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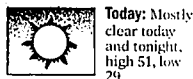
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# Troops prepare for battle

Activity increases  
as U.S. deadline for  
Saddam arrives today

By Drew Brown, Meg Laughlin  
and Joseph L. Galloway  
Knight Ridder News Service

ON THE IRAQ-KUWAIT BORDER — The waiting is nearly at an end.

Across a third of the desert nation of Kuwait, American troops made their final preparations. Thousands of Army troops and Marines and hundreds of M-1 Abrams tanks, M-2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and combat support vehicles moved to within striking distance of Iraq on Tuesday, poised to launch a massive armored thrust north when the order comes.

Tankers with fuel and water, and huge flatbeds loaded with ammunition, food, spare parts,



U.S. Marine Cpl. Brian Shumilo of Dyer, Ind., shields his face from blowing sand at an air base in Kuwait after arriving by helicopter Tuesday from a ship.

tents and other supplies rumbled over desert tracks, making the road to Iraq look like a 5 o'clock traffic jam. Air Force jets headed north drew contrails in a clear sky.

At Marine headquarters at Camp Commando, troops packed backpacks and cleaned their rifles one more time for what they hoped would be the start of their road home. Others crowded

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the Red Cross tent to send messages to family.

Vehicles came and went all day, medical units double-

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## In run-up to war, U.S. image fades fast

The Associated Press

Dan Vlasin, a 27-year-old teacher in Rome, Italy, has no doubts that the world would be better off without Saddam Hussein. But he's just as certain that America doesn't have the right to overthrow the Iraqi leader.

"America is acting as if it were God," says Vlasin, from the city of Chiumi Transylvania. "Saddam Hussein is a paid assassin, but it's up to the Iraqi people to get rid of him."

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 From a legal consultant in London, is sensing more anti-American feeling these days. "I'm not anti-American people, I'm anti-American administration," she says. "I don't agree with what they're doing."

Both Romania and of course Britain, America's staunchest ally, support a U.S.-led war against Iraq. Vlasin and Wright disagree with their governments, and they're not alone.

From a legal consultant in Rome to a businessman in Madrid, the message is the same: The image of America is fast eroding, and people are concerned about the war the world's lone superpower is throwing around its weight.

A poll released Tuesday shows that U.S. favorability ratings have plummeted in the past six months, both in countries that oppose war and countries that support it.

The survey, conducted by the Pew Global Attitudes Project, found that in Britain, favorable views of the United States have declined from 75 percent to 48 percent since mid-2002. In Poland, positive views have fallen from nearly 80 percent six months ago to 50 percent. In Russia, which felt a wave of sympathy for the United States after the Sept. 11 attacks but strongly

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Jacob Schvaneveldt, 8, fields a ball Tuesday at Harmon Park in Twin Falls while practicing for the upcoming Cal Ripken league in April. Jacob plays on the Cincinnati Reds team.

## Complaints grow, but most Jerome staff stands by embattled principal

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Controversy continues to swirl at Jerome Middle School.

Parent complaints are growing in number about a school administrative system led by Principal Dave Zumwalt that they allege to be abusive, disrespectful and possessing a "callous attitude" toward students.

The administration counters that this is merely a handful of parents led by board Chairman Brian Capps who have an ax to grind. School officials say Zumwalt is a strong disciplinarian, which might not sit well with those parents whose children received punishment.

"It's a small group of parents who believe that it's OK to be rude and disrespectful to a

## Disciplinary methods remain focus of controversy

teacher and not have any consequences," Zumwalt said.

Meanwhile, the School Board maintains silence, releasing a brief statement Tuesday which generally says the members, at this point, can't say anything.

A vast majority of the school's staff maintains its unwavering support of Zumwalt. Setting off the growing meltem storm was Capps, who a few weeks back removed his child from the very district he helps direct.

Since then parents have come forth with complaints about Zumwalt and alleged deteriorat-

ing morale at the school. Letter after letter obtained by The Times-News paints a picture of school discipline gone wild.

The parents accuse the principal of showing little respect toward both students and parents, saying complaints often are not taken seriously and are quickly dismissed.

In addition, his disciplinary tactics toward students appear inconsistent and capricious, punishing all students involved in an incident rather than ferreting out the guilty party, the parents say. They offer tales of students coming home crying, depressed and unmotivated — behavior caused by administration's attitude.

Zumwalt denies all accusations. He admits to being a tough disciplinarian and that some par-

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## Wolf recovery shows success

Idaho could have easier time taking over management

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tuesday's announcement that the government plans to reduce protection for many reintroduced wolf populations could have a silver lining for Idaho, even though the actions affect only wolves north of Interstate 90, state officials say.

The silver lining comes in the form of separate comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service director during a hearing on Capitol Hill.

During a Senate subcommittee hearing chaired by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, Fish and Wildlife Director Steve Williams said he is "comfortable" with Idaho's wolf management program "as long as it's consistent with the law." If that remains the case,

Williams said, he will be "supportive of what Idaho wants to do," according to Crapo.

Idaho wants to take over control of wolves from the federal government, but to date has had to wait while neighboring Montana and Wyoming approve state management plans. In

responding to Crapo's questioning during a hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee with arms drawn over the Endangered Species Act, Williams indicated he was not aware of any problems with how Idaho has proposed to manage wolves so far and saw no reason the state would not take over management from federal challenges, Crapo said.

Once at risk of extinction, gray wolves have recovered enough for the government to give them less protection when they encroach on ranches and other settlements in the West, the Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday.

The switch after 30 years from "endangered" to "threatened" status means the government no longer considers gray wolves to be in danger of dying out as a species. The service will write a plan to remove the predators from the endangered species list, allowing states to manage them like other wild animals.

The move does not apply to central and southern Idaho, where wolves are managed as "experimental" populations under different rules that allow ranchers to kill animals caught attacking livestock. That's also the case for several other populations, one in Arizona and New Mexico and another in the Yellowstone ecosystem, including Yellowstone National Park and

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## Idaho follows U.S. move, increases alert level, urges heightened 'vigilance'

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho is on a high terror alert following the federal government's lead as war with Iraq neared.

But Adjutant General Jack Kane said on Tuesday that no National Guardsmen have been activated yet to assist in increased vigilance over key infrastructure such as airports, power plants, bridges and dams. And while state officials urge Idahoans to "remain vigilant" to

## What you can do — A2

prevent terrorism, they offered no specific people or behaviors to watch out for.

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge had urged governors to activate guardsmen, and Kane said that is still under review.

"There is no specific threat to our state," Kane said, but he encouraged Idaho residents "to

be aware of this unfolding situation and make prudent preparations for any type of emergency."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne spoke with Ridge late Monday after President Bush addressed the nation, and the governor spoke with Kane repeatedly on Tuesday.

The elevated alert level to just a step below maximum prompted heightened security at the Idaho National Engineering and

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A National Park Service security officer stands on duty Tuesday in front of Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. In Philadelphia as part of beefed-up security measures.

### TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny and breezy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Increasing high clouds and breezy at times. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.

### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy, partly sunny and breezy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Increasing high clouds and breezy at times. Highs in the middle 50s.

### TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly sunny and breezy	Partly cloudy skies	Partly sunny, breezy and mild	Partly to mostly sunny and mild	Partly sunny and warm	High clouds and mild temperatures
High 51	Low 29	53 / 33	53 / 32	58 / 34	57 / 31

City	Hi	Lo	Precip
Boise	56	35	0.00"
Burley	51	30	0.00"
Challis	54	35	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	54	35	0.00"
Idaho Falls	46	30	0.00"
Jerome	52	27	0.00"
Lewiston	56	31	0.00"
Malad City	44	28	0.00"
Maria	not available		
Pocatello	47	31	0.00"
Rainier	44	34	0.00"
Shoshone	47	31	0.00"
Stanley	38	13	0.00"

### ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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### IDAHO'S FORECAST

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
Sunshine today will give way to more clouds on Friday and Saturday. Valley rain showers, and mountain snow will develop in the north on Saturday.

Today Highs 35 to 50. Tonight's Lows 6 to 15.

**BOISE**  
Periods of sunshine and breeze today. Look for increasing high clouds through the weekend but temperatures will remain very mild.

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Saskatoon	52	31	0.00"
Vancouver	52	31	0.00"
Victoria	52	31	0.00"
Winnipeg	52	31	0.00"

### WORLD

City	Hi	Lo	Precip
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### Colorado gets gun expansion rights

DENVER (AP) - Gov. Bill Owens signed two bills Tuesday that paved the way for the biggest expansion of gun rights in the state since the Columbine High School shootings nearly four years ago.

The debate over issuing concealed weapons permits was raging when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves in 1999.

Soon after, two legislators with

### Feds take steps to help critters' Wolves

comfort during mating season

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all of Wyoming.

While threatened species still have federal protection, the lower status, among other things, allows ranchers to kill wolves that are attacking livestock. The change was first proposed in 2000.

"Wolves are coming back," said Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams.

The rules will allow landowners in the West to kill wolves that are threatening livestock, or to push wolves back from ranch areas with nonlethal means such as rubber bullets, said Joe Fontaine, the assistant wolf recovery coordinator for the Fish and Wildlife office in Helena, Mont.

About 150 wolves have been killed by wildlife officials in the Northern Rockies since 1987, Fontaine said.

But conservationists countered the government should keep working and reintroduce wolves in regions where they remain scarce, such as the Pacific Northwest and the Northeast, rather than making the animals less protected.

by government efforts to control predators.

The recovery effort began in the mid-1990s, when about 60 Canadian wolves were released in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. There are now about 664 wolves roaming in 14 packs in western Montana, Idaho and in or near Yellowstone.

The population in that experimental area has been about 30 breeding pairs for three years, meeting the service's recovery goal. Lone wolves, considered advanced "scouts" of their species, also have wandered into Utah, Oregon and Washington.

"Today's announcement by the Fish and Wildlife Service is a step in the right direction toward the denning of wolves," said U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

"However, I continue to feel that the federal government is a step behind in recognizing that Idaho's wolf population is much more prosperous than the definition of 'threatened species' allows."

### Alert

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Environmental Laboratory in eastern Idaho, and Idaho Power Co. suspended public access to its hydroelectric plant.

Executives also said they may close the road to Hells Canyon Dam at night.

War jitters had already sent Idaho's average price for unleaded regular gasoline to a tenth of a cent below the record of nearly \$1.75 a gallon set in October 2000.

Disaster preparedness experts recommend that Americans take the same steps that they would to brace for a hurricane, blizzard, flood or power outage. It is impossible, they say, to prepare for every possible type of terrorist attack, particularly chemical and radiological ones.

Kane urged Idaho residents to develop family disaster plans that include what each family member would do and how they all would remain in touch if a terrorist incident occurs. He also recommended assembling emergency kits that include food and water for three days and first aid material, a radio and spare batteries.

### Jerome

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ents have difficulty accepting that their children could be involved in disruptive or violent acts.

"We expect all kids to be treated equally," he said.

Yet, some parents demand special treatment for their children, he said.

"Nobody likes to be told 'no,'" he said. "We're going to have a civil school. This community wants a school where kids behave."

Zumwalt said he's simply following established school policy.

"It bothers me, a willingness to slander me across southern Idaho without following procedures," he said. "It's unadulterated viciousness on the part of board members to embarrass me."

The board is indeed split, with some firmly behind the administration and others siding with the parents.

As such, some board members were missing at a board meeting last Tuesday when parents were to present their complaints to the board.

The parents, wanting a full board present, not just a quorum, changed their minds and didn't show their grievances. Instead, they agreed to make their complaints public, providing *The Times-News* with letters from more than a dozen parents.

Superintendent Jim Cavale disagreed with the parents' tactics, saying that the lack of a full board shouldn't have stopped the parents from their planned presentation.

"If you have a quorum, you have a board," he said. "We can't keep calling meetings."

Coble said Capps and Vice Chairman Robert Luna didn't participate because it was deter-

mined by the board's attorney that their established views could bias the board, increasing chances of its liability.

Indeed, among the parents' letter is one by Lana's wife describing an incident between their daughter and Zumwalt.

Coble stands in full support of Zumwalt. He said he backs the principal's stern disciplinary measures, a style of governing that he's seemingly unpleasant at the time, ultimately benefits the students.

"There have been times that I've done things for my own children they didn't like but in the long run it was in their best interest," Coble said.

He said Zumwalt still receives overwhelming support from the majority of parents as well as the school's teachers and staff.

In a letter to the editor published in today's *Times-News*, 40 of the school's employees stated: "We have every confidence in Dr. Zumwalt's leadership. He is a caring, capable, moral individual who wants the best for every student at JMS."

The disputes have left Coble frustrated, and, like Zumwalt, he is eager for the friction to dissipate.

"Obviously, no one likes this kind of controversy in the community," he said.

Given the anger of the parents, however, the friction is likely to grow before it diminishes.

"These issues are real and have been going on for over eight years and will continue unless board members make a change," wrote parent Larry Gary.

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### Correction listing named

wrong Chris Sanders

An item in Monday's court listings misidentified the defendant in a burglary case. Christopher L. Sanders, 18, of Nampa was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Christopher John Sanders, 35, of Twin Falls is not involved in any criminal case.

The *Times-News* regrets the error.

### Bird survey story

misquoted biologist

Biologist Tim Reynolds was misquoted in Monday's story about bird surveys on Coterrell Mountain. Reynolds said, "If we had more data, it would be a more defensible project."

Another sentence in the story incorrectly implied the extent to which Reynolds thought overgrazing had damaged Coterrell Mountain. Cattle have damaged only certain areas of the Coterrells, including parts of Nibbs and Coe creeks, Reynolds said.

The *Times-News* regrets this error.

# Democrats try to highlight war cost

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats tried unsuccessfully Tuesday to make it harder for the Bush administration to cut taxes or increase spending until President Bush gives Congress a detailed estimate of the likely costs of a war with Iraq.

With Bush ready to begin war to seize control of Iraq from President Saddam Hussein, the Democrats sought what they called a "patriotic pause" that would have required 60 votes in the Senate to pass Bush's proposal for \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts over the next decade.

The Democrats pressed a vote even though they knew they would lose, hoping to draw attention to their argument that the White House and its congressional allies are wrong to demand tax cuts when the costs of a prospective war are not included in the budget.

"We are asking our troops to

perhaps make the ultimate sacrifice," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., the ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee. "It seems to me we ought to be asking the rest of the American people to sacrifice as well for this conflict. At the least, we shouldn't be having a massive tax cut when we are already in deep deficit and have no idea what the war costs are."

The administration has resolutely refused to offer cost estimates of war or early reconstruction despite requests from Republicans and Democrats. Leaders in both parties are expressing increasing frustration that the potential bill for war and rebuilding remain a mystery.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind., drew laughter at a recent hearing when he noted that, despite the administration's refusal to answer senators' questions, newspaper reporters had

Estimates of the likely costs vary, with some administration estimates stretching from \$60 million to \$100 million or more.

learned about plans to award an Iraq reconstruction contract worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

A few days later, Secretary of State Colin Powell was seated at the witness table when Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., pressed for cost estimates the administration has steadfastly declined to provide.

"No one is, apparently, willing to address what it will cost," Lowey said. "Can you tell me how much it will ultimately cost?"

Do you have any earthly idea?" Powell assured her Congress would be briefed in due course, and he said the administration has done "a heck of a lot of work over the last several weeks" on the numbers.

But, no, he concluded, "I cannot give you an estimate of cost, ma'am."

The administration has promised to deliver a special budget request to Congress once an invasion of Iraq is underway, probably in a few days. Estimates of the likely costs vary, with some administration estimates stretching from \$60 million to \$100 million or more.

Concern about the financial costs of war has bumped into Bush's tax-cut proposal as Congress begins to review the annual budget. Many members say they are reluctant to approve a package that leaves room for lower taxes but remains silent about how much the war and reconstruction will cost.

# Democrats work to take security issue from Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeland security is President Bush's issue, but his Democratic rivals are determined to take it back.

President Bush's House, John Kerry and Joe Lieberman criticized the Bush administration Tuesday for a budget they say inadequately funds first responders and others responsible for the nation's defense.

Kerry, in a speech to the International Association of Firefighters, proposed a \$50 billion program in which members of the National Guard and AmeriCorps would be trained for homeland security and the domestic intelligence system would be overhauled.

"This far the federal government has provided too little support, provided too little leadership and provided too little vision for the common defense of our homeland."

— Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

ton today." GOP pollster Bill McInturf said Monday.

Lieberman's speech was once Lieberman's issue. Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Lieberman, then chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, pushed hard for consolidating disparate agencies into a single homeland security department. The administration resisted for months until last spring when it proposed a major reorganization. Although Lieberman worked on the Senate floor to see the proposal become law, Democrats slowed the effort, trying to undo the president's plan to impose personnel rules they believed would undermine the right of labor unions.

"He holds the cards in that game because he signed the bill, he is the president and he is the commander in chief," said Democratic media consultant Jim Batts. "He tells people 'I'm doing everything I can to protect this country.'"

In a bipartisan poll released last week, eight of 10 respondents said they think the president protects the United States and its people "well or very well." The same survey, conducted by the GOP polling firm of Public Opinion Strategies and the Democratic firm of Greenberg, Quinlan and Rosner, asked which political party would do a better job on homeland security — 48 percent said Democrats, 23 percent said Republicans.

"I don't see how they possibly think they have an ounce of traction."

# Wild cards abound in Iraq war plans

Victory seems certain, but many factors remain in question

By Tom Raum  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Winning a war against Iraq seems a certainty, but the imminent conflict holds many possible hazards and unknowns for the United States.

If U.S. troops bog down, that could trigger recession at home, place a huge burden on U.S. taxpayers, increase the risk of terror attacks in the United States and fan anti-Americanism abroad. Iraq could unleash chemical or biological attacks on Israel, touching off a wider Arab war.

President Bush has staked much on his effort to overthrow Saddam Hussein without broad international support. And the bar for such a victory is set high.

For the United States to claim vindication for moving preemptively, U.S. forces will have to find banned weapons of mass destruction. Adding to the burden, casualties among U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians must be held to a minimum. Iraq's cultural antiquities and natural resources — in a region historians call the "cradle of civilization" — must be safeguarded. And, perhaps most importantly, Saddam must be removed.

Bush gave Saddam and his two sons 48 hours — to 6 p.m. MIST today — to leave or face war. "The tyrant will be gone," he said in a speech televised around the world. Saddam was quick to reject the ultimatum.

Advancing its best-case scenario, the administration suggests a quick and successful war will heal the rift in the Western alliance, pave the way for Iraq's reconstruction, advance Middle



An Iraqi man reads a newspaper Tuesday on the streets of Baghdad. A key question for the U.S. is: Will U.S. troops be seen as liberators or invaders?

East peace, drive down oil prices, stimulate the U.S. economy and serve as a powerful lesson to other hostile regimes.

But "what-ifs" and potential twists abound.

What will Saddam will do once bombs start falling? Will he attack Israel with chemical or biological weapons? Set oil fields ablaze as he did in Kuwait in 1991? Try to maximize civilian casualties in his own population? Boy the fighting into city streets? Manage to evade capture?

"There are lots and lots of wild cards," said Michele Flournoy of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Control to most, said the former Defense Department planner, is "the reaction of the Iraqi people. Do they see us as liberators or occupiers? Do they help us or hurt us?"

Current military planners fear that Saddam will employ his weapons of mass destruction against Israel or on invading U.S. forces, unleashing lethal clouds of mustard gas, the deadly nerve agent VX or anthrax.

Bush in his televised speech

specifically appealed to Iraqi troops not to "fight for a dying regime," use weapons of mass destruction or blow up oil wells. Iraq's oil reserves are second only to those of Saudi Arabia.

Another nightmare is that the Iraqis will blow up dams on the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, flooding wide expanses and slowing a U.S. military advance on Baghdad.

Another fear is that Turkish troops will enter Iraq from the north and wage a separate war against Kurds to keep them from declaring an independent state. That could divert U.S. troops from the main struggle.

Even with a U.S. victory, frayed ties with allies could persist for decades, undermining trade relations and the larger war on terrorism.

And the administration's strike-first military strategy could embolden other powers to do likewise.

Russia might use pre-emption to justify tracking down Chechen rebels in the republic of Georgia. India might use it to justify a pre-emptive attack on nuclear rival

Pakistan. China could assert such rights to "reclaim" Taiwan.

Economic consequences of a long, drawn-out war could be far-reaching — at a time when federal budget deficits are already much too large.

Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, warned Tuesday of a "potential for a ragged ending" and challenged the president to lay out the long-term economic and military costs of the war. Skelton suggested the lack of U.S. involvement could force the United States to shoulder the brunt of a 200,000-troop occupation force and \$20 billion in annual post-war costs.

Stocks have rallied amid expectations that a war with Iraq would be swift.

"The market expects the war to go well, for Saddam to be vanquished, energy prices lower and few casualties," said Mark Zandi, chief economist for Economy.com. "If that script isn't followed closely, I think the markets will be roiled, the economy will struggle and in all likelihood we will be in recession."



An unidentified man waves an American flag from the tractor he drove on the grounds near the Washington Monument Monday.

# Man holds police at bay in capital

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — An emotionally distraught and financially imperiled tobacco farmer who had driven his tractor into a pond on the National Mall told friends Tuesday that he was willing to die as his two-day standoff with police continued.

Dwight W. Watson, 50, of Whitakers, N.C., kept police at bay and traffic in Washington snarled in what neighbors and relatives said was a bid to bring national attention to the plight of tobacco farmers.

Watson is reported to have told police he has explosives. "He's got a trailer, a jeep, a tractor," said Sgt. Scott Fear of the U.S. Park Police. "We don't know what's contained in those vehicles. We believe he's dangerous."

Watson called neighbor Beth Taylor and her mother twice

Tuesday from his tractor, Taylor said.

"He asked us to bring our tractors, join him, he can't do it himself," Taylor said. "He said no other farmer might be willing to die for his cause, but he is. He sounded hoarse, tired. We told him basically to come out, don't get yourself hurt, we'll get it worked out. ... We're hoping it will soon come to an end."

Watson, a fifth-generation farmer, left home about 3 a.m.

Monday to drive to Washington in his Jeep, towing a bright green John Deere tractor, Taylor said. Around noon Monday, Watson drove the Jeep into a shallow pond near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, then drove the tractor off the trailer into the pond.

Watson used a bullhorn to shout from the tractor Tuesday, but his comments were unintelligible. Fear said police had "a dialog" with Watson, but wouldn't say what they talked about.

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## EDITORIAL

### Block schedule needs time to build support

In a one-high-school town, a radical change in the school's schedule reverberates far off campus. So the Twin Falls School Board would be wise to wait a year before adopting a "4-hy-4" block schedule.

The 4-hy-4 proposal represents a praise-worthy attempt to reorganize Twin Falls High School for maximum performance. School leaders are responding to a public demand for better results, and citizens generally should support such efforts.

Nonetheless, obvious community discomfort with the plan should make the School Board cautious. Here are some points to consider:

**Community buy-in** - Teachers support the change, and they are a key constituency in this decision. But the project will fail if parents and other community members aren't on board. That will take time and persuasion.

**Activities** - The 4-hy-4 schedule would put kids in four classes a day for one semester, and then four other classes in the next semester. School authorities acknowledge this will disrupt band, athletics, cheerleading and advanced-placement classes.

In our view, the extracurricular tag shouldn't be the academic dog. But outside activities are undeniably important to students and the community.

School leaders should take

the necessary time to resolve as many conflicts as possible - and to persuade the community that academic gains will outweigh the sacrifices.

**Release time** - Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints are avoiding a confrontation over this issue. That's wise. But disruption of

LDS seminary classes is clearly a factor in the debate.

The issue probably can't be resolved, but it needs some unburied discussion. Debates about release time have a history of ugly eruptions.

**Homework** - School leaders say the new schedule will require young-

sters to do more studying at home. That's probably a plus, because thoughtfully assigned homework can enhance scholastic rigor. Once again, though, parents need time to get used to the idea.

**Lame-duck boss** - Superintendent Terrell Donicht is a finalist for a job in Clarkston, Wash. Even if the job falls through, Donicht's desire to relocate is no secret. (His wife works in Moscow.)

Nobody can blame Donicht for wanting to move. But a change in leadership is an important event. A new superintendent shouldn't be saddled with the previous administration's unpopular project.

All of these factors suggest caution by the School Board. Don't discard this ambitious idea, yet. But give it time to ripen.

**Our view:** School leaders need time to resolve the conflicts - and to sell the community on potential academic gains. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## Patriotism vs. patriotism in the U.S.

Michael Smerconish and Deborah Leavy both attended demonstrations concerning the war with Iraq on Sunday. So politically and temperamentally differently, they undoubtedly will be shocked to find themselves even mentioned in the same sentence.

Smerconish is the voluble talk-radio host who kicked off the flag-waving "Rally for America" in support of President Bush on the outskirts of Valley Forge National Park. Leavy is a public policy consultant and former head of the local American Civil Liberties Union who held a flickering candle at a peace vigil in Bryn Mawr.

No, this isn't "Crossfire," and I'm not putting these two against each other to generate the policy work equivalent of a bloody 10 rounds. They just happened to be lucky enough to pick up the phone when I called, in an attempt to answer the question I'd been in my mind this week: When is it time to rally 'round the flag?

When does patriotism require us to put aside our individual misgivings in service of a greater national goal? Or can the concept of patriotism always accommodate dissent, no matter the perceived national threat?

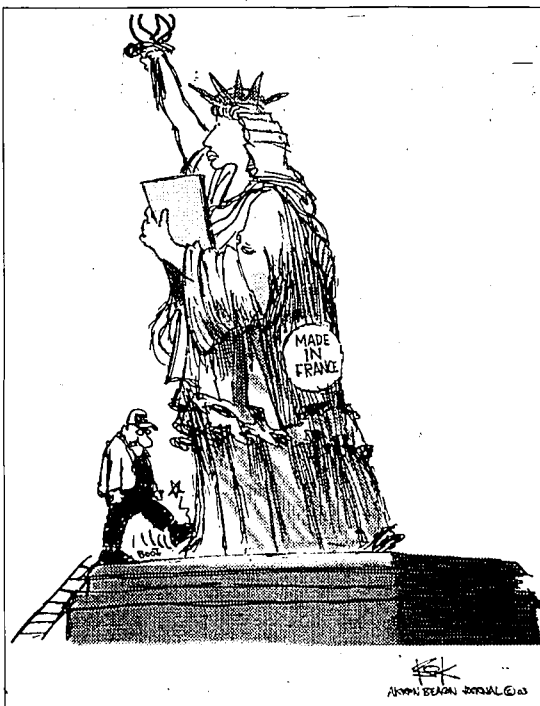
Seems to me that there are two working models of patriotism in the minds of Americans right now. One from the Vietnam War, the other from Sept. 11, 2001. Both Leavy and Smerconish believe their own participation in Sunday's demonstrations was a patriotic act, but each defines that act in starkly different terms.

"The people who protested the war in Vietnam, as I did, were and are very patriotic," says Leavy, proud that her young son carried a sign declaring that "Peace is Patriotic." "There is a long tradition of dissent in this country," she says. "That's one of our core values. We were born fighting against the government, and I don't see anything more patriotic than that."

People who hold this model of patriotism do not worry that protests and dissent will weaken America's public face and embolden the enemy. Beneath this type of patriotism lies a deep mistrust of the president that is unimpeachable to outside considerations. "Nothing can alter Leavy's belief that Bush is not just wrong on this one," she says.

Smerconish's patriotism is built on the mirror image of that mistrust: A profound confidence in the administration that obviates any doubts about the wisdom, timing or necessity of war. Once he heard Secretary of State Colin Powell present his exhaustive list of grievances to the United Nations last month, Smerconish climbed aboard and hasn't been tempted to jump off since.

"I'm more trusting of the president than those who are against this war," he says. "That is why, the moment this begins - and I hope it never begins - but the moment it does,



the debate at home has to end, or end for a long while."

Bush's leadership after the 2001 terrorist attacks convinced Smerconish not only of the president's skills but also that the president's rhetoric about terrorism and threats was fact based and genuine. "In the absence of 9/11, I would feel differently," he says. "I never want to see it repeated."

The giant wave of grief and support after the attacks gave shape to another model of patriotism centered on the president, and based both on shared experience and the shared fear for safety in a suddenly cruel and

unpredictable world.

Is it time to rally 'round the flag? Smerconish and those who've taken a similar message from Sept. 11 would surely say yes.

At its best, patriotism creates a sense of national community, but I suspect that in these anxious days it is becoming decentralized - a kind of special interest devotion, depending on whether one is waving a flag or lighting a candle - or shaking one's head in silent, agonizing confusion.

John R. Esner is a columnist for Philadelphia Inquirer.

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### Judge gave no help to victim of assault

Come on before me - in the form of an article reported in the March 14 edition of The Times-News - 5th Judicial District Judge Roger Burdick confirmed he has filed an application to be considered for an upcoming Idaho Supreme Court vacancy. How exciting! He, Roger Burdick, was asked, "Why a possible move to the Supreme Court?" His

response, "I think we all have to search deep for that kind of question for me, it's the next step."

You see, folks, the truth is revealed and blurted out (sometimes inadvertently) by even the smartest politician.

Just how deep is the depth of his thought? During 1981, Roger Burdick was prosecuting attorney for Jerome County and had sworn to protect the county's citizens. He failed to thoroughly investigate a complaint brought by myself

alleging assault and battery.

It was a simpler time and a simple case with four witnesses and flowing blood that was stemmed by many sutures.

A victim only once, I learned then and by that experience what a victim cannot prove when represented by shallow thought and lack of consideration.

Many times I've wondered why he chose to fail his duty. Some ideas came to mind at the time. After reading his words in Friday's

edition of The Times-News, "I think we all have to search deep for that kind of question. For me, it's the next step." Now I know why.

Unfortunately for this voter, Supreme Court Justice Jesse R. Walters will retire rather than see his term expire, thus forging the Idaho constitutional process calling for an election. Instead, sadly, one politician will simply appoint another.

RON YATES  
Twin Falls

## LETTER

## LETTERS

### Arrogance alienates world public opinion

There apparently are those who truly believe that black is a total saturation of color, that complete absence of color, that right is virginaly pure and wrong the absolute epitome of evil, without shades or gradations between those dichotomous poles. But in a world cluttered with differing cultures, religions and political philosophies, and in which continuing effort to achieve lasting peace and understanding should be of primary importance to all, the posture that "you're either with us or against us" and, if the latter, we'll kill you for your own good, reflects insanity beyond belief. Such incomprehensible arrogance has estranged the vast

majority of the world community from the United States.

It is not better that we should support international reason and diplomacy than to sacrifice a single one of our nation's youth in the first overseas "pre-emptive strike" ever to be contemplated in the history of our country?

ROBERT L. PARRISH  
Twin Falls

### Principal earns respect for school leadership

As parents who have had three children attend Jerome Middle School, we thought it was time to write this letter. We have children with three different personalities, three different levels of ability and effort, but all three liked and respected Dr. David Zumwalt as principal of Jerome

Middle School.

As parents, we appreciate an interested, committed educator who knows many children by the given names and their unique qualities. Dr. Zumwalt seems to know what goes on in his school, listens to parents' concerns and deals with problems in a quiet, firm, professional manner. At least this has been our experience when one of our children had a problem at his school.

In meetings outside the middle school arena, we have found Dr. Zumwalt's philosophy on education to be well thought-out and backed up with data. Even though we may disagree with some aspects of his philosophy, it is refreshing to find a principled person who takes a stand for what he believes. We

believe Dr. Zumwalt to be an asset to the Jerome School District and the Idaho education system.

DAVID AND LYNN  
WIDELL  
Jerome

### School employees back caring, capable principal

We would like to make public our support of Dr. David Zumwalt. Dr. Zumwalt has been the principal of Jerome Middle School for the last 10 years. During this time, we have seen many positive changes in our building. New reading and math programs have been implemented, which have resulted in a higher rate of student success and increased test scores. We are forerunners in computer technology throughout

the state. Every student in our school has the opportunity to spend at least one period a day on the computer.

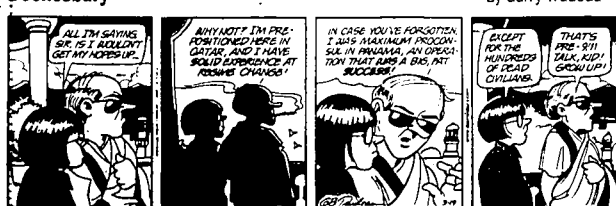
A school improvement committee consisting of staff, students and parents has been formed. This committee looks at the seven correlates of effective schools and determines how Jerome Middle School can model these. A new exploratory rotation was established in which seventh graders have the opportunity to experience physical education, health and wellness, art and chorus; an auto shop class, an advanced chorus class and a period a day committed to reading are a few of the scheduled changes.

We have every confidence in Dr. Zumwalt's leadership. He is a

caring, capable, moral individual who wants the best for every student at Jerome Middle School. He is a strong disciplinarian. He expects all students to adhere to the school discipline code. He is a good listener with strong communication skills. He is committed to academic growth, personal success and school safety for both students and staff. We enjoy working with him and hope that he continues to be our principal for many years to come. Jerome Middle School is very fortunate to have Dr. David Zumwalt as its principal.

TERRI LLOYD  
Jerome  
(Editor's note: Terri Lloyd is the counselor at the Jerome Middle School. She submitted this letter in behalf of 38 faculty and staff members at the school.)

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



## U.S. sees chemical attack probable

WASHINGTON (AP) — Intelligence reports indicate a high risk that Iraq would use chemical weapons during a U.S.-led war to topple President Saddam Hussein, Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

The reports indicate Saddam has given field-level commanders authority to use chemical weapons on their own initiative, without further directives from the Baghdad, Pentagon officials said.

"We continue to receive reports supporting the assertion that there is a high risk the Iraqi regime would use chemical

weapons at some point during any conflict," Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Tuesday.

President Bush and other U.S. officials say Iraq has stocks of chemical weapons, including the deadly nerve agents sarin, cyclophosphamide and VX and a mustard agent like that used in World War I. Saddam has repeatedly denied having chemical or biological weapons, the use of which has been outlawed for decades, although Iraq has acknowledged developing both before the 1991 Persian Gulf War and used them several times in the 1980s.

## War

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checked the packs that would travel north with the battle and the chaplain's office fielded last-minute calls from field units for extra supplies of prayer books.

In the skies over Iraq, American planes scattered nearly 1.4 million leaflets urging Iraqi soldiers not to fight and pledging that American and British forces want to avoid harming innocent Iraqis. It was the largest informational leaflet drop in 12 years and targeted 20 locations in southern and western Iraq. Among those were three cities thought to be key to early war plans: the southern city of Basra, likely to be the first urban area captured by allied forces; Rumaylah in the southern oil fields; and An Nasiriyah, where an Iraqi army unit defends the Tallil airbase.

On the ground, troops with the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) began taking up attack positions less than eight hours after President Bush declared that U.S., British and allied forces would remove Saddam Hussein and topple his regime if he and his two sons did not leave Iraq within 48 hours. That deadline arrives at 6 p.m. MST today.

An hour before troops were ordered to move out toward the border, the Army's ground commander, Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace, spoke to troops at the 1st Brigade's field headquarters about what lay ahead.

Wallace told about 100 soldiers, sweating under a brilliant desert sun, that they were about to lead a historic mission to liberate Iraq and rid the world of a dictator who threatens the peace of the world with weapons of mass destruction.

He said the coming war in Iraq is not about oil or religion, nor is it a war against the Iraqi people. As he spoke, the area around the 1st Brigade Combat Team's headquarters was packed with armored vehicles outfitted for battle, and the camp teemed with activity as support troops packed gear in their vehicles and prepared to push north.

Wallace told the assembled soldiers to take pride in their mission and to remember it in the years to come.

"When it's all over, you'll be sitting in your back yard having a beer and telling your kids stories about what it was like," Wallace said. "They'll be looking at you and they'll know deep down in their hearts that you gave them a wonderful gift and they'll be proud of you."

Within an hour after the general's visit, troops with Task Force 37, the lead maneuver element that will lead the 1st Brigade into Iraq, began moving into attack position.

By mid-afternoon, they were stationed very close to the border, awaiting the order to breach the berm or sand wall that marks the border between Kuwait and Iraq.

While they awaited the order to move, the 150 men of Apache Company sat outside their Bradley's, some brewing coffee, others eating dinner. "It's just another day in paradise," said Apache Company First Sgt. Michael "Todd" Hibbs, 36, of Boise, as he sat at the back of his M113 armored personnel carrier, munching on a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

"We've got weapons, we've got ammo, we got peanut butter and jelly. What more can a man need?"

## Iraq in brief

- Saddam Hussein defied the U.S. ultimatum to leave Iraq with his sons. Saddam appeared on television in military uniform for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War, warning his commanders to prepare for battle, Iraq's al-Shabab television, owned by Saddam's eldest son, Quds, said the decision to defy the ultimatum was made in a leadership meeting chaired by the Iraqi leader. Mobilized by a televised appeal, thousands of demonstrators swept into the streets of Baghdad to show their support for Saddam.

- A day after delivering the ultimatum, President Bush reached out to the leaders of Russia and China, two countries that resisted setting a deadline for using force against Saddam. But Vladimir Putin and Hu Jintao told Bush they still preferred a U.N.-brokered solution.

- French President Jacques Chirac, whose country led opposition to war at the U.N., said the action Bush had chosen would undermine future efforts at peaceful disarmament.

- Britain's House of Commons backed Prime Minister Tony Blair's policy on Iraq, voting in favor of using "all means necessary" to disarm Saddam.

- Secretary of State Colin Powell said 30 nations declared varying levels of support for a war against Iraq as part of the administration's "coalition of the willing," and 15 others gave their backing privately.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein speaks to leaders of the Iraqi military in Baghdad in this image taken from television Tuesday. The Iraqi leadership has rejected a U.S. ultimatum that Saddam Hussein and his sons leave Iraq or face war.

- Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa called off a possible last-minute peacemaking trip to Iraq.

- Turkey's government said it would ask its parliament by Thursday to grant the U.S. the right to use Turkish airspace in a war against Iraq but would not immediately ask lawmakers to allow a U.S. troops.

- Airbases around the world began canceling flights to the Middle East because of war fears.

- U.N. weapons inspectors flew out of Iraq. In Baghdad, residents mobbed

- bakeries and gas stations in a rush for supplies.

- Apparently jolted into action by Washington's ultimatum to Saddam, Iraqi Kurds left key cities for mountain villages seen as potential sanctuaries if Iraq retaliates against the U.S. Western protected enclave.

- Russian lawmakers postponed indefinitely a vote to ratify a U.S. Russian nuclear arms treaty, as parliament speaker Gennadiy Seleznev warned that a war against Iraq could endanger the pact.

## POLL

### Foreign opinions of the United States

Many countries have an unfavorable opinion of the United States, according to a recent poll. In addition, fewer Americans approve President Bush's handling on foreign policy.

Favorable opinion of the United States

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling the nation's foreign policy? (Responses for U.S. only)

Approve Disapprove Don't know/Refused to answer

Percent

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NOTE: The poll is based on a survey of 1,000 U.S. residents from March 15-17 with a margin of error varying from 4.5 to 5 percentage points.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

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opposes the war, favorable views are lower — 28 percent — than before the terror attacks.

And in Turkey, which has yet to approve U.S. use of its military bases, favorable views have dropped from 52 percent in 1999-2000 to 30 percent last year to 12 percent today, the survey found.

When asked simply whether they favored the war, respondents in Italy and Spain registered 81 percent opposition. And yet respondents largely felt that riding Iraq of Saddam Hussein was a good thing. In France, 73 percent saw the Iraqi public benefit.

"The world is not with us for the most part," says Andrew Kohut, director of The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, which interviewed more than 5,500 people in nine nations from March 19-17 with a margin of error varying from 3.5 to 5 percentage points. "But they think there will be positive changes in Iraq and the region."

Asked Tuesday whether it bothered President Bush that much of the world opposes him, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer did not answer directly. He countered with other domestic polls suggesting many Americans think Saddam is a threat.

If so many people feel that Saddam's ouster would be beneficial, why has the U.S. image suffered so much in pursuing that goal?

For much of the world, "the issue is not so much about disarming Saddam as about how the

United States is using its power," says Gideon Rose, an analyst at the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations.

"It's up to the United States to disprove the worst," Rose says. "It has to demonstrate that its power will be used within some kind of limits."

Global opposition to U.S. foreign policy is greater now than it ever has been, Rose said, noting that during the war in Vietnam, opinion within individual countries was much more divided.

Time and again, people questioned on the streets Tuesday cited fears that the United States is serving as a kind of "global sheriff," in the words of Nadia Boneva, a 33-year-old environmental expert in Bulgaria, whose government supports the United States.

"America always changes its policies to suit its interests," said Ertugrul Erdogan, 41, sitting in a McDonald's in central Ankara on Tuesday, eating a hamburger. "It moves with the megalomania of being the only power after the collapse of Russia."

In the eyes of Adrian Zavala, a 21-year-old Mexican selling gum in front of the U.S. Embassy in his country, Bush "wants to be the owner of the world, and that's not right."

And in Canada, which has said it won't back a war on Iraq that lacks U.S. support, 26-year-old Emmett O'Reilly said he was proud of his government's stance.

"It shows that Canada has its own mind and that we can stick by our decisions," said O'Reilly, a computer worker for the Toronto police force.

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• Roof Rack • Tint

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Hertz Price

**\$14995**



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Stock #4583 • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power  
Mirrors • Power Seats • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control  
• CD • Wheels • Bed Liner • Tow Package

Retail Price  
\$27811

Hertz Price

**\$24995**



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### '03 FORD F150 QUAD CAB XLT 4x4

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• Automatic Transmission

Retail Price  
\$29860

Hertz Price

**\$22995**



### '03 TOYOTA CAMRY LE

Stock #433D • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power  
Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette CD

Retail Price  
\$21209

Hertz Price

**\$16995**



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Stock #165D • Power Windows • Power Locks • Tilt  
Steering • Cruise Control • CD

Retail Price  
\$14866

Hertz Price

**\$10995**



### '99 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LS 4x4

Stock #4665 • Power Windows, Locks, Mirrors & Seats  
• Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette CD • Rear  
Air • Running Boards • Tint • Wheels • Roof Rack

Retail Price  
\$21210

Hertz Price

**\$15995**



### '99 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM

Stock #459J • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power  
Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette

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THOUSANDS  
Hertz Price

**\$9995**



### '00 FORD EXPLORER 4x4 XLT

Stock #4792 • Power Windows, Locks, Mirrors & Seats  
• Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette CD • Leather  
• Sun Roof • Running Boards • Roof Rack • Tint

Retail Price  
\$19807

Hertz Price

**\$15995**



### '03 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS 4x4

Stock #4670 • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power  
Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • CD • Wheels  
• Sun Roof • Tint • Tow Package

Retail Price  
\$29986

Hertz Price

**\$23995**



### '02 CHEVROLET MALIBU

Stock #384D • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power  
Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • CD

SAVE  
THOUSANDS  
Hertz Price

**\$9995**



### '99 FORD LARIAT F350 CREW CAB 4x4

Stock #4765 • Power Windows, Locks, Mirrors & Seats  
• Tilt • Cruise • Cassette CD • Leather • Slider • Tint  
• Running Boards • Wheels • Tow Package • Automatic

Retail Price  
\$24840

Hertz Price

**\$19995**

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### T.F. council will hold special closed meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council today will hold a special executive session to consider a matter of possible litigation, according to a notice from City Hall.

The closed-door meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. in the council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. Idaho law allows governmental bodies to hold closed meetings under certain circumstances, such as to discuss pending litigation or personnel matters.

Officials cannot, however, vote on any final decisions in closed sessions.

### Ski resort gets approval for half-pipe feature

**KETCHUM** - A proposal to build a half pipe for snowboarders on Bald Mountain has been approved by the Forest Service.

The new feature will be installed in time for next season.

"It should be awesome," Keith Davis, at Sturges snowboard shop in Ketchum, said. "We've been waiting forever."

Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson approved the project following an environmental analysis.

When snow-covered and in operation, the half pipe will be about 340 feet long and 40 feet wide, with walls about 14 feet high.

The half pipe, used by skiers and snowboarders to perform aerial maneuvers, will be to the left of the Lower Warm Springs ski run, directly below Race Arena.

"We received a lot of feedback both in favor and opposed to the half pipe during our public-scoping period," Nelson said. "Concerns focused not so much over the concept of a half pipe, but over the safety and location of the half pipe."

Crews will excavate the area for the half pipe this summer.

### Harrison Elementary wins \$1,000 in lottery program

**TWIN FALLS** - Harrison Elementary School won more than \$1,000 over the weekend following the Idaho Lottery's "Scratch for Schools" program at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

During the five-minute round of mad scratching Saturday by representatives of 16 Magic Valley schools, Harrison Elementary uncovered a top prize of \$1,000 on a ticket, bringing the school's total winnings to \$1,096.

Each school was given 300 scratch tickets and gets to keep all of the money it uncovers. The team that scratched the most tickets in five minutes got 1,000 extra tickets.

The team that scratched off the highest total dollar amount also received 1,000 extra tickets.

Harrison Elementary received the prize for the highest total amount.

Declo High School received the prize for scratching off the most tickets, with 237 tickets scratched.

Nearly \$3,000 was uncovered, and the schools still get to take back almost 2,000 unscratched tickets.

The Idaho Lottery hosts this charity event all over the state to help Idaho's public schools.

Compiled from staff reports

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	% season as of March 18
Upper Snake River	91%	81%
Salmon Falls	57%	53%
Salmon	66%	64%
Oakley	52%	49%
Big Wood	80%	83%
Little Wood	83%	85%
Henny's Fork/Teton	79%	71%
Big Lost	85%	78%
Little Lost	75%	64%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.  
An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire winter season, which peaks in April.

# Group seeks to track virus

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - South Central District Health is going to the birds.

To get some answers about West Nile virus, that is.

With the expectation that the virus will find its way to south central Idaho sometime this year, public health officials are keeping a close eye out for the early warning signs.

"It's spreading more rapidly than we anticipated," said Wendy Lane, an epidemiologist with South Central District Health.

Birds can help provide a wealth of information about the virus. The Centers for Disease Control has identified more than

110 species of birds that have been infected with West Nile virus through the mosquito-bird-mosquito cycle, and crows, ravens, jays and magpies appear to be the most sensitive to infection, experiencing significant mortality rates, Lane said.

"What actually happens is mosquitoes feed on the birds - that's where they get their blood meal," Lane said.

South Central District Health is asking community members to help by contacting the agency if they come across a dead bird. The public health agency is testing the dead birds for the virus.

In order to test a bird for the virus, the bird must have been dead for less than 24 hours and refrigerated within that time. All

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### About West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is transmitted to people, birds and other animals by the bite of an infected mosquito. On rare occasions, this virus can cause serious illness, especially in people over the age of 50, or those with other underlying medical conditions. Most infected people have few if any symptoms of the disease. Mild infections can include a fever and headache with complete recovery.

West Nile virus was first detected in New York State in 1999. Since then, it has spread steadily westward. In 2002, the West Nile virus has been detected in most midwestern and eastern states. Health officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believe the nationwide spread of the virus is inevitable. Idaho discovered its first case in a Canyon County horse last October. Last fall, a bird carrying the virus was also found in Washington state just over the Idaho border.

For more information ... Find more information about West Nile virus online at [www.idahohc.org](http://www.idahohc.org). A Web site dedicated to information about West Nile virus in horses can be found at [www.eqwestnile.com](http://www.eqwestnile.com).

### Taking precautions

West Nile virus could find its way to south central Idaho this year, and South Central District Health is reminding the community to take the following precautions to protect against the virus:

- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET, usually labeled as "N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide." DEET is considered safe, but follow instructions for the amount to apply. A repellent containing more than 10 percent DEET is not recommended for children.
- Reduce mosquito breeding habitat by policing areas where pooled water can sit for several days. These areas may include flower pots, unused pools, blocked rain gutters and old tires. Eggs can hatch in only a tiny amount of water left standing a few days.
- Keep window screens in good repair.
- Prime mosquito biting time is dawn and dusk. Take precautions that include wearing long pants and sleeves and using special mosquito netting for infants when they are out-doors.
- Don't forge repellent for antismosquito gadgets, which haven't yet been proven to reduce bites.

### Bird testing

South Central District Health is asking local residents to watch for dead birds, particularly crows, ravens, jays and magpies, and to take the birds to the public health agency for testing. Avoid touching the birds with bare hands - use gloves or double plastic bags to place the carcass inside a bag. Here is a listing of South Central District Health offices.

- Twin Falls: 1020 Washington St. N., 734-5900
- Rupert: 1218 Ninth St., Suite 15, 436-7185
- Jerome: 951 E. Ave. H, 324-8838
- Gooding: 145 Seventh Ave. E., 934-4477
- Burley: 2311 Park Ave., Unit 4, 678-8221
- Shoshone: 119 W. A, 886-7663
- Halley: 513 N. Main, 788-4335

South Central District Health will also come and pick up the bird. For more information, call epidemiologist Wendy Lane at 734-5900, Ext. 247.

Sources: South Central District Health and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

## SIDEWALK SLAM



Dimitrios Fylaktos says the city of Buhl is illegally taking several feet of his basement and says that is part of the reason he is selling his business and moving. Several downtown buildings have basements extending under the old sidewalks.

## Business man accuses Buhl of taking part of basement

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The city is in the midst of a downtown revitalization project, and one businessman is extremely unhappy about it.

Dimitrios Fylaktos bought a store at 1011 Main St. a few years ago to open a chocolate shop. Since then he has had to partially close his shop because

of lack of business and because his wife is sick. He wants to retire, and the building and equipment have been put up for sale.

The building is one of five that have basements that run under the sidewalk. As the city puts in new sidewalks, portions of the basements that run under the old sidewalks are being filled in to provide better support for the new construction and street

widening. The city has had an 80-foot right of way since 1922, and the city is reclaiming the 80 feet by filling in these sections. Construction crews are adding a wall to separate the owners' share from the city's share before filling the holes.

But Fylaktos said he bought the store with the basement under the sidewalk, and now the city is trying to take it from him.

"I have to be responsible for the sidewalk in front of my building, then it is mine," Fylaktos said.

Like all business owners, Fylaktos was informed of the revitalization plans early in 2002 and was told how the construction would be handled.

In reply, Fylaktos said in a letter to the mayor that he would not give the city his basement. Please see **BASEMENT**, Page B3

## Minidoka County levy passes

Schools will  
save roughly  
\$1M in interest

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - The votes are in. Voters in the Minidoka County School District approved Tuesday a measure that will

Vote  
results  
Yes 1,345  
No 178

replace a current \$9 million lease option loan with \$10 million in bonds. The difference will not raise taxes but will instead bring in roughly \$1 million for construction projects in schools.

A total of 1,524 votes were cast - 1,345, or 88.3 percent, in favor of the proposal and 178, or 11.6 percent, against it. Superintendent Nick Hallett said Tuesday night. One ballot was



Laurel Nay points voter Lex Rasmussen to the voting booth at Hayburn Elementary School after he receives his ballot Tuesday. Minidoka County School District voters overwhelmingly passed a bond issue that officials say will save the district \$2 million in interest.

spoiled. The results are unofficial until the board canvasses the votes during a special meeting at 8

p.m. Thursday. A two-thirds "supermajority" vote was needed to approve the measure. Please see **VOTE**, Page B3

## Group schedules forum on historic preservation

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Property owners in Rupert's historic preservation district can learn more about what the historical designation can do for them and the community at a workshop tonight.

The Historic Preservation Commission has scheduled a workshop from 6 until 9 p.m. today at The Vault, next to the Drift Inn, which is at 545 F St. Officials from the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office are expected to attend to answer questions and talk about various programs, including tax credits.

While the meeting is open to the public, building owners and business managers of property and businesses in the historical district are the main audience.

The historical district includes the Rupert Square and several other properties near the square, preservation commission member Sharalee Clawson said. More properties could be annexed into

the district if property owners were interested.

The meeting will cover the U.S. Department of Interior's standards for preservation of buildings, Clawson said, and a brief overview of the federal tax incentive program.

Clawson said the meeting is a chance to learn more about the programs and possible benefits for owners. For example, building owners can earn tax credits when they renovate and comply with standards.

Don Watts, state historical preservation commission official, will attend, along with Jerry Myers, state historical preservation commission architect. Clawson said city and planning and zoning officials are also expected at the meeting.

Watts and Myers will lead the presentation, which will include a question and answer period. Clawson said.

Rupert has been listed on the

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# Burley finalizes paperwork for sewer vote

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** – The loose ends were tied up by the City Council Tuesday night as it gave final approval on second reading to ordinances which outline the Burley 27 vote to fund a new sewer plant.

City officials will ask voters to approve two measures to fund a new sewer plant.

One asks that the city be allowed to borrow \$18 million from the state Department of Environmental Quality's revolving loan fund. That money will be repaid in 20 years. Coupled with interest, at 3.75 percent, the city will pay \$25.9 million back to the state. Revenue generated from user fees would pay the loan off. City Administrator Mark Kennedy said.

That revenue bond measure requires a simple majority of voters to say "yes" for it to be approved.

The \$18 million allows the city to build a new sewer plant with the capacity to handle 2.5 million gallons of waste a day, which is the amount the existing facilities can process.

The city must build a new sewer plant with at least that much capacity or face sanctions from regulatory agencies.

The second question voters will face May 27 would provide money for the city to build a larger 5-million-gallon-a-day-capacity plant. Voters will be asked to let the city borrow another \$7 million to cover the costs of the larger facility.

While the question asks that voters allow the city to sell bonds to raise the money, the plan is to borrow the money, Minton said.

That loan, or the bonds, would be paid back with money from higher property taxes, imposed during a 10-year period, he said. The anticipated interest rate is between 4.25 percent and 4.5 percent, bringing the total amount the city will owe to \$10.7 million.

Minton expects the city to be able to borrow at least \$5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for that portion of the project.

That general obligation bond question must be approved by two-thirds of the people who cast ballots, Minton said.

City resident Steve McGill asked why the city couldn't use the sewer plant at the J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant in Heyburn instead of building a new plant. The processing plant of that plant is scheduled to cease operating in about a year.

The Simplot sewer plant is designed to process heavy food waste, such as potatoes, Minton said. The Simplot plant couldn't handle municipal waste. It's not designed for that, nor is it permitted for that, he said.

"We can't use it," Minton said.

And, Mayor Jon Anderson reminded McGill, Simplot is using its plant and hasn't made any offers to sell it or give it to anyone.

Council members also approved two resolutions hiring Michael Moore of Moore Smith Buxton & Turckle of Boise as bond counsel for the May 27 election.

Moore will be paid \$1,500 for his work. If the city actually ends up issuing bonds, more fees must be paid to Moore for that work, Minton said.

Another plan is to get loans; no bonds will be issued," Minton said.

Other commission business included:

- **Groundwork update** – Councilwoman Adri Masore reported Families at Play's fund-raising dinner and auction. So far the group has collected \$40,000 of the \$125,000 it needs to build a new playground in Storybook Park.
- **Momentum is picking up in**

the community," Masoner said.

- **Golf tournament** – The council agreed to waive the greens fees for a June 18 golf tournament at the Burley Municipal Golf Course. The tournament is for about 40 golf course superintendents from around Idaho, Anderson said.
- **Those 40 players being on the course that afternoon shouldn't affect too many other golfers, Golf Pro Mike Williams said.**
- **The superintendents often go as a group to golf courses around the state, Anderson said. While playing in their tournaments they offer advice and comments about the course they're playing to the local managers.**
- **Easter egg hunt** – The council agreed to lift parking restrictions on 16th Street and Highland near Cassia Regional Medical Center for a parking lot sign the morning of April 19 so people can park near the hospital for the annual Easter egg hunt.
- **Hospital Administrator Mike Olson said hospital employees will cover the "no parking" signs and remove the covers when the 11 a.m. hunt concludes.**

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# Hospice Vision hosts hospice home open house

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**JEROME** – An open house is set for 1:30 p.m. today for the grand opening of Hospice Vision Inc.'s hospice home in Jerome.

The facility will be the Magic Valley's first hospice home, according to a news release from Hospice Vision.

The open house will be at 539 E. 100 S. Priority Road in Jerome. The public is invited.

## Around the valley

programs is scheduled at the Burley Inn at 6 p.m. today.

The workshop is organized by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's office. Representatives of various state and federal agencies will be at the workshop to talk to farmers about ranchers about new legislation related to drought assistance programs.

## Agency wants comments on grasshopper spraying

**BOISE** – The final comment period on plans to spray grasshopper poison on public lands is now open.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has published a finding of no significant impact on its grasshopper spraying plan.

People have until April 15 to comment on the plan. The environmental assessment may be read online at [www.agri.state.id.us/plants/GHT/OC.htm](http://www.agri.state.id.us/plants/GHT/OC.htm). People may also request a copy of the environmental assessment by contacting the agency at APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine, 9134 W. Blackhawk Drive, Boise, 83709.

Comments should be sent to the same address.

## Minidoka extension class registration ends today

**RUPERT** – Today is the last day to pre-register for the Minidoka County extension class. Registration ends today during spring break.

Classes include sewing with wool, scrapbooking, aerospace, Dutch oven cooking, gardening, running, fun effective meetings, and shooting sports.

The classes are for adults and youth 8 years of age and older. Materials for the classes are from 4-H projects and will be taught by Minidoka County 4-H leaders, 4-H Teen Association members and Ada County 4-H volunteers. The cost to attend one class or all seven is \$5 per person.

Registration forms are available at the Minidoka County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office, at 85 E. Baseline in Rupert.

— compiled from staff reports

# Donations flow to help fund Declo track work

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** – A week ago, \$22,190 was needed to improve the track at Declo High School.

By Tuesday's School Board meeting, that amount had dropped to \$2,900.

The total cost for work on the track is \$57,480, said Superintendent Luke Chesley.

The board examined the funding sources for the project and commended the fund-raising efforts. Pledges of \$500 or more have been gathered from six community members; the senior class is providing funds; and the athletic and renaissance departments are contributing.

Board member Steve Lynch made the motion to allow Declo officials to finish raising money and proceed with the project.

Other board business included:

- **Graduation dress** – The board discussed setting a district standard for attire at graduation ceremonies.
- **Board member Debbie Critchfield said she didn't appreciate seeing frayed jeans, shorts,**

sunglasses and sandals at ceremonies.

"It almost felt like you were going to a basketball game," Critchfield said.

Other board members agreed, and principals will be reminded to talk with seniors about appropriate graduation attire.

- **Parental choice policy** – The board looked briefly at a parental choice policy required under the No Child Left Behind Act.
- **Chesley said more discussion would come at next month's meeting. Basically, the required policy states students attending a failing school have the option to attend a different school.**
- **Resignations** – The board accepted resignations from 10 teachers and a leave of absence from one. Chesley said many teachers were leaving in fear of losing retirement benefits next year.
- **The district will save money by hiring new teachers, Chesley said. Some teachers leaving had salaries, including benefits, near \$55,000. New teachers could be hired in with salaries closer to \$25,000.**

- **New hires** – The board hired Patrick Manning as counselor at Rafter River High School. Scott Palin was hired as physics teacher and football coach at Burley High School.
- **Elections** – Two board positions are set to be on the ballot May 20, along with a supplemental levy.
- **Gladys Esquibel and Bruce Bowen are up for reelection this year. On Tuesday both said they were undecided about running again.**
- **The supplemental levy is set for \$623,435, the same as this year's supplemental levy.**
- **School calendar** – The board approved a calendar for the 2003-2004 year. Teachers will start school Aug. 18; students will begin Aug. 21. Students will get out earlier than the current year, the last day is set to be May 27.
- **Curriculum Director Dan Gillett said the district has shortened school days than most districts and a cushion of nearly 20 days above state requirements.**
- **The calendar also sets three in-service days at the start of the**

year, Gillett said, meaning less interruption throughout the year and providing a good way to begin the school year.

- **Work at Oakley** – The board accepted two bids for two summer projects at Oakley High School.
- **Roberts Roofing and Construction was the low bid for the re-roof project with bid of \$15,985. Ralph Thornton Construction, Inc. was the low bid for the gym arch replacement with a low bid of \$21,476.**
- **Teacher award** – Declo Elementary teacher Peggy Hess was recognized by the board for earning the Veterans of Foreign Wars State Award for Outstanding Teacher.
- **National certification** – Jeanne Allen, a teacher at Cassia Education Center, was recognized for earning her national teacher certification.
- **Declo award** – Declo High School was recognized by the board for earning merit recognition. Principal Mike Matthews accepted a plaque made by Cassia Regional Technical Center.

# Rupert chooses dates in May for cleanup, burn

The Times-News

**RUPERT** – It's that time in Rupert when people start trimming trees, whacking weeds and thinking about getting rid of those broken appliances that didn't make it back inside for winter.

From Monday to May 4, the city of Rupert will hold a cleanup and burn period. The Rupert City Council decided Tuesday. During this period city residents may burn flammable trash and set the rest next to their trash cans to be picked up by the garbage truck.

The City Council did set some

rules for the burn and cleanup period.

- **Ignitor** – An adult must be at the fire scene at all times.
- **Measure** – Fires cannot be set within 50 feet of any building.
- **Have water** – Residents must have a garden hose with water and a shovel available at all times.
- **Prevent weather** – Burning is not allowed on days with an inversion, heavy cloud cover or high humidity.
- **Mind fire codes** – All city fire codes must be observed.
- **Prevent smoke** – Leaves and grass should be dry enough to prevent excessive smoke.

- **Size limbs** – If not burning wood, residents must bundle limbs and trimmings to no longer than 5 feet and to less than 30 pounds, then place the bundle near the trash can.
- **All trash accumulated during the cleanup period, including limbs and household items, will be picked up on the regular day or on Wednesdays during the cleanup period.**
- **Other council business included:**
- **Head Start statement** – Jose Ortega of Minidoka Head Start voiced his opposition to a proposal to move Head Start from the

Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Education.

Head Start serves the families of children as well as children themselves, Ortega said. A move to the Department of Education might mean funding cuts for family services.

"We are afraid all these families are going to lose a lot of these services that we give them," he said.

- **Pool resolution** – The council passed a resolution saying it supported building a new pool on the present site if the cost of construction was provided by grants.

# Virus

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birds will be submitted to the state lab for testing, even if there's evidence of trauma or bites from other animals, according to a news release from the agency.

In addition to testing birds, this summer South Central District Health will participate in weekly mosquito sampling surveys at three sites in the Magic Valley.

Public health officials will use devices combining carbon dioxide and a light source that draws the mosquitoes and traps them. The mosquitoes will be sent to

the Idaho State Laboratory for identification and West Nile virus testing.

"We want to determine the species of mosquitoes and test them to see if they're carrying the virus," Lane said.

The agency is also teaming up with the state Department of Agriculture, Department of Fish and Game and Department of Parks and Recreation for control and prevention information.

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# Vote

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"It shows that the taxpayers are very concerned about the health and welfare of our district," said Board Chairman Rande Martin.

Voter turnout was roughly 19 percent. Earlier, Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said there are 7,907 registered voters in Minidoka County. A small number of voters from Lincoln, Cassia and Jerome counties are included in school district elections because the consolidated school district includes some people who live in those counties.

Voter turnout is traditionally light on non-controversial topics, Martin said.

Those at the polls could see the low turnout early. Laurel Nash and George and Charlotte Howell named the voting booths at Heyburn Elementary. Around 5 p.m. they said they'd had 127 voters.

Many voters took only seconds to answer the "yes" or "no" question, and one man felt no need

for the privacy of the voting booth.

"A 'yes' vote approves it right?" he asked as he marked that box at the registration table.

Hallett said he was happy to see the issue pass. "This is the biggest hurdle."

Projects that had been set if money was approved included:

- **Remodeling projects** at Heyburn and Acquia elementary schools.
- **Sidewalk repair** throughout the district.
- **Leakage and mold repairs** at Big Valley Elementary School.
- **Science room** addition at West Minico Middle School.
- **Changes to the music room** at Minico High School.
- **"It's good for the district,"** Martin said.

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# Security equipment delays opening of new air terminal

**BOISE (AP)** – Opening of the new Boise Airport terminal has been delayed until installation of federally mandated equipment to screen luggage for explosives is complete.

The \$100 million terminal expansion was planned to open this spring. Now officials are planning for June 25.

Construction of the building, installation of artwork and near

ly every other part of the new terminal will be finished by May 9, but delays with integrating explosive-detection system computer equipment with airport computers has pushed the terminal opening into the summer.

Airport officials had hoped to have the new equipment ready by May, but the delay has pushed the Security Administration made a last-minute change in which explosive-detection system Boise would be installed by June 25.

"It's just the government bureaucracy," Anderson said.

Julian Gonzales, the federal agency's director for Idaho, said it to change its Boise plans because the supply of detection system ran short.

Officials had to go to another company to supply the five van-

size-detection system Boise would be installed in the new terminal.

This is not the first security-related delay in the terminal project, which began in 2000. Construction was postponed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to strengthen the terminal walls, floors and ceilings. The baggage-handling system also had to be redesigned to accommodate the explosive detection systems.

That his and Argyriadis' lives were more valuable than the building.

The mayor said in her Feb. 19 letter that other property owners have acknowledged that the city has the right to proceed. The city said demolition Feb. 25.

"What difference can taking 8 feet make in a basement when the entire stores have full basements under them? My business has fallen off because of lack of parking in the area, let's leave the project going and get on with it," said Debbie Parker, who owns Grandstands Sports Grill on the corner of Main and Broadway.

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**Basement**

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and would stop anyone from taking it.

Fylaktos then received a letter from the city attorney stating what steps the city could take. Agnes Fylaktos informed the mayor that he would not give up his basement. He posted a notice on the window of the store stating the sidewalk was the property of the owner and the public had the right to use the sidewalk. The city had the right to sign for any destruction of the sidewalk except for the owner of the building.

The owner of the building is Fylaktos' wife, Lauren Argyriadis, who on Feb. 10 granted him the power of attorney.

Mayor Barbara Gletzen replied to Fylaktos in a Feb. 19 letter

and enclosed the plat of the original townscape showing that the sidewalk and ground beneath are located in the right of way, not on Argyriadis' deeded property, Gletzen wrote.

On Feb. 20, Fylaktos sent the mayor a letter demanding she give him a written and signed statement that the basement belonged to the city.

In another letter to the mayor dated Feb. 23, Fylaktos asked the city to sign a deed to him, accusing her of abusing her power.

In addition to a Feb. 25 letter to the Buhl Police Department, Fylaktos also sent Gov. Dirk Kempthorne a letter on March 2 stating his case, with pictures of the construction crew Fylaktos said were trespassing. One pic-

ture was of the hole the crew had made in the sidewalk and covered with a piece of plywood overnight.

According to Kevin Hayes, construction foreman, the lid on the hole was secured by bolts.

Fylaktos said he was worried that an intruder would enter the hole, knock out the temporary wall and enter the rest of the basement that leads to his store and the upstairs where he and Argyriadis live. He left paint and cooking oil at the bottom of the hole that would leave footprints.

"I did this for security reasons," Fylaktos said.

His letter to the governor concluded with the suggestion that the city or state buy his property so he can leave Idaho, saying

ties to irrigation projects.

"We are pioneers of power," Clawson said. "I think that is a story worth telling."

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# Rupert

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National Register of Historic Places for two years. Everyone wants to continue creating a more fully functional historic district, Clawson said.

Clawson said the historic designation helps preserve the area's history. Rupert is unique in how the town was established and its



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# Threat of war hits Hawaii

## Still reeling from Sept. 11, tourism industry sees another slowdown

Rex Johnson, president and chief executive of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, said other airlines and hotels are reporting similar declines in a state where the \$10 billion tourism industry is the

"The general level of demand for travel has just not recovered since 9-11," he said. "We are

They also would rather avoid visiting a nation involved in military action, experts say.

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## Creating a buyer-friendly home

If you're selling soon, make your house irresistible

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — First, about that avocado-colored range. "You can refinish these things," said John Irwin, a Twin Falls Realtor. "Coral or off-white is a good alternative."

Stuff like that matters if you're selling your home this spring or summer. And if you're selling, it's high time you got started.

"March and April are the months when a lot of people start thinking about buying houses," Irwin said. "It's not that they don't buy them other times of the year, but this is the time when they know houses are coming on the market."

Almost any homeowner could stand to spend serious money getting his or her house ready to sell, but the little things matter more than you think, the pros agree.

"Is the place clean?" said Donna Bach, another Twin Falls Realtor. "Are there cracks in the sidewalk? Are there brown spots in the lawn? Are the sliding glass doors clean?"

"Details are everything," said Sid Lezamis, another Twin Falls Realtor. "Selling a home isn't one thing; it's a hundred things."

Homebuying is at least as much an emotional experience as a financial one, and what matters most, according to Lezamis, is evidence that there's "pride of ownership."

"Homeowners who take care of one part of their homes tend to take care of the rest of it," Lezamis said. "If the front yard looks good, then the furnace filter probably gets changed regularly."

"Curb appeal is a first impression of the place," Bach said. "And it's very important."

Important especially because flaws in a home become largely invisible to the homeowner over time.

"Maybe the homeowner isn't fazed by under-shorts lying on the floor of the utility room," Bach said. "But homebuyers are."

The front of the house should get attention first. It should look well-maintained, but that's just part of the story.

"Light and bright sells," Lezamis said. "If you have trees in the yard that make the front of the house too dark, they should be cut back."

Potential buyers notice things like flowers in the driveway and patches of dead grass in the lawn, the experts say.

"The lawn needs to look healthy and well cared for,"



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A nice-looking front yard and house can create "curb appeal" and give potential buyers a favorable impression of the property.

Lezamis says.

Then there's the front door. "Get rid of the cobwebs, and if you can't afford to do anything else, paint the trim around the door," Irwin said.

"Replace the door hardware if it needs it," Bach said. "It's a shot, \$40? — and it makes a big difference."

Color in the front yard counts, as well.

"If nothing else, put some flowers in pots out in front of the house," Bach said.

Once inside, prospective buyers are looking to see if your home can become their home.

"Take the family photos off the walls, get rid of the extra furniture," Lezamis said. "You're going to be moving anyway, so start moving out the clutter early."

Paint and carpet, wisely applied, can double the amount of your investment in them, he adds.

"That's something that you can't say about adding a hot tub,"

### Two, for the show ...

When potential buyers come to call:

1. Open drapes and curtains
2. Turn on all lights
3. Turn off television (soft music is most preferred)
4. Remove dogs and/or cats to the yard

Lezamis said.

Pay particular attention to the bedrooms and the kitchen, Bach and Irwin advise, because potential homebuyers will.

"Does the faucet leak? Is the bathroom hardware worn?" Bach said.

If you have dark wood kitchen cabinets, consider painting them white, Lezamis suggests.

"For one thing, it's going to make the kitchen look bigger,"

5. Fresh flowers if possible

6. Remove dirty dishes

7. Make the beds

8. A homey aroma is appreciated (bread, cinnamon, etc.)

9. Stay out of the way (let the buyers "kick the tires")

10. Do not volunteer any information; refer the buyer to your agent.

Source: The Real Estate Education Center

New carpet and paint, if you add them, should be light neutral colors. Start with a clean, bright laundry room should be clutter-free and well-lit.

And the garage?

"That's the man's room," Lezamis said. "Get rid of the junk, the boxes and the old tires. If you're going to want to look at the garage and see if there's room for a workbench."

Cleanliness is a prerequisite for selling a house, according to Bach, but buying new carpet or drapes is a lower priority in many cases, she believes.

"It's important if you're selling to fast-time homebuyers, because they don't have a lot of money," she said. "But other homebuyers are probably going to want to redecorate the place anyway."

Lezamis says your home needs to do more than look good.

"Put a little vanilla in a 100 degree oven for a while, and it will smell like you've been baking," he said. "In higher-end homes, we recommend that homeowners put a freshly baked pie on the kitchen counter and take everything else — the toaster, the blender — off."

If you're selling, it's essential that you look at your home with a dispassionate eye, according to Bach.

"Replace what needs to be replaced if you can afford to," Bach said. "But if you can't, make

sure it's clean. Even a house with an orange shag carpet can be sold if the carpet is clean."

"A lot of the things you can do don't require a lot of money," Irwin said.

But allow yourself more time, Lezamis says.

"We go through the floor and supply our clients with a checklist," he said. "A home usually takes a little work to get ready to sell, but the investment is really worthwhile."

If you're selling an older home, understand that you're competing with new homes on the market, Lezamis says. But that's not necessarily a disadvantage, he believes.

"An older home has landscaping and fences and features that you don't find in new homes," he said. "It just needs to be the most appealing home that it can be."

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## Lenten suppers focus on spirituality, so soup's in order

Knight Rider News Service

Soup's on! That's the rallying cry at many churches during Lent.

Observed by many Christian denominations, is the 40-day period leading to the commemoration of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and the celebration of Easter, the feast of his resurrection from the dead.

It's a solemn time, when believers are urged to pray, make sacrifices and live simpler lives. This simplicity carries over into the kitchen, which is why the simple soup supper is a Lenten mainstay at many churches.

"During Lent, you need to feed people something that isn't a glamorous meal," said the Rev. Philip Whitehead, pastor at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church in Columbia, S.C. "Soup fits the bill because it's something that can easily be prepared without meat, and many people try to avoid meat during parts of the Lenten season."

Whitehead's church offers weekly meatless soup suppers on Thursdays during Lent, and holds a special "Agape Meal" on Holy Thursday, which includes lentil soup as a main dish.

At Protestant churches, some soups may have meat in them, but seafood chowders and vegetable soups are very common.

At Catholic churches, many soup suppers are held on Fridays to go along with special Lenten prayers or observances of the Stations of the Cross, which depict events leading to and after Jesus' crucifixion.

Knight Rider News Service

### CREAMY CARROT-PEANUT SOUP

(to 6 servings)

- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 pound baby carrots
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 large white or yellow onion, sliced
- 4.5 cups water
- 2 cups fat-free milk
- 1 pound baking potatoes, peeled and sliced (about 2 large potatoes)

1/3 cup creamy peanut butter with salt

2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger (or 2 teaspoons ground ginger)

1.5 teaspoons salt

Place a stock pot over low heat; add oil, carrots, celery and onion. Cover.

Stir occasionally for 8 minutes or until onions are translucent.

Add water, milk, potatoes, peanut butter, ginger, salt and pepper. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat.

Simmer, uncovered, until veggies are tender, about 25 minutes.

In a blender, puree soup in batches. Return pureed soup to clean stock pot.

Adjust seasonings. Heat through over low heat.

fixion. The soups have to be meatless, because church law requires that adults between the ages of 18 and 60 avoid eating meat on Fridays.

### RECIPES FOR LENT

#### AUDREY KING'S HAMBURGER SOUP

8 to 10 servings

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 5 cup chopped green pepper
- 118-ounce can tomato juice
- 1 cup sliced raw carrots
- 1 beef bouillon cube
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 5 teaspoon salt, plus additional to taste
- 125 teaspoon pepper, plus additional to taste

1 cup diced raw potatoes

2 tablespoons snipped parsley

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

4 cups milk

Brown meat in Dutch oven. Drain off fat.

Add onion and green pepper. Cook until vegetables are crisp-tender.

Stir in tomato juice, carrots, bouillon cube, season salt, salt and pepper.

Cover and simmer about 10 minutes.

Add potatoes and parsley. Cover and cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Blend flour with 1 cup of milk. Stir into soup.

Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Add remaining milk. Heat.

Season to taste with additional salt and

pepper.

Source: "Soup Recipes from the 1994 Wednesday Night Lenten Suppers at St. Michael & All Angels' Episcopal Church, Columbia"

#### MIXED BEAN SOUP

WITH CORNMEAL DUMPLINGS

(to 8 servings)

- 1 15 1/2-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15 1/2-ounce can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 15 1/2-ounce can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 14 1/2-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 16-ounce package frozen mixed vegetables
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 14 1/2-ounce can broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley

Combine ingredients in crock pot.

Cover and cook on low 8 to 10 hours (high 4 to 5 hours).

At end of cooking, turn crock pot to high and prepare dumplings.

For more recipes, see page C2.

soups range from potato soup and clam chowders to vegetable soups and pasta stew. The soups are served with bread or crackers and coffee or soft drinks.

"The meal is very simple, but that's the whole point of it — we're supposed to focus on being together, not on the meal itself," van Besien said.

Goldie Douglas, a parishioner at Our Lady of the Hills, has been making soup for the Friday night suppers for about eight years. Her contributions include a pasta-vegetable mix called Pasta Soup and cream of broccoli.

Douglas prepares her soup the night before, refrigerates it, then heats it up in crock pots about an hour before the Friday night suppers.

Cooking soup for a large group isn't a big deal, she said. The key is to have a good basic recipe, fresh ingredients, and an idea of whom your culinary audience will be.

"Seasoning is basically a pinch here and a pinch there," Douglas said. "Season your soup according to who you're cooking for. If it's for my family or people I know, I'll alter the seasonings according to our taste. But if not, I pretty much stick to the recipe."

Soup is a good Lenten meal because it's nourishing but not complicated, Douglas said.

"The focus during Lent is supposed to be on prayer and fellowship, and that's what we get at these meals," she said. "You've got something quick and simple that people can enjoy, but it's not so complicated that they're just focused on the food."

Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church outside Irmo, S.C., will hold special soup suppers each Friday during Lent after the Stations of the Cross. Each week,

members of a different church organization will contribute five or six pots of soup to the effort.

Organizer Jackie van Besien said the





# Artichoke appreciation requires hearty understanding

By Russ Parsons  
Los Angeles Times

Not too long ago my wife and I rented a house for the weekend in the seaside dunes north of Monterey, Calif. Out the front window all we could see was the ocean, seemingly just yards away. There wasn't a back window, but if there had been one, all we would've seen was a sea of artichokes—acres and acres of them.

The ocean was beautiful, of course. But I kept finding myself wondering what was going on out back.

For years, I've been fascinated by artichokes. And while I understand that my passion is not universal, I think that's more a function of other people not understanding how wonderful these vegetables truly are (as opposed to being just another of my food monomanias).

As I see it, the problem is one of preparation (the artichoke's, not the cook's). Most people's artichoke repertoire is limited to two recipes: boiled or steamed.

There is nothing wrong with either of those. I had a steamed artichoke just recently — my first in years, actually — and it was very nice indeed, especially with a little herbal mayonnaise in the center.

But there is more to the artichoke than a handy dip holder.

And with the last meal of our vacation coming up, it seemed the perfect opportunity to explore some of those possibilities. The friends with whom we were sharing the house were all wine pros, so there was going to be some pretty nice stuff served. Because of that, I thought it would be best to use the artichokes for appetizers, where they'd be paired with a really fresh Fino Sherry.

Restricting them to appetizers eliminated a couple of my favorite artichoke preparations. I like to braise them as a side dish (quarter, cook over medium heat in a covered pan with oil and water, garlic and parsley, until tender; remove the lid, turn up the heat and cook off the liquid until the artichokes begin to brown).

For the same reason, risotto and pasta dishes were out. I thought about doing some marinated artichokes, a spin on the old French la grecque technique, but since there would be some pickled fish as well (those amazing little Spanish baguettes), that seemed a little much.

For a while I was pretty excited about making one of those salads of shaved raw artichokes. Yeah! Yeah! That's the ticket! And for a mincing touch, I could serve it in a trio cup.

Despite my exuberance, I did recognize that raw artichokes are an acquired taste, so I made up a little sample of the salad to try on my wife.

She didn't like them. So it was back to the drawing board, but this time with the Parmesan chips stuck firmly in my mind. Well, I thought, if we're going to do one fried appetizer, why not two?

So I cleaned another couple of artichokes and cut one in quarters and one in eighths. I filled a pan with about an inch of olive oil, just enough to float the chokes. I drained the artichokes and patted them dry. Then just to make sure there was no water on the surface, I dusted them very lightly with flour, shaking them in a strainer to get rid of any excess. When the oil was hot, I dropped in a handful of the artichokes.

When the artichokes were well-browned, I retrieved them, patted them dry and sprinkled them with salt. The quartered chokes were good — crisp with a little crunch. The eighth-sized ones, however, were better, particularly for serving with the trio. They were practically weightless, the high heat of the frying having dried all the moisture. It was like taking a bite of crisp, artichoke-flavored air.

**MARINATED ARTICHOKE**  
2 onions 1/2 cup olive oil 2 pounds baby artichokes 1 carrot, thinly sliced 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced 1 teaspoon fennel seeds 1 teaspoon black peppercorns 1 1/2 teaspoons salt 2 bay leaves 2/3 cup white wine vinegar 2/3 cup white wine About 1 cup water

Slice the onions in 1/2-inch rings, keeping the rings whole as much as possible. Put them in a large skillet and cover them with the oil. Cook over low heat 15 minutes.

Pare the artichokes, leaving them whole and keeping them in a bowl of lemon water until ready to use.

Add the carrot and garlic to the onions, cover and cook over low heat until the onions are softened, 15 minutes more.

Add the artichokes to the skillet, cover and cook over low heat 5 minutes.

While the artichokes are cooking, combine the fennel seeds, peppercorns, salt, bay leaves, vinegar and wine in a small bowl. Pour the mixture over the artichokes in the skillet and add enough water so the liquid comes about 2/3 of the way up the sides of the artichokes. Cover and cook at a fast simmer until the artichokes are tender enough that a small sharp knife penetrates the base easily, about 20 minutes.

With a slotted spoon, remove the artichokes to a bowl. Increase the heat to high and cook until the liquid has reduced to a light syrup. You'll know it's done when the liquid barely covers the bottom of the pan and begins to stick slightly.

Pour the liquid over the veg-

## ARTICHOKE RECIPES

etables, cover tightly and refrigerate about 30 minutes or until ready to use. The artichokes are best served cool, or at room temperature.

Each serving: 237 calories; 498 milligrams sodium; 0 cholesterol; 14 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 25 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams protein; 3 grams fiber.

Total time: 1 1/2 hours; servings: 8.

### CREAM OF ARTICHOKE SOUP

4 medium artichokes about 2 pounds 1 small onion about 1/2 pound, diced 3 tablespoons olive oil 1 carrot, sliced 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 medium boiling potato about 1/2 pound, diced 1 teaspoon salt 4 cups chicken broth 1/4 cup whipping cream 2 egg yolks Parmesan chips or grated Parmesan, for serving, optional

Pare the artichokes. Cut into quarters and keep in a bowl of lemon water until ready to use.

Cook the onion and the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat until the onion begins to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the carrot, reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and continue cooking until the carrot has softened, another 5 to 10 minutes, being careful not to let the vegetables brown.

Add the garlic and the potato and cook another 5 minutes. While the vegetables are cooking, chop the artichoke quarters into 1/2-inch pieces and add them to the saucepan. Add the salt and cook, covered, 10 minutes to begin mashing the flavors.

Add the broth and bring the mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat

to medium low and cook until the vegetables are soft enough that you can smash them between your fingers, 25 to 30 minutes.

Transfer the soup mixture into a large mixing bowl and wipe the saucepan clean. Puree the soup in a blender on high speed until light and smooth, about 30 seconds. Do this in 3 additions to keep from overloading the blender. As each batch is pureed, pour it through a fine strainer into the saucepan. Stir the soup that's in the strainer to help it pass through. Return the saucepan to medium-low heat.

In a bowl, stir together the whipping cream and the egg yolks until smooth. When the puree has reached a simmer, spoon 1/2 cup of it into the cream mixture and whisk until smooth. This "temper" the egg yolks, cooking them slightly, so they won't curdle when added back to the saucepan.

Slowly whisk the cream-egg mixture back into the saucepan and continue to cook, whisking frequently, until the soup has thickened slightly and the texture has become silky, about 5 minutes. Do not let the soup boil or the eggs will curdle.

Ladle about 1/2 cup of hot soup into a small soup bowl and garnish with a crisp Parmesan chip or grated Parmesan in the center.

Each of 8 servings: 117 calories; 618 milligrams sodium; 36 milligrams cholesterol; 9 grams fat; 4 grams saturated fat; 13 grams carbohydrates; 5 grams protein; 2 grams fiber. Total time: 1 hour, 30 minutes; servings: 8 to 10.

## Here's how to pare an artichoke

Los Angeles Times

Set aside a large bowl filled with water and the juice of half a lemon for the artichokes; the lemon will keep them from discoloring. You probably will need two knives: one long and thin for doing the rough cutting and a smaller one for finishing.

Slowly turn the artichoke against the sharp edge of the knife while making an abbreviated sawing motion with the knife. (It's easier to control if you use the base of the knife rather than the tip.)

You will begin to cut through the tough outer leaves; when you can discern the natural cone shape of the artichoke, adjust the knife to follow it.

Keep trimming until you've cut away enough that you can see

only light green at the bases. Cut off the top half-inch of the stem and dip the artichoke into the lemon water. With the paring knife, trim away the very tip of the stem, then peel the stem and base going from the tip to the base. There should be no dark green tough spots left, only pale green and ivory. If you're leaving the artichoke whole, put it in the lemon water and repeat the instructions for the remaining artichokes.

For most recipes, you'll want to quarter the artichoke. Set the artichoke on the cutting board upside down, resting on the cut surface. Cut it in half vertically, then in half again. Check the choke. With babies, there probably will be just a little fuzz; if this is the case, put the quarters in the lemon water and go on to the next artichoke.

For medium and large artichokes, there will be what looks like very fine hair. Cut just below that to the very base of the leaves and it will pop off, leaving a clean hair.

Put the cleaned quarters in the lemon water and go on to the next artichoke.

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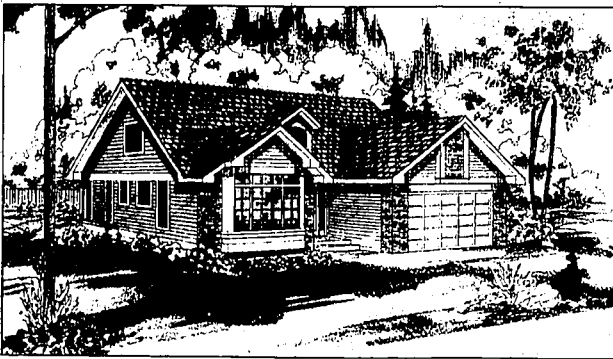
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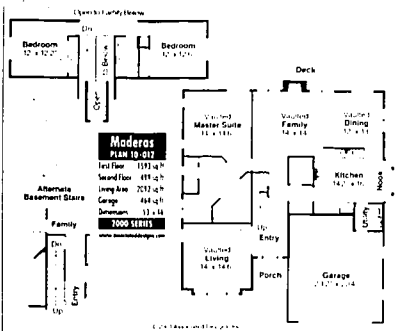
Vaulted ceilings in the entry, living room, dining room and master bedroom make the informal Maderas seem even more spacious. The living room is further expanded by a box-out window bay.

The large country kitchen is adjacent to the combination dining/family room, but it's not completely open. This arrangement keeps the kitchen messy out of sight until there is time to deal with them.

Other features include a sunny eating nook, a small pantry and a pass-through counter to the family room.

A small powder room is conveniently close to the kitchen, family room and entry. The utility room is also handy, tucked into a passageway between the two-car garage and the kitchen.

Amenities in the master suite include a huge walk-in closet, spa tub and a separate shower. French doors from the bedroom



open onto a wide deck.

Two good-size bedrooms and a bathroom nestle under the gable that runs the width of the Maderas. A raised bridge at the top of the stairs overlooks the family room, to the rear, and the entry hall of the front.

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## Upscale designed detergents buck trend

By Greg Morago  
The Hartford Courant

If you're one of those shoppers who thinks that all laundry detergents are the same, who buys whatever brand is on sale, who treats wash day like it's a chore, stop reading now. You won't like what comes next. It might make you foam at the mouth like a gallon of Tide in the heavy soil cycle. Why? Because laundry is no longer a household chore. Today's laundry-conscious folk now have dozens of luxury alternatives to the basic box of Biz. These stylish suds fit snugly come with designer labels and boutique packaging. And they're priced sometimes as much as 10 times more than the average jug of Purex.

So who's buying these radically priced rinsos? Plenty of people. The designer detergents can be found in the aisles of retailers such as Gracious Home, Restoration Hardware, Sephora, Nordstrom and Barney's. The panty-and-bra powerhouse Victoria's Secret has gotten in on the game

with its own pretty-in-pink laundry detergent and scented dryer sheets. Purveyors of good-smelling body and bath lines such as Caldrea, Thymes and L'Occitane have all branched out to include deluxe laundry room products.

Even the boutique fashion house Tocca went beyond its buttons and bows with a beauty line that includes a liquid laundry soap, which has become a cult favorite with celebrities.

"It's an alternative toward wearing a fragrance. It's a subtle, intimate way of wearing a fragrance. It gives it something super special," Silke Steinberg, Tocca beauty manager, said at the company's Laundry Debate soap. "You don't always want to smell the Tide scent."

Wanting to move beyond Tide and its ilk may be a contributing factor to the increased awareness of the laundry room. As brands branch out with upscale detergents and linen waters, scented water to spray on linens or use in steam ironing, the laundry room is also taking the high road.

Americans are investing in fancy washers and dryers, garment racks, professional laundry-sorting bins and upscale ironing instruments.

"The laundry room seems to be the new 'star' room of the house. First it was the kitchen, and then not too long ago all you read about was the bath. Now the laundry room is getting its turn," said Dave Glassman, spokesman for Restoration Hardware. "People have larger laundry rooms, with more sophisticated machines and products that relate to cleaning and such."

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## New gas water heaters require some homework

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What should I look for in an efficient model?

—JOAN W.

**DEAR JOAN:** Being the last one to shower in the morning and having the water get cold as you rinse is not a good start to any day. Until you install your new efficient gas water heater, install low-flow showerheads as a quick fix to stretch the hot water supply. They also save money.

There is a huge selection of gas water heater tank sizes, heat inputs and features and it can be confusing selecting the proper one for your family's needs and budget.

With today's gas prices, and they will surely increase over time, installing a new model can save up to \$100 annually.

The amount of hot water output by a water heater is represented by its First Hour Rating (FHR) in gallons. This number tells you how many gallons of hot water the heater can provide in one hour. Typically most showers, cooking and washing are done within an hour or so in the morning.

The FHR includes the hot water in the tank plus how much additional cold water the gas burners can heat in one hour. A larger tank has a greater FHR as does one with a bigger gas burner.

Determine how many gallons of hot water your family needs in the morning and get a water heater with that FHR.

Water heater efficiency is compared by Energy Factors (EF). The EF's of new models range



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This illustration of a super efficient gas water heater shows the insulation in the walls and how the incoming cold water swirls around inside the tank to increase heat transfer.

from about .50 to a high of .64. Since a larger water heater tank



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has more surface area than a smaller one, it loses more heat even with the same insulation thickness. Smaller ones often have higher EF's.

Design factors, such as dip tube, insulation and flue baffling, also impact the EF. An efficient dip tube causes the incoming cold water to swirl around inside the tank to increase the heat transfer from the gas burners.

Special baffling in the flue pipe, which runs up the center of the tank and is surrounded by water, also improves the heat transfer to the water. Thick injected foam insulation between the inner tank and the outer metal skin, keeps the water from losing its heat to the utility room or basement area.

For safety, some gas water heaters have burner designs that stop the flame should volatile vapors, from gasoline, solvents, etc., be drawn into the burner. All models will have this feature soon.

Write for instantly download - [www.fishedd.com](http://www.fishedd.com) 1 plate Bulletin No. 811 - buyer's guide of the seven most efficient gas water heater manufacturers (45 models) listing EF, FHR, insulation level, warranty, features, and stringpunchbook webshots. Please include \$1 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dudley, 6900 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Waiter, there are people on my plate

By Lori Sears  
The Baltimore Sun

Despite its name, there's nothing fishy about Fish Eddy. The popular New York store, which specializes in vintage and new dinnerware, glassware and mugs, has expanded onto the information superhighway. In addition to its three store locations, Fish Eddy is now online at [www.fishedd.com](http://www.fishedd.com).

Forget making it into Manhattan. You'll find it all, including designer Cynthia Rowley's People creamer, Handbag plate (\$24 each) and People plate (\$32), available on the Web site.

You must see the new Hula La-La glasses, engaging Ticker Tape platters, creamers and bowls, burner's Market mugs and array of vintage pieces, dating back to the 1940s. New York City-themed magnets, towels and aprons to complement the dinnerware, and

### Home notes

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### Website can assist you with yardcare questions

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answers your lawn-care questions, offers tips on landscape design, gives info on weed control and even tells you which tools to use when.

The innovative Web site also presents a "Source List" for visitors wishing to contact organizations - including the Lawn Institute and Natural Insect Control - for mail-order catalogs and direct information. The site features an A-Z glossary of yard-care terms, a "Tip of the Month" and information on products from the site sponsor, Toro.

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## There must be 50 ways to make lasagna

The Stamford Advocate

Making great lasagna requires talent and time, hard work and patience.

Every lasagna cook has a different recipe, an individual approach, a flourish here, a nuance there.

Most of us think of lasagna as an all-purpose, layered noodle casserole with tomato sauce and cheese, but I have learned how complex it can be.

"Paola makes it with hard-boiled eggs?" asks an astonished Rita Bellantoni, a Norwalk, Conn. resident and nail technician at Mr. Carmine's International Hair Forum in Stamford. She was referring to Stamford's Paola Mallozzi, a marriage and family therapist, who makes lasagna according to a recipe given to her by her husband's aunt in Minturno, Italy.

"My Mom makes it with ricotta

cheese. That's the Italian-American way. But Angelo (her husband) likes it the way it's made in Italy," Paola says. "In Italy, lasagna is not made with ricotta cheese."

In fact, in some parts of Italy, lasagna is not red at all, but is made with a white "besciamella" sauce and may include mushrooms or seafood. Or it is prepared with a pesto sauce.

Lena Connor, a homemaker from Stamford, says: "Since I

discovered the easy way to make lasagna, I cook it much more often. The easy way is not going to the bother of cooking the noodles, and I use the dry ones. I have a friend who is married to an Irish man and her mother-in-law told her to make the lasagna with raw noodles and then just cover the pan with the sauce and bake it and it worked. I thought she was crazy but I tried it, too. And it worked!"

### LASAGNA RECIPES

**HELMY'S (MORE OR LESS) CHEESE LASAGNA AL FORNO**  
 1 1/2 lbs. Italian style sausage, not in casing  
 3 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 3 cloves garlic, chopped  
 1 2-pound, 3-ounce can Italian style tomatoes in thick puree  
 8 ounces can tomato sauce  
 6 ounces can tomato paste  
 3/4 cup water  
 2 table-spoons chopped fresh basil  
 2 table-spoons chopped fresh parsley  
 1 table-spoon dried oregano  
 2 teaspoons salt or to taste  
 Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
 2 pounds ricotta cheese  
 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese  
 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
 1 cup chopped fresh parsley  
 15 lasagna noodles, about 3/4 pound

Fry the sausage in a large saucepan over moderate heat 8-10 minutes, breaking the meat up into little pieces, or until they are well-browned and crispy. Remove the meat and set it aside. Drain any fat from the pan and return the pan to the heat.

Pour in the olive oil. Add the onion and cook 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook another minute. Add the tomatoes with their puree, tomato sauce, tomato paste, water, basil, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Break up the tomatoes in the pan with a sturdy wooden spoon. Bring the sauce to a simmer and cook 1 1/2 hours, or until thickened.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the ricotta cheese with 1 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese and the parsley. Set aside.

Cook the noodles to "al dente," drain and set aside. Assemble lasagna as follows: Place about 1/2 p. sauce in the bottom of a 13-inch by 9-inch baking dish. Place five noodles on top, overlapping. Cover the noodles with half the cheese mixture and half the sauce. Add another layer of five noodles. Cover with remaining cheese and sauce. Pour half the tomato sauce on top and smooth evenly over the cheese. Cover with remaining five noodles. Top with remaining sauce. Sprinkle the remaining 2 cups mozzarella cheese on top. Finally, sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Bake for 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Makes 8-10 servings.

**PAOLA MALLOZZI'S LASAGNA**  
 Sauce  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 onion, finely chopped  
 1 medium ground beef  
 6 ounces white wine  
 228-ounce cans tomato sauce  
 2 fresh basil leaves  
 Salt to taste  
 Water, optional  
 Lasagna  
 8 hard-boiled eggs, peeled  
 1 pound mozzarella cheese

1 pound prosciutto "cotto"  
 2 pound imported dry Italian lasagna noodles  
 Grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil in a skillet over moderate heat. Add the onion and cook for 2-3 minutes to soften. Add the meat and cook until it has browned. Add wine and cook for 5-10 minutes. Add the tomato-sauce, basil leaves and salt to taste. Cook for 2 hours, adding some water if the sauce seems too thick.

Lasagna: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Chop the eggs into tiny pieces and set aside. Dice the mozzarella cheese and set aside. Chop the prosciutto into small pieces.

Cook the lasagna noodles in salted water and drain thoroughly.

Cover the bottom of a large rectangular pan with some of the sauce. Put a layer of lasagna pasta on top. Cover the noodles with sauce and sprinkle some of the eggs, mozzarella cheese and prosciutto on top. Top with Parmesan. Add another layer of noodles and repeat the layer until you reach the top of the pan; final layer is noodles topped with mozzarella and Parmesan cheese.

Bake 30-40 minutes. Let cool slightly and serve.

The following recipe does not give precise quantities, so go by instinct and eye; the amount of noodles depends on

the volume of the pan; the sauce should be enough for one pound of noodles. You can double quantities.

**MICHELLE CARLUCCI'S LASAGNA BY INSTINCT**  
 2 cans (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes  
 Fresh basil leaves  
 Salt and pepper  
 Onion powder, garlic powder to taste  
 Chopped fresh parsley  
 1 pound ground turkey  
 1 pound Italian style sausage not in casing  
 1 pound (approx.) lasagna noodles END  
 15 ounces ricotta cheese  
 8 ounces mozzarella cheese, grated

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## Gardens for Cutting

by Doris A. Black

As a passionate flower gardener, I enjoy bringing cuttings in the house where I can enjoy them even on rainy days. Selecting flowers specifically to be grown for cutting is really very simple. There are suitable flowers that can be grown in full sun, shade, dry soil or a combination of soil types. Annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs, ornamental grasses and even branches from trees can be grown for cutting. Foliage should be considered, too. Many plants have outstanding foliage and make wonderful bouquets all by themselves.

Your choice of plants for cutting is extensive and it may be difficult to decide which ones to choose. Choosing by color preference is one way to narrow the field. If red is your thing, you could plant an entirely red garden with a mixture of annuals and perennials. Choosing by the plant's individual characteristics is another. For example, you may want some spiky, vertical flowers like delphinium, some soft, fluffy ones like astilbe, some small, quaint ones like gongolria for filler and some trailing types like bleeding heart.

Once you've chosen your plants, follow good gardening guidelines to ensure a healthy crop of cut flowers. Most flowers should be cut when the bud

is partially open and showing color. They will open all the way once indoors. For flower types that feature clusters of small buds, cut the stem before all of the buds have opened. Some flowers will not open indoors, like zinnias, marigolds and chrysanthemums. Cut those only after the buds have fully opened. Invest in a good flower encyclopedia that will tell you when to cut which flowers.

When selecting a bud to cut, pick only the perfect ones and the ones with the longest stems. They will live longest in the vase and give you the most options for arranging. Take a vase of warm water out to the garden when cutting. Warm water is more readily absorbed by the freshly cut flowers than cold or hot water and will reduce stress. The best time to cut in the garden is in the early morning while there is still dew on the plants or late in the evening.

Any type of container can be used to show off your flowers-bowls, jugs, glass jars, baskets lined with plastic or antique teapots. Be inventive. Scour garage sales, antique malls or thrift shops for unusual ideas. By using flowers from your own garden, you will not only impress others but you'll impress yourself.



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## Rousseau: Great philosopher, lousy dad

The famed French philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau left each of his five children on the doorstep of a foundling home.

The better looking the woman, the happier she is, Indiana University investigators say their research proves that. What they don't say is which came first: Does pretty make for happy? Or does happy make for pretty? Ask the young lady at the next desk. If you think she wouldn't know, don't bring it up.

Killer whales have bad breath, too. Almost as bad as eagles'.

If you put a teaspoonful of vinegar into every quart of your dog's drinking water, that purp will get neither fleas nor ticks. Chemists insist it really works. And the dogs don't mind the taste.

Q: I've read near-sighted people test out smarter than people with 20-20 vision. How much



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smarter?

A: Seven points, average, on the IQ test.

That pink concrete lining the ancient Roman aqueducts was made with lime, pork fat and the milk of figs.

During a sixth of the life you've led so far, your heart has been stopped.

In Shakespeare's day, many a man starved his beard.

Victorians early in the 1800s put the kibosh not just on public nudity and blatant sex, but on anger, too. At least, on displays of

anger in the family. Children weren't supposed to fight. Nor couples argue. Loss of temper was bad, badder, badder. Everybody put the lid on it. Until from time to time it blew. That's when the word "tantrum" first came into popular usage.

When does middle age begin?

Not exactly at 40 or 50 or 60, says one authority, but whenever you start thinking less about how much time has passed and more about how much you have left.

Some seasoned burglars won't work on Fridays, I'm told. Too chancy. People come home early. Or don't even go in. Mainly, though, it's hard to get bail over the weekend.

The scholar Bertrand Russell posed this one to a group of eminent philosophers, and none could figure it out: In a certain village, where all the men are clean shaven, is a barber who

shaves only those who do not shave themselves. So who shaves the barber? Put this profoundly puzzling query to the fellow on the next stool.

He should say: Nobody shaves her.

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You receive proposals - business, partnership and marriage. A sudden change in attitude of one who formerly opposed you is surprising, may stir suspicion. Diplomacy wins.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): A good time to get on better terms with co-workers, those who supply special services. There is such a thing as "mutual need." Expression of appreciation long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What was treated as "a joke" could turn serious, including romantic involvement. A child figures in scenario. Good time to commit thoughts, ideas to paper; start a diary.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be involved in a real estate transaction. Determine true assets and debts of property. Plumbing, roofing may be below standard. In brief, don't buy, sell on speculation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You exude an air of showmanship, sex appeal. Short trips, visits on agenda. Written word assumes importance; good period to submit a manuscript, article to magazine. Love life "sizzles."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic affairs gain attention. You may consider a change of residence, marital status. However, plans could be more costly than first expected. Wait until a realm is budgeted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Men in your sign accents personality, the impression you make via wardrobe, and the use of cosmetics, perfumes. Some find you mysterious, glamorous. No need to destroy the illusion - keep 'em guessing!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What occurs in background areas can affect your future. Someone drops a "subtle hint" that is worth pursuing. Don't hide head in sand; take steps to safeguard

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your kind of day? You have a "message" to spread that can benefit many. Key is to avoid "preaching;" dispense good advice without appearing officious. Aries becomes your ally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A fresh start in business, career is not only possible, but long overdue. No need to be shy about executive abilities; imprint style.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emphasis on expanding horizons, increasing scope of knowledge. Good time to inquire about classes in languages, law and political science.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): There can be reason for celebra-

tion. Resolution of a knotty problem involving partnership, marriage or legal affairs tantamount to a "feather in your cap."

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## Teen tornado twists stepmom into knots

DEAR ABBY: My husband's teenage son, "Danny," recently came to live with us. His mother has remarried and moved 2,000 miles away. Danny will visit her for a month this summer. Danny is basically a good kid, gets good grades, and appears to be making some nice friends at school and in the neighborhood.

The problem is, he's messy and I'm a perfectionist. I try to ignore the dirty clothes strewn across his bedroom floor, the food wrappers, the wet towels in the tub, etc. Although my husband is talking to Danny about the mess and there has been slight improvement, I was raised differently. Abby, I often find myself getting furious with him.

Can you suggest some ways to channel my anger? Do you have any ideas?

-TINA IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TINA: You've already taken the most important step - recognizing your anger and what's triggering it. You want to avoid yelling at Danny or breaking things. Some suggestions: Walk away from the cause of your anger. Leave the room, leave the house if necessary, until you have regained control. Write a letter in which you express your feelings. You may never give that letter to Danny - in fact, you probably shouldn't - but you will feel 100 percent better once you have gotten it out of your system. Be sure to show your letter to your husband. He should know to what degree Danny's habits are affecting you. Leave the room, leave the house if necessary, until you have regained control. Write a letter in which you express your feelings. You may never give that letter to Danny - in fact, you probably shouldn't - but you will feel 100 percent better once you have gotten it out of your system. Be sure to show your letter to your husband. He should know to what degree Danny's habits are affecting you.

There are other healthy, acceptable ways to express anger. I have incorporated some of them in my booklet, "The Anger in All of Us, and How to Deal With It." It can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby - Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who believes in equality, but I seldom find it with the women I date. I work full time, cook, clean, wash clothes, iron, shop, etc. I don't believe there is such a thing as "woman's work." The women I know agree with this philosophy, but have a problem accepting that there is no such thing as "man's work" either.

I believe in equal pay for equal work - with which my dates agree. But when the concept of sharing expenses is proposed, my idea of "fairness" is not well received. I have been called cheap, biased, and even obscene names. What's a modern man to do?

-PUZZLED IN A SMALL STATE

DEAR PUZZLED: A modern man should take into consideration whether or not the women he's dating have approximately the same income he does. All things being equal, I subscribe to your philosophy. However, it shouldn't be set in concrete as you have stated it. If the lady doesn't take you to dinner, she might reciprocate in another way: cooking dinner for you, taking you to a movie, making a picnic for the beach or a ballgame.

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FOOD & HOME

# Risotto works as comfort food and more

By Patricia Rodriguez  
Knight Ridder News Service

When my mother was feeling nostalgic for The Hill, the Italian neighborhood in St. Louis where she grew up, she usually went into the kitchen. If she was just a little blue, we'd get spaghetti or ravioli for dinner that night. If it was a full-blown case of homesickness, one where she also played her Tony Bennett records and talked to herself in Italian, she'd make risotto.

Unlike pasta, which my mother could throw together with whatever was on hand and without thinking twice, making risotto took attention to detail, and, in the small farm town where we lived, some planning.

She had to have the right kind of rice — the chubby, short-grain rice called arborio, usually grown in northern Italy and, back then, available only in Italian import stores. She had to have enough time to make fresh chicken stock — canned wouldn't do.

She had to have the right spices and cheese — for classic risotto Milanese, the kind she always made, that meant saffron and a big chunk of Parmigiano-Reggiano. And mostly, she needed time and patience, enough to stand over the hot stove for 30 or 40 minutes, popping and stirring, pouring and stirring, then testing, until finally she pronounced the risotto just right.

These days, risotto may be on restaurant menus and supermarket shelves, in flavors as traditional as wild mushroom and as trendy as squid-ink and pomegranate, but there's really nothing trendy about risotto. As traditional as spaghetti in many parts of Italy, it's both comfort food and special occasion dish, able to stand on its own or pair perfectly with roasted meat, chicken or fish.

Risotto is very different in texture from dishes using long-grain rice, such as Asian fried rice or fluffy-dry pilafs. Just like pasta, risotto is supposed to be served "al dente" — each fat grain of rice cooked till barely soft outside, barely firm inside. A perfect risotto is rich and creamy, thick enough that it holds its shape on the plate and that each grain seems to melt into the next, and so full of fat and flavor that it seems to melt in your mouth.

In most risotto recipes, finely chopped onion is cooked in butter or oil for a combination of the two, then the raw rice is also cooked in the fat. Hot stock — chicken, beef, or fish — is slowly added to the rice, a small amount at a time, until the rice has absorbed at least three times its volume in liquid. During the cooking process, other flavoring ingredients are added, finally producing a rich mélange of thick rice grains held together by a creamy sauce.

Simple as it is, many home cooks shy away from even trying to make risotto, fearing the demands of time and technique. Cooking risotto is kind of like learning to ice-skate; the technique isn't difficult, but you will have to go through some trial and error till you get it right.

Instead, some intimidated cooks, resort to the instant risotto mixes that have hit the market en masse in recent years, or simply order it while dining out. Restaurant risotto can be excellent, but it's usually not like homemade. Few restaurants cook individual orders of the time-consuming dish; instead, most chefs partially cook the rice ahead of time, then finish it with specific flavorings and more stock, which are added when an order comes in.

At home, I've tried the instant mixes (mostly they were disappointing) and I've tried making it from scratch, with varying degrees of success. Unfortunately, my mother didn't give me her risotto recipe before she died, and because she never wrote down any of her recipes, I've never been quite able to duplicate it. But this

very basic recipe — taken from a cookbook she loved for other dishes — comes pretty close. With a pot of risotto on the stove and a little Tony Bennett in the CD changer, I almost feel like a kid again.

**RISOTTO ALLA MILANESE**  
Serves 6  
6 to 8 cups chicken broth (homemade if possible)  
5 tablespoons butter  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
2.5 cups arborio rice  
.75 cup dry white wine  
5 teaspoon saffron  
5 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano, freshly grated  
Pinch of salt  
Additional Parmigiano-Reggiano, grated  
Heat chicken broth in medium saucepan. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a large saucepan. When butter foams, add onion. Sauté over medium heat until pale yellow. Add rice and mix well.

When rice is coated with butter, add wine. Cook, stirring constantly, until wine has evaporated. Stir in one or two ladles of broth, or enough to cover rice, or enough to cover rice. Stir over medium heat until broth has been absorbed. Continue cooking and stirring rice, adding broth a little bit at a time, until rice is done, 15 to 20 minutes. Rice should be tender but firm to the bite. In a small bowl, dissolve saffron in a little hot broth and add to rice mixture. Stir in 5 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, pinch of salt and 1 tablespoon butter. Place in a warm dish. Serve immediately with the additional grated cheese.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 470 calories, 12 grams fat, 65 grams carbohydrates, 20 grams protein, 31 milligrams cholesterol, 778 milligrams sodium, 24 percent of calories from fat.



Oil-poached halibut is served on a risotto cake, surrounded by pink turnips, in a dish prepared by chef Greg Higgins at Higgins Restaurant in Portland, Ore.

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FOOD & HOME

# A rosier kind of flower care

The Washington Post

Thomas Mammion, a landscape designer in Arlington, Va., knows the way to get a client who wants a rose in a new landscape plan: "Oh, no, too busy. All that spraying."

The image is of grandmother's hybrid tea, a perfect flower for a large, upright in habit but prone to blackspot and other ailments. However, roses have come a long way in recent years. Their demanding reputation has forced breeders to develop roses that are much more disease resistant, as well as looser in habit and more at home mixed into a border of different plants.

Once this is pointed out, said Mammion, clients usually come to the idea. Indeed, the distinction between old and new is now widely understood among home gardeners, and is sparking a much-needed revival in the otherwise moribund rose world.

Plans are under way to propagate 200,000 roses of one variety alone over the next two years, said Susan McCoy, spokeswoman for its license holder, the Conard-Pyle Co., in West Grove, Pa. She is referring to Knock Out, a hot raspberry-red repeat bloomer that American gardeners have found virtually indestructible. Demand is so high the company has stopped promoting it.

For David Austin Roses Ltd., an English company known for its new retro roses — think the plant equivalent of DaimlerChrysler's PT Cruiser — catalog sales in the United States doubled 80 percent last year over 2001, said Michael Mammion, the company's technical manager.

David Austin Roses has built its reputation on roses that are pretty and fragrant but with a harder constitution than the old garden roses that go back centuries and predominate the hybrid tea era. In the past few years, company founder David C.H. Austin has really focused on disease resistance, mindful of the public's aversion these days to sprays, said Mammion.

For 2003, it is introducing what it claims is the toughest David Austin Rose to date, a variety named Mayflower. The rose is described as having a strong old rose fragrance and grows to four feet high and three feet across with very bushy shape and small matte green leaves.

It is among half a dozen new David Austin roses in the United States this year. Other offerings include a lighter pink, full-petaled and shallow-cupped variety named Alwick Castle, and two open-cup varieties with broad leaves, named a host of names. Mammion said the firm is not typically popular but is introduced regularly anyway because Austin values them. For 2003, gardeners will be able to get Mayflower, a pink rose with well-known, dramatic, a large shrub 3 to 4 feet and a distinctive scent of myrrh. The other is a yellow rose named Comtes de Champagne, smaller in habit with a fragrance described as honey and musk.

The company says Mayflower is "completely resistant to blackspot, powdery mildew and rust." This is based on long time trials in England and to a lesser extent continental Europe and the United States.

Disease often comes down to poor siting of roses. They need a position in full sun to little afternoon shade in high summer is fine, and in areas where an insect later feeds. Any diseased leaves should be picked and removed as they appear.

Mammion also pointed out that a healthy rose is a resistant rose. Good soil preparation before planting, and then a regime of feeding, mulching and watering — "basic gardening practices," he said — will pay dividends not just in healthier plants but ones that produce more flowers.

Conard-Pyle Roses is introducing eight new roses this spring, including the latest in its Carefree series of landscape roses. This year's addition is Carefree Mayvel, a low-growing plant, blooming rose suited to a ground cover. Mammion said he routinely uses other varieties,

including Carefree Wonder and Carefree Delight, as well as a longstanding Conard-Pyle shrub rose, the Fairy, with lots of small light pink blossoms. "Not only is it double, they are beautiful," he said.

Another new low-care variety is Cherry Parfait, a vigorous grandiflora selected for its abundant flowering and value in the mixed border.

This year's David Austin Roses catalog is available by calling 800.328.8893 or online at [www.davidaurinroses.com](http://www.davidaurinroses.com). The

catalog, which ships roses bare-root for early spring planting, is out of Mayflower stock, but it will be widely available this spring as a container plant at retail nurseries, said Mammion. Its container varieties are grown and distributed by the Hines Nurseries, a major supplier to retail nurseries nationwide.

Conard-Pyle is a wholesale grower but sells many varieties to the public online. Its Web site, [www.starroses.com](http://www.starroses.com), also gives details of where its roses can be purchased.

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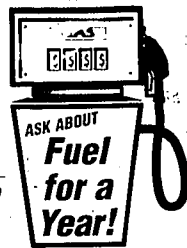
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

If we win our first two games, then we become the ultimate bracket buster.

—BYU athletic director Val Hall, on BYU having to switch regions to avoid playing on a Sunday

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

Utah State meets Kansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament Thursday. Which team leads the series, when was the last game and who won?

Answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school baseball**  
American Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.  
**High school softball**  
Buhl at Jerome (2), 3 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Burley, 4 p.m.  
**High school track**  
Gooding meet, 3 p.m.  
**High school tennis**  
Declo at Sugar Salem, 3 p.m.  
Burley at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Dixie men win; ladies lose at nationals

Defending NJCAA men's national basketball champion Dixie State College opened the 2003 national tournament with a 70-63 triumph over Three Rivers, Mo., Tuesday at the Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan.  
The Rebels (28-5) advance to play Scholcraft out of Michigan in the second round today at 5 p.m.  
The Dixie State women lost their opening round game, 71-66, to Midland, Texas Tuesday at the women's national tournament in Salina, Kan. Dixie faces Malcolm X College in a loser-out game today.

#### Mini-Cassia All Stars hold baseball try-outs

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia All Star try-outs for 9-12-year-olds will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the Burley baseball fields.  
For information for 11-12-year-olds, call Troy Wimmill at 678-5975 or 678-8917. Information for all other ages should call Darin Moon at 678-9212 or Bernie Bodenstein at 678-8392.

Ages 13-15 can sign up now for Babe Ruth baseball at Donnelley Sports, 1300 Overland Ave., Burley. For more information, call 677-4310. Registration deadline is April 10.

#### Dodge Rodeo comes to Pocatello today

POCATELLO — The 17th Annual Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo runs Wednesday through Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Among the 192 contestants are two defending All-Around winners, 12 world champions and three champions from past DCFER events. Some of the names include Lan LaJeunesse, Cody Hancock (former College of Southern Idaho cowboy), Fred Whitfield and Bobby More who will compete for \$425,000 in total prize money.

For ticket information, call (208) 282-3267 or (208) 233-1546.

#### Declo holds baseball sign-ups through Friday

DECLO — Registration for youth baseball through the Declo Recreation Association continues through Friday. Children entering kindergarten through eighth grade next fall are encouraged to sign up.  
Forms can be obtained at the Declo elementary and junior high schools. Registration costs \$10. Forms are to be returned to the schools. For more information, call Carol Irish at 654-6893.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Kansas leads the series 4-2, winning the last meeting 67-61 in 1969.

## CSI products make presence felt in NCAA tournament

Four former players, one former coach appear in field of 64

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For anyone who questions the prowess of College of Southern Idaho basketball, you need only turn to the NCAA tournament. Five former Golden Eagles will partake in the Big Dance beginning Thursday.

Four are players — Cardell Butler of Utah State, Blandon Ferguson of Illinois, Ricky Clemens at Missouri and Tony Bobbitt at Cincinnati — with the fifth being Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, CSI's first-ever head coach (1966-69).

Current CSI assistant Jay Cyriaque said the legacy of CSI players speaks for itself.

"It's good to watch them on TV. It's good for the school, it's good for the community, it's good for the

program," he said.

And it's one of the primary reasons CSI is able to recruit some of the nation's premier players year after year.

"No doubt," Cyriaque said. "One of our big things we've done is a thing called 'Eagles in the News.' It's a packet of news clips and positive things about (former) players. It's an impressive packet. Players see that and they realize (CSI) is a winning program."

Butler, whose free throws helped Utah State secure a berth to the tournament by winning the Big West Conference championship Saturday, said playing in the tournament is a dream come true.

"I never thought this would happen," he said. But it is, as the 15th-seeded Aggies were preparing to fly to Oklahoma City, Okla., for a West Region first-round matchup with perennial power No. 2 Kansas on Thursday.

"That's going to be a huge test for us," he said. "I'm excited. But we're going to come out and play

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## Living the dream

### 20 questions with Stanford freshman Clare Bodensteiner

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

A little more than a year after leading the Minico Spartans girls basketball team to a Class 5A consolation title at the state tournament, Bodensteiner has her eyes set a little higher.

Bodensteiner and the Cardinal (26-4 and seeded third in the West) are seeking a national title, beginning Saturday when they face 14th-seeded Western Michigan (20-11) at 9:30 p.m. on Stanford's campus. The game will be shown live on ESPN2.

Bodensteiner, who will write a weekly diary every Wednesday as long as the Cardinal remain in the tournament, played in 21 of the team's 30 games this season, averaging 2.4 points per game.

The Times-News played 20 questions with Bodensteiner Sunday evening after the brackets were announced.

T-N: What do you know about first-round opponent Western Michigan?

Bodensteiner: Coach said they played them a couple of years ago and they had a real good freshman post player. She'll be a junior now, so we'll need to stop her. They're from the (Mid-American Conference), so I assume they're the conference champs and should be really good.

T-N: What's been the highlight of your time at Stanford?

Bodensteiner: Oh, I don't know if there's one highlight. Just waking up every day where I'm at is a highlight.

T-N: How often does (Stanford coach Tara) VanDerveer remind you that you're not in Rupert, Idaho, anymore?

Bodensteiner: (Laughing) Every day. She'll bring it up at least every couple of days. She's



Stanford freshman and Minico High School graduate Clare Bodensteiner dribbles down court during a recent game. Bodensteiner, a reserve guard for the Cardinal, played in 21 of the team's 30 games this season.

joking but she likes to remind me of where I'm from.

T-N: What's the craziest thing you've done at Stanford?

Bodensteiner: We watch film of every game, and they'll show the bench during big plays and I've done some pretty crazy things

and everybody teases me about them.

T-N: Are you saying that just because your mom is going to read this article?

Bodensteiner: (Laughing) No, it's been pretty chill.

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## MLB cancels games in Japan

War concerns don't change NCAA schedule

The Washington Post

Sports organizations scrambled Tuesday to decide whether to proceed with games in the event of a war with Iraq, but only Major League Baseball announced a change of plans. The league cancelled its season-opening series in Japan next week between the Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners.

The NCAA tournament, NHL, NBA, PGA and the U.S. Alpine skiing championships said they were going ahead with their schedule.

"Given the uncertainty that now exists throughout the world, we believe the safest course of

action for the players involved and the many staff personnel who must work the games is to reschedule the opening series," Commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday. "It would be unfair and terribly unsettling for them to be half a world away from their families at this critical juncture."

Players' union executive director Donald Fehr agreed with the decision. "With world tensions so high, this is the prudent course of action," he said.

The Mariners and Athletics were scheduled to leave Phoenix by charter plane Wednesday morning to play exhibition games Saturday and Sunday against Japanese teams. They were to

open the regular season at the Tokyo Dome on March 25 and 26.

The two games are considered home games for the Athletics, and they have been rescheduled for April 3 and June 30, both at Oakland. Meantime, Opening Day for baseball will be March 30 in Anaheim, Calif., where the Angels will play the Texas Rangers.

"Fans will be disappointed," said Kunio Shimoda, a spokesman for the Japanese Baseball Commissioner's office in Tokyo.

Selig was on the phone throughout the day with the Bush administration, including the State Department, the FBI and other government agencies, in an

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## Asheville tops Texas Southern in play-in game

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Andre Smith scored 10 of his 28 points in overtime as North Carolina-Asheville, the only team in the NCAA tournament with a losing record, outlasted Texas Southern 92-84 Tuesday night in the play-in game.

The Bulldogs received a dubious prize for advancing — they must play top-seeded Texas in the first round of the South Regional on Friday in Birmingham, Ala.

That game will reunite Texas coach Rick Barnes and Asheville's Eddie Biedenbach, who gave Barnes his first coaching job when he was at Davidson in 1978.

Bryan McCullough added 15 points, Alex Krangel hit three second-half pointers and finished with 14 points, Ben McGonigal had 12 points and Joseph Barber 11 for Asheville, in the NCAA tournament for the first time.

The Bulldogs (15-16) are the unlikely of NCAA entrants. They ended the regular season with four consecutive losses before storming through the Big South postseason tournament 10 days ago.

They were just 1-14 on the road — granted, while playing heavyweights such as Kansas, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Connecticut — before their 30 run in the conference tournament.

Allan Lovett, who started his college career at Asheville, led Texas Southern (18-13) with 28 points and 14 rebounds. Ra'Kim Hollis, MVP of last weekend's Southwest Athletic Conference championship run, added 18 points and Lionel Willis had 17.

Texas Southern's fans got the wave going in a crowd of 7,711 at the University of Dayton Arena after the Tigers had taken a 51-45 in the first four minutes of the second half.

But the Tigers' wave didn't last. Nor did their lead. The line was a huge factor in the game, with Asheville hitting 17-of-26 and Texas Southern missing just 14-of-31.

"Those are pretty good jobs, too,"

Abel led the Huskies to their only three appearances at the state tournament the past three seasons but he is not leaving the cupboard bare for whoever takes the program over. The Huskies Bonnie Freestone, one of the premier players in the Magic Valley.

"I just don't think I have the energy to give the program what it deserves," Abel said.

Abel has heard of some people in the district who might be interested in the position.

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## Abel steps down as Hansen hoops coach

Veteran coach will stay on as principal

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Rick Abel is handing in his title as Hansen girls basketball coach and taking another: "I'll be the No. 1 fan of the Hansen girls basketball program next year."

Abel will stay on as the high school's principal.

"After 30 years as a basketball coach, I'm ready to be a dad and a husband and a principal," Abel





## SPORTS

## North Carolina bedevils DePaul

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — David Noel scored a season-high 21 points and Rashad McCants added 19 as North Carolina shot 64 percent in the second half to beat DePaul, 83-72.

The Tar Heels (18-15), playing in the NIT for the first time in 29 years, overcame a dismal final eight minutes of the first half to advance to play the winner of the Wyoming-Eastern Michigan game, which was postponed until Thursday because of a snow storm.

Noel, a 6-foot-6 freshman, was 10-for-13 from the field and added a season-high 11 rebounds.

North Carolina's trapping defense changed the game in the opening stages of the second half, fueling a 16-3 run in the first three minutes.

Sam Hoskin led DePaul with 24 points, while Andre Brown had 14 points and 16 rebounds.

## Boston College 90, Fairfield 78

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Troy Bell scored 28 points for Boston College. The Eagles (19-11), who advanced to play Temple, also got 19 points from Craig Smith and 18 points from Jermaine Watson.

Nick DeLillo scored 14 points and Terrence Todd added 13 points for Fairfield (19-12), which was attempting to end a 30-year victory drought in the postseason. The Stags' last win came in the 1973 NIT, when they defeated Marshall.

The Eagles shot 54 percent from the floor and outboarded the Stags, 39-32.

Boston College improved to 16-10 in the NIT, including 9-1 in first-round games.

## Siena 74, Villanova 59

ALBANY, N.Y. — Siena were down undermanned Villanova with 3-point shooting by Austin Andrews and Tommy Mitchell and pressure defense for a 74-59 victory in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Siena (20-10) will play the winner of a first-round game Wednesday between Illinois-Chicago and Western Michigan.

Again with only seven players available because of suspensions, Villanova led by as many as 10 points in the first half and was still even at 42 with 12:15 to play.

But Andrews hit a 3-pointer, Mitchell two free throws and Andrews another 3-pointer to put Siena up 50-42. After a free throw by Curtis Spenner, Siena's Prosper Karanga hit another 3-pointer to put the Saints ahead by 10.

Villanova never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

## Temple 68, Drexel 59

PHILADELPHIA — Alex Wesby had 20 points and nine rebounds as Temple defeated its local rival. Despite the fact that the teams are located six miles apart, they had not met since the NCAA tournament in 1994.



North Carolina's Jawad Williams dunks over DePaul's Andre Brown during their NIT game Tuesday in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Brian Polk and Maurice Collins each had 11 points and David Hawkins scored 10 points for the Tar Heels (16-15), who have won nine of 11 and will play Boston College in the next round.

Kenell Sanchez had 16 points for the Dragons (19-12).

last season, used a 12-1 run to begin the second half against the Volunteers (17-12).

Gerald Riley added 15 points and Victor Samrick had 11 for Georgetown.

Ron Slay, the Southeastern Conference's player of the year, finished his career at Tennessee with 17 points. Slay missed part of the second half to have treatment on his right calf, and Georgetown's advantage to push the lead back to eight with five minutes to go.

Slay returned after two minutes on the sidelines but couldn't jump-start the Vols.

## Georgetown 70, Tennessee 60

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Sweetney had 17 points and 14 rebounds and Ashanti Cook scored a career-high 16 points for Georgetown.

The Hoops (16-14), who declined an NIT bid

## BYU's Sunday rules cause bracket madness

## New York Daily News

The NCAA Selection Committee was forced to shake up the makeup of its tournament brackets Monday in an effort to rectify a disastrous mistake made when it placed BYU — a Mormon university whose church doctrine prohibits its athletic teams from playing on Sunday — in the South Regional, which plays its final Sunday, March 30.

If the 12th-seeded Cougars (23-8) win their first two games against 15th-seeded UConn and the winner of fourth-seeded Stanford and 13th-seeded San Diego in Spokane, Wash., they will be shipped to the Midwest, a Thursday-Saturday Regional, exchanging places with the winner of a pod that includes Wisconsin, Weber State, Dayton

and Tulsa.

BYU then would play the winner of the pod from Nashville — Kentucky, IUPUI, Oregon or Utah.

Every office pool in America must be freaked out about now.

"If we win our first two games, then we become the ultimate bracket buster," BYU athletic director Val Hale said Monday.

"Around here people are more upset about the No. 12 seed than they are this issue."

"It's not our fault," Van Hale said. "It's the committee's fault. They knew the rules. They just messed up. This is a big national story. I'm getting calls from all over the country."

There was some discussion about switching BYU with the 12th seed from the Midwest Region, Weber State, and Cham

ing the four first-round matchups. But Weber State was opposed to switching spots with an in-state rival because it favors playing Wisconsin in the first round over UConn.

Arizona AD Jim Livengood, the committee chairman, certainly must have eggs on his face.

He is a BYU graduate. "Brigham Young University has a longstanding policy that precludes playing on Sunday," Livengood said.

"The committee respects that policy and we discussed it during the meeting this morning. Unfortunately, the bracket that was released did not reflect that policy. This adjustment addresses the BYU situation while not adversely affecting that balance of the four regions," Livengood said in a statement.

## The BYU factor

BYU was placed in the South Regional, whose regional championship falls on Sunday, March 30.

The Mormon church doctrine prohibits its athletic teams from playing on Sunday.

If BYU wins its second game on Saturday, it will move to the Midwest Region, which has a Thursday-Saturday regional, March 27 and 29.

BYU would exchange places with the winner of that pod, which includes Wisconsin, Weber State, Dayton and Tulsa.

BYU then would play the winner of the pod from Nashville, either Kentucky, IUPUI, Oregon or Utah.

## 76ers 103, Heat 83

MIAMI — Allen Iverson scored 32 points and the Philadelphia 76ers improved to 15-2 since the All-Star break and kept pace with the Nets in the Atlantic Division.

Philadelphia shot 56 percent from the floor and never led by fewer than eight points in the second half.

## Timberwolves 96, Grizzlies 80

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett made eight consecutive field goals in the second half and finished with 29 points and 19 rebounds as the Timberwolves ended the Grizzlies' six-game winning streak.

Garnett, who shot just 5-for-15 in first half, was 9-of-11 in the second half as the Wolves beat the Grizzlies for the eighth consecutive time.

## Knicks 105, Spurs 97

SAN ANTONIO — Allan Houston scored 36 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter, as the New York Knicks defeated San Antonio 105-97 Tuesday night to snap the Spurs' six-game winning streak.

Houston was coming off a 50-point performance in his last game, a victory over the Bucks

## Bulls 103, Hawks 78

CHICAGO — Jalen Rose broke out of his scoring slump with 31 points, and Tyson Chandler had a double-double Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls routed the Atlanta Hawks 103-78.

## Bodensteiner

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T-N: How did cutting down the nets for the Pac-10 title compare to hoisting the 5A consolation title trophy a year ago?

Bodensteiner: They're just such different levels. But, thinking about it, I did about everything, so it's a lot different. The teams we beat (at Stanford) are some of the best teams in the country.

T-N: Your playing time has been limited this year. Be honest, how hard has that been going from being a mega-star?

Bodensteiner: It's the hardest thing I've had to deal with. But the girls in front of me are all great players, so I've just been keeping my head up. I try to do everything I can for the team, practicing absolutely as hard as I can.

T-N: What's been the biggest on-court adjustment you've had to make?

Bodensteiner: The speed of the game. Everything is so much faster. Even just bringing the ball up the court is hard at this level.

T-N: If you could give (Minnico senior) Whitney Martin one piece of advice as she gets ready to play Division I hoops for Boise State in the fall, what would it be?

Bodensteiner: I would tell her to be definitely work on her ball-handling. I thought I had — and I did have a pretty good high school handle — but that just can't be too strong at this level. And I would tell her to stay positive. She's not going to be able to do the same things she did in high school in college.

T-N: You had a 4.0 GPA at Minnico, how have your grades been at Stanford?

Bodensteiner: Well, I haven't dropped out yet. But I did get a C. I also got a couple of As, so I have around a 3.0.

## Tourney

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Kansas like we play everybody else. We just got to play a little harder."

Bobbitt, who left CSI last season, and Ferguson, who graduated in 2001, also find themselves in the West Region. Cincinnati plays Gonzaga in Salt Lake City on Thursday night. Ferguson and Big Ten champion Illinois meet Western Kentucky in Indianapolis.

They would have to win two games before potentially meeting March 27 at the West Regional in Anaheim, Calif., on March 27.

Illinois seems to have the better shot at advancing, having to get past the Hilltoppers and the winner of Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Cincinnati, however, could face the West's top seed in Arizona on Saturday, if the Beavers are fortunate enough to escape Gonzaga.

Clemson, the starting point guard at Mizoun, is also in Indianapolis as the No. 6 Tigers gear up for Southern Illinois in a Midwest Region first-round game.

Of the four former Golden Eagles, Cyrtie like Missouri's chances of advancing the furthest.

"Missouri has a chance to make some noise," he said. "Cinci is dangerous and Utah State will probably be one and out. Illinois has been inconsistent to me."

But the black-and-gold doesn't end there. Dean Browne, who played the 1998-99 season, is a member of Nevada, which is in the National Invitation Tournament and plays at Bobby Knight-coached Texas Tech on Wednesday.

Two former CSI women's players are in postseason tournaments, as well. Penn State's Melanie Croser is in the women's NCAA tournament and Montana State's Belinda Stubbs is in the women's NIT. Both players were sophomores last season at CSI.

However their seasons turn out will be the CSI alumni. Butler said his experience at CSI helped prepare him for the NCAA's.

"It helped me a lot. It got me ready for what I was going to see at the next level," he said. "It really doesn't matter as long as you're playing and having fun."

## Throw-ins

CSI sophomore Yakhouba Diawara will visit St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., this week. Diawara has already taken a recruiting visit to DePaul and plans on visiting Pepperdine, and Gonzaga before deciding where to play next season.

Jalson Williams' next stop

T-N: Has the in-class adjustment been easier or harder than the one on the court?

Bodensteiner: They're so different. ... The similarity is that if I get a B on the first paper, I want to get a B on the next and a B on the one after that. And I do the same on the court. I just want to get better every week.

T-N: What's been the most interesting class you've taken?

Bodensteiner: I'm taking an independent reading class studying women's health issues. We look at different issues every week. That's the most interesting class.

T-N: Have you declared a major yet? If so, what is it?

Bodensteiner: No, I'm taking freshman classes. I'll probably decide this summer.

T-N: Describe in one word the following: Coach VanDerVeer.

Bodensteiner: Hard of Eamer.

T-N: Maples Pavilion (where the Cardinal are undefeated this year and will play their first four games in the tourney) should they rest that lot?

Bodensteiner: Amazing.

T-N: You time at Minico.

Bodensteiner: Memorable.

T-N: Did you hear that Butler beat Minico this year and what was your reaction if you did?

Bodensteiner: I did hear that and I just thought, 'booh'.

T-N: Who's going to win it all?

Bodensteiner: Whoever works the hardest and wants it the most. It's not like UConn a year ago, which was such a big favorite. I think the field is wide open.

T-N: That was supposed to be an easy one. You were supposed to say the Stanford Cardinal.

Bodensteiner: (Laughing) We've just got to work hard. I think we've got the hardest region.

## CSI tourney ties

## ■ NCAA Tournament

Eddie Sutton, CSI coach 1966-69  
Osprey State coach



## CSI Class of 2002



Tony Bobbitt - Cincinnati junior



Ricky Clemens - Missouri junior



Cardell Butler - Utah State junior



Blandon Ferguson - Illinois senior



Dean Browne - CSI 1998-99 - Nevada



Melanie Croser - Penn State junior



Belinda Stubbs - Montana State junior



Whitney Martin - Boise State junior



Jalen Rose - Chicago Bulls



Allen Iverson - Philadelphia 76ers



Kevin Garnett - Minnesota Timberwolves



Tyson Chandler - Chicago Bulls

## Harpring, Malone, lift Jazz past Nuggets

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Matt Harpring scored 22 points and Karl Malone added 18 while collecting his 5,000th career assist as the Utah Jazz defeated the Denver Nuggets 99-81 Tuesday night.

Harpring shot 9-of-11, including three 3-pointers, as Utah led by double digits for almost all of the final three quarters. It was Utah's first game at home after a five-game road trip.

Malone, who was one rebound shy of his first triple-double since 1999 the last time he played Denver, sat the last 10:20 but still finished with nine assists, six rebounds and five steals.

His pass to Andre Kirilenko cutting to the basket for a dunk early in the fourth quarter was the 5,000th assist of his 17-year career. The Jazz registered assists on 29 of their 35 field goals.

Juwan Howard led Denver with 16 points, Rodney White scored 12 and Nene Hilario also had 12 before fouling out late in the game.

## Nets 87, Celtics 74

BOSTON — Richard Jefferson matched his career-high with 27 points and the New Jersey Nets beat the Boston Celtics for the second time in six days, 87-74 Tuesday night.

Boston missed a chance to move one game behind first-place New Jersey in the Atlantic Division. Philadelphia is in second place.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 23 points before spraining his left ankle with seven seconds left in the third quarter. The injury did not appear serious, and with the Nets holding a big lead, Pierce spent the rest of the game on the bench.

## Pistons 94, Wizards 90, OT

WASHINGTON — Richard Hamilton damaged his former team's playoff prospects by scoring six of his 16 points in overtime.

Hamilton, who shot just 4-of-12 in regulation, was 3-of-5 in the extra period, including three straight jumpers that gave the Pistons a four-point lead. He and Chauncey Billups, who sealed the game with a high-arcing layup in traffic with 13 seconds left, accounted for nine of 10 Detroit's overtime points.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 28 points and Michael Jordan had 23 for the Wizards, who fell back into a tie with Milwaukee for eighth place in the Eastern Conference. They now leave for a six-game West Coast road trip.

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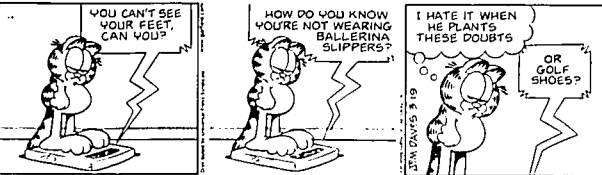
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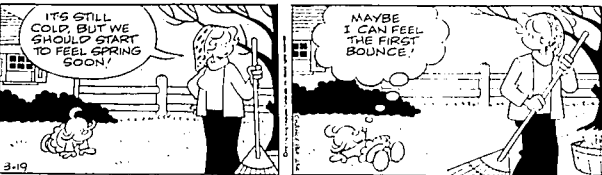
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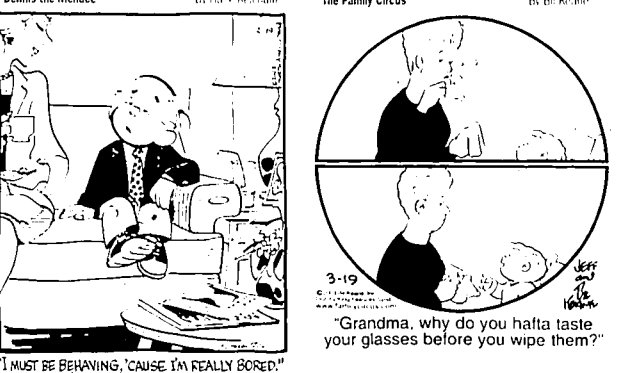


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## NATION/WORLD

# China's new leaders stress economic reform

**BEIJING** — Laying out ambitious goals, China's new leaders vowed Tuesday to spur reform in Asia's fastest-growing economy and spread the benefits to the poor — but gave no hint of intentions to open the one-party communist system.

"China's development is at a new historical starting point," declared President Hu Jintao in a speech to the country's legislature broadcast nationwide on live television.

In their first public comments since being named to their posts this weekend, Hu and new Premier Wen Jiabao committed themselves to the Communist Party's increasingly capitalist economic outlook. The government must achieve the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation," Hu said.

The elevation of Hu and Wen, both 60, culminated a long-planned handover of power to a younger generation that was China's first orderly succession in the communist era. President Jiang Zemin has stayed on as chairman of a key military commission, giving him continuing influence.

## Nation/World In brief

The gas caused severe brain damage that led him to kill. The issue was not raised at Jones' trial because he became aware of the exposure only afterward.

### Iowa teen, hiding rifle, shoots himself in school

**GUTTENBERG, Iowa** — A troubled high school senior, hiding a rifle under his coat, went to the principal's office and shot himself in the abdomen, police said.

Richard F. Hubbard III, 17, was in stable condition Tuesday at University Hospitals in Iowa City, and was expected to recover from the wound.

According to police Chief George Morice, Hubbard went into Clayton Ridge High School principal James Whalen's office Monday afternoon. He thanked the principal for listening to his problems, but said he'd reached a point where talking would no longer help, Morice said.

The teen then removed a .22-caliber rifle hidden under his coat and shot himself. Whalen was not injured.

### Serb lawmakers select new official; more arrests

**BELGRADE** — Serbia's parliament elected a close associate of assassinated Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic to succeed him Tuesday, and the country's new leader promised to continue pro-western economic reforms.

Risan Djokovic, a leading official in the ruling Democratic Party, won the parliamentary vote 128-100, with three lawmakers abstaining. The other 19 lawmakers in the 250-seat parliament were absent.

Djokovic promptly pledged to continue Djindjic's reforms, fight the underworld and bring war crimes suspects to justice.

Meanwhile, Serbian police continued to hunt for Djindjic's killers, arresting two key suspects and seizing weapons in the home of a slain underworld boss, the government announced Tuesday.

### Palestinian parliament OKs prime minister's measure

**JERUSALEM** — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed legislation Tuesday creating the position of prime minister in a major step toward U.S.-sought reforms.

Arafat is expected to offer the job to the No. 2 leader in the PLO, Mahmoud Abbas, a moderate who has spoken out against the armed uprising against Israel. He is the candidate favored by the United States and Israel.

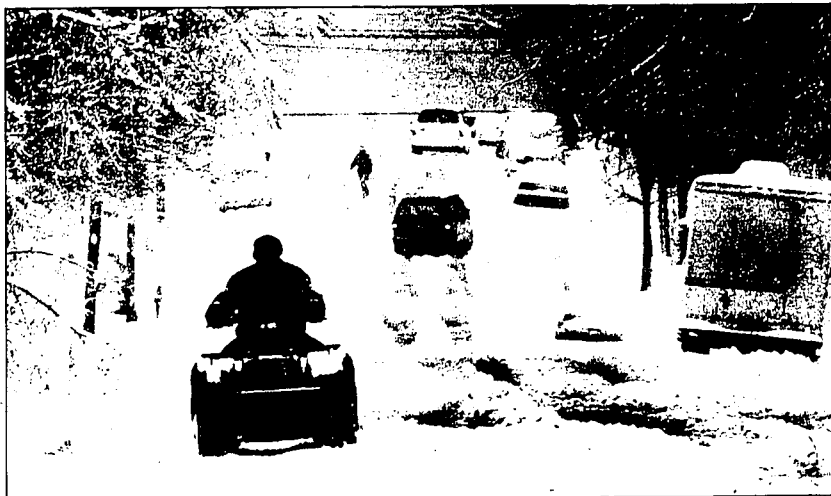
Arafat signed the legislation hours after ballots were cast.

"It's the beginning of a transition — it is certainly a turning point and a qualitative shift in the political culture," legislator Hanan Ashrawi said. "Now we have power-sharing that is clearly spelled out."

Arafat has been warring with the increasingly assertive parliament over giving some of his sweeping powers to a prime minister and reluctantly agreed to create the new position under international pressure.

But even with the reforms, Arafat will retain control over security forces and peace talks with Israel.

— compiled from wire reports



Tommy Antonopoulos drives his four-wheeler through the snow Tuesday morning in Aurora, Colo., to check up on his father, George Antonopoulos.

# Storm pounds Colorado, Wyoming

**CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)** — A blizzard paralyzed southeastern Wyoming on Tuesday, shutting down state government and hundreds of miles of highway with low visibility and snowdrifts up to 5 feet high.

Drifts more than twice that high were reported in the Colorado mountains, and United Airlines canceled all of its flights at Denver International Airport.

Both states needed the moisture after months of drought conditions.

Residents were advised not to travel in Cheyenne, where the wind-driven snow piled into deep drifts and forced all state offices, schools and the U.S. Postal Service to close. F.E. Warren Air Force Base at Cheyenne was

closed to all but essential personnel.

The storm shut down a 150-mile stretch of Interstate 80 and a 70-mile stretch of Interstate 25, as well as a 130-mile section of Interstate 90 in northeast Wyoming.

Only one road was open into Laramie, but it was recommended only for essential travel.

Blowing snow and slippery pavement also closed sections of Interstate 25 in northeast Colorado and I-70 west of Denver, the Colorado State Patrol said.

Winter storm warnings were posted for much of Wyoming as the storm was expected to drop a foot or more of additional snow in the Cheyenne area and several

feet of snow in mountain areas of southeast, central and northern Wyoming.

Four- and 5-foot drifts already were reported Tuesday in southeast Wyoming and the Cheyenne area could easily receive an additional 18 inches of snow by Wednesday, said Bill Parker, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

In Colorado, drifts up to 12 feet high were reported in the foothills southwest of Denver near Conifer, the weather service said.

Avalanche warnings were issued for Colorado mountain areas where up to 29 inches of snow fell and Loveland Pass was closed by an avalanche.

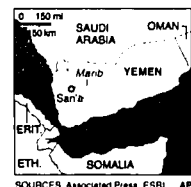
About 200 trucks were stuck

at the Sapp Bros. truck stop along I-80 in Cheyenne. The truck stop's motel was full of drivers and others spent the night in their trucks or the restaurant, said manager Glenn Wallace.

Trucker Jack Hatt of Bristow, Neb., said he figured he was stuck at the truck stop until Wednesday.

"I knew about the storm but we didn't think it was going to be this bad," he said.

Despite the problems, the snow was welcomed in the drought-parched region. Last year was Colorado's driest on record, and the mountain snowpack — which accounts for four-fifths of the water in that state's lakes and rivers — stood at about 85 percent of average last week.



## American, Canadian die in Yemen shooting

**SANA'A, Yemen** — A Yemeni man fatally shot three oil workers Tuesday, including an American, and wounded a fourth before shooting himself dead, according to oil workers and a U.S. diplomat.

The attack took place in an oil field in the oil-rich northern province of Marib, about 100 miles northwest of the Yemeni capital Sana'a, tribesmen and oil workers said on condition of anonymity. Both Westerners worked at a Hunt Oil Co. rig, and were shot while working in the field.

The motive for the attack was unclear. Gun violence is not unusual in the largely lawless tribal areas of Yemen, but the country also has been the scene of several Islamic militant attacks on Western targets in recent years.

## Gulf War vet executed for killing fellow soldier

**TERRE HAUTE, Ind.** — A decorated Gulf War veteran who claimed his exposure to Iraqi nerve gas caused him to rape and kill a female soldier was executed by injection Tuesday.

Louis Jones Jr., 33, died by injection at the U.S. Penitentiary near Terre Haute after President Bush and the U.S. Supreme Court refused his two final requests that they stay his execution.

Jones, who had no previous criminal record, admitted kidnapping 19-year-old Pvt. Tracie Joy McBride from a Texas Air Force base, raping her and beating her to death with a tire iron.

His attorneys said exposure to

# Doctors make progress in mystery illness probe

The Associated Press

Doctors searching for the source of the mysterious flu-like illness spread from Asia said Tuesday that some victims appear to be infected with a virus group that causes measles and some diseases in animals.

Specialists at the Institute for Medical Virology at Frankfurt University in Germany said samples from two people there resemble a paramyxovirus, the family of microbes that causes measles, mumps and canine distemper. There is no treatment for that "virus group."

The finding is the first potential clue to emerge in the three weeks since the illness, called "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS, came to the attention of health experts.

The disease, first described as a new form of pneumonia, has sickened 219 people worldwide in the past few weeks. A total of nine people have died — five of those in China from an outbreak months ago.

Most of the illnesses have been health workers in Singapore,

Hong Kong and Vietnam. A few probable cases have turned up in England, Taiwan and Slovenia. Unconfirmed cases were being investigated in many other places, including the United States.

The World Health Organization, which is coordinating the disease investigation, is taking the paramyxovirus theory seriously, but officials say it's too early to draw conclusions.

"It's in two specimens and it's not been confirmed anywhere else," said Dr. David Heymann, WHO's communicable diseases chief. "It's really premature to put out something like this because it will automatically make everybody who's dealing with patients try to alter their therapies, and it may be altering them in the wrong way if this is not confirmed."

Heymann said other labs around the world are now looking to see if they can find the same thing in their samples.

Dr. Wolfgang Preiser, a consultant virologist at Frankfurt University Hospital, also urged caution over his group's findings.

## CDC investigating mysterious illness

Federal health officials said Sunday they are analyzing samples from a mysterious pneumonia-like illness that has afflicted more than 150 people in seven countries and caused nine deaths.

**Canada** — Seven cases reported from two family clusters, each with at least one family member who had traveled to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

**Hanoi, Viet Nam** — First case reported on Feb. 26. Patient died on March 13 after being transferred to Hong Kong S.A.R.

**Hong Kong S.A.R.** — On March 12, twenty health care workers developed symptoms.

**Frankfurt, Germany** — One case reported on March 11 who had recently returned from Hanoi, Viet Nam.

**Thailand** — One case reported on March 11 who had recently traveled to Hong Kong S.A.R.

**Singapore** — On March 13, three cases reported in people who had recently traveled to Hong Kong S.A.R.

**Philippines** — Unconfirmed report on March 15 of a person who had close contact with the first case.

Note: All figures as of March 15.

SOURCES: World Health Organization, Associated Press

# Jury finds anti-abortion extremist guilty of slaying abortion provider

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — An anti-abortion extremist was convicted of second-degree murder Tuesday in the 1998 sniper slaying of an abortion doctor after an unusual trial in which no jury was used and both sides agreed the defendant fired the fatal shot.

James Kopp, 48, had waived a jury trial in favor of much shorter proceedings in which the judge issued a verdict based on a list of facts agreed to by the prosecution and defense.

After the verdict was read, Kopp, who was wearing a bullet-proof vest, smiled at his attorney. "Jim and I were disappointed by the verdict but not shocked by it," said his lawyer, Bruce Barkett. An appeal was planned.

Kopp was found guilty of intentionally killing Dr. Barnett Slepian, 52, who was struck by a single bullet fired from a high-powered rifle through a window of his suburban Amherst home.



James Kopp in court Tuesday

Kopp had claimed he had intended only to wound Slepian to prevent him from performing abortions.

Shortly after the shooting, Kopp fled to Mexico and then

Ireland and was one of the FBI's most-wanted fugitives until his capture in France in 2001.

Slepian's widow, Lynne, watched from the front row as Judge Michael D'Amico issued the verdict, a day after he heard the case in a single court session.

At sentencing, set for May 9, Kopp faces a minimum of 15 years to life and a maximum of 25 years to life. Erie County District Attorney Frank Clark said his office would seek "not a day less" than the maximum.

Abortion-rights supporters applauded the guilty verdict.

Betsy McDonald, one of a few Kopp supporters at the trial, said justice was not served. "I can't say I'm surprised but certainly I'm disappointed that Jim did not get justice," she said. "Because what he did was justifiable. It was an emergency measure to prevent the killing of innocent human beings."

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July	9.80	9.90	9.70	9.80	+0.00
Sept.	9.70	9.80	9.60	9.70	+0.00
Nov.	9.60	9.70	9.50	9.60	+0.00
Jan.	9.50	9.60	9.40	9.50	+0.00
Mar.	9.40	9.50	9.30	9.40	+0.00
May	9.30	9.40	9.20	9.30	+0.00
July	9.20	9.30	9.10	9.20	+0.00
Sept.	9.10	9.20	9.00	9.10	+0.00
Nov.	9.00	9.10	8.90	9.00	+0.00
Jan.	8.90	9.00	8.80	8.90	+0.00
Mar.	8.80	8.90	8.70	8.80	+0.00
May	8.70	8.80	8.60	8.70	+0.00
July	8.60	8.70	8.50	8.60	+0.00
Sept.	8.50	8.60	8.40	8.50	+0.00
Nov.	8.40	8.50	8.30	8.40	+0.00
Jan.	8.30	8.40	8.20	8.30	+0.00
Mar.	8.20	8.30	8.10	8.20	+0.00
May	8.10	8.20	8.00	8.10	+0.00
July	8.00	8.10	7.90	8.00	+0.00
Sept.	7.90	8.00	7.80	7.90	+0.00
Nov.	7.80	7.90	7.70	7.80	+0.00
Jan.	7.70	7.80	7.60	7.70	+0.00
Mar.	7.60	7.70	7.50	7.60	+0.00
May	7.50	7.60	7.40	7.50	+0.00
July	7.40	7.50	7.30	7.40	+0.00
Sept.	7.30	7.40	7.20	7.30	+0.00
Nov.	7.20	7.30	7.10	7.20	+0.00
Jan.	7.10	7.20	7.00	7.10	+0.00
Mar.	7.00	7.10	6.90	7.00	+0.00
May	6.90	7.00	6.80	6.90	+0.00
July	6.80	6.90	6.70	6.80	+0.00
Sept.	6.70	6.80	6.60	6.70	+0.00
Nov.	6.60	6.70	6.50	6.60	+0.00
Jan.	6.50	6.60	6.40	6.50	+0.00
Mar.	6.40	6.50	6.30	6.40	+0.00
May	6.30	6.40	6.20	6.30	+0.00
July	6.20	6.30	6.10	6.20	+0.00
Sept.	6.10	6.20	6.00	6.10	+0.00
Nov.	6.00	6.10	5.90	6.00	+0.00
Jan.	5.90	6.00	5.80	5.90	+0.00
Mar.	5.80	5.90	5.70	5.80	+0.00
May	5.70	5.80	5.60	5.70	+

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## DISCUSSION

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## FOSSIL FUELS

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2020	10.10	10.10	0.00
2021	10.10	10.10	0.00
2022	10.10	10.10	0.00
2023	10.10	10.10	0.00
2024	10.10	10.10	0.00</

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of new housing projects builders broke ground on in February plunged by 11 percent, the sharpest decline in nearly a decade, as bad weather and an uncertain economic climate took its toll on the residential construction market.

## Rosen

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- **Pay at least the minimum amount due every month to keep your account in good standing.** Pay more than the minimum and you'll reduce the interest

- **Avoid late payments.** If you miss a due date, you may be charged a late fee. Send your payment five to seven days before the due date, even if you use online banking.

- **Don't exceed your credit limit.** If you do, a fee may be assessed.
- **Use cash advances only to meet emergencies.** Money borrowed

Ultimately, the best way for a kid to deal with lending requests is to just say "no" the first time. Of course, that's often easier said

But always remember another old saying: Never give away or loan any money if you can't afford to lose it.

College students descending  
on sunny beaches, ski slopes or  
other destinations over spring  
break should consider these tips

## Building

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must Kelly K. Matthews said. December's extraordinary gain pulled up the year-to-date total from a 4.8 percent drop over 11 months to just a 1.3 percent decline for the full year. That's the third smallest loss since the mid-1990s, when the index peaked. The 2002 total of \$2.074 billion, down 1.3 percent from 2001, followed 2001's modest 0.6 percent decline, and statewide gains of 4.6 percent in 2000, 7.4 percent in 1999 and 8.4 percent in 1998.

Matthews said authorized building permit construction in

## Something missing?

## Something missing?

**W**e are able to customize our research reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us and we'll try to include it. Please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

## MUTUAL FUNDS

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Seventh-grade students at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls are honored by their teachers weekly. Students of the week for February were, from back row: Jonn Stacom, John Nguyen, Lara Jackson, Kamellia Doltschek and Kathy Kayaphone; second row: Adam Kolejchik-Kotch, Kyle Hymas, Craig Craig and Whitney Kossman; front: Neil Parkinson, Jyle Little and Natasha Brown.

Israel needs devoted family

Israel is a happy 2-year-old who is always on the go. He is a sensitive child who likes to be held and reassured. He has reached many developmental milestones, including walking, babbling and saying, "mama" and "dada." Because he has received quality care, stability and consistency, it is hoped he will continue to blossom developmentally.

His brother, Christian, feels close to Israel, and is showing a protective, big brother attitude when they are together. This is an important bond for both children and must be maintained. Both brothers need a family that will be equally devoted and able to meet their individual needs.

Family needs: Chris and Israel need a structured environment with consistent rules and consequences. Home studies should reflect a experience in dealing with future challenges arising from possible exposure in the womb to alcohol or drugs. Until neurological impairment, developmental delays or fetal alcohol effects are ruled out,

Wednesday's Child



Israel Age 2

parents must have a plan for addressing these very real possibilities.

Christian and Israel are available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho Careline, 1-800-926-2588.

CARES, Safe Kids groups host Spring Tea

TWIN FALLS - Children At Risk Evaluation Services and the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition will host their annual Spring Tea at 2 p.m. April 5 at the United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

The tea will be served in the English tradition, and include assorted finger sandwiches, soups and sweets. Camerata, a string ensemble from Twin Falls High School, will perform. An auction of handmade quilts and quilted items donated by local artists also will be held.

Tickets are \$20, and available at The Little Red Hen in the Magic Valley Mall, the cashier's office on the first floor of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, or by calling CARES at 737-2600 or Safe Kids Coalition at 737-2433. Seating is limited, so advance ticket purchases is required.

CARES is a medical and forensic evaluation service for children with alleged physical and sexual abuse.

The Safe Kids Coalition is an affiliated program of Magic Valley Regional. Its mission is to prevent unintentional childhood injuries.

For more information, go to the Web site [www.mvrcm.com](http://www.mvrcm.com) or call the hospital at 737-2000.

M.V. Chapter Harley Owners Group will meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter Harley Owners Group (HOG) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snake Harley Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Members will discuss the ride schedule for this summer season. Membership applications will be available.

Highlights of the Magic Valley Motorcyclist Show will be discussed, and the toy child's motorcycle will be presented to the winner of the drawing at the mall show.

Dinner will be ordered in duration of the ride. For more information, call Gary at 423-6743 or Helen at 424-8526.

Raft River High School rodeo team holds fund-raiser

MALTA - The Raft River High School rodeo team will hold its sixth annual fund-raiser and auction beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at the Desert Dog Cafe in Malta.

Dinner and jackpot dummy roping will start at 5 p.m. with the auction at 6 p.m. Nick Burfee will serve as auctioneer. The event will include door prizes, cowboy poetry and a raffle of unique western items and tack. There also will be a stallion service and handline quilts and quilted items donated by local artists also will be held.

The public is invited. Money raised will help the team members with entry fees, buckle money and year-end awards.

For more information or to donate items for auction, call Toyota Hutchinson at 312-2471.

Pinochle party takes place at Masonic Lodge

PAUL - A pinochle party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 114 E. Idaho St. in Paul. Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m., and cards start at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Arthritis Foundation sponsors six-week workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Arthritis Foundation will sponsor a six-week workshop on arthritis from 6:30 a.m. April 2 through May 7 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The Arthritis Self-Help Course is designed to teach those with arthritis the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to take a more active part in their care. Topics include facts about arthritis, exercise, nutrition, relaxation techniques, stress and pain management, communicating more effectively with the health team and treatment options.

Registration is required, and seats are limited. The workshop fee is \$40 which includes the book. For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-444-9993 or go to the Web site [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

CSI offers kinesiology class starting next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer an "Introduction to Kinesiology" class from 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 through May 14 in Shelds Room 113 on the CSI campus.

The cost is \$50. The class is designed to teach people a natural way of healing their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health, organizers say. Students will learn muscle response testing (kinesiology), an introduction to herbs and oils (herbalology) and aromatherapy, the body's pressure points (acupressure) and how to influence the healing process.

For more information or to register, call 724-2940 or 724-2588.

Hansen School District holds parent-teacher conferences

HANSEN - The Hansen School District will hold parent-teacher conferences from 6:30 p.m. today and Thursday.

Conference times for parents of elementary students will be 6:30 p.m. today. High school teachers will be available during the designated times.

For more information, call 421-5594 or 421-5577.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its winners for March 14.

North-South: First, Howard and Mary Tucker; second, Max Thompson and Robert Burton and third, Al and Lois Vrehan.

East-West: First, Robert Plankley and Linné Anderson; second, Jack and Beverly Reed and third, Beverly Reed and Jeanne McComb.

Retirements were set off. The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 285 Fifth Ave. W.

Jerome Senior Center holds potato bar fund-raiser

JEROME - The Jerome Senior Center will hold a potato bar fund-raiser.

Center will hold potato bar fund-raiser from 5:30 p.m. Friday at the center, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome.

The cost is \$5 per person.

For more information, call the center at 324-5612.

German cooking class takes place at Twin Falls store

TWIN FALLS - "German Classics" will be taught by Jake and Jane Rice at 7 p.m. March 26 at Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The Rice's will demonstrate how to prepare German dumplings, delectable warm German potato salad, red cabbage and sauerbraten.

The couple has done catering, been guest chefs, and will open a "German dinner" inn in Hagerman.

The cost is \$30. Class space is limited, and tuition must be paid in full or the reservation cannot be guaranteed.

For more information, call 733-3477.

Idaho Arts Archives contest will feature Idaho poets

ELLER - The Idaho Arts Archives and Research Center is accepting entries for a competition that will feature the best of Idaho poets.

Winners will receive more than \$200 in prize money, plus an opportunity to be published in an Idaho Book of Poetry.

To be eligible, poets must be age 18 or older, and their entries cannot contain expletives. There is no fee to enter.

Entries must amount up to three unpublshd poems of no more than 30 lines in length on any subject.

Entries must be typed, double spaced and have the author's name, address and phone number on the top line.

Entries should be mailed to: Mary Holley, Chairman of the Poetry Contest, Elder Public Library, 219 Main St., Eller, ID 82425. May 31.

For more information, call 426-4113.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Black Lake - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Westmont in Black Lake.

Burley - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Burley's Inn Convention center, call Burley at 528-2000.

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# Soldiers wage private battles

Troops are nervous, but ready to carry out their mission

By Drew Brown  
Knight Ridder News Service

**ASSEMBLY AREA BAKER, Kuwait** — If you ask an infantry soldier what he's fighting for, it usually has nothing to do with grand ideals or even protecting loved ones back home. When battle comes, an infantry soldier fights for the man to his left and his right, and for little else. Combat breeds a sense of camaraderie that's impossible to find anywhere else.

A million things go through an infantryman's mind on the eve of war. He thinks about his loved ones. He wonders how he'll perform under fire. But mostly he worries about not letting his buddies down and making it back alive.

On the eve of combat, each infantry soldier tells his own battle story.

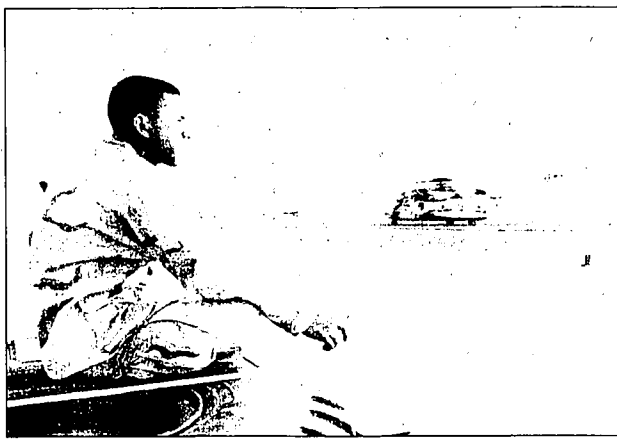
The men of Apache Company, 1st Infantry Task Force 37, 1st Infantry Division, are among the first American soldiers to enter Iraq. There are some sketches of them as they awaited word Tuesday morning to attack.

Second Lt. Mike Washburn, 32, of Yorktown, Va., has been waiting for war all of his 13 years in the Army. A former noncommissioned officer with the 75th Ranger Regiment, he became an officer last year.

"It may be bad. It may be long. I may regret the day that I ever came here, but unless we go, I'll never know if I can stand that ultimate challenge," he said. "This is the ultimate challenge, for me, to lead a platoon into battle."

Sgt. Kreskin Smith, 36, of Auburn, Ala., doesn't share the optimism of many of his fellow soldiers that the fight will be easy.

"I'm pretty nervous," he said. "I



Marine Pvt. 1st Class Ivan Trevino, of McAllen, Texas, keeps an eye on a group of helicopters, including a CH-53 Sea Stallion, taxiing in to refuel Tuesday at an air base in Kuwait. Trevino is part of the aircraft rescue and firefighters unit.

don't know what to expect from it. Even the guys who were in Desert Storm are pretty nervous. I just don't think it's going to be a walk in the park. It's going to be a lot of things going to go wrong."

Staff Sgt. Andrew Allen, 37, from Elk City, Okla., commands a Bradley fighting vehicle in 3rd platoon, Apache 130. He sipped a cup of coffee the morning before Apache was to depart for the first detour, and pondered what he's ahead and what he'll be through so far.

Allen lost his mother after a long illness 12 days ago.

"I thought I was going home," he said, smiling at the sun. "I made my peace with her before I left."

And I've got a job to do here. I'll mean the guys who were in Desert Storm are pretty nervous. I just don't think it's going to be a walk in the park. It's going to be a lot of things going to go wrong."

"I'm not one who wants to go out and kill somebody just for the hell of it," he said. "I'll do it out of a heartbeat, if it comes to that. I won't hesitate. But I'm still hoping it can be settled peacefully."

He worried about letting his men down.

"I've got three people in my crew," he said. "All I'm worried about is not messing up and getting someone else hurt. I'm not worried about myself."

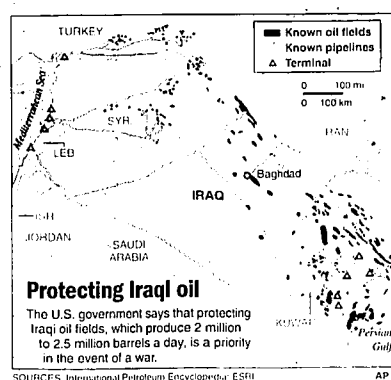
1st Lt. Jamie Ayers is Apache Company's fire support officer. That means he'll be the one who calls in artillery strikes if Apache Company is pinned down in a tough fight. Ayers, from Homer,

Ala., celebrated his 20th birthday two days ago. This morning, he received a package in the mail with a cassette recorder and a cassette from his fiancée, Stephanie Richards, from Sugar Hill, Ga.

Ayers walked over to his company commander, Capt. John Whyte, and held the cassette recorder aloft. His fiancée was singing "Happy Birthday" to him in the background, a dog barked. "It's just a Dads' thing mixed in with it," Ayers said. "A little bit of a love song."

"I talk about something that'll make you homesick," Ayers said. "It's heart-breaking, almost."

He shook his head, waved his hand dismissively and started on toward the other side of his vehicle. "I almost wish I didn't get that thing."



## Workers prepare to battle oil fires

By Dennis O'Brien  
The Baltimore Sun

**Wanted:** Workers to hose down 150-foot flames in combat zones while covered in crude oil. Must have experience using explosives in 1,000-degree infernos that collapse steel oil rigs, cook sand into glass and melt bones and hard hats.

The roughnecks who could answer such ads are keeping their bags packed. Defense officials say they will be needed overseas if war breaks out and Saddam Hussein sets fire to Iraq's 1,300 oil wells, as he did in Kuwait in 1991.

"We're fixin' to be going over," said Ronnie Roles, president of operations at Cindd Pressure Control, which extinguished some of the 732 blazing wells in Kuwait in 1991.

Although Saddam has denied that he'll torch the country's oil fields, the Defense Department announced this month that Iraq had received 24 boxes of penthite explosives that could be detonated around the wells.

The Pentagon says it has consulted with contractors on its plan to fight oil well fires, and Michael Miller, whose Canadian company put out dozens in Kuwait, said he has exchanged e-mail with military planners.

Why would anyone take on such a job?

"It is hot, dirty and dangerous work, and it's got to be in your blood, you've got to want to do it," said Michael Fields, an Oklahoma man with Kuwait experience. "But we do it, because for most of us, it's an adrenaline rush."

The work attracts a folksy, rough-and-tumble breed with an "as-shucks" attitude toward danger and a brand of machismo that's peculiar to the oil fields of Texas and Oklahoma.

Firefighters all rely on removing at least one of the three elements fire needs to survive: heat, fuel and oxygen.

The first step is robbing the fire of its heat, which is "like nothing you've ever seen," according to Bill Mahler of Houston-based Wild West Control Inc.

While a room in a burning house can reach 600 degrees at eye level, a burning oil well can hit 4,000 degrees. That's why firefighters wear steel hard hats —

the heat will melt regular plastic. Most firefighters attack a burning well first by spraying it with cannon-like hoses. The water cools down the area, allowing crews to remove smoldering debris with a specially designed horizontal crane.

"Sixty percent of all of those fires in Kuwait were put out with nothing but sea water, sprayed from powerful hoses at the base of the fire," said Larry H. Hoke, a petroleum engineer for Woods and Coss International Oil Control.

In Kuwait, crews used an average of 1.2 million gallons of water a day, most of it piped from the Persian Gulf, said Robert D. Grace, president of a Texas-based company that worked the Kuwait fires.

Typically, firefighters direct water from the protection of a small, three-sided reflective tin shed, which itself is sprayed on constantly to keep it cool.

But often, water isn't enough. When firefighters need a closer look, they don't tend to carefully shield themselves with corrugated sheets of tin, and creep as close as they can.

"Sometimes you have to see exactly where the fire's burning on the well head and what's damaged, so you can decide the best way to put it out," said Fields, who is a district manager at Cindd.

Crews can cap wells that are still burning by using cranes to lower huge steel valves onto well heads, which extinguish the flames long enough for tarmac to seep the valves.

For particularly stubborn fires, crews turn to the tool of last resort: dynamite or plastic explosives, such as C-4.

They pack explosives in a 55-gallon drum surrounded by fire retardant chemicals. Atop the drums in insulated material and use the same horizontal crane to bring the drum as close to the well head as possible. The explosion, detonated remotely, robs the fire of oxygen as the chemicals saturate the site, helping to put the flames out.

Now, the really dangerous work begins — wading through hellish fields of shimmering oil to replace damaged well heads before they burst back into flames. "You just really have to be careful," said Mahler, whose has capped numerous wells in a 20-year career.

## Troops in Afghanistan still hunt down al-Qaida

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** AP — Wells war imminent in Iraq, U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan are scouring the mountains for al-Qaida fighters who could try to launch terror attacks to coincide with an assault on Baghdad.

The 11,500 troops in a U.S. led coalition in Afghanistan are step-ping into the violence in the hunt for terror suspects. U.S. Army spokesman Col. Roger King said U.S. officials have raised the terror alert level in the United States, and the same caution applies to Afghanistan, where Osama bin Laden may still be hiding. "The enemy have said they'll attempt to increase attacks," King said Tuesday.

U.S. troops especially are alert along the Pakistan border to make sure Taliban and al-Qaida fighters do not use it as a launching pad for attacks.

They are aware that a war in Iraq could energize anti-U.S. groups, hoping to use an expected groundswell of public discontent and lead to new attacks on coalition bases. And though the world's focus has shifted to Iraq, there's no rest.

The multinational coalition sends out daily patrols from at least a dozen outposts to comb the mountains for terrorists and search caves for weapons — even



U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Geoff Warlock, right, practices martial arts with Senior Airman Joseph Ippolito at a military base in Bagram, Afghanistan, Tuesday.

going down to den in villages. Almost daily, ordinance experts blow up caches of weapons left behind by rebel groups, and mine-clearing teams crawl on hands and knees searching for booby traps.

Isolated Special Forces soldiers fan out through the valleys and along the border with Pakistan searching for tips from villagers

about the whereabouts of al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Apache helicopter gunships and A-10 attack jets roar low to provide air support to ground troops, escort supply aircraft or pound militant hideouts.

There have been a dozen code-named coalition combat missions, such as "Anacardio," "Alamo Sweep" or "Champion

Strike," and more are likely, King said.

The crackdown against terror in Afghanistan largely has been successful in curbing attacks 18 months after the U.S. led campaign began in Afghanistan, King said. "We've got the proper security measures in place" to prevent new attacks, King said.

Most arrests of al-Qaida leaders have occurred in Pakistan, but King has said the coalition's operations "are the part" and keep the fighters stunning.

Pockets of resistance remain throughout Afghanistan — especially in the border regions with Pakistan. Attackers emerge sporadically from mountain hideouts to shoot rockets at coalition bases — but usually miss their targets.

"The only common denominator with the rockets is that they never hit what they're aimed at," King said. "There has not been a single coalition casualty caused by one of these rockets."

Skirmishes with gunmen wielding assault rifles and small arms continue, though less frequently than late last year.

Twenty-five coalition soldiers have been killed in combat and another 30 in "non-hostile" situations since the American campaign began in October 2001 to oust the Taliban, the Army said.

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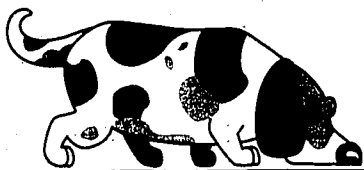
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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 2881 FOREST VALE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is associated with said real property.

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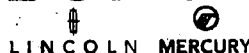


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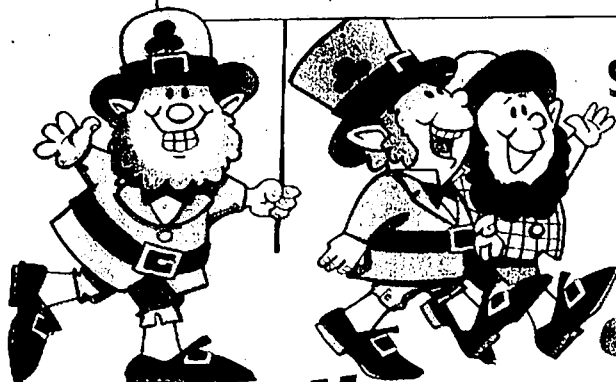
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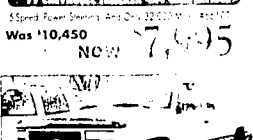
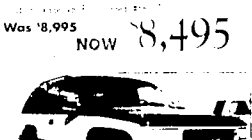
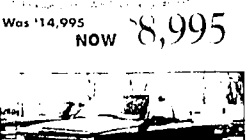
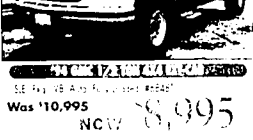
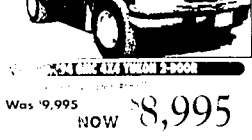
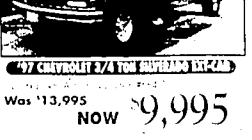





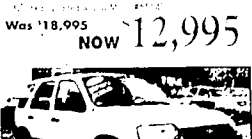
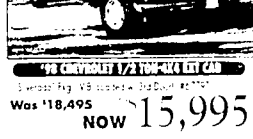
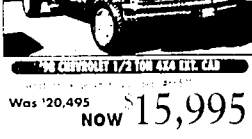
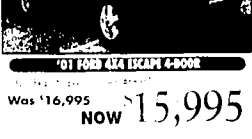


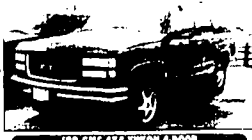
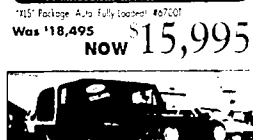
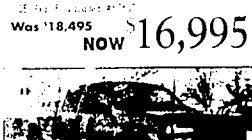
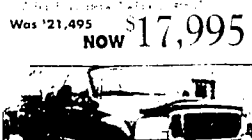


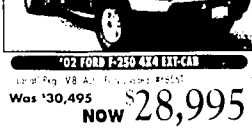
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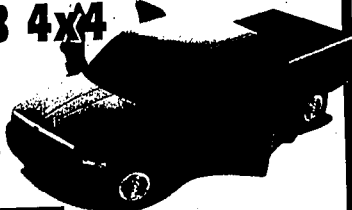
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• 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE \$7465  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2116

**\$4988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$119 MO.**

Stock #5443. 48 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1995 NISSAN PICKUP 4x4

• 5-Speed Transmission  
• Air Conditioning • AM/FM

RETAIL PRICE \$7762  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2366

**\$4988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$119 MO.**

Stock #1781. 48 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 2000 CHEVY CAVALIER

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• AM/FM CD

RETAIL PRICE \$8086  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2098

**\$5988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.**

Stock #4863. 48 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1996 DODGE CARAVAN

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM CD • 7 Passenger

RETAIL PRICE \$8457  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2075

**\$5988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.**

Stock #4147. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1993 FORD F250 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE \$8356  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2456

**\$5988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.**

Stock #4640. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1995 ISUZU RODEO 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE \$9433  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2115

**\$6988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.**

Stock #4879. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1994 TOYOTA 4RUNNER 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE \$9183  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2778

**\$6988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.**

Stock #4123. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1995 FORD F250 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE \$9766  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2556

**\$6988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.**

Stock #1150. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 2000 CHEVY VENTURE

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette • 7 Passenger

RETAIL PRICE \$11086  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2785

**\$8988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$179 MO.**

Stock #0920. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1998 FORD RANGER 4x4

• 5-Speed Transmission  
• Air Conditioning • AM/FM CD

RETAIL PRICE \$11355  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2854

**\$8988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$179 MO.**

Stock #4711. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1997 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette CD

RETAIL PRICE \$11942  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2568

**\$8988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$179 MO.**

Stock #4715. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1996 FORD F250 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE \$11544  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2446

**\$8988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$179 MO.**

Stock #4122. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1996 CHEVY TAHOE 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM CD • Leather

RETAIL PRICE \$12434  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2113

**\$9988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$199 MO.**

Stock #4666. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE \$13342  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2354

**\$10988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$209 MO.**

Stock #5445. 66 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



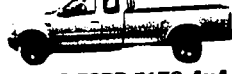
## 1996 FORD EXPLORER 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Cruise • Sunroof

RETAIL PRICE \$13435  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2884

**\$10988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$209 MO.**

Stock #4711. 66 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1999 FORD F150 4x4

• 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE \$13888  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2688

**\$11988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$219 MO.**

Stock #4976. 66 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.



## 1999 ISUZU RODEO 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning  
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE \$15773  
LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2367

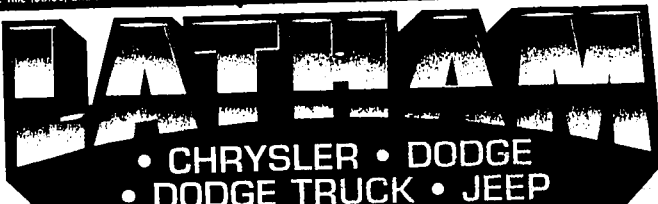
**\$12988** OR  
**\$0 DOWN \$239 MO.**

Stock #4228. 66 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.

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