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Daniel Horowitz, of Israel, left, a genealogy and translation manager for My Heritage gets nearly 400 family pictures scanned by Tyler Harman of Ancestry.com, based in Provo, during the Genealogy Society's national convention Wednesday at the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

Family Search adds 300 million names

LDS Church releases records and ancestors' names available free.

By DAWN HOUSE
The Salt Lake Tribune

Technology is making it possible for genealogists and novices to search out ancestors on the Internet, often eliminating the need to visit libraries or travel to distant ancestral sites, speakers said Wednesday during the National Genealogical Society's annual meeting in Salt Lake

City.

More than 2,000 family history specialists, librarians and hobbyists gathered at the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace Convention Center for the conference, which ends Saturday.

Early in the day, Family Search, the world's largest repository of genealogical information, announced it will release records containing 300 million names that can now be researched online for free.

Jay Verkler, president of

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THE MARKET

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Close » 11,045.27
+53.28 +0.48%

Nasdaq
Close » 2,471.73
+0.26 +0.01%

NYSE
Close » 7,499.72
+36.63 +0.49%

S&P 500
Close » 1,191.36
+7.65 +0.65%

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Utah Index
Close » 294.18
+0.93 +0.32%

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Oil » Prices broke their two-day losing streak Wednesday, even after a government report said that crude supplies in the U.S. continued to grow.

Economists hail uptick in spending

Economy » Solid, legitimate earnings reports signal renewed strength in key companies.

By DAVE CARPENTER
The Associated Press

Chicago » Corporate America is back.

Companies that do everything from making appliances to selling cruises are reporting strong first-quarter profits — not because of the layoffs many of them used to dress up last year's earnings reports but because people are spending more.

The turnaround has yet to produce a dramatic increase in hiring, which isn't expected until 2011 or later. But it provides emphatic new evidence that the economy has moved past the crisis and should continue to strengthen.

"We're out of the woods for good," says Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. "This is not just an arithmetic story. It's a

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Ford Motor Co.'s first-quarter profits are a sign the economy is improving.

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4 employers join Utah Health Exchange

By STEVEN OBERBECK
The Salt Lake Tribune

Four additional Utah companies, including R.C. Willey Home Furnishings, have signed up to participate in a pilot project that the Utah Health Exchange has designed to help it address the future insurance needs of the state's largest employers.

The Legislature created the Utah Health Exchange, an online health insurance marketplace. It represents an

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