calamity, surely it's time for Louisiana politicians to stop, assess the damage and work out the most rational way to help their state recover. Surely this is not the time for the government to write blank checks, for legislators to get greedy about necessary cutbacks in their districts, or for federal agencies to launch projects that make sure flooding more likely. Surely this is the time to spend money wisely. Right?



Wrong — and if you thought otherwise, like me, are still learning how deeply corrupt America's legislative branch has become. Most of the time, members of Congress don't accept cash or bribes in unmarked envelopes. Most of the time, senators don't pay for their daughters' wedding receptions out of government shell funds. Most of the time, American politicians don't put their ill-gotten gains into numbered Swiss bank accounts or get the Mafia to launder their money.

But corruption comes in many forms, and in this country it comes in the dull-sounding, unglamorous, switch-off-the-television form of infrastructure appropriations. Exhibit A is the Louisiana congressional delegation's new request for \$250 billion in hurricane reconstruction funds. As a Washington Post editorial pointed out this week, that's more than \$50,000 per Louisiana resident — would come on top of the \$62.3 billion Congress has already appropriated on top of the charitable donations on top of the insurance payouts. Among other things, the proposal demands \$10 billion of new Army Corps



of Engineers spending, 16 times more than the Corps says it needs to protect New Orleans from a Category 5 hurricane. Despite the fact that previous Corps projects drained Louisiana's coastal wetlands, thereby destroying what could have been a natural buffer against at least some of the I-tia and Katrina storm surges, the proposal calls for a suspension of environmental reviews. Despite the fact that Louisiana spent hundreds of millions of dollars on water projects that turned out to be unnecessary, or even damaging, the proposal makes it possible to suspend most cost-benefit analyses.

In its scale and sheer disregard for common sense, the Louisiana proposal is a masterpiece of environmental rot. Despite the fact that Louisiana spent hundreds of millions of dollars on water projects that turned out to be unnecessary, or even damaging, the proposal makes it possible to suspend most cost-benefit analyses.

only to obvious boondoggles such as federal transportation spending, the last \$286 billion tranche of which funded Virginia horse trails, Vermont snowmobile trails, a couple of "bridges to nowhere" in rural Alaska and decorative trees for a California freeway named after Ronald Reagan (a president who once vetoed a transportation bill because it contained too much pork). On the contrary, this logic applies even to things we supposedly consider important, such as homeland security. Because neither the administration nor Congress is prepared to do an honest risk assessment, and because no one dares say that there are states at almost no risk of terrorist attack, a good chunk of homeland security funding is distributed according to formulas that give minimum amounts to every state. The inevitable result: In 2004 the residents of Wyoming received, per capita, seven times more money for first responders than the residents of New York City.

Of course, there are risks to writing about this subject. The very words involved — "infrastructure," "funding" and "pork" — cause readers' eyes to glaze over, and Washingtonians' eyes to roll. Government waste is, after all, as old as government itself. More than 60 years ago Sen. Harry Truman made his national reputation ferreting out wasteful World War II government defense contracts. This, as anyone will tell you, is the way Washington works. No war, no terrorist attack — and certainly no hurricane — is going to alter it.

But maybe at least it is time for a change of terminology. After all, taking \$200 million of public money for your hurricane-damaged state — in the hope that voters will ignore all the mistakes you made before the hurricane struck — isn't just a waste of money. As for corruption, comes in many forms. But whatever form it comes in, it will be easier for voters to identify if it's called by its true name.

Anne Applebaum is a member of The Washington Post's editorial page staff.

State Board wants to program math robots

My how times have changed! Now the State Board of Education and the governor want to increase the math and science requirements and a few other core subjects to make our kids smarter. All of this at the expense of the arts and music.

I remember well my educational experiences at Huntington Park High School in the Los Angeles County District. My diploma stated that I graduated with honors in a liberal arts and sciences preparatory degree. I remember well taking geometry and algebra beginning in the seventh and eighth grade. But I will never forget the opportunities I had to take band, orchestra, typing, physical education, and, yes, even a yearbook class.

But now the state's of Idaho — and the federal government (No Child Left Behind) — want to take away the opportunities and experiences that the arts and particularly music will give my children.

It's funny how everything in education comes and goes. Some teachers even say, "Just wait a few years and ideas and programs will change again." I'm not so sure this time. I don't want to wait for another change — I want my kids to have a chance to appreciate art, music and other cultures before they grow old. I believe that every child needs a well-rounded education: math, science, history, access, music, physical education and more. I believe that there is enough time in a school day to accomplish the tasks at hand (if not, add another hour).

I also believe it's time to work together to educate the whole child — not just the math and science robot within us! HOLLIS PINCOCK Carey

Katrina aid disguised as education reform

Moving quickly in the aftermath of Katrina, the Bush administration is proposing to give each displaced student \$7,500 to attend for one year an alternative school of his or her choice; private, religious or whatever. Sounds like a good deal, right?

But hang on, folks. Benevolence has its pitfalls. Whenever government funds are given to any institution of learning, the feds take control of that "service" — the education in that institution. It is a bureaucratic procedure checked in stone. Big Brother, and his sister, the National Education Association, will move in to dictate what is being taught to whom and how. In one year, those once-private schools will be struggling along a muddy academic road, thoroughly bogged down alongside our failed public education system.

Merger earns support from local legislators

We would like to jointly express our support for the agreed-upon merger between Magie Valley Regional Medical Center and St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

St. Luke's is Idaho-based, non-profit and a trusted member of the Idaho health care community. St. Luke's already has a significant presence in Magie Valley, both in Twin Falls and Hailcy. This merger would serve to enhance and strengthen health care for the entire valley. The newly created system will provide economies of scale, clinical integration and continuity of care — all of which improve quality of care. Based on the feedback we have collectively received from constituents, the Magie Valley citizens are very supportive of

the joint proposal and believe that the system will provide a stable economic and employment environment, exceptional physician relationships and accountability to Magie Valley residents.

Since the health care system touches each of our lives, we do not believe that it should be turned over to an unknown, untested, out-of-state system, either profit or non-profit.

We have the opportunity to improve our health care — let's take it! REP. DOUGLAS R. JONES Filed

(Editor's note: Rep. Douglas Jones, R-Filex, represents District 23, Owyhee and Twin Falls counties. The letter also was signed by Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Buhl, also serving District 23, and Sen. Charles Guinn, R-Twin Falls, and Rep. Loren Smith, R-Twin Falls, both serving District 24, Twin Falls County.)

Unattended children could have been killed

It took me about four blocks to realize what had happened, and when I did, tears just started rolling down my cheeks.

On Sept. 19, I was driving east on Addison coming to a stop near Government when I saw all four doors of the car in front of mine fly open. Everyone in the car, and some from other cars, rushed over to the opposite side of the street. As I looked over, I saw a very young child just leaning to walk out in the middle of the two lanes; his brother (or sister) was just behind him about to also step into the street.

The first person to get to him scooped him up. The neighbor pointed down the alley at where the baby and his sibling leaped. I called my sister and while I was on my way to school she found out that no one had reported it. She said I needed to be decided to try to find the address on Tuesday and then call so that I had more information. It was on Tuesday that I did call the non-emergency line. I had the address but no names. The operator told me that because it didn't happen the same day I was calling, that I needed to call Health and Welfare. When I called Health and Welfare, they

said I have to have names in order to report anything. What can be done? Nothing.

I drove by the house to find out the address earlier that morning and the front door was wide open. A stroller was in front of the door on its side. I know that there are many variables, but there's no doubt this shouldn't have happened.

The officer told me that if I drive down the same street again and happen to see anything again to make sure and call that same day. So when would you like me to call? After the baby hasn't get screwed up and taken to the side of the road?

DANIELLE "NAOMI" JOHNSON Twin Falls

New comics format is easier for readers

How nice that not only the comics but also the forescope, Dear Abby and Random Acts of Factness, along with some near Odd & Ends are now all on the same two pages. The person responsible for this deserves a gold star on the forehead, as it was a pain in the ankle to look all over the whole paper just to find the comics. Dear Abby, etc., that I wanted to read.

No, I don't read all the comics, but a lot of some of them are dumb, but it sure is a pleasant surprise to have all of the ones I do read on the same pages, so thank you, Times-News, for getting this section of the newspaper organized. It is really appreciated from those of us that are not really morning people.

I also notice that The Times-News has not had any complaints on this arrangement, but I do see that you have only received one letter (unless I missed it) of praise, so that I thought I would let you know that we thank you for your efforts. Yes, I do know that somebody out there actually likes the dumb comics — different strokes for different folks, so please leave these two pages the way they are as you have finally achieved your purpose in this department. ROBERT A. WEEKS Hagerman

Wave of attacks continue against Shiites

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Sunnis-led insurgents killed at least 10 people with a car bomb in a crowded vegetable market Friday the Muslim day of worship in the second blast against Shiite civilians in as many days, police said. The death toll rose to 102 from the previous day's attacks in another Shiite town.

Elsewhere, in the southern city of Basra, a police convoy was ambushed late Thursday, killing four policemen and wounding one, said Capt. Muzhan Khazim.

Iraqi security forces also captured a woman wearing explosives hidden under her clothes headed for a crowded weekly flea market in Baghdad on Friday an Iraqi general said. The discovery came two days after the first known blast by a female suicide attacker in Iraq, which raised fears of a new insurgent strategy.

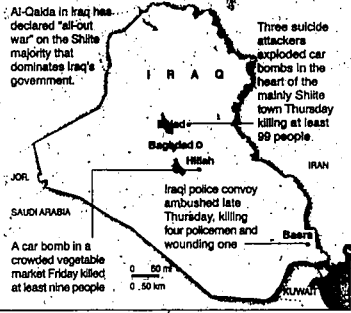
Sunni militants have launched a bloody new surge of violence to wreck an Oct. 15 referendum on a new constitution — targeting the Shiite majority, which now dominates Iraq's government. At least 198 people, including 13 U.S. service members, have been killed in the last five days.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the country's most feared insurgent group, has declared "all-out war" on Shiites. But the style of Thursday's Friday attacks indicated some other group may have carried them out. Nobody immediately claimed responsibility for either, and both bombings included pinned car bombs. Al-Qaida traditionally relies on suicide bombers and quickly claims its operations.

Moderate Sunni Arab leaders have urged their community to reject the constitution, saying it will fragment Iraq and leave them weak, compared with Shiites and Kurds. Passage of the charter is key to prospects for starting a withdrawal of American troops — and if it fails, the country's political instability will deepen.

The bombing attacks in the two mainly Shiite towns, Hillah and Balad, appeared aimed

All-out war on the Shiite majority



SOURCE: ESRI

killing as many civilians as possible. Friday's car bomb exploded at 9:30 a.m. in the Souq al-Sharia, an outdoor vegetable market bustling with shoppers, about 200 yards from the provincial governor's office in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad. At least 10 people, including three women and two children, were killed and 41 were wounded, said Dr. Mohammed Belrum of Hillah General Hospital.

As Iraqi police and soldiers sealed off the market, emergency workers lifted the wounded and dead into ambulances from streets covered with pools of blood and debris.

In Iraq, the weekend is Friday and Saturday, and before heading to services in mosques at midday Friday, the Muslim day of worship, many Iraqis shop in their local markets.

Jawad Khazim, 45, who witnessed the Hillah attack said he was temporarily deafened by the explosions. "I saw a fireball rising from the marketplace, and vegetables and human flesh flying through the air," he said.

He condemned the insurgents for trying to kill Shiites

and questioned why they would target a crowded marketplace where minority Sunnis and Christians could also be.

The Balad attack came Thursday just before sunset, 50 miles north of the capital. A suicide bomber drove his car into the town's outdoor produce market, detonating it, followed moments later by an explosion of a car parked at a nearby bank. A second bomber exploded on Bink al-Hassan Street, a busy commercial avenue, said police chief Col. Kazem Abdul-Razzaq. He was wounded in the blasts.

Insurgents simultaneously hit a police checkpoint elsewhere in the city with six mortar rounds, killing a civilian. U.S. soldiers based there returned the fire and detained an Iraqi suspect from a nearby home after finding traces of explosives

and questioned why they would target a crowded marketplace where minority Sunnis and Christians could also be.

on his body, the military said. Also Thursday, the U.S. military announced the deaths of five U.S. soldiers a day earlier in a roadside bombing during combat with Iraqis near Baghdad, a hotbed of Iraq's insurgency.

It was the deadliest single attack against American troops in more than a month, bringing to 1,934 the number of U.S. service members who have died since the war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The woman who was strapped with explosives was intercepted as she was headed for Souq al-Haraj, a weekly Friday market and bazaar near Jali Khalaf. She was arrested and was being interrogated, he told the AP without elaborating.

In Washington, the top American commander in Iraq said Thursday that the process of withdrawing U.S. troops depends greatly on the referendum results and elections set to follow if the constitution passes. "The next 75 days are going to be critical," Gen. George Casey told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sunnis make up only 20 percent of Iraq's population of some 27 million, but they could defeat the charter because of a loophole in voting rules: If two-thirds of voters in any three of 19 provinces vote "no," the referendum fails — even if an overall majority approves. Sunnis could potentially cross that margin in four provinces.

Sunni leaders complain the constitution does not emphasize Iraq's unity and Arab character. They say its federal system — which would allow Iraq to be divided into 18 provinces in the north to form mini-states — will leave Sunnis in a weak middle region, cheated of oil resources.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad has been struggling to negotiate changes to the charter in hopes of winning Sunni Arab support, and senior U.S. officials in Washington have said they are confident that Iraq's draft constitution will be approved.

Bush administration will look at new tactics for dealing with Syria

Knight Rider News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his top aides are weighing new steps against Syria, according to U.S. officials involved in Middle East policy.

Bush's national security team is due to meet today to review policy toward Syria, the officials said. Options range from tougher economic sanctions to limited military action. One official involved in the deliberations said military action is unlikely for now.

The meeting comes as a United Nations investigator nears completion of a report that's expected to provide evidence that Syrian security agencies were involved in the February assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The investigator, German prosecutor Detlev Mehlis, is drawing on debriefings from one or more defectors from the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The defectors have provided evidence of Syrian government complicity in Hariri's death, according to two U.S. officials.

The U.S. government also has accused Syria of allowing insurgents to cross its territory and enter Iraq and recently has ratcheted up its demands that the traffic be halted.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad warned in mid-September that "our patience is running out."

"There's sort of a sense that the Syrians have to get serious about shutting down these pipelines," a senior administration official said Friday, describing two major routes by which insurgents cross from Syria into Iraq.

The U.S. officials who discussed policy toward Syria requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to

speak on the matter, and the Bush administration discourages public airing of its foreign policy deliberations.

Syria represents a complex challenge for Bush and his national security team as they wrestle with the war in Iraq. There's disagreement within the Bush administration over the extent of the Syrian regime's backing of the Iraqi insurgency, support that Syria denies. The CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency have reported that the evidence is inconclusive, one official said.

Others argue that military action could destabilize or even topple Assad's government, with no good replacement at hand.

Since Hariri's assassination, Bush has pursued a policy of increasing pressure on Syria, with backing from the international community.

"It's an undeclared posture of regime change" on the cheap, said Yusef Leyevet, a former CIA analyst and author of a recent book on Assad. The administration hopes to topple Assad without resorting to a costly invasion as in Iraq, Leyevet said.

The options on the table for Saturday's high-level White House meeting include imposing more sanctions on Syria, a regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The administration hopes to topple Assad without resorting to a costly invasion as in Iraq, Leyevet said.

The Bush administration, he said, calculates that the Mehlis investigation is putting significant pressure on Assad and is helping to build an international consensus to isolate Syria. "We don't want to blow that," he said, explaining why military action isn't likely now.

Algerians overwhelmingly vote for peace

Many unknowns remain for country after 97 percent vote for charter

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — With an overwhelming "yes" vote to a peace plan, Algeria officially turned the page on a brutal Islamic insurgency that brought honor to this North African nation and left an estimated 150,000 dead.

But endorsement in Thursday's referendum of a long, vaguely worded charter for peace holds a new set of unknowns. Will the violence end? Will justice prevail after a sweeping amnesty for Islamic fighters? Will this oil- and gas-rich country be able to turn its attention to tackling the mystery of soaring unemployment?

Algerians answered the Charter for Peace and National Reconciliation, a personal initiative of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, with acclaim. More than 97 percent of voters said "yes." Interior Minister Noureddine Yezza said Friday.

A relatively high participation rate — nearly 80 percent of the more than 18 million eligible voters cast ballots — raised some eyebrows, particularly the nearly 72 percent rate in the capital, where turnout for elections is

traditionally low and rarely surpasses 40 percent. Zerrouk dismissed skepticism, saying at a news conference the voting and vote-counting were "transparent."

"The results reflect Algerians' desire to end the war and to run the country of the tragedy that our country has lived through for 15 years," the interior minister said.

The strong approval also came with a sigh of resignation from human rights groups and some politicians who criticized the lack of public debate over the charter, which was the object of a high-profile campaign by the president with no real forum for opponents.

Critics also expressed concern that Bouteflika was trying to whitewash years of agony and hindering the ability of victims to obtain real justice, as well as fears that Algeria was planting the seeds of future violence by bringing extremists home.

The charter gives amnesty to a broad span of Islamic extremists, from fighters to those who provide logistical support, but laws must be promulgated to let the proposals into practice. The inter-

ior minister said the legislative process would begin as soon as possible but has provided no details about what the laws will look like.

And no one knows how the state will weed out Islamists not eligible for amnesty — those who were arrested, raped, or carried out bomb attacks in public places.

Another unknown is how the state will treat the prickly issue of the thousands who disappeared, many allegedly at the hands of security forces. Families of victims are to be given reparations but the charter doesn't provide a means for victims to seek justice and finally come to terms with their losses.

"Only victims have the right to accord a pardon," said Nour Ed-dine Benissad, an attorney for the Algerian League for the Defense of Human Rights. "We had 15 years of war. Now we are going to try to forget. But if you cause the war, these causes will reawaken."

Supporters said the charter would provide a sense of closure. France, Algeria's former colonial ruler, also said what it called a "democratic consultation," and the United States said Thursday it would respect the results.

People were fed up. There were deaths every day," said Souff Benzerraj-Allah, regional director for the newspaper La Voix de l'Oranie. "Peace is in terror. We saw people decapitated; we saw their throats cut."

The insurgency started in 1992 when the army canceled a second round of voting in Algeria's first multiparty legislative elections to thwart a likely victory by the now-banned fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, or FIS.

Daily beatings and massacres committed by Islamic extremists followed. Tens of thousands of civilians were killed. Government security forces were accused of being at least a passive role in some of the bloodshed.

Key FIS leaders in exile in Europe voiced support for the charter before the referendum, hoping to return to their homeland. The interior minister said authorities would treat the fate of FIS leaders on a "case-by-case" basis. The charter forbids anyone considered responsible for the violence from participating in politics.

Osteoporosis: Prevention & Treatment

These classes will teach a practical approach for preventing and treating osteoporosis through healthy meal planning and increased physical activity.

Class will be taught by Rhea Janting MS, Extension Educator at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. East.

The series of classes will be held on October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2005 from 6:30 – 8:00. The fee is \$20.00.

Contact Rhea Janting at 208-734-9590 for more information and to register. Registration deadline is September 30th.



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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I bought a big screen TV so I could watch the baseball playoffs at home just like the Dodgers.

- Jay Leno

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Pro Football Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas is known for what Joe DiMaggio-like passing record?
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College VOLLEYBALL CSI at Walla Walla, Wash. tournament. High School BOYS SOCCER Century at Wood River, 11 a.m. Pocatello at Minico, 11 a.m. Wood River at Century, 11 a.m. CROSS COUNTRY Minico, Burley at Bob Conley Invitational, Highland, 10 a.m. FOOTBALL Wells, Nev. at Camas County, 1 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER Skyline at Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Minico at Pocatello, 11 a.m. Wood River at Century, 11 a.m. VOLLEYBALL Jerome/Declo at Minico, 11 a.m. Canby at Mackay, noon Hagerman at Castelford, 5:30 p.m. Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m. Lighthouse Christian at Muramba, 6 p.m. Magic Valley Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TFHS changes sports schedule

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High athletic director Andy Bar, 10, announced some changes to the sports schedule today and next week. Today, the Skyline-Twin Falls girls soccer varsity and junior varsity games will both start at 10 a.m. The Twin Falls junior varsity football game at Idaho Falls will now be played at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 in Idaho Falls. The Bruins home varsity game against Idaho Falls will now be played at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 at Bruin Stadium.

High school hoops officials meet Oct. 10

HAZELTON — The first meeting for the fourth district high school basketball officials' certification is set for Monday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. at Valley High School. All officials planning on certifying for the 2005-2006 season should attend. For more information, contact Sean Standley at 731-1025.

Gooding Elks offer best ball tourney

GOODING — The Gooding Elks is sponsoring a two-man best ball tournament in memory of Jim Hollifield on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9 at the Gooding Golf Course. Entry is \$120 per team which includes lunch each day. The shotgun start begins at 10 a.m. To enter, call the Gooding Golf Shop at 934-9977. Space is limited.

Salvation Army plans Youth Options Nights

TWIN FALLS — The Salvation Army will be offering Youth Options Night. Fridays, from 7-10 p.m. at the Salvation Army Center, located at 340 4th Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The gym will be open to youth ages 13-19 and will also feature pool tables, air hockey, video games and a candy shop. Entry fee is \$2. For more information, contact The Becker at 733-8720.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Unitas threw at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games.

WEEK SIX Patriots knock off T.F.

The Times-News

BOISE — Turnovers turned the tide against the defending 5A state champion Twin Falls Bruins on Friday, as the Centennial Patriots pulled away for a 29-8 lead en route to 29-21 nonconference win. "Against really good teams like Centennial, you can't expect to turn the ball over and come out on top," said Bruins coach Brock Beryhill. "We came out the first three quarters and couldn't get the offense in sync." Centennial took control of the game after Twin Falls went ahead 8-7 with B35 left in the third quarter. The Patriots drove downfield, scoring on a 9-yard pass from

Zach Withers to Kyster Christensen with 26 seconds left. The two-point conversion pass made it 15-8. On the opening play of the fourth quarter, Josh Coe picked off Famer Simmons at the twin falls 15, returning it for the short-range score. The kick made it 22-8. A fumble on the ensuing Bruins possession set up Centennial for a short drive and a touchdown with 7:16 remaining. Twin Falls made it closer with two late touchdowns. Tyler Anderson hauled in his second touchdown pass and Ben Heidenreich hauled in another Simmons pass for the final margin. Simmons went 21-for-46 for

279 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions along with a fumble. Senior tailback Body Miller was held to 32 yards on 17 carries, with only four touches in the second half. Centennial quarterback Zach Withers was 9-for-12 for 110 yards and two scores. "The Patriots (4-1) won the battle at the line of scrimmage. "They physically manhandled us upfront," Beryhill said. "We were always a step behind them on blocking schemes. That's something we'll shore up and our kids will learn from this — learn that you can't just show up and win games. You have to show up and play hard each and every play." Twin Falls (4-1) can't take solace

in knowing it was a nonconference loss. "At least this wasn't a conference game," Beryhill said. "The most important game is next week against Idaho Falls. We'll learn from our mistakes but all our focus now is on LF; not about this loss." Centennial 29, Twin Falls 21. Game recap: Twin Falls 15-8, 22-8, 29-8. Centennial 8-0, 15-0, 29-8. Stats: Twin Falls: 22-46, 279, 3, 2, 1. Centennial: 29-21, 410, 2, 0, 0.

Jerome falls to Minico



Minico quarterback Dane Broadhead hands the ball off to running back Dale Saylor Friday night during the second quarter against Jerome.

Tigers still winless at 0-5; Spartans atop Great Basin West

By Wes Smalling Times-News Correspondent JEROME — They may not look like an 0-5 football team on the playing field. But the Jerome Tigers are still searching for their first win of the season after falling to the Minico Spartans, 35-14, in their first conference game Friday at home. The Spartans (5-1, 2-0), whose only loss is to Twin Falls, are sitting pretty atop the Class 4A Great Basin Conference West, while the Tigers (0-5, 0-1) will have to wait until next week against Buhl for another try at cracking their first win. "Our guys played hard. We left them sitting on the goal line twice," said Jerome head

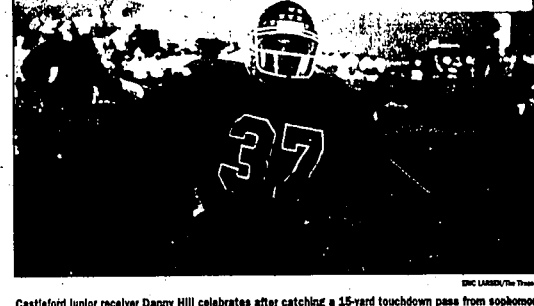
coach Jerry Diehl. "Hey, we've just got to keep playing and that's the way it is. We're going to get one." The Spartans scored in the first quarter on a five-yard run by senior running back Dale Saylor. Then they cashed in the second quarter after intercepting a tipped Brett Boesiger pass. Sophomore quarterback Dane Broadhead hit senior wideout Bryce Halso on a 16-yard touchdown pass and the Spartans were up 14-0. "The Tigers kept it close — for a little while — when they hit pay dirt on a nifty reverse

to their speedy junior without Travis Cooley who scooted 23 yards for a score to make it 14-7. But then the Tigers gave up an 11-yard touchdown pass from Broadhead to Halso in the closing seconds of the half and found themselves in a hole, 21-7. Minico chewed up clock on the ground in the second half and stretched its lead to 35-7 on two third-quarter touchdowns: one by junior running back Matt Tracy and another by Saylor. The dynamic duo of Saylor and Tracy proved too much for the Tiger defense. Saylor racked up 168 yards on the ground with two touchdowns for the night, and Tracy finished with 152 yards and one touchdown. The Tigers kept it re-

spectable when Prescott returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown with 26 seconds left in the third quarter, and the game's final score of 35-14. The Tigers had a chance at mounting a comeback in the third when they recovered a fumble by Broadhead deep in Minico territory. But the offense failed to get the ball in the end zone and turned over the ball on downs on the Minico 2-yard line. "I think we came out with probably our best effort of the season. It just came down to not executing at the end," said Boesiger. Jerome's quarterback, On being 0-5, he added, "We've played some good teams, but a lot of it has been just shooting ourselves in the foot on offense."

Wolves handle Pirates on homecoming

By Eric Larson Times-News writer CASTLEFORD — Finally, the Castleford Wolves are for real. Tears of falling to measure up to the task the Hagerman Pirates football team presented were washed away with Friday night's 36-24 homecoming night win. Junior receiver Danny Hill hauled in six passes for 206 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Wolves to their sixth straight win to start the season. "I think the biggest factor was we came out of this with Lance (Bllick) with a pulled hamstring, Drew (Tverdy) hurt his knee, and I started cramping up, but we came out and won this one with our backups and reserves in the game," Hill said. Despite the depleted roster, the Wolves took 3-3 Hagerman's best shots and often answered with key takeaways throughout the game. Without starting halfback Dussy Vader, who is out for



Castleford junior receiver Danny Hill celebrates after catching a 15-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Zach Kline during the first quarter of Friday's 36-24 win over visiting Hagerman.

the remainder of the season with a broken right foot, the Pirates turned to sophomore Isidro Nava, who carried 37

times for 279 yards and four touchdowns. However, Hagerman put itself into an early hole, committing

four of six turnovers in the first half. "It's just turnovers and penalties. Please see WOLVES, Page B2

New BCS poll takes a detour in Idaho

The BCS never disappoints when it comes to comic relief. The first time it has that mishmash of people who have a big say in which teams get into college football's megabuck bowls — came out Sunday, while most of the top 25 was right on target, check out some of the teams that at least one voter thought worthy of being among the nation's best.

NANCY ARMOUR

Illinois picked up 13 votes despite being 2-2 and fresh from a 61-14 pummeling by Michigan State. Arizona got 10 votes with a 1-2 record, though maybe the Wildcats were mistaken for that 3-1 team that's two hours up the road.

But how do you explain Bowling Green, which received five votes even after a 48-20 loss to Boise State dropped the Broncos to 1-2? Or worse, Idaho, which is 0-4 and scored six points in its last two games, yet still got five votes?

Granted, the votes are minuscule and won't affect the BCS standings, which begin next month. But the geniuses who thought Bowling Green and Idaho should be in the top 25 this week will be the same ones helping decide who's playing in the Rose Bowl for the national title.

Votes like that hurt the credibility of BCS expert Jerry Palm said. "Whether it's carelessness or ignorance, you can't have votes for Idaho, it only takes one guy voting for Idaho to ruin it for the rest of the 11." Credibility has never been the Bowl Championship Series' strong suit, though. The BCS has been trying since 1998 to find a foolproof way to pair the clear-cut No. 1 and No. 2 teams in a season-ending, winner-take-all matchup. So far, all they've perfected is the fool part.

Playoffs have worked quite nicely in college football's lower divisions and pretty much every other sport from the five Wee leagues to the pros. But BCS officials won't budge. They're convinced a ranking system will produce the 1-2 game everyone wants to see, along with solid

Red Sox, Yankees tied atop AL East

The Associated Press BOSTON — It's all tied up in the AL East. Boston and New York. Two games to play. Jason Varitek homered, David Ortiz drove in another big run and David Wells pitched seven strong innings on Friday night to give the Red Sox a 5-3 victory over the Yankees, knighting the division on the season's final weekend.

Boston's victory left both teams at 94-65 and guarantees that the AL East title won't be decided until Sunday, what's scheduled to be the final day of the regular season. Or possibly Monday.

If the teams split the last two games, there could be a one-game playoff at Yankee Stadium. If Cleveland also is tied at 95 wins, the loser of the Boston-New York game would play the Indians Tuesday for the AL wild-card berth.

For now, the schedule has Tim Lincecum (16-11) facing Randy Johnson (16-8) on Saturday, with Curt Schilling (7-8) going against Mike Mussina (13-8) on Sunday. Wells (15-7) won for the sixth time in seven decisions, with the only loss coming at Yankee Stadium on Sept. 9. But returning to Boston, where he's now 8-1, served the former Yankee well: he allowed three runs, six hits and two walks, striking out five.

Mike Timlin got the last four outs for his 12th save in 19 chances. It was his 80th appear. Please see EAST, Page B4

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns for team, games played, wins, losses, and percentage.

National League

Table with columns for team, games played, wins, losses, and percentage.

AL Boxes

Table with columns for team, games played, wins, losses, and percentage.

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Blue Jays

Table with columns for team, games played, wins, losses, and percentage.

Kansas City

Table with columns for team, games played, wins, losses, and percentage.

MLB Prospects

Table with columns for player name, team, position, and other stats.

Baseball

Regional coverage, Fox, 2 p.m.

White Sox at Indians, WGN, 5 p.m.

Champion James Toney (68-42), vs. Dominick Guinn (25-21), for IBA heavyweight championship; champion Chris Byrd (38-2-1), vs. Davany Williams (22-3-0) for Byrd's IBF heavyweight championship, SHO, 7:15 p.m.

Boxing

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Golf

Dunhill Links Championship, third round, TGC, 6:30 a.m.

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Super Bowl record holder Smith arrested

DENVER — Timmy Smith, who set a Super Bowl rushing record when he played for the Washington Redskins in 1990, has been arrested after allegedly trying to sell cocaine to an undercover drug agent.

Smith, 41, of Denver and his brother, Chris, of suburban Lakewood, were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine. U.S. attorney's spokesman Jeff Dorschner said Friday.

If convicted, each faces 10 years to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million. Authorities said the investigation has resulted in the seizure of about 2.8 pounds of cocaine and unspecified assets worth about \$100,000. Search warrants were executed on houses in Denver and Lakewood on Oct. 28 and 29.

Smith rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns in the Redskins' 42-10 victory over the Denver Broncos in 1990. He carried the weight the following season and never performed at the same level. He last played in the NFL in 1990 with the Dallas Cowboys.

He worked this summer as a youth counselor and participated in several youth football camps, authorities said. He was in custody and had not yet been appointed an attorney, Dorschner said.

Sources: Wie to turn pro next week Michelle Wie plans to announce Wednesday she is turning professional, six days before her 16th birthday, ending an amateur career in which she spent most of her time playing against the pros.

Two sources involved with her decision, both speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Wie would make the morning announcement in Honolulu at the Kahala Mandarin Hotel near Waialae Country Club, where she has twice played in the Sony Open.

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Smith wins gold at wrestling world

HUDEPESI, Hungary — Iris Smith of the United States won the gold medal in the women's 159-pound division Friday at the wrestling world championships.

China's Lili Meng defeated Marine Dupont of Canada for the women's 149-pound title while Hamid Soryan Rethapan of Iran won the men's 121-pound Greco-Roman event.

Smith upset defending and five-time world champion Kyoko Hamaguchi of Japan in a match that went the full three periods.

Japan won the women's team competition with 61 points, beating China (52) and the United States (42).

The United States won a bronze medal in the women's 149-pound category when Kaitlyn Dorman defeated Ashley McManus of Britain.

Toney, Byrd in crossroads heavyweight fights RENO, Nev. — Chris Byrd is a heavyweight champion of at least part of the world, though he seldom gets treated like one.

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SPORTS



Chicago White Sox pinch-runner Pablo Ozuna, right, scores ahead of the throw to Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez in the 13th inning Friday, in Cleveland. Ozuna and Scott Podsednik scored on Ross Gload's double off Cleveland pitcher Fernando Cabrera to break a 1-1 tie.

White Sox stop Cleveland in 13

CLEVELAND, AP — The Chicago White Sox can't be accused of compromising baseball integrity. Beginning of their starters to prepare for the AL playoffs, the White Sox damaged Cleveland's postseason chances with a 12-15 inning win on Friday night.



manager, that Lou Piniella would not return as Devil Rays manager. Mora has homered in five of his last nine games. Eric Duhose (2-3) allowed one hit in 3 1/3 innings, his first win since Aug. 17, and B.J. Ryan pitched the ninth for his 35th win in 40 opportunities.

Wild-Card Race

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams, wins, losses, and games behind.

Huston having no problems so far

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Given the choice to give up on this year or keep pushing, John Huston chose the latter. It looks like he's having no problems so far.



John Huston shoots from a sand trap on the 17th hole during the second round of the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro at Forest Oaks Country Club near Greensboro, N.C., Friday.

The 41-year-old veteran continued his solid play of late, posting a second consecutive 6-under-par Friday to take the second round.

birdie ball short at the last hole. He will play his third round Saturday at Kingshams, where he shot a 65 last year. The final round Sunday will be back on the Old Course.

With another perfect day for scoring at Forest Oaks, the 36-hole cut came in at 3 under.

Summerhays leads at SAS Championship

CARY, N.C. — Bruce Summerhays had five birdies in a six-hole stretch and shot a 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over R.W. Eaks in the first round of the SAS Championship on the Champions Tour.

Montgomerie shoots 65 at Dunhill Links

ST. ANDREW, Scotland — Colin Montgomerie shot a 7-under-par 65 in strong wind Friday to take the lead after the second round of the Dunhill Links Championship at the Old Course, where the Scotsman finished second to Tiger Woods at the British Open in July.

Ward in four-way tie for LPGA lead

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. — Donald Trump's new course, framing the Pacific Ocean looked great and played agonizingly slow during Friday's opening round of the LPGA Office Depot Championship.

Two-time defending champion Annika Sorenstam was back after a 2-under 69 that included three birdies and two bogeys on Nos. 5 and 10, both par 3s.

Angels 7, Rangers 1

ALLIEN, Texas — John Lackey allowed three hits over five scoreless innings in his final playoff atump and Garret Anderson hit a three-run homer as the Angels blanked the Texas Rangers 7-1 on Friday night.

Twins 7, Tigers 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Rookie Francisco Lirio allowed five 138 in seven innings for his first major league win, and Justin Morneau hit a grand slam to lead the Minnesota Twins over the Detroit Tigers 7-3 on Friday night.

Blue Jays 10, Royals 1

TOLEDO — The Kansas City Royals have never been worse. The Royals set a team record with their 10th loss, as Josh Towers pitched his second complete game of the season in the Toronto Blue Jays' 10-1 victory Friday night.

Oroles 7, Devil Rays 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Melvin Mora hit a two-run homer, and the Baltimore Orioles beat Tampa Bay 7-6 Friday night, hours after it was announced that Lou Piniella would not return as Devil Rays manager.

Mets 3, Rockies 2

NEW YORK — The New York Mets guaranteed a winning season in Willie Randolph's first year as manager, beating the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Friday night behind Kris Benson's first victory in six weeks.

Marlins owner: No decision from McKeon

MIAMI — Florida Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria says he expects a decision this weekend regarding the future of manager Jack McKeon, who has hinted that he won't return in 2006.

Mallins 5, Braves 2

MIAMI — Pinch-hitter Lenny Harris hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning that leads Florida over the NL East champion Atlanta Braves on Friday night and assured the Marlins of finishing at 500 or better.

Brewers 6, Pirates 5

PITTSBURGH — The Milwaukee Brewers must go 1-for-2 to be winners again for the first time since 1992.

Suzuki gets 200 hits for fifth straight season

SEATTLE — Ichiro Suzuki of the Seattle Mariners doubled in the second inning and singled in the second again to become the sixth player in major league history to collect 200 hits in five straight seasons.

Sorting out what could happen in the MLB playoff races — and why

The Associated Press — All sorts of playoff scenarios were possible going into Saturday. A look at what happens if there are ties in the AL and NL after Sunday's games.

Big Sky president to discuss expansion

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Expanding the Big Sky Conference will be up for discussion when presidents of the athletic league's schools meet next week.

East

Continued from B1 — pitch, not with the mouth that earned him a suspension and a dressing down from the commissioner's office.

She's not shy about telling her story of survival

Susan Cernyak-Spatz is brash and blunt, which you'd know if you've heard her talk about surviving Auschwitz. You'd know if you bumped into her at the grocery, commented on the weather, and got back an expletive-laden politeness or the state of the world.

Last time we profiled her in the paper, this 63-year-old Charlotte, N.C., woman who's been to hell and lived to tell about it complained that our photographer made her look old.



Ken Garfield

No offense, Susan, but you are growing old. So are the others who have spent their lives telling up their sleeves and showing us the concentration camp numbers that Hitler put there.

All will not be lost, though, when time sills the voice of the last living Holocaust survivor.

Ken Garfield has preserved her part of the story on paper.

Cernyak-Spatz has written Protective Custody, Prisoner 4012, SNS Publishing, \$15.95, a 160-page memoir of her time at the Nazi camps alive. The woman, 63, known for years as whose defiance blossomed from her experience as a survivor on page 26. "I have become very aggressive, or perhaps assertive, in my dealings with other people if I feel that I am being put at a disadvantage in a situation."

Writing this book may well be her greatest act of defiance because she says to death: "You will not silence me."

Her memoir, available for \$19.95 in the Temple Beth El gift shop and perhaps soon in some bookstores, takes us from her childhood growing up in Berlin through the Nazi years and finally to the end of World War II in 1945 and a new family and life that led her happily to Charlotte.

It took Cernyak-Spatz a year of time. She said it wasn't difficult recalling the smallest details, since she's been lecturing on it for years.

"It's been in my head a hell of a long time," she told us. "No one's coming on a best-seller here. She'll market and sell one copy at a time, including at her synagogue, Temple Beth El in Sharon Park in Charlotte."

Whether Cernyak-Spatz sells 10 copies or 10,000, the triumph is this: One more survivor has guaranteed that the story will continue being told in the first person.

Scholars at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., said no one knows for sure how many survivors are still alive. What they do know is that every time a Susan Cernyak-Spatz picks up a pen, talks into a tape recorder or sits into a video camera, she tells million Jews and 5 million others who died in the ghettos and camps and gas chambers will never really perish from history.

Cernyak-Spatz says her husband when I called to talk. She was taking a ballroom dancing class. When she called me back, I told her I was going to write that "Protective Custody, Prisoner 4012" is important because she isn't going to live forever, you know.

I think that made her angry. "Maybe I'll live forever," she said. "But I won't be able to lecture forever."

Ken Garfield covers religion for the Charlotte, N.C., Observer.

Are you among the unchurched?

More than half of Idahoans, according to surveys, believe in God but do not regularly attend church services.

The Times-News is preparing an article on the unchurched, and would like to talk with readers who are believers but not churchgoers.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magicvalley.com

An Idahoan in Zion

Magic Valley lawyer joins Mormon's Fifth Quorum of Seventy

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls lawyer has assumed a senior position in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hierarchy.

Brent Nielson recently accepted a call to serve as a member of the 11th Quorum of the Seventy of the Mormon Church.

Under the direction of the office of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the job gives Nielson the opportunity to be part of a major advisory council for church members and priesthood leaders alike.

Church Quorums within the Mormon faith are governing bodies designated by geographic locations. There are eight worldwide; the 11th Quorum takes in California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming.

Nielson's designated area of stewardship extends from the Wyoming border to LaGrande, Ore., a region that includes 100 Mormon stake centers.

And of such a calling, Nielson says he is "very humbled." Nielson's appointment is a first for the Magic Valley. The highest-ranking south-central Idaho Mormon was David Haight of Oakley, who was named to the Quorum of the Twelve, the second-highest level of LDS leadership in 1976. Haight died in 2001.

Still in an advisory position, Nielson is very suited to that opportunity for leadership, said Dr. Brad Hobbs, a Twin Falls ophthalmologist who is the local spokesman for the LDS church.

"It's a good man," said Hobbs, and that's not all. "Considering his years of experience as the Twin Falls West Stake president, Hobbs considers the 50-year-old father of six, "a seasoned leader."

And while the terms of service are generally five-year appointments, the actual length

of Nielson's assignment will be determined by regular reviews of local circumstances, and by assessing church-related needs within his area.

"When the prophet calls, we respond," Nielson said, referring to Mormon president Gordon Hinckley.

There are 350,000 Mormons in Idaho, which makes the appointment "a very weekend-intensive," Nielson said.

Nonetheless, he's "100 percent committed" — and he's not alone in his dedication to the church. "I feel exactly the same way," said his wife, Marcia.

Although adjusting to the spiritual call is proving to be "a juggling act," for the couple, the timing couldn't be better.

For even with their busy schedules, "it's a good time for a change," she said. "And though it's time-consuming, we've adjusted," said Marcia, who "picks up the slack" when running the household is concerned.

But as his wife of 27 years, she's been well worth the effort, she says. "It's a very special person," Marcia said.

And the feeling is mutual. "Three of Nielson's children have graduated from college, a fourth is a college freshman, and others on a Mormon mission to Poland, and their youngest son is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School," she's been amazing," Nielson said.

Nielson looks to the Bible for inspiration, citing John 21:15-17. "Where Jesus tells Simon Peter to 'Feed my sheep,' my response is like that of Peter's is also, 'Yeah, Ford.'"

His goal? "That as a result of what I do, more people will come unto Christ," Nielson said.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached at 734-3190.



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About the Quorums of the Seventy

In 1975, under the direction of President Spencer W. Kimball, as the growth of the Mormon Church necessitated more General Authorities, the First Quorum of the Seventy was reconstituted with new members along side the First Council of the Seventy. A year later, the First Council of the Seventy, the First Quorum of the Seventy, and the Assistants to the Twelve to a body of General Authorities created in 1941) were all merged into a new First Quorum of the Seventy under a seven-member Presidency of the Seventy. While members of each body served for life and ranked by seniority, the opportunity was taken to name as members of the Presidency — whose membership rotated — more younger and more active than the senior members of the old Assistants and Council. In 1978, some of the older members were retired as the first Emeritus General Authorities. However, members appointed through 1981 were still granted life tenure.

In 1984, the next step in reforming the Quorums of the Seventy was taken when for the first time members were appointed to the First Quorum of the Seventy who were not to serve for life, but for terms of several years. In 1989, these members were set aside as the Second Quorum of the Seventy. At the same time, the practice was instituted of retiring all members of the First Quorum at the October General Conference following their 70th birthdays, or earlier in the case of serious health problems. Since then, the First Quorum, usually serving to age 70, and the Second Quorum, whose members generally serve 5 1/2 years, have continued as General Authorities of the Church. Sometimes members are promoted from the Second Quorum to the First Quorum, and Seventies are the most usual

candidates to become members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Some flexibility on the terms of service has emerged in recent years. Members of the Third through Eighth Quorums of the Seventy are not general authorities of the Mormon church, and they must maintain their secular jobs. Members of these quorums are called Area Seventies. They are called to preach the gospel and to be special witnesses of Christ. As assigned, they train stake presidencies, serve in Area Presidencies, four missions, train mission presidents and complete other assigned duties.

- **Third Quorum of the Seventy**
The Third Quorum members live and serve in Africa, Europe, and northern Asia.
- **Fourth Quorum of the Seventy**
The Fourth Quorum members live and serve in Mexico, Central America and the northern and western portions of South America.
- **Fifth Quorum of the Seventy**
The Fifth Quorum members live and serve in the American West.
- **Sixth Quorum of the Seventy**
The Sixth Quorum members live and serve in American Midwest, East, Northeast, Southeast and Southwest.
- **Seventh Quorum of the Seventy**
Members of the Seventh Quorum are drawn from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Argentina.
- **Eighth Quorum of the Seventy**
The Eighth Quorum of the Seventy is composed of Area Seventies from Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and the Pacific islands.

Source: Answers.com

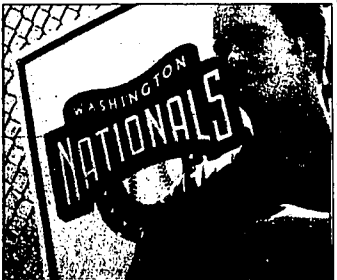
Praying in the park: Baseball chapel takes hold

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Three hours before the game, in the Washington Nationals' clubhouse, Ryan Church and Matt Cepicky were razzing each other, laughing and dancing around in their shorts. A sober voice interrupted, "Chapel, 10:45."

Church and Cepicky nodded. Another player bumped. Another swallowed a light blue pill. Another swatted his bat at a teammate's bare hindside. "Chapel in thirty minutes," Jon Moeller said, working his way — locker to locker, broad back to back — around the room, distributing a leaflet: "What God Has Done For You." Moeller, 36, is the chapel leader for the Nationals baseball team. On Sundays, before they play, they pray.

In 300 ballparks across the country, volunteer chapel leaders hold English and Spanish services for major and minor league teams. Baseball Chapel, the Christian ministry that organizes the prayers, estimates that nearly 3,000 peo-



Jon Moeller, who works for the FBI during the week, is the baseball chapel leader for the Washington Nationals. He gets players and other staff together to pray before games. Religion in the clubhouse is becoming more and more accepted, with about a third of all players participating in such chapel activities.

the Ambien and the Skool. Participants say that the stress to perform, the uncertainty of injuries, and the lack of control over being traded or cut are lightened by their bond with God.

"It's about guys needing Christ," Moeller said. "It could be the security guard or it could be (first baseman) Nick Johnson. RFK becomes a church on Sundays." Even the team doctor, Bruce Thomas, supports weekend prayers and Wednesday Bible study. "If a player has total wellness—their mind, body and their spiritual side, they perform better," he said. Praying before games is not unique to baseball, nor are its root causes. "We've seen an explosion of teams that want chaplains, in all sports," said Dan Britton, senior vice president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. One reason, said Britton, is because "coaches look at religion as a rabbit's foot."

Another reason, Britton added, has to do with the fact that players are often away from home. "Please see BASEBALL, Page B7

RELIGION

Massive mascots for a biblical battle

Los Angeles Times

CARAZON, Calif. — Dumbo the roadside dinosaur has found a rival.

The 15-foot-high concrete dinosaurs has towered over Interstate 10 near Palm Springs for nearly three decades as a kitschy prehistoric pit stop for tourists.

Now he is the star of a rivaled attraction that disputes that dinosaurs died off millions of years before humans first walked the planet.

Times news writers, pointing to the book of Genesis, contend that most dinosaurs arrived on Earth the same day as Adam and Eve, some 6,000 years ago, and later marched two by two onto Noah's Ark only after the attraction, called the Carazon Dinosaurs, sells to dinosaurs whose labels warn, "Don't swallow it. The fossil record does not support evolution."

The Carazon Dinosaurs join at least a half dozen other roadside attractions nationwide that use the giant reptiles' popularity in seeking to win converts to creationism. And many are on the wane.

"We're putting evolutionists on notice," said Ken Blum, president of Anxieties in Genesis, a Houston group building a \$2-million creation museum in Petersburg, Ky., this decade, overruling with model sanctuaries and life-nature centers.

"They're going to tell a people that there's no God, and they're used to humanish people," he said. "Evolutionists get very upset when we use dinosaurs, that's their star."

The nation's top paleontologists find the creation theory preposterous and say children are being misled by dinosaur exhibits that take the form of "Bioscience Park."

Dinosaurs lived in the Garden of Eden and Noah's Ark? Game over, said Kevin Padian, curator at the University of California Museum of Paleontology in Berkeley and president of the National Center for Science Education, an Oakland group that supports teaching evolution. "For them," he said, "the line comes in drawing a line between dinosaurs and the rest of the animal kingdom."

Evolutionists see anthropogenic creationism as a religious belief that finds themselves on both sides of the nation's re-



Steve Schenegenburger, center, of the Ranelo Cucamonga, Calif., and his children lines, left, Steven and Stephanie, have a little fun with one of the big guys.

moved debate over the Earth's origins and the continuing fight over whether Charles Darwin's "The Origin of Species" or Genesis is best explanation of the development of life.

Science holds that dinosaurs were the Earth's royalty for about 100 million years. Then they died off abruptly, possibly after a meteorite smacked into the planet, but they're considered the forerunners to birds.

Unearthed dinosaur bones that are millions of years old "do not prove evolution, but it shows the Genesis account doesn't work," said Nick Matzka, a spokesman for the National Center for Science Education. "Dinosaurs who pull off Interstate 10 in Pasadena, Fla., are told a different story at Dinosaur Adventure Land. Its slogan, 'Where Dinosaurs and the Bible meet.'"

The nearly seven-acre amusement theme park and science center embodies its founder's belief that God created the world in six days. The dinosaurs, even super animals such as T. rex, cloned vegetarians in the Garden of Eden until Adam and Eve sinned — and only then did

they feed on other creatures, according to the Christian-based Young Earth theory.

About 3,000 years after Adam and Eve arrived, the theory goes, pairs of hairy dinosaurs huddled in Noah's Ark, and a colossal flood drowned the rest, and scaped them fossils. The ark boats animals repopulated the planet — meaning that folk tales about fire-breathing beasts are accounts of humans battling dinosaurs, who still roamed the planet.

Children romping through the \$1.5 million Florida theme park can bounce on a "Long Neck Liliusaurus" swing seat, bungee water balloons at 1 feet and a step-spirals, and smooth their own sand-size Grand Canyons, whose formation is credited to the flood. "A 'fish-shaped' pickle porridge to show that dinosaurs bones could have hardened quickly."

"Go to Disneyland, they teach evolution. It's subtle, signs that say, 'Millions of years ago,'" said evangelist Kent Horvick, the park's founder. "It's a golden opportunity to get our point across."

Carl Bunch opened his Creation Evidence Museum in the

1980s near Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, Texas, where some people said fossilized dinosaur tracks and human footprints crisscrossed contemporaneously. The Texas museum sponsors a continuing hunt for living pterosaurs in Papua New Guinea. Bunch said his colleagues had spotted the living dinosaurs, "but all the sightings were made after dark, and we were not able to capture the creatures."

Organizers at Creation Research of the North Coast in Humboldt County, Calif., dream of building their own reptile park but lack building and acreage. So do leaders at Project Creation in Mount Laurel, Tenn., who would need to raise about \$1 million to assemble 30 to 50 pterosaur and brachiosaur replicas to mingle with live chickens and goats.

At the Institute for Creation Research museum in Santer, a San Diego suburb, officials plan to enlarge the "paleontological offerings."

"We like to think of dinosaurs as creation hazards, or missionary hazards," said Frank Shervin, a museum researcher and author.

Rabbi Denounces Judaica collection to museum

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — For most of his life, televangelist Peter H. Schweitzer browsed flea markets and antique shops, he would pause lovingly over small objects ignored.

They were antiques — Yiddish for bric-a-brac — nothing more.

But to Schweitzer they were tiny milestones of Jewish-American history, symbols of transformation from immigrants to citizens, players in U.S. society.

And irresistible. Thursday night, Schweitzer, a 72-year-old New York social broker and rabbi, formally handed over his collection — 10,000 items accumulated over a quarter century — to its new home, the National Museum of American Jewish History on Independence Mall.

Given Goodman, executive director of the Philadelphia museum, called the Schweitzer collection a rarity and said "these objects that reflect Jewish experiences in America will enable us to best tell our story."

To call Schweitzer's gift large is an understatement. Museum spokesman Jay E. Nachman estimated the number of items in the collection.

"In fact, there are many artifacts of Jewish religious tradition, such as a finely woven ark curtain, tallis bags used to hold Jewish prayer shawls, and an illuminated "Lectubach," a permanent marriage certificate.

But mostly it is the stuff of daily life in a community in transition: a Yiddish typewriter, posters advertising early Yiddish variety acts and boxers' school yearbooks and photos, containers for specialty con-sumer goods sold in Jewish neighborhoods, men's check books, early Jewish kosher sausage, souvenirs from Jewish resorts in New York's Catskill Mountains.

Among many items look like they made their way to Philadelphia.

Which is why Schweitzer denounces the collection be viewed as a whole. "The Jewish experience is

more than religion," said Schweitzer, 32, of New York. "It is also social and cultural. I think of food and politics and places. ... It's all part of a larger fabric."

Schweitzer said pills show half of American Jews say they are secular or nonobservant. He said that's why he believes a museum focusing on the history of daily U.S. Jewish life can be a unifying force for secular Orthodox. "Conservative or Reform Jews."

"For many Jewish families," Schweitzer said, "the weekly pilgrimage to the deli may have been as sacred as the one to the synagogue."

Schweitzer is a rabbi for the City Congregation for Humanistic Judaism in New York and also serves as a clinical social worker for the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

He said he decided to donate the collection partly out of necessity — a marriage five years ago brought a spouse, a step-daughter and then a son into his Upper West Side apartment — and partly out of a concern for the collection's future.

Schweitzer said he decided to donate his collection to the Philadelphia museum after discussions with scholars with whom he had worked on books and exhibits.

Schweitzer mentioned the Philadelphia museum, noting its emphasis on the history of Jewish life in America and the fact that it would soon be building a five-story, 800,000-square-foot building to replace its current home on Fifth Street, north of Market on Independence Mall.

"Everything just came together for me here," Schweitzer said. Schweitzer said he would continue to collect items for the museum and be a consultant. The museum will do the first cataloging of the collection and take steps needed to preserve items.

The collection will arrive at the museum in mid-November, and officials hope to stage a preliminary exhibit before construction begins.

Schweitzer said he is looking forward to it. "After all, I've never seen it all in one place."

Chicago cardinal criticizes new religious movement

CHICAGO (AP) — Cardinal Francis George is joining other Roman Catholic leaders in criticizing a new religious movement, banning the group from meeting in churches or other Catholic facilities.

Members say the group Love Holy Trinity Blessed Mission, founded 12 years ago, is born of Catholic teachings and striving to establish itself as a new religious order.

It holds weekly prayer meetings in nearby 100 Catholic churches in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Wisconsin. On Friday, George announced that the Rev. Len Kravitz, who had been working full time at the group's headquarters in Chicago's Northwest Side, would be recalled to a pastoral position.

"While they have been functioning here for a number of years, the Love Holy Trinity Blessed Mission has no official approval as a lay movement or in the Catholic Church," the cardinal said in a statement.

The cardinal's statement followed a six-month review of the group by priests and church scholars, who received few answers to their questions about the groups' operations and theology, archdiocesan officials said.

Love Holy Trinity members Dick Vogt and leader Agnes Kva McFondal is unavailability for comment "because of the personal nature of her group."

Bishops in Rockford, Ill., and Madison, Wis., have criticized the group in recent months. The strongest statement came Sept. 15 from Archbishop Jerome Hanis of Dubuque, Iowa, after some families in his diocese accused the group of using "cult-like" tactics.

Mgr. James Barta, vicar general of the Diocese of Dubuque, said the diocese acted because of concern about a 19-year-old girl who left home to become a "sister" in the group.

Sheley Eddy's mother and stepfather say they've been cut off from her for more than a month.

"I feel so cheated, so lied to," Lori Knott told the Chicago Tribune. "How can they claim to be Catholic? The Catholic Church doesn't treat families apart."

The couple said that when they attempted to enter the Love Holy Trinity offices Friday, they were turned away by a man who reportedly told them, "Your daughter has made her choice. Respect her wishes."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sterling Mining appoints geologist
 ATLANTA — Sterling Mining Co. Friday announced that it has hired Jeff Moore as chief geologist for its Sunshine Mine division.

Mr. Moore was previously Senior Geologist of Sunshine Mining Company's Sunshine shaft mine from 1991 through 2001. Mr. Moore has extensive experience in project management, database analysis, programing, geologic modeling, development, mapping and exploration layout.
 During the last several months, Mr. Moore has been consulting with Sterling Mining Company's Sunshine division supporting Sterling's Phase II completion in May this year, and Phase III mine plans for the Sunshine Mine, reviewing resource estimates and plans for further exploration and expansion to the work on the Sunshine Mine, he will also be assisting Sterling's Silver Valley exploration properties.

Mike McCreary, Mine Manager of the Sunshine Mine, stated, "Mr. Moore joins several other Sunshine Mine veterans of Sterling to bring the mine back into production. He is a superb addition to our mine development team."

Cardiologist testifies in painkiller lawsuit

ALABAMA CITY, Md. — A cardiologist expert who says Xanax may be involved in a possible heart attack at a nursing facility, testified Friday that the man had some risk factors for heart disease and that thousands of Americans with the risk factors still have heart attacks every year.
 Attempting to establish other causes for Freddie "Mike" Humeston's Sept. 10, 2004, heart attack, District Solicitor Attorney for Victims Mark Mack also showed evidence of a document from Humeston's orthopedic doctor in which Humeston said his mother died of a heart attack. Humeston's doctor had said he had no family history of heart disease.

A 50-year-old male when he had his heart attack, Humeston a Boise, Idaho, postal worker was at an elevated risk for one, said Nicholas DePrece, a cardiologist and angiography expert hired by Humeston's lawyers for the product liability case against Mark.
 Mack pulled the popular painkiller off the market last year after it was linked to increased incidence of heart attack and stroke in those who had taken it for 10 months or more. The company later paid about 4,000 lawsuits to people who claim Xanax harmed them. Mack says it acted responsibly and put patient interests first.

Former mortgage exec pleads not guilty

SALT LAKE — A former top executive of Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Inc. on Friday charged a criminal case in the company's spectacular collapse. He pleaded not guilty to charges arising from the bankruptcy filing.
 Thomas G. Innes, 55, of Sparks, Nev., was arrested Monday following an indictment by a Seattle grand jury. Federal officials contend he lied to Met Mortgage's outside accountants and artificially inflated profits before the company filed for bankruptcy protection last year.
 Those misrepresentations allowed the company to continue to operate profitable and to sell securities, regulators said. The bankruptcy could cost about 10,000 investors, many living in the Northwest, more than \$1.5 billion.

Several former Met Mortgage executives, including Turner, were charged in a civil complaint filed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission this week. The SEC contended that former chairman and chief executive C. Paul Sandifair Jr. and others misled financial results through bogus financial statements.
 The alleged fraud allowed the company to continue to sell new securities, even as it hemorrhaged money for three years, according to the SEC and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Idahoans see increase in earnings

Personal income growth beats national average for second quarter

BOISE — New jobs in the construction industry helped propel Idaho's personal income growth rate above the national average for the second straight quarter, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 The amount of income received by all Idaho residents from all sources rose 1.8 percent during the April-June period compared to 1.5 percent nationally. It totaled \$29.9 billion on an annualized basis.
 During the previous three months, from February to May, Idaho's rate of increase was 2.4 percent compared to the national rate of 1.6 percent.
 "Idaho is doing better than the rest of the

country and will probably continue to do so for the next six months, at least," John Church, a private economist in Boise, told the Idaho Statesman newspaper. To a great extent, the gain comes from residential construction.
 The Bureau also reported Thursday the Idaho Falls metropolitan area had the third-lowest unemployment rate in August at 4.6 percent. The metropolitan areas of 2.6 percent, unadjusted for seasonal factors, the Boise and the Pocatello metropolitan areas had unemployment rates of 4.3 percent each and the Pasco/Helena metropolitan area was at 4.6 percent.
 Although Idaho's rate of personal income increase was down from the first quarter's 2.1 percent, the state had the largest percentage

increase of any state in the country for the construction and manufacturing sectors, which accounted for over half of the spring increase in net earnings of Idaho residents.
 "These figures reflect what we all know — Idaho's construction activity is on a roll and is, in part, driving our current economy," Idaho Commerce & Labor Director Roger H. Madson said in a statement. "Our challenge is to make sure the growth it creates is managed in a way that benefits both the communities and the people of Idaho."
 Several small manufacturers added jobs during the period, including the Hess Furniture Co. in Malad, IV maker Lavoie Inc. in Twin Falls, stock trailer trailer Kiefer Built Inc. in Gooding, and Hiley Poly Co., a plastic bag manufacturer in Pocatello.

BACK TO THE ASSEMBLY LINE



Machinists Union election workers count ballots addressing a new contract offer from the Boeing Co. to its striking machinist workers Thursday at the Machinists Union headquarters in Seattle. Thousands of workers who assemble Boeing Co.'s commercial airplanes were voting Thursday on whether to approve a new labor contract and return to work after a four-week strike.

Boeing workers approve contract, ending strike

The Associated Press
 SEATTLE — Machinists at Boeing Co. returned to work Friday after the company's commercial airplane assembly plant after approving a new contract that ended a nearly month-long strike.
 About 90 percent of members who were called upon the three-day vote, Mark Blum, president of Machinists District Lodge 751, told a cheering crowd of several dozen union members Thursday night in a telephone survey and said no to corporate greed. Dick Schindler, the Machinists' action coordinator, shouted after the vote: "We hope this is awake up all to corporate America!"
 The union's work resumed with the shut that began around midnight, but full production might not be reached until later, because all employees were not required to be back at work until Oct. 12, company spokesman Chaz Valverde said.

A simple majority was needed to accept the offer, Union leaders had recommended that membership vote on the deal, same it addressed key issues: pensions and health care benefits.
 The average Machinist represented by the contract is 49 years old, and makes about \$30,000 a year. The strike by about 11,000 Machinists began Sept. 2.
 Under the new contract, workers will see no changes to current health care premiums. Pension payouts will increase by nearly 17 percent to \$70 per month for every year worked — up from \$60 per month in the just-expired contract.
 The offer workers rejected Sept. 1 would have increased pension payouts to \$66 per month, a proposal the union blasted as "insubstantial."
 Boeing backed away from a proposal to eliminate future medical benefits for workers, and dropped a plan to give workers incentive pay based on corporate financial targets.

Boeing also agreed to give workers in Wichita, Kan., the same deal as those in the Puget Sound area and Great Falls, Ore., after previously offering Wichita workers less.
 Instead of any general wage increase, the revised offer gives Machinists cash bonuses of about \$11,000 over the three years.
 "To me, this is a win," said Kent Sprague, 51, a Boeing machine repairman in Auburn. "I'm a little disappointed that Boeing didn't offer this initially."
 The Chicago-based company said the total cost of the new offer was similar to the proposal initially rejected by Machinists.
 But faces now shifts to ensuring a smooth restart of our production system and a return to a steady flow of airplane deliveries to our customers," Alan Mulvaney, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said in a statement.
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FAA backs \$15B O'Hare expansion plan

The Associated Press
 CHICAGO — The Federal Aviation Administration announced Friday it has approved a \$15-billion project to expand the Chicago area's heavily plagued O'Hare International Airport by reconfiguring the runways — a plan that requires destruction of hundreds of homes.
 "O'Hare is now cleared for takeoff," FAA administrator Marion C. Blakey said in a teleconference from Washington. "This means more flights, much better on-time performance for literally millions of Americans around the country."
 The FAA had informed the city before making the announcement, Blakey said, and the city had heavy equipment in place.
 "We will start work today," said Robert Drew, spokesman for the city's O'Hare Modernization Program.
 The first job will be preparing the site of a new northern runway, he said.
 The eight-year plan calls for reconfiguring the airport's intersecting runways into a design of three parallel and two diagonal runways, which planners say would make it easier for planes

to take off and land. The first runway would be opened in 2007. The plan also calls for adding taxiways, another terminal building, parking spaces for over 200 planes, and jet bridges. The plan drew intense criticism from some, largely because the 440-acre expansion requires the city to buy and raze more than 500 homes, displace and relocate about 2,600 residents, and move nearly 200 businesses and a cemetery with 1,300 tombs dating back to the 1960s.
 Mayor Richard M. Daley has been pushed to expand O'Hare, saying it would speed up air travel throughout the United States. A cost-benefit analysis by the city projected that the project would save more than \$12 billion over nearly two decades by reducing passenger and aircraft delays.
 Critics say the city has exaggerated the project's benefits and underestimated its cost. In July, the Transportation Department also said the cost estimate was low.
 The report also said the city has applied for \$28 million in grants for the project, along with an additional \$248 million for capital improvements over the next 20 years.

O'Hare airport cleared for takeoff

The \$15 billion expansion of O'Hare Airport, approved by the Federal Aviation Administration Friday, hopes to ease some of the nation's worst flight delays at the world's busiest airport.

World's busiest airports, 2004
Total traffic movements*

1 Chicago	592,427		
2 Atlanta	594,858		
3 Dallas/Ft. Worth	594,858		
4 DFW	804,865		
5 Los Angeles	855,097		
6 Denver	560,198		
7 Phoenix	548,763		
8 Las Vegas	544,679		
9 Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.	541,093		
10 MSP	525,860		
11 DCA	522,538		

*Landing and take off of an aircraft

Percentage of U.S. carrier flights that were delayed,
Jan. 1 to July 2004 and departures at U.S. airports with the most annual passenger

PASSENGER TRAFFIC, 2004	DELAIED FLIGHTS, 2004	2005	2004
Chicago (ATL)	33.6 million	24.0%	23.2%
Chicago (ORD)	59.4 million	23.8%	29.1%
Los Angeles (LAX)	60.7 million	17.7%	14.8%
Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW)	59.4 million	18.1%	17.3%
Denver (DEN)	57.5 million	17.9%	15.6%
Las Vegas (LAS)	41.4 million	22.1%	21.0%
Phoenix (PHX)	39.5 million	20.1%	18.0%
New York (JFK)	37.5 million	25.4%	20.4%
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. (MSP)	32.4 million	17.9%	17.1%
Houston (IAH)	30.5 million	14.9%	16.2%

Consumer spending report bares Katrina's wrath

The Washington Post
 WASHINGTON — Consumer spending plunged in August at the steepest rate since the September 2001 terrorist attacks at Hurricane Katrina, dashed hopes that Americans' incomes, limited inflation and caused \$170 billion in losses from property damage, the government reported Friday in its first tally of the storm's economic effects.
 The report came a day after the Labor Department said 270,000 Americans have filed new claims for unemployment insurance benefits because of Katrina, which slammed into the Gulf Coast Aug. 29, wrecking homes and businesses, driving up energy prices and forcing a mass evacuation.
 "With energy prices still high, savings low, interest rates rising and consumer confidence plunging, analysts are widely forecasting U.S. economic growth to slow through the end of the year, as households and businesses trim their non-energy spending."
 "It's clear that the economic impacts from the hurricanes will stretch well beyond the Gulf Coast region to all corners of the nation and beyond," said Scott Anderson, senior economist with Wells Fargo Economics. "Of great concern for the economy is the mood of the U.S. consumer."
 Katrina pushed gasoline, natural gas and heating oil prices higher at a time when many shoppers are looking for auto after pushing home and auto sales to record levels during the summer.
 Americans spent more than they did in any other month in June, July and August, the Commerce Department reported, showing that personal saving was negative for three months in a row — the first time that has happened since the department started collecting the data in 1959.
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Wal-Mart workers start to organize
 TAMPA, Fla. — It's not a union, but some Wal-Mart workers say it might be the next best thing.
 Searching for a voice in their work lives, employees of some central Florida Wal-Mart stores have formed a workers group to collectively air complaints about what they claim is shoddy treatment by the retail giant.
 About 250 employees, including former employees from 40 central Florida stores have joined the fledgling Wal-Mart Workers Association, spurred by what they say is a reduction of hours and schedule changes recently that may jeopardize health care benefits for some. Organizers say the word-of-mouth campaign is attracting 15 to 20 new members every week.
 The members say they hope their efforts will persuade the company to listen to its people and make some changes.
 "Management screws us like they don't really respect the associates," said Carl Jones, acting chairman of the new group, which makes \$9.40 an hour as the lead cart-pusher at a store outside Orlando. "We don't have a voice. We don't have any rights at all."
 The company, however, says most of its associates are happy, and characterized the effort in Florida as another attempt by the unions to get their hands in the pockets of some of its 1.3 million workers in the United States.
 "It's within employees' legal rights to do that, but this group is a wolf in sheep's clothing," Wal-Mart spokesman Christi Gallagher said. "This is a labor organizing movement, to masquerade as something else."
 The world's largest and most profitable retailer has heard the employees' complaints before. Stores around the United States have been accused of everything.

SOURCES: Airports Council International, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Stocks end higher despite weak data

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street ended an erratic week with a modest advance Friday as falling oil prices helped ease concerns about a weakening consumer environment in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The major indexes finished both the week and the quarter with steady gains. Stocks fluctuated throughout Friday's session following news that personal income and spending declined last month, and that consumer confidence plunged from August. The numbers — mostly reflecting the month before the storms ravaged the Gulf Coast — largely missed expectations and raised fears about further decreases this winter amid record energy prices.

With the third quarter ending on a close Friday, investors acted tentatively as they prepared for the upcoming earnings season, which could indicate where the economy is headed as confidence weakens from rising gas prices and interest rates. Nonetheless, Ed Keon, chief investment strategist at Prudential Equity Group, said he remains optimistic despite a spate of profit warnings over the past month. "The earnings pattern for the rest of this year and next year has actually strengthened a bit, as energy has gone up," Keon said. "Earnings are going to be a nice support for the market over the next few weeks."

Wall Street began the quarter optimistic that the nation would weather higher oil prices, and the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq rallied to four-year highs in early August. But the mood soured this month as back-to-back hurricanes tormented the Gulf coast's petroleum refineries, sending oil above \$70 a barrel and retail gas well past \$3 a gallon. Traders grew fearful of a slowdown in consumer spending, particularly after the critical holiday shopping season. "The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index echoed those concerns, with the September reading sliding to 76.9 from 89.1 in August. That also confirmed a drop in confidence reported earlier this week by the Conference Board."

Still, a resilient market managed to push the major indexes higher. For the week, the Dow rose 1.43 percent, the S&P 500 climbed 1.18 percent and the Nasdaq gained 1.65 percent. As part of getting clearance from the Federal Trade Commission, P&G said it agreed to sell Gillette's Right Guard deodorant and the Rembrandt line of toothpaste and oral care products. P&G also said it would offer to sell Gillette's deodorant brands Soft & Dry and Dry Idea to the Right Guard buyer. P&G said it would start divesting the Gillette brands in the October-December quarter. European antitrust regulators previously required P&G to sell SpinBrush, a battery-powered toothbrush, before they approved the deal.

Gillette purchase by P&G gets regulatory clearance

CINCINNATI (AP) — Procter & Gamble Co. said Friday that U.S. regulators cleared its proposed \$5.7 billion acquisition of the razor and baby maker Gillette Co. provided that it sell the Right Guard and Rembrandt brands and said it plans to complete the purchase on Saturday. As part of getting clearance from the Federal Trade Commission, P&G said it agreed to sell Gillette's Right Guard deodorant and the Rembrandt line of toothpaste and oral care products. P&G also said it would offer to sell Gillette's deodorant brands Soft & Dry and Dry Idea to the Right Guard buyer. P&G said it would start divesting the Gillette brands in the October-December quarter. European antitrust regulators previously required P&G to sell SpinBrush, a battery-powered toothbrush, before they approved the deal.

Shareholders of both companies in July overwhelmingly approved the acquisition that will form the world's largest consumer products company, with such brands as P&G's Tide detergent, Crest toothpaste and Pampers diapers and Gillette's line of Mach 3 and Fusion razors and Duracell batteries. The addition of Boston-based Gillette will broaden P&G's line-up to 22 brands with over a billion dollars in sales, said A.C. Ladley, P&G chairman, president, and chief executive. P&G shares edged up 1 cent to \$56.25 in premarket activity while Gillette shares rose 43 cents to \$56.45.

Katrina

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Consumers were able to spend more than their take-home pay all summer by dipping into savings, taking on more debt or by selling assets that have grown in value, particularly rapidly appreciating homes.

growth should slow and personal saving should rise if the housing market cools as mortgage rates climb, he said. "If the housing market cools, but have risen up in recent weeks as rising energy prices have fueled fears of higher inflation, and as the Fed has indicated it plans to keep rates high, higher interest rates to prevent inflation from taking off."

Personal income which includes wages, salaries, rents, interest and other sources, fell 0.1 percent in August; it would have risen 0.2 percent if not for the hurricane, according to the Commerce Department. After adjusting for inflation and taxes, personal income fell 0.5 percent in August. Rental income was reduced \$80.5 billion and small businesses' income was cut \$12.2 billion, both calculated at an annual rate, because of uninsured property damage. Commercial property damage was estimated at \$70.2 billion in August, down from \$100 billion in the year-to-date through the payments probably will be made over time, an analyst said.

Richard Abolafia, an industry analyst with the ICG Group, said that while the deal is "a really interesting case study on how to do a really inconsequential cost increase from the corporate perspective," he said, "From the union side, they get better than the best deal."

Boeing

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statement, "Boeing Commercial Airplanes is healthy and competitive."

Analysts had expected the strike to immediately push customers to dump Boeing in favor of rival Airbus. But many analysts believe that Boeing is getting workers back on the job quickly.

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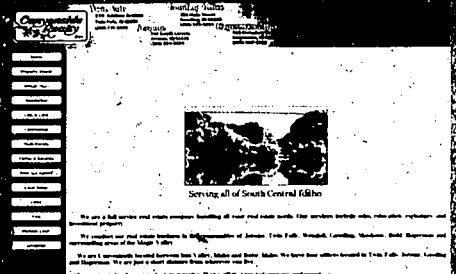
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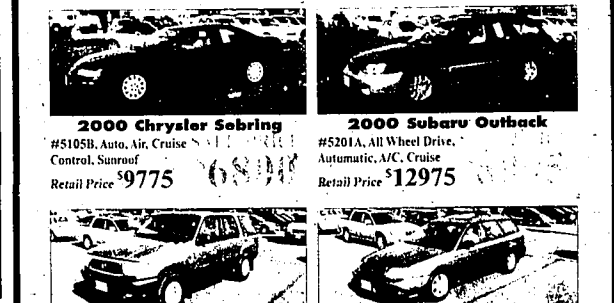
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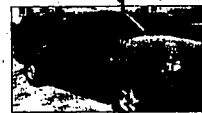
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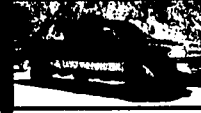
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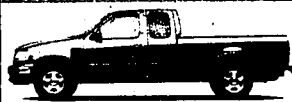
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