# Candidates clash over tax issues

#### DEBATE, from Page 1

City suburb of Lake Quivira. At Sunday night's debate, candidates had one minute each to answer questions submitted in writing by audience members.

As expected in a rural community, a good portion of the questions dealt with agriculture issues.

Shallenburger said he would like to expand a program overseen by his office that provides \$55 million in state funds to banks if they promise to use the money to make low-interest loans to farmers. He also said the state should offer tax breaks or other help so that farmers can install irrigation systems that conserve water. He noted the state already provides help to other businesses.

"Our goal should be to make everyone who wants to farm and has the land to farm more prosperous," he said.

Sebelius suggested Kansas could, like Iowa, require its agencies to buy a certain amount of its food, for use in hospitals or universities, from Kansas.

But she said the Department of Agriculture needs to do a better job of promoting Kansas products.

"I think the agriculture department has turned into regulatory agency and not a promotional agency, and that will change in a Sebelius administration," she said.

Other questions dealt with budget issues.

Pettibone said he would cross the budget across the board, then work on reforming the state's fiscal policies. Hawver said he would cut government spending by a third during his first two years in office, comparing such an action to cancer surgery.

Sebelius is trying to overcome the GOP's traditional political advantages by wooing moderate Republicans.

At least a few defecting moderates have been concerned about Shallenburger's commitment to public schools. Shallenburger said Sunday night that he believes he can avoid a cut in aid to public schools, even without a tax increase.

He didn't get an argument on that point from Sebelius. But after the debate, Shallenburger asked why, if Sebelius didn't intend to raise taxes, she wouldn't issue a no-tax pledge.

Sebelius replied: "I gave my comment on that. The treasurer can say what he needs to say."

Later, Shallenburger said, "I really don't think it's sincere. She's trying to move to the right when that's not where she's lived.'

Pressed again, Sebelius became irritated and said, "Look, Tim will say what he's going to say."

### Israeli troops invade Palestinian town around the world By the Associated Press **INTERNATIONAL** KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip - Is-

raeli troops backed by tanks and helicopters raided this Palestinian town early today, killing 10 Palestinians and wounding 115 in the deadliest Israeli military strike in three months.

In one incident, a helicopter fired a missile into a crowd, killing eight people.

Palestinian doctors and witnesses said all the dead, including two cousins ages 14 and 15, were civilians. An Israeli army commander said many of those killed were gunmen, but acknowledged there may have been civilian casualties.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat denounced the Israeli raid as a massacre and called on the international community to protect the Palestinians

Brig. Gen. Israel Ziff, the Israeli army commander in the area, said that during the operation, troops met heavy resistance from Palestinian gunmen. NATIONAL

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A heating problem in a critical waterdrainage line loomed over the planned launch of space shuttle Atlantis, already delayed 1 1/2 months because of

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cracked fuel lines and a hurricane.

The on-board heater was running at too high a temperature Sunday, and engineers scrambled to understand the impact on the 11-day mission to add onto the international space station. If the temperature in the line were to spike dramatically, equipment could be damaged, possibly even Atlantis' electricity-producing fuel cells.

NASA hoped to work around the problem in time for an afternoon liftoff.

"I feel preliminarily confident that we're going to be able to find a path through this wilderness and make a run at a launch countdown," said Jim Halsell, chairman of the mission management team.

"But I need the engineers to come in. tell us that, instead of making guesses on my own."

NEW ORLEANS - Home generators used by people who lost power after Hurricane Lili have led to more than 60 cases of carbon monoxide poisoning in Louisiana, including one death, state health officials said Sunday

Lili blew through the state on Thursday, flooding thousands of homes and

badly damaging others with 100 mph wind that toppled trees and power lines.

By midday Sunday, some 107,572 homes and businesses were still without power in coastal Louisiana.

Many people were using home generators until power lines could be repaired. The generators run on a variety of fuels, and odorless, colorless carbon monoxide is a byproduct of the fuel burning.

"Some of them don't realize the risk involved," state health officer Dr. Jimmy Guidry said. He added that generators should be placed outside, away might allow carbon monoxide to seep

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# **Child shot going to school**

#### SHOOTINGS, from Page 1

line," Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said. "Shooting a kid — it's getting to be really, really personal now." At one point, tears streamed down his face.

But he stressed that it was too early to know whether today's shooting was related to the earlier ones.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said federal authorities — the attorney general, Treasury Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms—have been "very involved on the ground and have lent support and equipment."

Asked if there was any evidence of terrorism, Fleischer replied: "I've not heard anything like that, but the fact of the matter is that people are trying to determine who the shooter is, or shooters are, and we continue to help local officials in that endeavor."

Montgomery schools had planned a normal schedule with extra security, but after the Prince George's shooting, officials initiated a "code blue" alert, keeping students inside during recess and lunchtime, Moose said. Prince schools in the region took similar steps.

pored over maps and put together a vacuuming her van at a service station, psychological profile to hunt down the sniper killer. They also stepped up patrols today.

Irene Kelly, 60, who was visiting her daughter in Rockville from Pennsylvania, spent part of this morning running errands. She said she had "big concerns, very big concerns."

"I'm more aware of what's happening," she said. "I try to get in and out and get home. You have to be aware of your surroundings.'

As investigators struggled, families and friends gathered together at funeral services, trying to find some good in the midst of such seemingly random violence.

"There's one bad man, but there's so many good people who are showing their blessings and prayer," Saroj Isaac said at the funeral of her brother-inlaw, Prem Kumar Walekar, described by relatives as a quiet, hard-working cabbie.

Sarah Ramos, a 34-year-old woman slain while sitting on a Post Office

George's schools and some other bench, was being laid to rest after a private service. Lori Ann Lewis-Meanwhile, police and FBI agents Rivera, a 25-year-old nanny shot while was to have a wake today before her body was flown back to her native Idaho.

Investigators said they had thousands of tips, but said it would take time to track down a suspect.

Police began to use a geographic profile submitted by investigators that uses crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and may live. Moose said police also were awaiting an FBI psychological profile of the shooter.

Geographic profiling is a fairly new investigative tool, used first in 1990 in Canada, said Kim Rossmo, who compiled the latest profile and is director of research for the Police Foundation, a nonprofit research organization.

The five victims were all gunned down in public places: two at gas stations, one outside a grocery, another outside a post office, another as he mowed the grass at an auto dealership, and the sixth, a 72-year-old man, killed on a Washington street corner.

# Thailand student enjoys shopping

## **EXCHANGE**, from Page 1

#### a psychologist.

Pholpho, who had never been out of her country before, said picking America as a country to visit was an easy choice.

"I can improve my English here," she said, "and besides, everyone wants to come to America.'

Thailand imports a lot of their entertainment and technology from America, Pholpho said. She said she used to watch American movies with Thai subtitles.

Pholpho, who lives in the suburbs of Bangkok, said she wanted to come to

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a small town, and is glad she ended up to do some real shopping. She's visited in Goodland. The weather here is perfect, she said.

"It's nice to be cold," she said. "Bangkok is always hot."

Hurst warned Pholpho that she's only been here about a month, and the weather will be getting colder soon. Pholpho said she's looking forward to it, because it will give her an opportunity to see snow for the first time.

said, but "it's not the same as the real thing.

While in America she hopes to do some traveling, including spending cided to have her in our home all year,' spring break in Florida, and would like

Denver, and while there were more shops there than in Goodland, there still weren't as many as she would have seen in Bangkok.

When Pholpho came into town. there wasn't a host family lined up for her. Mary Porterfield, the sponsor of the school's foreign exchange club, called the Hursts and asked if they would fill in. They agreed to be a wel-She's seen man-made snow, she come family and let Pholpho live with them for a month, but the arrangement didn't stay temporary for long.

"She's such a great kid that we de-Cindy Hurst said.

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State of Kansas Township 2003	NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
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#### **County Clerk's Office** (Monday thru Friday) City Clerk's Office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday thru Friday)

At 5:00 p.m. on the 21st day of October, 2002, the books for registration of voters will close and remain closed until the 6th day of November, 2002.

A citizen of the United States who is eighteen (18) years of age or older, or will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years of age at the next election, must register before

> The governing body of <u>*McPherson*</u> Township, on the  $2/s \neq$  day of <u>*October*</u>, 2002 at <u>7:00 P</u>. purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relatin

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changes residence. The voter may re-register in person, by mail or other delivery when registration is 8 a.m. to noon and I p.m. to 5 p.m. open or the voter may re-register on election day. Application forms shall be provided by the county election or Secretary of State upon request. The application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of October, 2002. Janet R. Rumpel Sherman County Election Officer

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