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# Blitz on Baghdad



A government building burns during heavy aerial bombardment Friday evening of Baghdad by U.S.-led forces.

## Bombs slam Iraqi capital

U.S. targets Saddam's power centers, palaces

By Hamza Hendawi  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A huge explosion shook the center of Iraq's capital before dawn Saturday, hours after the most ferocious attack of the war left Saddam Hussein's Old Palace in flames and shrouded Baghdad in smoke.

Aircraft could be heard overhead, but it was unclear what had been targeted. Following the single blast, sirens presumably from ambulances or police cars could be heard racing through the city.

The blast at first light shattered the eerie silence that had fallen over Baghdad after the rain of missiles Friday evening.

The barrage, which began just after 9 p.m., filled the sky with towering fireballs as the Tomahawk missiles hit and air raid sirens squealed. At one point, a half-dozen adjoining plumes of smoke twisted into the sky.

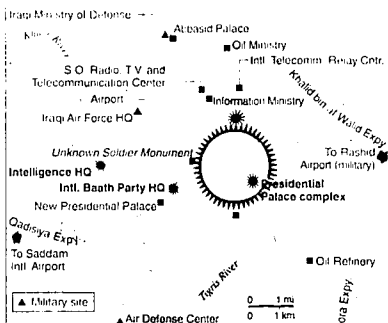
Allied ships in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea fired 320 Tomahawks in the largest strike since the war began. Two Iraqi palaces were among the buildings destroyed by the third missile attack on the city in two days.

The attack was apparently coordinated to simultaneously strike against Baghdad and two other cities, Mosul and Kirkuk in the

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### Targets of 'shock and awe'

The United States launched a massive campaign Saturday night to hit Iraq's power centers, built up in the heart of Baghdad.



SOURCES: National Imagery and Mapping Agency; Oni Resources; Associated Press

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## U.S., key Iraq leaders talk surrender

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The United States has been in direct negotiations with generals in Saddam Hussein's elite Republican Guard this week, trying to persuade them to surrender and allow U.S. troops to enter Baghdad, U.S. officials disclosed Friday.

The talks came close to producing a deal on Thursday, said one official with direct knowledge of the covert effort to avoid a prolonged U.S. air and land campaign that could kill thousands of Iraqis, destroy much of the country, and ouster the Muslim world.

But the negotiations failed to produce any white flags from Baghdad, and so President Bush and his advisers decided to unleash Friday's massive bombing campaign of Baghdad and other cities on schedule, officials said.

The negotiations with several commanders in the Republican Guard, said a U.S. official, were that Saddam's most formidable fighting force, are the latest chapter in a sustained U.S. psychological effort to persuade Iraqi gener-

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## 'Tip of the iceberg'

Winning Iraq war just one step for U.S., local analysts say

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The poor publicity and inactivity of Iraq's military should make for an easy victory there, a Gulf War veteran said.

But the lasting effects of the war could go either way if the U.S. doesn't step carefully and wisely, he and other experts said. Even Saddam Hussein's "elite" Republican Guard isn't much of a force to be reckoned with, said Gary Eller, a retired U.S. Army Special Operations colonel who now teaches government at Ball State.

"They are about two steps above the Boy Scouts," Eller said.

Even so, American and coalition troops can expect at least some pockets of resistance as they close on Baghdad, he said. Eller lived and worked in the Middle East for five years and saw combat during Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

And there's still danger of more trouble in the area around Baghdad is taken, Eller said. He said that in his opinion, by far the best option would be to remove Iraqis who have surrendered and let them finish making their own way out of the country. Judging from what he has seen so far, Eller said he thinks coalition troops might be pleased to find Iraqis who are not in the Baghdad area.

"It should not be an American or British soldier who has to put a bullet in him. It needs to be an Arab who shoots him," Eller said. "If people are going to be in Baghdad, it's going to have to be Arab on Arab. Otherwise, it's going to be like throwing a stone into a fire."

Even so, a professor of religion and philosophy at Albertson College of Idaho in Nampa, and he thinks only dramatic, bloody action on America's part could breed a new generation of terrorists.

The only thing that might drive significant numbers of Muslims to embrace radical views and terrorism would be a large-scale slaughter of Iraqi civilians or a long-term, hard-line occupation of Iraq by U.S. forces, said Scott Patch.

But the war could push Saddam to his extreme to make desperate attempts to overthrow existing terrorists, he said.

"It's his back is up against the wall, Saddam might say, 'To hell with it, I might as well hand these weapons over like crazy,'" Patch said.

But addressing the religious side of the issue, Patch said there's no love lost between Saddam — a largely secular dicta-

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## Iraqis cheer arriving Marines

Soldiers rip down portraits of Saddam, saying, 'he's through'

By Ellen Knickmeyer  
Associated Press Writer

SAFWAN, Iraq — U.S. Marines tore down Saddam Hussein in a screeching pop of metal and bolts Friday, rigging white chains to the giant street portraits in newly taken southern Iraq.

Crowds of men and boys watched, briefly joining Maj. David "Bull" Gurfelt in a new cheer, "Iraqis, Iraqis, Iraqis!" Gurfelt yelled, pumping his fist in the air.

"We wanted to send a message that Saddam is done," said Gurfelt, a New York native in the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. "People are scared to show a



An U.S. soldier gives candy to Iraqi boys as he patrols in the southern border city of Safwan, Friday, where the troops were greeted as liberators.

he said.

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## E-MAILS FROM THE FIELD

Area servicemen, women write about living conditions, food, work

The Times-News has sent e-mails to some of the servicemen and women in the Middle East. Below are excerpts from three responses.

The people who wrote to The Times-News are: Navy nurse Tara Frecher-Braun, Gooding, on board the USS Fort MeHenry; Navy Airman Travis Hyde, Twin Falls, on board the USS Kitty Hawk; Air Force Master Sgt. Scott Livingston, Kimberly, in Saudi Arabia.

### On morale:

• Livingston — "Be assured, spirits are high and the men and women are extremely motivated in getting the job done."  
• Hyde — "I don't really know

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how everyone feels. I did talk to a few of my friends before I started writing to you to see how they felt. Some people are really scared, some are kind of happy we are doing something for Iraq. I know we all like the tax-free pay we are getting.

"I don't really know how long we are expected to be here. I don't really know how long this war is going to last. I know there are people on the ship who have wives and children back home and I am sure they are missing

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## NATION

# Lawmakers keep support for tax cut; Senate wants some for war

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush won key congressional support Friday for his bid to make deep tax cuts, as the House narrowly approved his budget blueprint and the Senate beat back efforts to slash the tax-cut package by more than half.

Senators did, however, vote to trim \$100 billion from the president's proposed \$2.6 trillion, 10-year tax-cut plan to help pay for the war and reconstruction in Iraq. GOP leaders said they will try to restore that amount when House and Senate conferees meet to reconcile differences in their fiscal 2004 budgets.

The biggest threat to Bush's tax plan came when many Senate Democrats and a few GOP moderates pressed an amendment to limit tax cuts to \$350 billion over 10 years. The effort appeared to stall a vote or two short of a majority when several senators, including John McCain, R-Ariz., and Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., made it clear they would not vote for any tax cuts, especially as the country heads into a costly war.

Idaho Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo opposed trimming Bush's proposal cut.

"We cannot cut taxes and raise spending until we know what the cost of the war is," said McCain.

The votes left Bush in a commanding position to get most if not all of what he wants later this year when Congress passes tax legislation to carry out the budget requirements. The president is calling for a \$96 billion cut in taxes that investors pay on corporate dividends, plus an acceleration of previously approved rate cuts, which would cost \$300 billion over 10 years.

A few hours before the Senate action, the House voted 215 to 212 to approve Bush's full \$2.6 trillion tax-cut request after Republican leaders quelled a brief rebellion among party moderates.

The Senate planned to complete action on the budget legislation by Wednesday. A final version will be worked out in negotiations between the two GOP-controlled houses over the next few weeks.

While many Americans focused on the war in Iraq Friday, the House and Senate debates went to the heart of the administration's domestic agenda. Bush contends the economy needs substantial tax cuts to spur growth and create jobs. Many Democrats say tax cuts will drive the federal deficit higher, drain spending from important

and Space Administration. The documents revealed for the first time some of NASA's reasons for deciding months ago that such risks were insufficient to delay shuttle launches, even as agency officials already were looking into what they perceived as a frustrating, recurring problem.

The findings were included in more than 1,000 pages of internal reports NASA released late Thursday about the most recent shuttle missions.

Investigators believe insulating foam that struck Columbia's left wing on liftoff peeled away from

the same region of the external fuel tank, called its bipod ramp. That may have damaged delicate protective tiles on the wing and allowed superheated air to fatally penetrate the spacecraft during its fiery reentry on Feb. 1.

Tank specialists at NASA identified the foam problem on Oct. 31, 2002, as their only "special topic" of concern prior to the liftoff of Endeavour on Nov. 23, the shuttle flight immediately preceding Columbia's. They cited troubling reports on three earlier missions of foam breaking away from the tank's bipod ramp.

program, discourage investments and make the economy worse.

In the Senate Friday, a bipartisan group of moderates, backed by Democratic leaders, tried to strike a compromise: the \$350 billion tax-cut proposal. But they got squeezed by the left and right, as some senators backed no tax cuts at all and some insisted on Bush's full proposal or something close to it. "We're on the edge of a fiscal crisis in this country if we keep going the way we are, particularly with this war that's hanging over us today," said Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, one of four moderates who pushed the amendment to halve Bush's tax cut.

But Senate Budget Committee Chairman Dan Nickles, R-Okla., with the backing of nearly all other Republicans, said the moderates' proposal would "basically gut the president's growth package" because it was too small to stimulate the nation's struggling economy.

When it became apparent the moderates' amendment would fall short, several Democrats who were pressured by party leaders to back the plan as the lesser of two evils, decided against voting for something they didn't much like anyway. So they voted against it, as did Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., another foe of tax cuts, producing a margin of victory for Bush far higher than anticipated.

Twelve Democrats and one independent joined 49 Republicans in voting against the moderates' proposal, while 36 Democrats and two Republicans — cosponsors Voinovich and Olympia Snowe, Maine — voted for it.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — For teachers at Northwoods School, it may be twice — even three times as hard — to tell the kindergarten apart.

Of 69 youngsters in kindergarten classes, there are four pairs of twins and a pair of triplets.

Despite occasional confusion, "it's not any problem," Principal Lynn McNish said. "In fact it's fun."

McNish said there's an art to telling the students apart.

"You find different features to identify, and teachers are pretty quick to pick up on that," she said.

For example, Breana Prock has pierced ears and her sister, Brittanie Prock said with a grin.

"We play together, all of us sometimes," said Caitlin Olson.

Music teacher Wanda Miller says the twins and triplets have grown as individuals over the

course of the school year. Miller should know: Her own twin sister teaches third grade at another school.

But even she sometimes has trouble telling twins apart.

"Even now I get mad at myself because I think, 'Wanda, being a twin, I should be a little better at this,'" she said.

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## YOUR WEEKEND

### 'Oklahoma'

What: The Dilettantes of the Magic Valley will present Richard Rodgers' and Oscar Hammerstein's "Oklahoma."

Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

When: 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday.

How much: All seats are reserved and prices are \$10 for general admission and \$7 for senior citizens and children 12 and under. All seats for Sunday's matinee are \$6. The Dilettantes' box office in the Magic Valley Mall is open noon to 6 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### 'The Fantasticks'

What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt's "The Fantasticks."

Where: Howells Opera House, Oakley.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: For ticket reservations, call 077-ARTS 077-2787.

### Laughing Stock

What: Laughing Stock Theater Company will present Reed Martin, Austin Teclor and Adam Long's "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)."

Where: nexStage Theater, Ketchum.

When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Chapter One Bookstore or at the door.

### Faulkner Planetarium

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Through the Eyes of Hubble."

When: 2 p.m. today.

Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

How much: Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

### 'D'Art Show'

What: "D'Art Show," an exhibition featuring the work of five College of Southern Idaho faculty members, will be on display.

Where: The Jean B. King Gallery in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

When: 11 p.m. today.

How much: Free.

### Barn boogie

What: Pocketchange will play classic country music for a barn dance. All ages are welcome.

Where: Anderson's RV Camp, located east of the Eden-Twin Falls exit 182 off Interstate 84.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: The cover charge is \$5.

### Honker's entertainment

What: Cobalt Blue will play.

Where: Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: Cover charge is \$4.

### Music at The Oasis

What: Bob Nora will play.

Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend," send your information to: Melissa Morgan, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; e-mail her at mmorgan@magicvalley.com or fax it to 734-5538.

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4
Upper Snake River	89%	81%	81%	81%	81%
Salmon Falls	57%	53%	53%	53%	53%
Salmon	55%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Oakley	52%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Big Wood	68%	60%	60%	60%	60%
Little Wood	91%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Hennya Fork/Teton	77%	72%	72%	72%	72%
Big Lost	66%	78%	78%	78%	78%
Little Lost	72%	83%	83%	83%	83%

As of March 21

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, year by year average.  
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in late May.

# Committee kills sales tax increase

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE — It was business as usual for the Idaho House of Representatives on Friday during a hearing at the Statehouse regarding Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed 1.5-cent sales tax increase for three years.

The National Federation of Independent Business and the Idaho Farm Bureau came out firmly against any sales tax hike. College officials, public school groups and contractors who care for the disabled said that without it, they'll have to cut crucial programs.

After everyone had said his bit, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee



voted 12-7 to keep Kempthorne's proposal in committee, effectively killing it. Twin Falls Republican Leon Smith noted after the committee of 19 who will always vote against any sort of tax increase.

But he didn't see any point in sending Kempthorne's proposal to the floor, either.

"You've always got 40 of them in the House voting on principle," Smith said.

"That always means cutting government instead of raising taxes," he explained.

"I'm a pragmatist," Smith said, making another motion that was not voted on. Smith's motion would have sent Kempthorne's bill to the floor with amendments to increase the sales tax by only one-half cent.

"I wanted people to know there was something else out there on the table," Smith said.

Smith said he went for a lower tax increase because he still thinks there is some cutting to be done. But in addition, he wants to get something to the bill House so lawmakers can work with the governor.

Lawmakers were working with budget analysts from the governor's office and

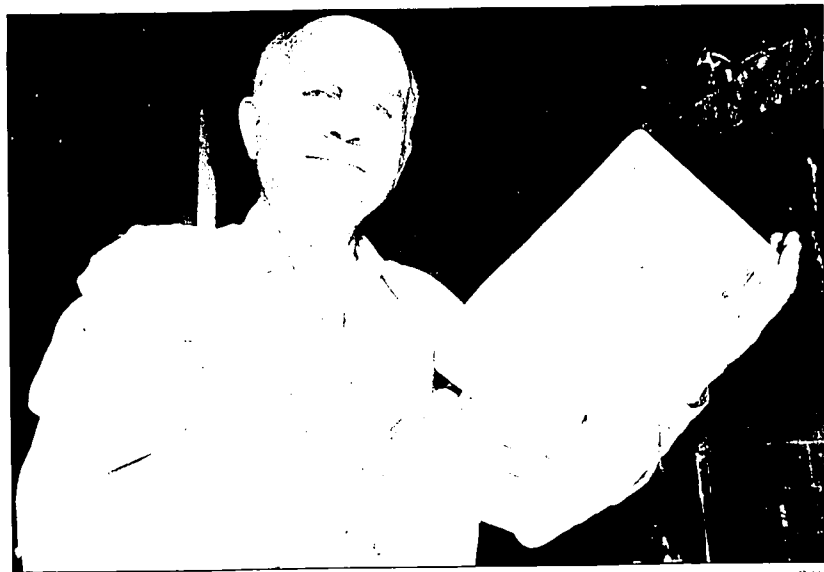
the Legislature later Friday to find a solution to the state's \$160 million budget shortfall in the next fiscal year. Key lawmakers said the gap was down to no more than \$60 million, and there are some quiet discussions about raising taxes on beer, wine, soda pop and bottled water as the final piece of the puzzle.

Kempthorne, who vetoed a bill two weeks ago that cut \$10 million in spending from the current budget, said he was not surprised by Friday's developments. But he stood firm on his resolve not to cut state spending.

"They know that I'm not going to participate in the slashing of education," the governor said.

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## LET THERE BE LESS LIGHT



Astronomy enthusiast Stephen Pauley shows a special light made to shine straight down at the ground, at his home in Ketchum Wednesday.

## Ketchum, Hailey bring back dark skies

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — Two mountain towns are doing away with a major form of pollution by flicking off some light switches.

Ketchum and Hailey also changed some light bulbs to lower wattages and are directing the street lamps to shine down to the streets instead of lighting out space. It all lets people experience the simple pleasure of seeing the stars again.

"It's a precious natural resource that's no longer available," said Dr. Stephen Pauley, a chief supporter of the local dark-sky ordinances. "At least 60 percent of Americans can't see the Milky Way."

The International Dark-Sky Association in Tucson, Ariz., says any community can reduce light

pollution, but it takes patience and activism.

Americans seem to think it lighting is good, a huge amount of light was better, Pauley claims. Grocery stores, used car lots and trophy homes such as those in Ketchum installed flood lamps.

Pauley calls "glare bombs."

Satellite images show the East Coast, Southern California, western Europe and Japan immersed in light, while the Sahara, Amazon and northern Asia remain pitch-black. Much of the American West is in up so residents cannot see the night sky.

Idaho Power Co. replaced Ketchum's street lights with those with "full cut-off" that point downward and do not allow side-way glare. No upward lighting of trees is allowed. There is a \$100 fine for non-compliance.

"There was very limited opposition, mostly from landscapers to doing away with upward tree lighting, and one lumber yard operator — just on principle," Pauley said.

Hailei Moniz, Ketchum senior planner, said reducing the wattage on some lights has not affected safety in the town.

Now, Ketchum at night is subdued. Everything is visible, but there are no excessive flood lights.

"It's testable because your eyes are not insulted by the glare," said Pauley, an amateur astronomer and physician in nearby Elkhorn who is nicknamed "Dr. Dark" for his efforts against excessive lighting. "Your eyes adapt to a lower amount of light, and instead of being assaulted, you can see."

Hailey is also doing away with

its "moon lights," or lawn antique-style globes.

"The reason they have those globes is because they look like hometown USA. They used to be incandescent lamps, not high intensity discharge lamps," Pauley said. "They look like hometown USA in the day, but at night you get blown away."

Hailey has budgeted about \$50,000 over three years to convert the city lights so they have shades, said Diane Shary, city planner.

"I've received e-mails from communities all over the country that have modeled their ordinances after ours," Shary said, adding she is encouraging the nearby towns of Bellevue and Sun Valley to get on board.

Enacting dark-sky ordinances. Please see **LIGHT** Page A7

## Filer residents still want end to odor

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two Filer-area residents said Friday dairy odor still haunts them, and they asked for an update about what is being done to alleviate the problem.

Cedar Draw neighbors Ginny Gunn and Laurie Warren met with Twin Falls County commissioners, a dairy inspector and Idaho's odor expert at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

"I'm here because I'm tired of the odor. I've had it all winter long," Gunn said.

There was agreement at the discussion table that the odor problem — above and beyond "normal" agricultural odor and at times sickening — remains to be solved.

One day odor levels in the area were the highest he has experienced, said Ron Sheffield, a livestock waste management engineer with the

University of Idaho. It was under a worst-case scenario, where freezing temperatures had just warmed and winds were blowing just right.

Sheffield and his panel of test "sniffers" have been studying odor levels to help the state develop its odor rules for agriculture.

Hank Halliger's Desert Rose Farms dairy near Filer has been working with the Idaho Department of Agriculture to reduce manure odors.

"There is nobody who would like to see this solved more than me and Hank," said Tami Frank, state dairy inspector.

"He is running a spotless dairy," she said.

Halliger will be emptying a waste lagoon before summer sets in, she said. The dairy is exploring two viable options for reducing odor, but Frank said she couldn't be more specific at this point about the dairy's plans.

Gunn requested another meeting later in the spring with an update from Mary Patten, chief of the Ag Department's Dairy Bureau.

In January 2002, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne promised Cedar Draw residents they wouldn't have to go through another summer like the one they had in 2001. Since then the state has been investing personnel in helping to get the dairy odor problem solved and has adopted new dairy regulations. But the odor problem persists.

Friday's discussion lasted two hours and covered topics including nutrient management plans, an economic downturn in the dairy industry, and the possibility that a plan for fueling hot-house tomatoes with dairy waste could be back.

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## Legislature amends bill changing DEQ policy

BOISE — A bill to change how the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality does business has been amended.

House Bill 150 would change the existing law so that the DEQ would use peer-reviewed science and supporting data any time the agency

intends to go beyond laws and rules put forth by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Boise, worked with agricultural groups and DEQ personnel to change the proposal so the agency does not have to already have the data when putting in place temporary rules to protect human health and the environment.

The Senate approved the amendment on Friday.

## Agency says part of I-84 will be reconstructed

SHOSHONE — A project to reconstruct the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 from Glenns Ferry to King Hill is under way, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

During construction, the eastbound lanes will be closed. Traffic will be shifted to the westbound lanes, and one lane will remain open in each direction.

The pavement reconstruction project will create a smoother road surface for motorists. The 9-mile stretch of highway is deteriorated and cracked.

Steelman-Duff Inc. is the contractor for the \$10.4 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by November.

— **compiled from staff reports**

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## Shoshone warms up to spring cleaning

By Almee Durand  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Armed with community support and volunteer involvement, the City Council this week outlined plans to improve the view of the city and increase attendance at local events.

The Gem Community Group, which encompasses Shoshone, Dietrich and Richfield, is organizing ideas to broaden the Fourth of July celebration and the Fiddlers Jambooree. The group's efforts are aided by the AmeriCorps volunteers and the Youth Action Council.

Thoughts of combining the two events have come up as well as the notion of expanding the jambooree to include groups such as bluegrass musicians and Celtic fiddlers.

"We had a fun fest throwing ideas around," said Julie O'xango-Ingram, Health Net facilitator.

O'xango-Ingram is also looking into a potential river cleanup project involving the Youth Advisory Council. And in the city, she is asking that all three cities in the Gem Community Group think about providing a total of \$7,500 to keep the AmeriCorps

volunteers going.

This issue will be revisited before September.

The City Council is planning the city's annual cleanup. This year's focus will be on both entrances to the city. Other things to be considered depend on the number of volunteers and time schedule.

The state transportation department provides vests and bags, and lunch and snacks will be provided, said City Councilwoman Wendy Robinson.

Other city business included:

- Fireworks operators — The city is seeking two responsible

adults to attend a course on pyrotechnics and to volunteer to set off the Fourth of July fireworks.

The course costs \$1,500 and the money will be raised through fund-raisers.

The training includes a certification and yearly education videos.

The city needs someone to commit to the annual celebration for five years, said Councilman Lee Ross.

Each person would have his or her own team to supervise and could alternate on a yearly basis.

- Burning ordinance — The council will discuss at a later

date concerns about the ordinance for burning within city limits. Concerns include the issue of obtaining permission from the fire chief before burning and notifying the emergency dispatcher afterward.

- International building code — The council revised Ordinance 484 regarding the International Building Code to adopt the state code.

- Curb and gutter work — The council also passed a motion to accept the bid from Bob's Concrete for about \$7,130 for the curb and gutter project located on East A between Apple and South Birch.

## Schools in Elko get new head

By Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Antoinette Cavanaugh has been named the new superintendent of schools, replacing Dr. Allen Brown.

Cavanaugh has been with the Elko County School District for 20 years. She began her career teaching English at the Owyhee Combined School and after finishing her education assumed the job as the school's vice principal.

She subsequently held posts in Spring Creek schools and was the middle school principal before moving to the district's administrative offices in 2002. She is currently the special services coordinator and will take over the district starting next school year.

John Smiles, School Board president, said deciding between Cavanaugh and the other local applicant, Kevin Melcher was one of the hardest decisions he has ever made.

Melcher is also a veteran district educator, having been at various schools. He currently serves as the human resources director.

In accepting the post this week, Cavanaugh said she would "work in the best interests of the students of Elko County."

Brown, who has been the superintendent for about two years, announced his retirement several weeks ago. He will be leaving the district at the end of the school year.

## Commission expands bag limits for elk

LEWISTON (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has increased the number of black bears and cougars that can be killed in one hunting unit to help stop the elk population's decline along the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

The board also wants Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Larry Dawson to take more aggressive steps to improve elk habitat.

The commission increased bear and cougar bag limits to two each per year in parts of unit 10 a few years ago, but kept the limit at one in the southern end of the unit to gauge the effect on an ongoing elk predation study.

But population counts showed the bears and cougars in the unit fell from about 5,100 in 1998 to 2,600 this year. The cow elk dropped from 4,400 in 1998 to 1,800.

After looking at the numbers, the Fish and Game Department recommended the change at White Pine. The change in black bears and cougars to two each in the entire unit in an effort to boost elk calf survival.

## Kimberly teachers say divided classes work well

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Teachers here are saving the first year of single-grade sixth-grade classes is a success.

Social studies teacher Jim O'Donnell and science instructor Cheryl Riecke reported to the School Board this week that they think the students are learning more. The girls participate more in class without the worry of boys judging them, and the boys seem to be more attentive when not paying attention to the girls.

The system may be in effect next year as these students move into the seventh grade. Educators say sixth- and seventh-grade are a time when it is hard to keep children's attention. As the students become more mature they will return to mixed gender classes.

In other School Board business this week:

- Valedictorian policy — Also this week, the board approved the second reading of the revised valedictorian/graduation policy.

## Prescribed fire season will start soon, say land managers

BOISE (AP) — Federal and state land managers plan to torch more than 48,000 acres in southwestern Idaho this spring and fall to prevent catastrophic wildfires.

Prescribed fires to clear out dead and dying vegetation must be ignited under certain weather conditions such as cooler temperatures and more humidity. The typical spring opportunities are from April through mid-May.

With fewer snowpacks this year, the fires could be set earlier.

The U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Department of Lands would conduct the fires. They plan to ignite 16,415 acres in the spring and 22,864 in the fall.

The departments have formed a partnership with their counterparts in northern Idaho and Montana called the

Montana-Idaho Airshed Group. An-sheds are geographical areas with similar topography and weather patterns. Idaho has 16 airsheds.

Officials for the airshed group in Missoula, Mont., review weather conditions and determine which prescribed fires can be ignited, and which must be delayed to ensure air quality does not violate government standards.

"Prescribed fires can potentially affect citizens, either because of smoke, which they breathe in the area, or they are sensitive or suffer from illnesses that are exacerbated by smoke," said David Olson, Boise National Forest spokesman.

"We work very hard to let people know where and when prescribed fires are planned so they can prepare accordingly," Olson said.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The email address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



Edith Anna Slade

Edith Anna Slade, 98, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2003, at Sunbrite Care and Rehab Center.

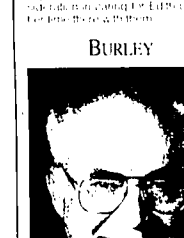
Edith was born August 26, 1904, in Meridian, Idaho, the daughter of George and Katie Green. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Edith was married to John Slade in 1924. They had four children: John, George, and two daughters, Mary and Betty. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

Edith is survived by a daughter, Ruby (Ray) Slade, of Twin Falls; a son, John Slade, of Twin Falls; a daughter, Mary Slade, of Twin Falls; and a son, George Slade, of Twin Falls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John Slade, and her brothers, George and John Slade.

Funeral services for Edith will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.



Robert S. Judd

Robert Sterling Judd, 76, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born January 5, 1927, in Burley, the son of Arthur Clark and Ruth Clark Judd. He was raised on a farm south of Burley. He graduated from Burley High School in 1945 and was drafted into military service immediately after graduation to serve in the infantry at Camp Roberts, California, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Robert married Marie Holmes on January 2, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After his honorable discharge from the military, he and Marie returned to make their home in the Pella area. Robert was a farmer at heart, and purchased their first farm, where they raised their five children. His loving guidance and patience was evident to

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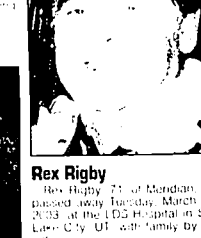
Robert was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a devoted member of the church and participated in many church activities, including serving in the ward and as a stake president.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.



Rex Rigby

Rex Rigby, 71, of Meridian, ID, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born January 5, 1932, in Burley, the son of Arthur Clark and Ruth Clark Judd. He was raised on a farm south of Burley. He graduated from Burley High School in 1945 and was drafted into military service immediately after graduation to serve in the infantry at Camp Roberts, California, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Robert married Marie Holmes on January 2, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After his honorable discharge from the military, he and Marie returned to make their home in the Pella area. Robert was a farmer at heart, and purchased their first farm, where they raised their five children. His loving guidance and patience was evident to

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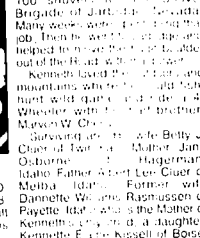
Robert was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a devoted member of the church and participated in many church activities, including serving in the ward and as a stake president.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.



Kenneth Lee Clevor

Kenneth Lee Clevor, 42, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

He was born January 5, 1961, in Twin Falls, the son of Arthur Clark and Ruth Clark Judd. He was raised on a farm south of Burley. He graduated from Burley High School in 1979 and was drafted into military service immediately after graduation to serve in the infantry at Camp Roberts, California, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Kenneth married Marie Holmes on January 2, 1981, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After his honorable discharge from the military, he and Marie returned to make their home in the Pella area. Kenneth was a farmer at heart, and purchased their first farm, where they raised their five children. His loving guidance and patience was evident to

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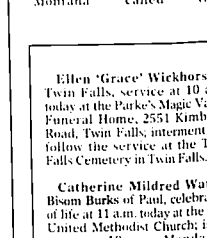
Robert was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a devoted member of the church and participated in many church activities, including serving in the ward and as a stake president.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.

Robert is survived by his wife, Edith, and his two children, Mary and Betty. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and his great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.



Catherine Mildred Watson

Catherine Mildred Watson, 84, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born January 5, 1919, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Arthur Clark and Ruth Clark Judd. She was raised on a farm south of Burley. She graduated from Burley High School in 1937 and was drafted into military service immediately after graduation to serve in the infantry at Camp Roberts, California, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Catherine married Marie Holmes on January 2, 1941, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After her honorable discharge from the military, she and Marie returned to make their home in the Pella area. Catherine was a farmer at heart, and purchased their first farm, where they raised their five children. Her loving guidance and patience was evident to

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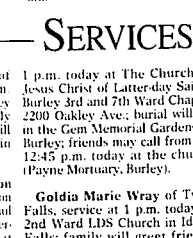
Catherine was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a devoted member of the church and participated in many church activities, including serving in the ward and as a stake president.

Catherine is survived by her husband, John, and her two children, Mary and Betty. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and her great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Catherine will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.

Catherine is survived by her husband, John, and her two children, Mary and Betty. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mark and David Williams, and her great-grandchildren, David and John Williams.

Funeral services for Catherine will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, at the Meridian Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Meridian Cemetery.



Ellen 'Grace' Wickhorst

Ellen 'Grace' Wickhorst, 10, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, March 20, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

She was born January 5, 1993, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Arthur Clark and Ruth Clark Judd. She was raised on a farm south of Burley. She graduated from Burley High School in 1995 and was drafted into military service immediately after graduation to serve in the infantry at Camp Roberts, California, and Ft. Benning, Georgia. Ellen married Marie Holmes on January 2, 1997, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. After her honorable discharge from the military, she and Marie returned to make their home in the Pella area. Ellen was a farmer at heart, and purchased their first farm, where they raised their five children. Her loving guidance and patience was evident to

## SERVICES

Delcie L. Adams of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 26 S. 100 W.; burial will be in Paul Cemetery, friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Raymond Mortuary, Burley).

Donald Edward Cutts of Twin Falls, rosary and memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday, 2003 at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Geneva S. Fuller-Robinson and Jewel E. Golland, memorial service at 2 p.m. March 29, 2003 at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

## DEATH NOTICES

Mary Lee Pothier  
BOISE — Mary Lee Pothier, 83, of Boise, died Friday, March 21, 2003, in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Blanche Osterhout of Pocatello and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Blanche Osterhout of Pocatello and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

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# Feds suspend shipments from INEEL

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy has suspended nuclear waste shipments to its underground dump in New Mexico in response to the war in Iraq.

The length of the shipment suspension could become a factor in the federal government's ability to comply with provisions of its 1995 radioactive cleanup agreement with Idaho for the Idaho National Laboratory.

Trucks already headed for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant when

the bombing began Wednesday evening were allowed to continue to their destinations. But no new shipments were dispatched after that, said Kerry Watson, the Energy Department's assistant manager for the waste program in southeastern New Mexico.

Shipments to the plant were also halted after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, and when the United States took military action in Afghanistan.

Security at the plant remained at level on Friday, which corre-

sponded with the orange national terror alert.

Under the deal between Idaho and the federal government, the Energy Department is required to move 9,700 barrels of plutonium-contaminated waste from INEEL to New Mexico each year. All that waste must be removed by 2019.

It took four years for the government to ship the first 15,000 barrels out of Idaho. It reached that milestone more than two months ahead of the Dec. 31, 2002 deadline, but only because

it managed to ship more than 9,900 barrels last year alone. That occurred without any major disruptions.

Failure to meet the shipment deadlines under the court-enforced agreement gives the state the ability to block new shipments of highly radioactive Energy Department waste to INEEL for temporary storage until the government gets back on schedule. That kind of delay could severely disrupt the federal government's waste management plans.

# Teachers receive presidential awards

Magic Valley in brief

WASHINGTON — Two Twin Falls teachers have been recognized as among the nation's top math and science teachers for 2002.

Pamela Hartley of L.B. Perrine Elementary School and Joellen Dadds of O'Leary Junior High School will receive Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching today in the nation's capital, according to a press release from the National Science Foundation.

Two other Idaho teachers — one from Hayden, the other from Postville — are the state's only other honorees for 2002.

Each winner will receive a citation signed by President Bush, a \$7,500 cash award from the National Science Foundation to improve science and math instruction, gifts from donors, and a trip to the award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

## Rupert man pleads

innocent to drug charges

BURLEY — Rupert resident Rodney Morton pleaded innocent to several drug charges at his March 13 arraignment in 5th District Court in Cassia County.

A status hearing on Morton's case is scheduled for April 10 in district court.

## Burley man enters plea in sexual battery case

BURLEY — Valente Adventure Conde of Burley pleaded innocent to a charge of sexual battery of a minor at his March 7 arraignment in 5th District Court in Cassia County.

Conde was bound over to district court after waiving his Jan. 23 preliminary hearing in magistrate court.

Conde, 27, is accused of having sex with 16-year-old Burley girl last Oct. 31.

— compiled from staff reports

# Ex-school official pleads guilty to grand theft

The Times-News

BURLEY — A former Cassia County School District employee has pleaded guilty to a count of grand theft by unauthorized control in exchange for the county prosecutor dropping five other theft charges.

Jim Peterson agreed to the terms of a plea agreement at a March 7 change of plea hearing in 5th District Court in Cassia County. He is scheduled to be sentenced on May 9.

Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barris has recommended Peterson serve prison time on the charges. Barris is asking for a 1.5-year determinate sentence and a 5-year indeterminate sentence.

That means Peterson would serve no less than 1.5 years in prison before he could be considered for parole. On the top end, Peterson would not serve more than seven years in prison if the judge concurs with Barris' request.

Fifth District Judge Monte Carlson will sentence Peterson.

Peterson faces a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

As part of the plea agreement, Peterson has agreed to pay \$49,127.55 in restitution to the school district.

Peterson, 47, is accused of stealing the money from the school district by writing unauthorized checks, making unauthorized withdrawals on school district bank accounts and using school district credit cards for personal expenditures.

The thefts allegedly occurred between April 1997 and May 2002 when Peterson was working as the director of finance and operations for the Cassia school district.

Peterson resigned from his school district job on July 10, 2002.

Investigation which led to the criminal charges filed against Peterson began in August 2002 when Cassia County District Superintendent Mike Chesley said school officials had found irregularities in the district's financial records.

# Utah polygamist appeals his bigamy conviction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Polygamist Tom Green will appeal his bigamy conviction to the Utah Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeals, in an agreement with the Utah attorney general's office.

The appeal argues that Green did not commit bigamy because he never legally married any of his five wives, his attorney John Bucher said Friday.

Bucher contends 4th District Judge Donald Eyras was wrong to declare Green married by common law to his wife Linda Kunz, setting the stage for the bigamy conviction for living with four other women.

Bucher said Green and his wives deliberately avoided legal marriages because "they didn't want to put themselves in jeopardy."

"The attorney general office

and I agreed these issues are very important and should be addressed by Utah's top court," Bucher said. "I'd be wasting a step at the Court of Appeals."

During the trial, Green denied that he lived with any of his wives cohesively or that he intended to be husband and wife with them in any legal sense.

Green's wives are employed and living with their 25 children in townhouses. Green, also convicted of child rape, is 18 months into a sentence of five years to life at the Utah State Prison.

Green was convicted of child rape because Kunz was 13 when the two were wed in a spiritual ceremony and began having sex.

"He's a bit depressed, but he's a model prisoner. If it wasn't for this child rape charge hanging over him, they would have kicked him out on work-release," Bucher said.

"I think Justin Lanting is one of the finest financial officers I've seen in my 20-year teaching career," Richards said.

The Idaho Legislature in 1990 approved legislation requiring that school districts account for money raised by students. The provision was sponsored by Sen. Laird Niek, R-Kamiah, who this week said he plans to look into the Filer situation.

"It requires that there be an audit trail for funds, and they cannot be paid in cash," he said. "Meanwhile, the Idaho School Activities Association is reviewing the internal audit."

# Rupert elementary school gets top test scores

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Every child in first grade at Memorial Elementary School is reading at or near grade level, according to recent test scores.

Idaho Reading Indicator scores show Memorial students have some of the top scores in the Minidoka County School District.

Principal Karen Skeen credits several things for the scores — fantastic staff, well-trained IRI aides, remediation beyond requirements and the Language program.

"We use our people wisely," Skeen said.

Just 19 percent of kindergarten students began school reading at grade level; by winter the percentage was 57, said Joie Mills, federal programs director for the school district.

In the first grade, 65 percent of students were reading at grade level in the fall; by winter the percent increased to 77. Also notable, Mills said, were students reading below grade level. The percentage dropped from 10 percent to zero.

Mills pointed to amazing growth in IRI scores from the past school year.

In kindergarten, students came to the district in fall 2001 with 21 percent reading at grade level. Forty-five percent were below grade level. By spring, students reading at grade jumped to 82 percent and just 1 percent were below grade level.

Increases were also registered by first-graders, although less dramatic. Sixty-five percent of students were at grade level in the fall; that percentage rose to 71 percent by spring.

Students reading below grade level dropped from 8 percent in



Linda Ruiz, a first-grader in Becky Grant's class at Memorial Elementary School, spends part of Friday morning reading.

the fall to 3 percent in the spring; students near grade level remained level at 26 percent.

Students in second grade reading at grade level rose from 49 percent to 69 percent from fall to spring. Just 10 percent, instead of 24 percent, were below grade level in the spring.

These numbers are the total general population at the school, Mills said, including special education students and limited English proficiency students.

Mills did note, while it should have no effect on test scores, Memorial Elementary School

does have a majority of Hispanic students — 52 percent.

In many cases, even when scores are broken down by ethnicity, scores are about equal. Hispanic and white kindergarten students reading at grade level in the spring are at 83 percent and 82 percent, respectively.

Skeen said IRI aides are trained well and the time they spend with students is quality time.

Memorial also goes well beyond the required 40 hours of remediation for students who test low. Students who score low

have the option to stay at school after all dismissals on Friday to receive help.

Mills also said Memorial students have made great strides on the Idaho Standard Achievement Test. Overall test scores at Memorial were below Northwest Evaluation Association scores but have now exceeded the projected gains.

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# Software engineer hits jackpot in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Southern California software engineer in town to watch the NCAA basketball tournament hit the biggest slot machine jackpot in history on Friday and will receive more than \$39.7 million, officials said.

The lucky winner, whose name was not released at his request, hit the Megabucks Jackpot about 1:30 p.m. at the Excalibur hotel-casino, said Rick Sorenson, a spokesman for slot machine maker, International Game Technology.

The jackpot eclipsed the old record by nearly \$5 million.

"The whole place is abuzz," said Excalibur slot shift manager Jack R. Crane. "He's one happy guy."

After putting three \$1 coins in

the machine, the 25-year-old gambler wearing jeans and a shirt won a record \$39,713,987.25.

Crane said the yet unidentified engineer from Los Angeles was staying at the hotel with four friends.

"It's pretty much in awe over the whole thing," Crane said. "It was a look of complete amazement."

The gambler was escorted off the casino floor and taken to a VIP area while officials verified the win. He then called his father.

"He came in at the right time. Hours into his stay, badda-boom, badda-boom," Crane said.

The big jackpot is paid out in equal amounts over 25 years. Winners can negotiate other payoffs with IGT, including a lump sum, Sorenson said,

although the amount is less than the full jackpot. Reno-based IGT developed the Megabucks system, which links the dollar slot machines in 157 casinos throughout Nevada.

The old record was about \$34.9 million, won at the now closed Desert Inn in Las Vegas on Jan. 26, 2000.

The progressive jackpot starts at \$7 million and increases each time a machine is played. It had been building since a retiree and widow from Covina, Calif., hit the third-largest slot payoff ever on May 27, 2002, tapping a machine at Bally's hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip for \$22.6 million.

Excalibur officials said the win is a great boost to the city's economy.

# Light

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might have been easier in Ketchum and Hailey, which are strong environmental communities.

Tanley said an effort last year to convert state highway lighting to full compact fluorescent bulbs would have made it out of committee in the Idaho Legislature.

The International Dark Sky Association came about in Tucson in the 1980s after astronomers in nearby observatories became concerned the glare from town would foil their attempts to see distant galaxies, said Elizabeth Alvarez del Castillo, association director.

"They were the canaries in the mine, but the solutions help more than just astronomers," she said. "Getting rid of glare is better for drivers. Pointing light only where you need it makes your neighbors happier."

Alvarez del Castillo said a half-dozen states have light-pollution controls and others are considering them.

Nations including Chile, Australia and Italy are enacting such laws.

"This is the first generation in world history where you can't see the Milky Way," she said. "The stars inspired our poetry, music, art and navigation. Bad lighting has crept up on us, but the solution is there."

# Board

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fruit fundraiser for the girls basketball team last fall. The district has refused to release information about the amount of money involved or any disciplinary action taken against district employees as a result of the investigation.

An administrative team led by district Business Manager Justin Lanting conducted a three-day internal audit Feb. 24-26 of all extracurricular clubs and sports teams at the high school. Among the findings were that student funds were inappropriately spent for coaches' apparel in the

wrestling, boys basketball, girls basketball, football and volleyball programs. The audit also found inadequate record-keeping for the student-raised money.

In response, the School Board approved 13 new business procedures for the district. They include making sure that money raised by student fundraisers will no longer be handled by coaches and advisers, and a provision that equipment will no longer be purchased from team sports accounts.

Richards praised Lanting's work for the district.

"I think Justin Lanting is one of the finest financial officers I've seen in my 20-year teaching career," Richards said.

The Idaho Legislature in 1990 approved legislation requiring that school districts account for money raised by students. The provision was sponsored by Sen. Laird Niek, R-Kamiah, who this week said he plans to look into the Filer situation.

"It requires that there be an audit trail for funds, and they cannot be paid in cash," he said. "Meanwhile, the Idaho School Activities Association is reviewing the internal audit."

# Tax

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slashing of health care, the dismantling of essential services," Kempthorne said. "The ball's in their court. Now let's see what they're going to propose."

One of the committee members dead-set against tax increases, Rep. Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, Businesses are the vehicle to pull Idaho out of recession, not bigger government, he said when he made the motion to hold the governor's bill in committee.

During the hearing, Roberts had repeatedly asked educators if they were willing to take pay cuts.

But Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, was one who said the governor's proposal at least needed to be sent to the entire House for consideration. He also disputed that government could endure any more cuts.

Over the last 40 years Idaho has run at a pretty tight ship. We've always been a conservative state. But now we're getting to the point where we're going to starve government," Ridinger said.

He went along with Kempthorne's suggestion that government and its tax policies

could be restructured over the next three years of the sales tax increase.

Though she voted against sending Kempthorne's bill to the full House, committee Chairwoman Deborah Crow, R-Nampa, reminded everyone that House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, has said he will appoint a committee after the session to begin examining how to reduce the exemptions in Idaho's sales tax law.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, is not a member of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. But she does co-chair the important Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, where the final budgets will be approved once lawmakers and the governor can work out a deal.

Bell said she still does not support any sort of sales tax increase.

"I'm not going to tax children's shoes and milk," she said.

However, she said from her perspective, the 2004 budget can be balanced with about another \$100 million — not the \$160 million to \$200 million the governor's office has said would be necessary. That would mean for

2004 a flat education budget, no pay increases for state workers except for covering health insurance increases, and cuts to all other agencies. The Department of Health and Welfare would take the smallest hit of between 2 and 3 percent cut, she said.

To pay for it, Bell said, she would support a "sin" tax package. That would mean increasing taxes on cigarettes, wine, beer, pop and perhaps bottled water.

Some weeks back, Smith had proposals to increase taxes of wine and beer, but he said Thursday he isn't ready to unveil those yet. Instead, he said late Friday he's going to see if he can get a bill through the revenue and taxation committee to follow up on his motion to increase the sales tax by one-half cent.

And how long will it take to nail down a budget once the governor and the lawmakers can seal a deal? Three days, Bell figures.

On Monday, the taxation and revenue committee will consider the governor's proposed 28-cent-per-pack increase on cigarettes.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.







## Does the U.N. remain relevant on the world's stage?

U.N. is vital in the effort to build a democratic Iraq

### Yes

**I**f the United Nations is irrelevant to American interests, someone had better tell President Bush and the three commanders in chief that came before him.

The president, after all, has put the United Nations at the center of his effort to disarm Iraq. Last year's U.N. resolutions were a virtual ultimatum to Saddam Hussein. When it came time to reveal definitive evidence on Iraq's weapons programs, President Bush sent Secretary of State Colin Powell back to the Security Council to show American intelligence to world public opinion.

President Clinton turned to the United Nations to help end ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and Kosovo. President George H.W. Bush did the same to build the military coalition that drove Iraq from Kuwait.

And in 1992, when former President Reagan observed that "evil still stalks the planet" even after the demise of the Evil Empire, he called for a standing U.N. force to serve as an "army of conscience" to preserve peace and defeat aggression.

The United States certainly does not need the United Nations to defend its national interests. American presidents liberated Panama from Gen. Manuel Noriega, retaliated against Libyan terrorism, and attempted to strike against Osama bin Laden - all without U.N. involvement.

But there are strong reasons presidents of both parties often resort to the United Nations when American security is at stake.

For starters there is, as Thomas Jefferson might put it in the Declaration of Independence, a "decent respect for the opinions of mankind" that has always compelled our democracy to address the com-



The United Nations serves more than U.S. security interests. Year in and year out, U.N. agencies care for much of the world's population of 14 million refugees.

mony of nations when we use force abroad.

But there are more practical reasons working through the United Nations. America often finds it easier to enlist allies and resources.

President Bush's U.N. gambit, like his father's a decade ago, will result in action against Iraq where allies share the burden and the sacrifice.

And as in Afghanistan, a multi-lateral coalition will become doubly important when military

action ends. It will be far better to face the challenges of security, reconstruction and economic recovery with a U.N. force that includes troops from Muslim nations, rather than with American G.I.s alone.

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For our money, as taxpayers, we get the satisfaction of supporting effective humanitarian work that also helps prevent the spread of regional conflicts.

The U.N. agency on HIV/AIDS operates with a small staff and budget, but has made an immense contribution by helping countries to develop national public health plans, and by spreading knowledge of anti-AIDS strategies that have worked in the Third World.



### No

U.N. is on the decline after not handling Iraq

**T**he United Nations is in the process of making itself irrelevant. It has spent the last 12 years drawing lines in the sand and telling Iraq's Saddam Hussein that he had better not cross them.

Each time, Saddam crossed the newly drawn line and laughed at the United Nations. And each time, the United Nations drew a new line, but did nothing about the previous violations.

The fact that the United Nations' credibility is now on life support does not mean the U.N. has never accomplished anything or that it cannot achieve something of value in the future. Reform is always possible. The United Nations may be able to aid refugees or help fight disease in the Third World. However, it is not clear that other organizations with similar funding couldn't do better.

But, when it comes to the war on terrorism, the United Nations is diminishing itself. If the United Nations continues on its current path, it will write its own obituary. The League of Nations suffered a similar fate 60 years ago, dying of self-inflicted wounds to its credibility.

The reasons for United Nations' lack of credibility are numerous, but three of the most significant include One, the U.N. operates on a false premise; two, the U.N. is profoundly confused and rudderless; and three, the U.N. has become a forum for second-rate nations to bash America.

First, the U.N. operates on the false premise that all nations are equal. However, some nations are outlaws and rogues. Some are upstanding international citizens. And many fall somewhere in between. Yet, the United Nations pretends that all nations are

GEORGE LANDRITH

equal. For example, the United States recently lost its seat on the U.N. Human Rights Commission. This U.N. commission is now headed by Moammar Gadhafi's Libya, a terrorist nation with a shocking human rights record. This is like asking a Ku Klux Klan grand wizard to head the Equal Opportunity Commission. But to the United Nations, it is progress.

Second, the U.N. has become so perplexed by the "complexities" of the war against terrorism that it cannot figure out what to support. The United Nations says it wants Saddam to disarm. Yet, the U.N. is unwilling to do anything to further its stated goal. The U.N. argues that the inspectors need more time while ignoring the fact that Saddam only agreed to the inspectors' return because he did not want the U.S. armed forces to return. Saddam is playing the United Nations for fools as he played cat and mouse games with inspectors and hopes that the same U.N. luminaries who thought Libya should head the Human Rights Commission will protect him from accountability and call for more delays.

Finally, the U.N. has become a platform for wannabe nations to denounce the United States and blame the world's problems on America. It is a far cry from the American forum's disproportionate pay for U.S. taxpayers. Almost one-fourth of the United Nations' general revenues come from the United States. America's share of peacekeeping expenses is even higher. The remaining 190 member nations of the United Nations split the remaining costs.

For this hefty investment, we are treated to the spectacle of Libya, Iraq, North Korea, Iran and other moralizing about America's shortcomings. Yet, the United States is the one stabilizing force for democracy and long-term peace in the world today.

If the United Nations doesn't fully reform its operations and bolster its credibility, it will suffer a quick death of irrelevance just as the League of Nations did. Wouldn't it be a strange twist of fate if Saddam's last victory was the demise of the United Nations?

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## LETTERS

### Congress must stop failed economic measures

I just watched the latest economic report on the national news stations on television. Obviously, President Bush's last few efforts to improve the economy with tax cuts haven't worked. The economy is not improving and is, according to the experts, going downhill at this point.

One of the mainstays of insanity that I have heard is continuing to practice the same behavior over and over, hoping the outcome will be different. Bush's proposal for the latest budget, with all the tax cuts for the wealthy, seems to be following that insanity scenario.

Let's say for the sake of illustration that I am the entity now known as the United States. I am in a lot of debt.

One of the things I always do when I am in a lot of debt is borrow even more money, accruing even more debt, so that I can give my richest neighbors a lot of money in hopes that they may hire me to clean their toilets. Now, I know this sounds insane, but isn't that what President Bush's tax cuts are really doing if you look at it on a more personal level?

How can this be a good economic stimulus? These sorts of trickle-down theories didn't work under Ronald Reagan, and

they will not work now. Reagan left us with staggering deficits, which we just barely got paid off.

I, for one, do not want to go through that again. If there are going to be tax breaks and corporate welfare, I want it targeted - targeted so that the people who have to spend get the tax breaks and the corporations who guarantee to create jobs get the corporate welfare.

My country shouldn't go into any further deficit spending so the wealthiest 5 percent of the population can afford another luxury or two. Stop the insanity and let your representatives know what you want. They really do listen if we make enough noise.

LAHWIT  
Twin Falls

### Cuts to education make little sense

Let's get smart about the budget cuts in education. Until I really got involved in the school system and was fortunate enough to teach kindergarten children to learn to read, I did not know how bad the schools need more funding for teachers and aides. A little over a month ago, I started teaching kinder garden children to read. I see how much they want to learn and how important it is because without the knowledge of read-

ing, they will never get a good education.

The children who have had an aide to help the teachers have been ahead of the ones who have not been fortunate enough to have an aide because of the budget cuts in education, and this is sad.

In today's society, both parents need to work because of the economy, and the children lose that learning time at home.

So now it is more work for the teachers to give your children the education they will need to succeed. I have seen some teachers at school until 7 or 8 p.m. and the principal there on Sundays working.

There are at least 20 students in a classroom, so how can one teacher give that one-on-one that is so needed to teach these children?

So let's cut back the money needed for education. After all, why should we worry if our children will learn to read and write or learn math. Instead, let's spend that money foolishly - on new Silverado 4-by-4s pickups and new cars, jets, fuel, etc.

Now let's get to the budget cuts in education. First of all, the people who are employed by state and government agencies and are furnished these brand-new cars to drive - do away with those vehicles; all the rest of us need to furnish our own transportation to our jobs. Think how many thousands of dollars could be put into education and the welfare system just to get rid of all those new vehicles.

Then just how much is it costing us to run the private charter jet plus fuel for the governor's use? There are many ways to cut the budget, and this is just a few that would help out the economy.

End of raising taxes, it is time to cut unnecessary spending.

The true facts are that none of our governors, senators, congressmen, and state and federal employees would have the jobs they hold if it was not for the teachers who helped give them their education.

LINDA BANCROFT  
Twin Falls

### Reasons don't justify war in Iraq

I am writing this letter in response to your March 18 editorial on the war in Iraq. I disagree with your ideas and the war for the following reasons:

The reasons being used are fictitious. It was not Iraq that bombed the Trade Center on 9-11. It was al-Qaeda, the worldwide terrorist organization that was probably based in Afghanistan and now is scattered all over the world. From every-

thing that I hear and read, Osama bin Laden and Saddam have no love for each other. They are of different sects of the Muslim church, one an Arabian and the other an Iraqi. We need the bulk of the world's nations in our corner during this upcoming war; we just have three or four.

We have a couple of other nations who, according to our president, are no different than Iraq, namely, Iran and Korea. When do we take them out?

When you look the world over, the great share of the population are more than 75 percent opposed to this war. They see the millions of starving and AIDS-ridden people all over the world. What would the billions of dollars that will be spent on this war do if it could be disbursed to those countries that are most needy? Would the image we make on the world be better then? It would be much better than the greedy, empire-building image we have now worldwide.

And by the way, where are we

going to get the hundreds of billions we will need? What domestic programs are we going to slash? Our schools are hurting right now; our farmers also and the vast infrastructure over all. We desperately need programs for the elderly and for the unemployed and for the ever-increasing medical costs. And still our president wants lower taxes for the most wealthy.

The next thing I am worried about is the human costs of a modern-day war. With the powerful bombs and air force we have, how many civilians, women and children will we kill and maim? How many of troops will we kill and maim?

Finally, when we win - and we will, how long are we going to have to be there to reshape the nation? How are we going to convince the other Muslim states we mean them no harm? And come to think of it, what are we going to do with all that oil?

PHILIP R. BARE  
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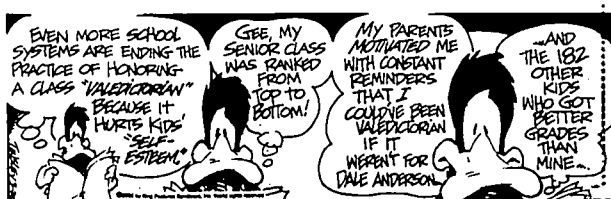
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WORLD

# New suspected cases of mystery illness surface

The Associated Press

A handful of suspected cases of a deadly flu-like illness surfaced in new spots around the globe Monday, but medical experts said there "should not be panic" because the spread is not as aggressive as most forms of influenza.

There also were no new fatalities since the nine first reported when the World Health Organization issued its unusual global alert over the weekend. WHO officials said they were investigating suspicious cases in England, France, Israel, Slovenia and Australia, all of which previously had none.

Most of the 167 cases that have appeared in the past three weeks are health workers in Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. China said 300 people had what appeared to be the same illness in an outbreak that began last November in Guangdong province.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was skeptical that the four cases it was looking into would be verified as "severe acute respiratory syndrome," or SARS, the name given the unidentified illness. The CDC already has ruled out 10 other suspicious cases.

Disease investigators said it could take weeks to determine the cause of the mysterious outbreak. WHO officials also said that for the first time, China was allowing teams of experts into the country to take a closer look at its own earlier outbreak, which killed five people before it was brought under control. WHO investigators should be there by week's end, the U.N. agency said.

Experts believe that the most likely explanation for the respiratory illness is an exotic virus or — the most feared scenario — a new form of influenza.

However, WHO's communicable diseases chief, Dr. David Heymann, said the illness doesn't seem to spread as quickly as a flu. "It isn't contagious at the level of many other infectious diseases," he said. "A normal influenza would be very contagious to people sitting in the same room." So far, experts say there is no evidence the infection spreads by casual contact, such as sitting next to somebody in an airplane.

"There should not be panic."



Two Chinese women wearing protective masks walk outside a hospital in Guangzhou, China, Thursday. The World Health Organization is trying to determine whether an outbreak of a mystery illness in Guangzhou in November is connected to similar pneumonia outbreaks throughout Asia, which are believed to have killed 11 people in recent weeks.

This is a disease which, it seems, requires very close contact with patients and it is mainly hospital workers who have been infected in the first wave of infections. Now we think that some other family members have been infected," Heymann said.

CDC head Dr. Julie Gerberding said she doubts the flu virus is responsible, since Hong Kong labs, which are very good at diagnosing influenza, have not been able to identify it. The incubation period for SARS appears to be three to seven days.

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It often begins with a high fever and other flu-like symptoms, such as headache and sore throat. Victims typically develop coughs, pneumonia, shortness of breath and other breathing difficulties. Death results from respiratory failure.

The Chinese said 7 percent of patients there required breathing tubes, but most eventually got better, especially if they were not also stricken with a bacterial infection. In addition, the disease seemed to weaken as it passed from person to person.

That's encouraging, WHO officials say, adding that some of the patients in the latest outbreak seem to be recovering.

China's provision of a written summary of its outbreak was an unprecedented step of cooperation by Beijing in global disease surveillance, Heymann said. It was also an important one, partly because scientists have for years been warning that a new influenza pandemic is inevitable and new types of flu often develop in that part of the world, Heymann said.

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Section B

## MORNING LINE

## SPORTSQUOTE

We spent two days in the biggest blizzard in the history of Denver. Who knew that was going to be the calm before the storm?

—Vermont coach Tom Brannen, after missing the tournament six hours later than scheduled and just 1.5 hours before tip-off against No. 1 Arizona. Arizona won 80-51.

## TRIVIA

## QUESTION:

Which Atlantic Coast Conference school has never reached the Final Four?

...answer below

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

## College baseball

Douglas CC at CSI (2:1 p.m.)

## High school baseball

Caldwell at Twin Falls (2:11 a.m.)

Wood River at Bishop Kelly (2:11 a.m.)

Glenns Ferry at Filer (2:11 a.m.)

## High school softball

Glenns Ferry at Filer (2:10:30 a.m.)

Eagle at Twin Falls (2:12 p.m.)

## IN BRIEF

## Dixie State men lose in national semifinals

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Dixie State College saw its dream of repeating as NJCAA men's basketball champions end in a 69-55 national semifinal loss to San Jacinto, Texas Friday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

The Rebels' (29-6) play for third place today. Southwestern, Iowa played Georgia Perimeter in the other semifinal late Friday.

It is Dixie's third consecutive appearance at the tournament. The Rebels own a 6-game home winning streak at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah.

The Dixie State women's season ended in a 79-71 loss to Louisiana (N.C.) College at the women's national junior college tournament in Salina, Kan.

It was the first-ever appearance for the Lady Rebels (28-7).

## Muni ladies prepare to tee off on March 27

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association is kicking off the golf season with a brunch, fashion show, and low gross net tournament on Thursday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Contact the pro shop to reserve a seat. Cost of the brunch is \$7 and the tournament \$2. There will be added money to the payout. Everyone is welcome.

## Bratt wins Idaho racquetball state title

BOISE — Daniel Bratt, a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the College of Southern Idaho, won the Idaho racquetball state championship in Boise on March 16. Bratt is the son of Gary and Barbara Bratt of Twin Falls.

In the last month he has participated in racquetball tournaments in Austin, Texas, Sioux Falls, N.D., Pocatello and San Diego, Calif.

Compiled from staff reports

## TRIVIA ANSWER:

Clemson. Note: UCLA beat Florida State, 81-76 in the 1972 championship game. Florida State joined the ACC in 1991.

## Utes hold off Ducks

## Majerus' impromptu plays lead Utah to win

By Teresa M. Walker  
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Utah coach Rick Majerus was making up new plays on the fly.

With three players fouled out and

Britton Johnson only available for

chance leading,

it was time to improvise.

"We were playing with every possible

combination," Majerus said.

"We were drawing things up. We didn't

have plays when you have two point

guards, two 2s and a 3 out there.

But we did a great job playing

through adversity."

Nick Jacobson scored 23 points

## NCAA Roundup — B2

and hit two of three free throws with 14.4 seconds left as the ninth-seeded Utes overcame their worst

shooting performance of the season to beat Oregon 60-58 Friday in the

Midwest Regional.

The eighth-seeded Ducks had a

chance to win, but James Davis

missed two 3-pointers in the final

seconds.

Johnson is sidelined by an

enlarged spleen from mononucleo-

sis. Playing without its second-leading

scorer, Utah (25-7) won for the

ninth time in 10 first-round games

under Majerus.

But this one wasn't pretty.

"I like the tag of winning,"

Jacobson said. "I don't care how it

goes."

It was a disappointing loss for

Pac-10 tournament champion

Utah. (AP Wirephoto)

## WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE



Minico senior Monica Jensen soars toward a 17-foot, 6-inch landing in the long jump during a meet in Jerome on Friday. Jensen, who will attend Idaho State University in the fall, added a triple jump victory and two hurdles wins to complete a perfect day.

## Bruins blister field at Jerome track meet

## Minico's Jensen wins four events

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Alex Castagno wore a look of anger with his ruffled brow, scowling mouth and

two clenched fists.

Seconds earlier, his intensity

was visibly less as he led the boys

100-meter dash during the

Jerome High School track and

field meet Friday at Murray

O'Rourke Stadium.

But the near-smirk soured as

Twin Falls teammate Brandon

Field caught him over the final 6

meters for the win in 11:26 sec-

onds. Castagno settled for second, 05 one-hundredths of a second

back.

"With me and Field it's just

competition," said Castagno.

"We were just battling at the

end. No excuses."

Field, who squared the rivalry

at a win apiece with Friday's

victory, said the win instilled a

week of hard work. He shaved

nearly three-tenths of a second

off his previous sprint.

"I've been working on my fin-

ish," he said. "Last week I just

did it at the end."

Even without Twin Falls team-

mate Jake Salinas, who is inelig-

ible until after Spring Break, the

Bruins took 12 of 18 events,

including a sweep of all four

relay races, for 112 points to beat

host Jerome (72), Idaho Falls (47)

and Minico (39).

Another Bruin, junior

Kameron Rosenblatt, gave

Jerome's Cory Musgrave all he

wanted in the boys triple jump.

The two battled within inches

of each other with Rosenblatt

clearing 10 feet, 7 3/4 inches only

to have Musgrave top him at 10.5

feet for the win. Earlier, Musgrave

pumped 20.1 to beat Brum Cole

East.

"My prediction was wrong, no

41," said Musgrave, who was hop-

ing to lead 41 feet.

Eric Snow was Twin Falls' only

twice event winner, finishing with

a 15.44 time in the 110 high hur-

dles followed by a 42.02 perfor-

mance in the 300-meter event.

"That's pretty good," he said.

"I've been trying to get my legs

faster and not running in the

ground."

Minico's Monica Jensen had no

much of a moment. The Spartan

senior showed why she is one of

the best in the state after bagging

four wins Friday in the long and

triple jumps and both hurdles

events.

The three-time reigning state

champion in the triple jump,

Jensen was most pleased with her

17.6 long jump, which she

improved by nearly 8 inches over

last week's 16.9-5 effort.

"Seventeen, 18, I'd like that

anytime of the year," she said.

She should, her nearest competi-

tion was a 15.8 jump by

Brittany Ward of Twin Falls.

(AP Wirephoto)

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## CSI splits with Douglas

By Joe Paisley  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A late mistake cost the College of Southern Idaho baseball team Game 1.

Pitcher Ryan Jones helped make sure one mistake wouldn't undo the Eagles in Game 2 of their non-conference home doubleheader.

Friday's results

CSI 1, Douglas 0

Saturday's games

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## SPORTS



AP photo  
Maryland guard Steve Blake (25) drives around UNC-Wilmington guard John Goldsberry (3) in the first half at the NCAA South Regional basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn., Friday.

## Defending champ Terrapins survive Seahawks attack

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Maryland isn't ready to give up its national championship just yet.

Drew Nicholas hit a desperation shot at the buzzer to give the Terrapins a stunning 75-74 victory over North Carolina-Wilmington on Friday night in the opening round of the NCAA South Regional.

Aaron Combs made two free throws with five seconds left to give the 11th-seeded Seahawks a 73-72 lead, putting them in position to pull off a journey surprise for the second year in a row.

But Nicholas took the inbound pass, dribbled nearly the length of the court and managed to launch a fall-away 3 off his back foot in his last shot.

The ball swished through as the horn sounded, helping



defending champion since UCLA in 1996 to get knocked out in the first round.

After Nicholas' shot, several Maryland players raced off the court in delirium, while Seahawks coach Brad Brownell collapsed to the floor in disbelief.

The officials called everyone back to look at the video replay. But it clearly showed that Nicholas got the shot off with a half-second to spare.

The Terrapins got to celebrate again when the basket was ruled good. But this time it was more subdued, with both teams gathering in front

of the scorer's table to shake hands with each other, a fitting end to a thrilling game.

UNC-Wilmington freshman John Goldsberry set a tournament record by shooting 8-of-8 from outside the 3-point arc, finishing with a career-high 26 points. Brett Blizard struggled most of the night, then hit three crucial 3s late in the game to put the Seahawks in position for the upset.

A year ago, UNC-Wilmington (24-7) opened with a 93-89 overtime victory against fourth-seeded Southern California. This time, the Seahawks had a No. 6 seed on the ropes, but couldn't finish the job.

Nicholas scored 22 points, including 5-of-8 shooting from outside the arc.

The Terrapins (20-9) advanced to meet third-seeded Xavier, a 71-59 winner over Troy State.

## Lady Vols' journey begins at home

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Four straight home victories will put Tennessee in the Final Four.

The top-seeded Lady Vols open the NCAA tournament Saturday against No. 16 seed Alabama State at their very own Thompson-Boling Arena, right on campus.

Win that, and the Vols play for a partisan crowd again. The team's following two games in the Midwest Regional would also be in Knoxville, meaning they'd never have to leave the comfort of home until heading to Atlanta for the national semifinals.

"It doesn't get any more exciting than this," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "Our team started thinking about this last spring" after losing to national champion Connecticut at the 2002 Final Four.

UConn — the No. 1 seed in East — begins defending its title Sunday, also at home, facing Boston University. It will be the Huskies' first game since their 70-game winning streak ended with a loss to Villanova in the Big East tournament final.

The top seed in the Midwest, Duke, also plays its first-round game Sunday, against Georgia State. LSU, No. 1 in the West, plays Southwest Texas State at Eugene, Ore., on Saturday.

Seventeen hosts Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Old Dominion, Purdue and Stanford also play Saturday, as the 64-team field begins the whittling process.

Tennessee (28-4), which lost to LSU in the Southeastern Conference tournament final, is bidding to win its seventh national title but first since 1998.

And they'll certainly be a daunting foe in the first round. The Vols went 12-0 this season at home, where they have won 16 in a row overall.

The home-court advantage is more pronounced in the NCAA's, where Tennessee is 40-0 at Knoxville. It has won its first- and second-round games there by an average of nearly 30 points.

Other top teams hosting regional finals: No. 3-seeded Stanford in the West and No. 6 Yale in the Midwest. The East Regional, however, is being hosted by Dayton, which isn't in the tournament.

Summitt, for one, thinks the sport would be better off if the NCAA made sure such important games weren't played on teams' home courts.

"I don't know of a coach in this country in women's basketball that would not be in favor of neutral sites. I am," she said.

"I have been for a long time. How long will it take? Hopefully, we'll be there in a couple of years."

Alabama State (20-10), meanwhile, isn't complaining about Saturday's site. The Lady Hornets are just thrilled to be making their first NCAA appearance after winning the SWAC championship.

"We are overjoyed," coach Freda Freeman-Jackson said. "Playing Tennessee is just icing on the cake. Pat Summitt is a legend, and we are glad to be in Knoxville."

## E. Tennessee puts scare into Wake Forest

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Josh Howard made two key free throws and finished with 12 points as the second-seeded Demon Deacons survived a major scare from No. 15 East Tennessee State, winning 76-73.

With his 22-point performance and frenetic floor game, Tim Smith got most of the credit for ETSU's scintillating effort. During an unbelievable 65-second stretch late in the game, he almost took the Deacs (20-11) to the second round on his own.

The 5-foot-9 freshman made a 4-point and a pair of free throws to cut a 24-6 deficit to three with 47 seconds left, then hit a 3-pointer from the left side to tie the game.

### Auburn 65, Saint Joseph's 63

TAMPA, Fla. — Marcus Daniels scored 25 points, five of them in overtime, and the Tigers withstood a brilliant second-half performance by Saint Joseph's star Jameer Nelson to hold on for the victory.

Nelson scored 13 of his team's last 15 points in regulation, including two free throws with a half-second left to tie it at 57. He made a pair of 3-pointers to help Saint Joseph's take a 63-59 lead in overtime, but the Hawks couldn't finish the job.

No. 10 seed Auburn (21-11) pulled within two on Daniels' dunk, and the Tigers took the lead for good on the senior forward's three-point play with 45.2 seconds remaining in the extra period. Nelson missed his last two shots and Saint Joseph's turned the ball over on an offensive foul with 19 seconds left.

The seventh-seeded Hawks then saw their last chance for victory end when Pat Carroll's shot failed to hit the rim with less than a second remaining.

### Butler 47, Mississippi St. 46

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — This time, Butler did more than just take a Southeastern Conference team down to the wire.

Brandon Miller hit a runner with 6.2 seconds left to lift the 12th-seeded Bulldogs to a 47-46 upset of No. 5 Mississippi State on Friday night in the first round of the East Regional.

Miller raced around the court pumping his fist while teammate Michael Monserve stood on the press row table, once again celebrating Butler (26-5) as an NCAA



AP photo  
Wake Forest's Josh Howard (5) gets by East Tennessee State's James Anthony in the first round at the NCAA East Regional in Tampa, Fla., Friday.

tournament darling.

### Syracuse 76, Manhattan 65

BOSTON — Carmelo Anthony scored 10 of his 17 points after the break as Syracuse improved its play in the second half.

The third-seeded Orangemen (25-5) struggled early, taking a 35-11 lead at halftime after committing 12 turnovers.

Jared Johnson scored 22 points and Luis Flores added 20 to lead the 14th-seeded Jaspers (23-7).

### Alabama State 77, Oklahoma State 77, Penn 63

BOSTON — Victor Williams scored a career-high 29 points and Oklahoma State made enough free throws down the stretch to win for only the second time in six games.

Utopia Onyekwue matched a career-high with 30 points for Penn, which won its previous 15 games and went undefeated in the Ivy League. The Quakers (22-2) were within four with 2:58 left, but they gave up the last 10 points of the game.

### Louisville 86, Austin Peay 64

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Rick Pitino returned to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997 and did it in style, this time guiding Louisville over flustered Austin Peay.

While Luke Whitehead had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Stan Reece Games scored 18, Pitino

## NCAA Tournament

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At The Fleet Center, Boston

Syracuse 76, Manhattan 65

Oklahoma State 77, Penn 63

At St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.

Auburn 65, Saint Joseph's 63

Wake Forest 76, East Tennessee State 73

At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham, Ala.

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# SCORES AND STATS

## WHAT'S ON T.V.

### Auto Racing

- **HASCAR, Busch Series.** Channel 250, FX, 11 a.m.
- **CART** qualifying for Grand Prix of Monterey. **SPEED, 12:30 p.m.**
- **NASCAR** Winston Cup "Hoop" Hour Series. First practice for Ford 500. **FX, 1 p.m.**
- **ASA** Florida 200, at Cleveland. **TV, SPEED, 1 p.m.**
- **Formula One** Malaysian Grand Prix. **SPEED, 11:30 p.m.**

### Baseball

- **Presidents' V.** Mets vs. Atlanta. **WPX, 11:05 a.m.**
- **Presidents' C.** Angels vs. San Francisco. **WGN, 1 p.m.**

### Basketball

- **NCAA** women's tournament, first round, Southwest Texas St. vs. Utah. **ESPN, 9 a.m.**
- **NCAA** men's tournament, first round, Southwest Texas St. vs. Utah. **ESPN, 9 a.m.**
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# Devils regain lead in Atlantic Division

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Patrick Elias and Jim McKenzie scored first-period goals as the Devils regained sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division.

The Devils have 95 points, two more than the Philadelphia Flyers in the race for the division title. Both teams have nine games remaining.

Pascal Higuain also scored for the Devils, while Corey Schwab, making only his eighth start, made 24 saves.

The Penguins extended their win streak to 15 games (0-14-1), the second longest in team history. Ricco Fata scored for Pittsburgh, whose beleaguered goalie, Johan Hedberg, forced 42 shots.



New Jersey goalie Corey Schwab makes a save during the second period against the Pittsburgh Penguins Friday in East Rutherford, N.J.

## Senators 5, Thrashers 1

**ATLANTA** — Todd White scored two goals and Karel Rachunek added a goal and two assists as the Ottawa Senators took advantage of the NHL's worst defense in a 5-1 rout of Atlanta on Friday night.

Goalie Ray Emery made 14 saves to win his first career start.

Ottawa outshot the Thrashers 40-15. Atlanta entered with 256 goals allowed, 17 more than Buffalo, which has the second worst defense.

Ottawa has the league's best record, 17-20-7-1 for 102 points.

Following the second period, the Thrashers released a statement announcing that 25 small number of fans that behaved disrespectfully during the Canadian anthem.

The booing, which came from approximately 20 people scattered across Philips Arena, stopped after singer Jennifer Ross sang the

first few lines of "O Canada." The crowd cheered when she finished.

## Wild 3, Stars 2 OT

**DALLAS** — Wes Walz's goal with 4:30 left in overtime prevented the Stars from winning the Pacific Division title.

Scott Young scored twice in the third period for Dallas, including the tying goal with 4:31 left in regulation.

But Walz got his 13th goal, tying from the slot over the shoulder of goaltender Ron Tugnait to give the Wild its third victory in four meetings with Dallas this season.

Manny Fernandez made 44 saves for Dallas, improving to a 4-1-1-1 in its last seven games.

The slumping Stars, 1-4-0-1 in their last five games, pushed their advantage over Anaheim to 11 points with the point for overtime.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Jags sign Ravens' return specialist Jermaine Lewis

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Pro Bowl return specialist Jermaine Lewis signed a three-year contract, then days with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Lewis spent last season in Houston after Baltimore left him unprotected in the expansion draft. He was cut by Houston on Feb. 20 because the Ravens didn't want to pay him a \$500,000 roster bonus.

Lewis is familiar to new Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio and personnel chief James Harris. Lewis was with the Ravens when Lewis made the Pro Bowl as a punt returner for Baltimore in 2001.

The contract is worth nearly \$3 million, the Florida Times-Union reported in its Friday edition, quoting a team source. Lewis, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds, was the sixth veteran free agent signed by the Jaguars since March 10.

The eight-year pro led the NFL in punt-return yards two years ago. He also topped the league with a 16.1-yard average on punt returns in 2000 and went to his first Pro Bowl in 2001.

Lewis replaces Bobby Shaw as the Jags' punt returner.

Shaw signed with Buffalo on Monday.

## Foot injury forces Seles out of key Biscayne

**KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.** — Two-time champion Monica Seles withdrew from the Nasdaq-100 Open on Friday, saying she hasn't fully recovered from a stress fracture in her left foot.

Seles was hurt while practicing last month. She said she didn't want to rush her return from the injury, which also forced her to miss Indian Wells this month.

The 10th-seeded Seles, who won the tournament in 1990 and 1991, withdrew shortly before her opening match. She was replaced in the draw by Eve Dominikovic.

## LeBron's gang coasts into state final games

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — LeBron James has a few talented teammates at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary.

"They're a great team with out-of-the-box," Canton Soccer coach Henry Cobb said after James' top-ranked team rolled to a 71-46 win in Friday's semifinals of the Ohio state boys high school tournament.

As good as the Fighting Irish

(24-1) are, though, there's still no disputing James' makes them extraordinary.

James, the 6-foot-8 senior expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, had 41 points in the season and earned Jeff Gordin's admiration.

Newman set a track record Friday by completing a lap around Bristol Motor Speedway at 128.719 mph, eclipsing the mark of 127.216 mph Gordon set a year ago.

It took Newman just 14.908 seconds to lap the 0.53-mile hill, making him the first driver to do it in less than 15 seconds.

In addition to his record, Gordon had to settle for second in qualifying for Sunday's Food City 500, turning a lap at 127.343 in his No. 24 Chevrolet.

Qualifying is quickly turning out to be Newman's specialty. Last season's top rookie now has nine career poles in 45 attempts, and two in just six starts this season.

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## Newman wins Bristol pole, second of season

**BRISTOL, Tenn.** — Ryan Newman won his second pole of the season and earned Jeff Gordon's admiration.

Newman set a track record Friday by completing a lap around Bristol Motor Speedway at 128.719 mph, eclipsing the mark of 127.216 mph Gordon set a year ago.

It took Newman just 14.908 seconds to lap the 0.53-mile hill, making him the first driver to do it in less than 15 seconds.

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## BASEBALL

### Major League Baseball

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Texas	18	5	.780
Seattle	12	11	.522
Minnesota	12	11	.522
Chicago	12	11	.522
Los Angeles	12	11	.522
San Francisco	12	11	.522
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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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San Diego	12	11	.522
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#### Friday's College Baseball Scores

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## KNICKS 97, PISTONS 93

**NEW YORK** — The New York Knicks defeated the Detroit Pistons 97-93 in a closely contested game on Friday night.

## HORNETS 113, BUCKS 98

**DALLAS** — The Dallas Mavericks defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 113-98 in a game on Friday night.

## NEW ORLEANS 101, MEMPHIS 94

**NEW ORLEANS** — The New Orleans Hornets defeated the Memphis Grizzlies 101-94 in a game on Friday night.

## SAN ANTONIO 101, LAKERS 99

**SAN ANTONIO** — The San Antonio Spurs defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 101-99 in a game on Friday night.

## THURSDAY'S LATE NBA BOX SCORES

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## SPORTS

## Bruins stop Spartans' streak



Minco's Crystal Molina attempts to bunt her way on base Friday in the Spartans' 12-0 loss to Twin Falls at Big Valley Recreation Complex in Rupert. Molina was out as Twin Falls pitcher Ruth Anna Spooner threw a one-hitter for the Bruins.

## Spooner spins one-hitter for Twin Falls

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It was reality check time for the Minco Spartan softball team.

The Spartans had won their first four games of the season and sophomore pitcher Amber Warth had been dominant in those outings.

Then the Twin Falls Bruins came to town and put a 12-0 thumping on the Spartans Friday night at Big Valley Recreation Complex. The Bruins, 2-0 overall, 1-0 Region Three pounded out 13 hits against Warth and Ruth Anna Spooner struck out 11 hitters en route to a one-hitter for Twin Falls.

"I've been reading a lot about Warth and her high strike-out numbers," Twin Falls coach Nick Baumer said. "I was a little nervous going in, and I think the girls were, but we were aggressive and it paid off."

And the Bruins stayed aggressive throughout the contest as they got contributions from their entire lineup.

Second baseman Belinda Turley went 2-for-5 with three RBIs for the Bruins, center fielder Temple Levings went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, designated hitter Erin Daniels went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and catcher Josie Williams went 1-for-1 with three runs scored.

Warth, who had been well into double-digit strikeouts routinely in the opening four games for Minco (4-1, 0-1), recorded just three strikeouts Friday as she struggled to find her changeup.

"When she doesn't have her changeup working, all she's got is that fastball," Minco coach Larry Stocking said. "And then they can sit dead red."

But it wasn't like the Bruins hammered Warth. Instead, they slapped singles and moved play-

ers over with bunts and aggressive base running.

Stocking thought a big difference in the game came down to experience. Most of the Spartans are freshmen and sophomores.

"I could tell a difference in the girls today before their first conference game," he said. "They seemed a little more uptight and nervous. We were in a lot of the same situations as them but they delivered and we didn't."

Minco had the bases loaded in the third inning thanks to a pair of errors and a walk. The Spartans then had runners on second and third with no outs in the second inning thanks to a walk and a pair of errors.

But Spooner got out of trouble each time.

"She pitched a real nice game," Baumer said. "The couple of times she was in trouble she was able to get out of it."

Warth's sixth-inning single was

the only hit of the evening for Minco.

Just as Friday was the real test for the Spartans, today might be that for the Bruins as they go up against Eagle and ace Randi Cook, who threw a no-hitter for the Mustangs in the state title game last spring.

The Bruins have dates with Eagle, Centennial, Timberline and Boise this year as they have tried to upgrade their schedule to better prepare them for the state tournament.

"You want to see how you stack up with the best," Baumer said. "And that should help us down the road."

Twin Falls 12, Minco 0  
Twin Falls pitcher Ruth Anna Spooner struck out 11 hitters in a 12-0 victory over Minco.

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## Wood River rips Middleton, 12-0

MIDDLETON — Wood River put away Middleton 12-0 in about 75 minutes Friday behind a three-hitter thrown by Steve Hansen.

Hansen struck out six and walked none in the 5-inning game.

Wood River (3-0-1) took advantage of its seven hits, paced by a grand slam home run by Paul Tucker to jump out to a 5-0 lead. Catcher Kellen Chatterton went 2 for 2 on the day, including an RBI double in the second inning.

"Those seven hits did a lot of damage," said Wood River coach Larry Hansen. "Hansen was in the 5th in his pitch count. He was very efficient. We were out of there in an hour and 15 minutes."

Wood River plays at Bishop Kelly for a doubleheader at 11 a.m. today.

Wood River 12, Middleton 0, 5 innings

## Softball

Burley 11, Bonneville 1,

5 innings

Burley 10, Bonneville 0,

5 innings

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats picked up their first two wins of the young season with convincing victories over Bonneville Friday, 11-1 and 10-0 in two shortened softball games.

Burley (2-1) next plays at Jerome April 1.

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Burley 10, Bonneville 0, 5 innings

## Golf

Jerome boys take third at Riverbend

WILDER — The Jerome boys golf team placed third at the 11-team Canyon County Classic at Riverbend Golf Course in Wilder on Friday.

The Tigers shot 314 to finish four strokes back of runner-up Vallave. Skyview of Nampa won the tournament with a score of 298.

## Clavet upsets No. 1 Hewitt at Key Biscayne

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — It was easy to see that fiery Lleyton Hewitt was off his game Friday night.

because he did little first-pumping or chest-thumping during his match — and none when it ended.

The top-ranked Hewitt, left vulnerable by an upset stomach and wobbly groundstrokes, lost his opening match at the Nasdaq 100 Open to Francisco Clavet 6-4, 6-4.

Hewitt's nausea notwithstanding, the result was a stunner because Clavet came into the tournament without a victory this year. At 34 he's the oldest player in the draw and plans to retire at the end of the year.

A qualifier from Spain, Clavet is ranked 178th. It has been nine years since a No. 1 player lost to someone ranked so low, which didn't make Hewitt feel any better.

The Australian blamed his ailment on a room-service meal he ate at his hotel Thursday night.

"I didn't feel great out there," he said. "I was sick as a dog all night. It came quick after I had

Jerome senior Cory Bauer lost in a two-hole playoff to eventual medalist Cole Kaiserman of Skyview. Both golfers shot 22 under 70 in regulation. Bauer had a chance at the win on the first playoff but missed a "6-or-8-foot putt" for birdie, said Jerome coach Dale Mowrer.

Bauer also missed a 4-foot putt for par on the second hole.

Scott Bendawald of Vallave took third place behind Andrew Obermeyer of Emmett on the first playoff hole. Matt Deacon of Skyview finished fifth with a 74.

Rounding out the Jerome scores were Scott Poulos (77), Jeremy Black (78), Tyler Lora (89) and Ryan Lee (91). Mowrer said he was pleased with the Tigers' performance.

"Vallave has just dominated our division the last few years, but only beat us by four and I felt good about it," Mowrer said. "I can't wait to get them here in the wind."

Mowrer was referring to Jerome's own invitational tournament on April 4. Outback Steakhouse is sponsoring this year's annual event.

Results  
Tiger

## Tennis

Jerome 6, Burley 6

JEROME — Host Jerome tied Burley 6-6 in high school tennis Friday at Jerome High School. The Tigers won five of six singles matches, including a sweep of girls' doubles.

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## McGrady scorches hapless Cavaliers for 39

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 39 points in three quarters and the Orlando Magic beat the Cleveland Cavaliers for the fourth time this season, 109-85 on Friday night.

McGrady scored 30 or more points for the 42nd time this season, and tied a team record with his eighth consecutive 30-plus game. He also extended his team mark of 39 games in a row with 20 or more points.

Mt. Eden scored 15 points to lead the Cavaliers, who have lost 10 of their last 11.

Pacers 101, Grizzlies 92

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal tied his career high with 38 points and grabbed 18 rebounds as Indiana rallied from a 19-point deficit and beat Memphis.

Mike Miller, Wesley Person and Lorenzen Wright each scored 15 points for the Grizzlies, who led 70-51 with 5:51 left in the third quarter.

Reggie Miller scored seven points during a 14-0 run and the Pacers held the Grizzlies scoreless for

almost 3.5 minutes. The Pacers pulled within 76-75 going into the final quarter, and O'Neal then scored 12 points to lead an 187 run that broke it open during the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter.

Hawks 114, 76ers 105

PHILADELPHIA — Glenn Robinson matched his season high with 32 points and Shaquille O'Neal scored 10 of his 22 in the final five minutes as Atlanta snapped a three-game losing streak.

Dion Glover had 18 points and Jason Terry added 17 for the Hawks, who made 34 of 37 free throws and improved to 3-0 against the 76ers this season.

Allen Iverson scored 25 points and had a season-high 12 assists for Philadelphia, but shot just 9 of 27 from the field.

Timberwolves 101,

Spurs 94, 0T

SAN ANTONIO — Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 12 rebounds and finished two assists shy of his sixth triple-double of the season as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the

San Antonio Spurs 101-94 in overtime Friday night.

Anthony Peeler added 23 points, Troy Hudson had 15 and Wally Szczerbiak scored 14 for the Timberwolves, who moved a half-game behind Portland for the fourth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 12 rebounds, Tony Parker added 17 points and Stephen Jackson scored 15 points for the Spurs.

Knicks 97, Pistons 93

NEW YORK — There are tough angles and there are very tough angles, and there are the angles from which Latrell Sprewell launched the game-clinching shot Friday night.

Sprewell scored 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, including a winning corner jumper from behind the backboard with 15 seconds remaining as the New York Knicks defeated the Detroit Pistons 97-93 Friday night.

Hornets 113, Bucks 98

NEW ORLEANS — Baron Davis

and Jamal Mashburn each scored 22 points to lead the Orlando Hornets to a 113-98 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday night.

Davis scored 15 in the first half, including two breakaway dunks he started himself with steals near midcourt, as New Orleans built a 70-44 halftime lead that proved insurmountable.

From the end of the third quarter to several minutes into the fourth, Milwaukee used an 18-9 run to pull to 93-77 with about nine minutes left. But Davis responded with a 10-0 the glass, then fed an alley-op to Jamal Mashburn that pushed the lead back up to 21.

Heat 107, Raptors 98

MIAMI — Rookie Caron Butler scored 22 points and the Miami Heat snapped a four-game losing streak with a 107-98 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Friday night.

The Heat got a season-high 53 points from their reserves, including 18 from Mookie Allen and 11 from Sean Lampley in Miami's second win in 10 games.

## Track

Continued from B1

Jensen needed only a 36-9 to win the triple jump by over 5 feet. And she was virtually alone during the hurdles event, blaring to wins of 15.40 in the 110-meters and 47.73 in the 300-meter hurdles, despite jumping off her left leg instead of her regular right.

"My timing was off. I don't know how that happened," she said.

Orla Walsh won two events for Twin Falls, taking the 100-meter (12.96) and 200-meter (27.1) dashes.

Jerome teammates Jennifer Pond and Vanessa West kept their shot put and discus rivalries intact. West won the discus with a heave of 130-8 to Pond at 114-8.

while Pond cleared the field by 2 feet in the shot put with a Herculean 39.5-5 throw. West finished third at 36-8.5 behind Heather Holston of Twin Falls (36-9.5).

Holston, who adds a distinctive grunt with each heave, placed third at state last season in the shot put.

"I started with the grunt in ninth grade, it definitely works," she said.

Holston was just a little louder this day.

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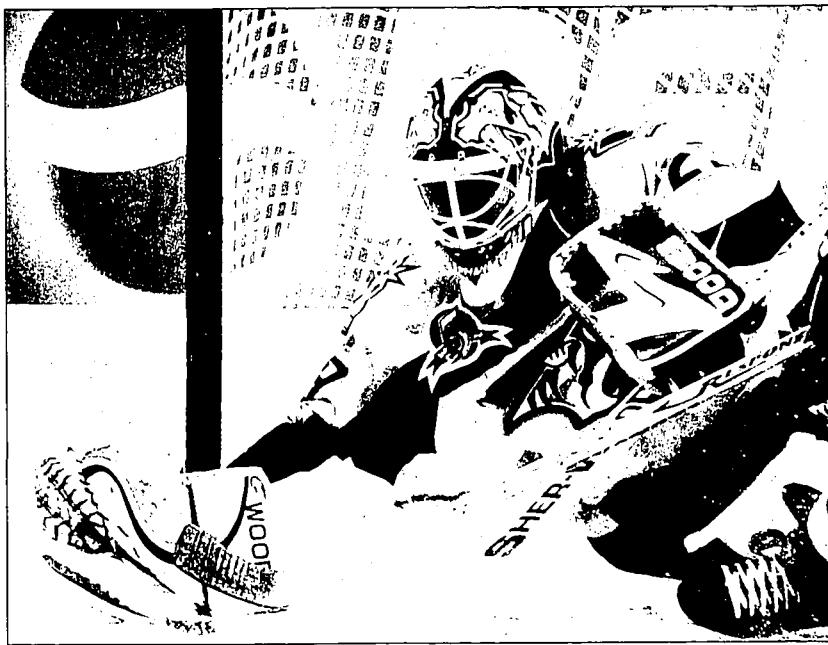
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# Young goalie saves season



Nashville goalie Tomas Vokoun stops a shot by the Blues' Alexander Khavanov Mar. 15 in Nashville. The former backup goalie has become one of the NHL's best.

## Nashville's gamble of a trade pays off profoundly

By Teresa M. Walker  
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nashville Predators had no choice.

After winning just six of their first 28 games, the owner's pledge to make the playoffs loomed as a constant reminder of a wasted season. General manager David Poole said a change had to come.

"We were going nowhere. It was a risk, a gamble, we needed to change directions," he said. "What more dramatic way if you will on your hockey club than to change your goaltender?"

But even Poole concedes that no one thought the Dec. 12 trade of top goalie Mike Dunham to the New York Rangers would pay off this well so quickly.

Backup Tomas Vokoun has seized the No. 1 job by becoming one of the NHL's top goalies. He ranks seventh in goals-against average at 2.15 and eighth in save percentage at .920 through March 16.

He had played in 47 of the last 48 games through Monday with franchise records for most games played (59) and victories (25).

"It's catching a lot of people by surprise, but not everybody," Predators goalie coach Mitch Korn said of Vokoun's success.

A native of the Czech Republic who grew up watching Dominik Hasek and trying to emulate his mental toughness, Vokoun said he knew he had to seize his opportunity.

"There is my chance, and this chance doesn't come too often, maybe once in a lifetime," Vokoun said. "I was just glad I was ready, and I worked hard enough to be in good shape and good position to be successful."

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— Predators GM David Poole, on trading Mike Dunham

He is why the Predators got into playoff contention for the first time in their five-year history, reaching the ninth spot in the Western Conference. Vokoun went 8-2-1 in February with a 1.71 GAA.

"He's stepped up and has given us a goaltender we can match up with anybody in goal right now in the National Hockey League," coach Barry Trotz said. "That's been a very pleasant thing for us."

Vokoun enjoys the full support of his teammates because of his low-key manner and how he blames only himself for mistakes. Before games, he can usually be found playing soccer in the hallway with several Predators.

Korn sees an even better future. He wants Vokoun to improve by staying on his feet and skating longer, building patience and learning how to make one more save per game and control one more rebound per game.

"If he thinks he's as good as he's ever going to be right now, he's wrong," Korn said.

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## Alfonseca will miss first month of season

By The Associated Press

Chicago Cubs closer Antonio Alfonseca will miss the first month of the season after injuring his hamstring this week.

Alfonseca has a moderate-to-severe strain of his right hamstring, an injury sustained Tuesday when he slipped and fell while fielding a ground ball off the bat of Seattle's Randy Winn.

"Nobody can predict whether it's the first week of May or the second, but it looks like it's going to be probably at least five, six weeks before he can be in a game," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said Friday in Mesa, Ariz.

At Surprise, Ariz., Ismael Valdes was picked to start for Texas in the major league season opener at Anaheim on March 30.

Chan Ho Park was moved back to No. 2 in the rotation and will pitch against the Angels on April 1. Rangers' manager Buck Showalter said Friday. John Thomson will pitch the third game of the series.

At Bradenton, Fla., Jeff D'Amico won't be the fifth starter's job with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I'm extremely happy," said D'Amico, who started last season in the Mets' rotation but missed it not pitching at all. "I'm glad they made the decision they did. I think all the big questions have been answered."

In games: Pirates 6, Yankees 4

At Bradenton, Fla., Roger Clemens allowed five runs and seven hits in 4.1 innings, striking out six and walking none. Clemens came back after a three-inning rain delay and in the fifth gave up Pokey Reese's two-run homer and Craig Wilson's two-run double.

Expos 7, Marlins 4

At Jupiter, Fla., Brad Penny gave up five runs and 11 hits in five innings. Penny was suspended for games for his part in a brawl March 10 that began when he hit Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero. The Expos' outfielder didn't make the trip for Friday's game. Montreal ace Javier Vazquez allowed two runs and two hits, leaving after the third because of soreness in his right leg.

Astros 3, Mets 1

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Tim Lincecum allowed one hit — an infield single by Mike Piazza — in five shutout innings. In the first, Lincecum escaped a jam by striking out Piazza and Mo Vaughn after four-pitch walks to Tim Lincecum and Cliff Floyd. Tom Glavine, who gave up 10 runs Sunday in Mexico City, allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Steve Parris earned a spot in Tampa Bay's starting rotation, giving up four hits in five scoreless innings. Parris led with a 1-0 lead, but Gerardo Garcia hit J. Sosa, who homered off Gerardo Garcia in the sixth. After the Devil Rays drew an RBI groundout by Jorge Fajardo in the seventh, Deva Cruz hit a two-run shot off Garcia in the bottom half.

Cardinals 4, Dodgers 4

At Vero Beach, Fla., Matt Morris allowed three runs in six innings, and hit an RBI single off

Hidden Nomo in the 10-inning tie. Nomo gave up two runs in five innings a day after being selected to start the Dodgers' season opener March 31 at Arizona. Adrian Beltré hit a two-run homer and Fred McGriff added a solo shot against Morris, who gave up five hits. Nomo allowed seven hits.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 3

At Dunedin, Fla., Brad Radke allowed two runs and five hits in five innings. Toronto's Doug Linton allowed one hit in four shutout innings with three strikeouts. In his last three appearances, Linton has allowed three runs in 10 innings.

Rangers 9, Brewers 6

At Phoenix, Mark Teixeira went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer off Ben Sheets. It was Teixeira's sixth home run of spring training. Rangers shortstop Adrian Rodriguez, recovering from a herniated small disc in his neck, took part in limited drills. He ran, fielded groundballs and hit off a tee.

Cubs 4, Diamondbacks 1

At Tucson, Ariz., Mark Bellhorn hit a three-run homer off Randy Johnson, and Shawn Estes held Arizona to three hits over six innings. Johnson struck out seven in six innings. "I felt a little rusty," he said. "I was trying to get my location going throughout the whole game. Even though I only walked one person, it doesn't mean I was pleased." Estes took a shutout into the sixth, when he allowed an RBI double to Luis Gonzalez.

Mariners 7, Padres 5

At Peoria, Ariz., Rafael Soriano, competing for a spot in Seattle's bullpen, allowed Sean Burroughs' two-run single and RBI singles by Xavier Nady and Gary Bennett in the first, then pitched four scoreless innings. Seattle broke out of a 3-5 tie in the eighth on Rob Gandolfo's RBI single and Adrian Myers' sacrifice fly off Brandon Villalarte, the leading candidate to be San Diego's closer in the absence of Trevor Hoffman.

Giants 6, Rockies 3

At Tucson, Jason Schmidt took a no-hitter into the fifth, and Pedro Feliz homered and drove in three runs. Schmidt didn't allow a hit until Jose Hernandez led off the fifth with a bloop double. Colorado's Jason Jennings allowed two runs in the second on consecutive singles by Feliz and Yovani Torrealba, then didn't give up another hit until he was chased in the sixth by Jason Ellison's run-scoring double.

White Sox 5, Angels 0

At Tempe, Ariz., Josh Stewart, competing for a spot in the starting rotation, allowed five hits in five innings. Chris Boockcheck allowed eight hits and all five runs in 3.1 innings.

Royals 7, Athletics 0

At Surprise, Ariz., Kris Wilson allowed four hits over three innings in his first start of spring training. Rookie Ken Harvey hit a two-run homer in the fourth off Iser John Halama. Jarrod Patterson, trying to win a spot as a reserve infielder, hit a pinch homer in the seventh off Ricardo Rincon.

## Woods, Els position themselves for weekend showdown

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Even after finishing with an 85 in what might be his final appearance on the PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer found reason to smile.

Palmer glanced over his shoulder at the large leaderboard behind the 18th green at the Bay Hill Invitational. Ernie Els was in the lead after a 7-under 65. Tiger Woods was one stroke behind and still on the course in the rain-delayed second round Friday.

"It's turning into the script that I'd like to see," said Palmer, the tournament host.

The script didn't include a five-hour rain delay that softened the brick-hard greens at Bay Hill, or the commotion outside the clubhouse when Woods' girlfriend collapsed from food poisoning and dehydration.

Still, the King couldn't argue with how the Bay Hill Invitational was shaping up as a potential showdown between the world's top two golfers.

Els birdied his first four holes, then finished strong after the rain delay to take the lead among those who completed the second round. He was at 5-under 139 and had a one-stroke lead.

Woods birdied four of the seven holes he played before darkness set in, and he

was at 4 under par. Aaron Baddeley, the 22-year-old Aussie, was at 6 under and among the 61 players still on the course when the second round was suspended.

"We knew we weren't going to finish today," Woods said. "You try to make the most of it. I made a couple of mistakes but still ended up under par for the day. I'm very pleased."

Fortunate to open with a 74, Els had every reason to believe this wasn't his year. Instead, it looks as if this might be his year.

"If I get better to the level I want to play at, I'm going to play a lot with Tiger, because he's on that level," Els said. "We've played together for the last six or seven years. He's definitely gotten better. And I've had my moments."

Among those who finished with Jack Nicklaus, who bogeyed his final two holes for a 76 to miss the cut at 14-over 158. He said he will play Augusta National in the next two weeks before deciding whether to compete in the Masters for the 44th time.

Top women share lead in Phoenix

PHOENIX — The top three women golfers in the world found themselves just about where they expected to be

Pak held a one-shot lead after the first round, but her 68 wasn't good enough to keep it for herself after 36 holes. With a new driver she got on Monday keeping the ball in the fairway, though, she wasn't complaining.

Spaniard, Brit sit atop leaderboard

SANTO DA SERRA, Madeira Islands — Spain's Jesus Maria Ariari and England's Andrew Sherborne shared the lead midway through the second round of the rain-delayed Madeira Island Open on Friday.

Ariari, the first-round leader after a 6-under 66, was 1 over through 12 holes, and Sherborne, 4 under after the first round, moved to 5 under through six holes when the second round was stopped due to darkness.

Half the field had to complete the first round Friday after rain in the Portuguese islands caused a 3.5-hour delay Thursday.

Bradley Dredge, the only top 100 player in Madeira, Andrew Marshall, Henrik Stenson and Alberto Binaghi were tied for third place at 3 under.

Seve Ballesteros, playing his first tournament in five months, followed an opening 78 with a 1-over 73 and was at 7 over.

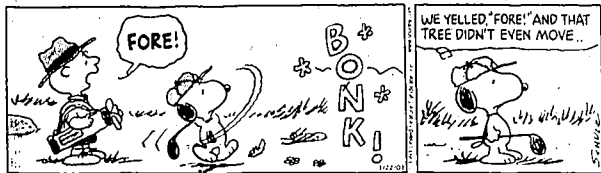


Ernie Els watches his tee shot on the seventh hole during the second round of the Bay Hill Invitational Friday in Orlando, Fla. Els shot 85 on the day to take the lead.

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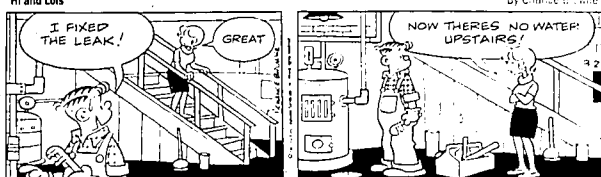
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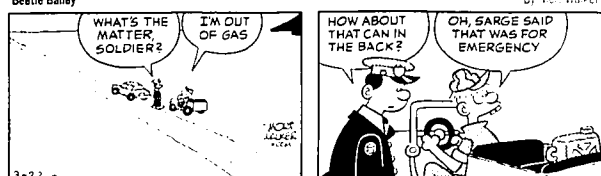
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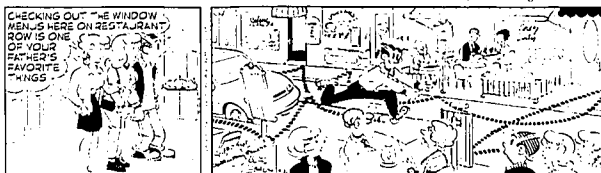
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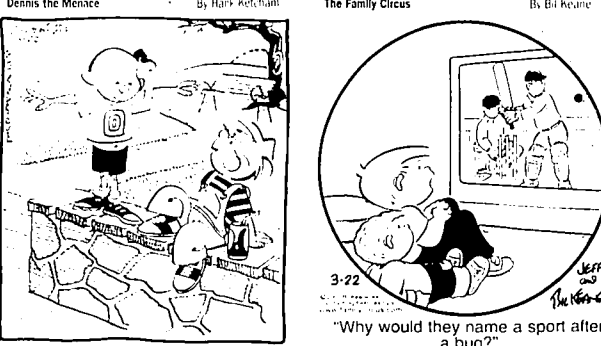


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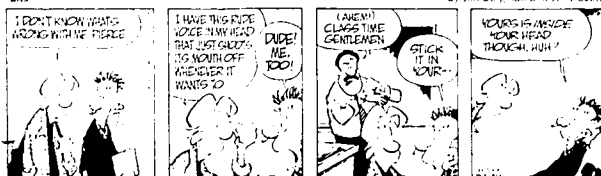
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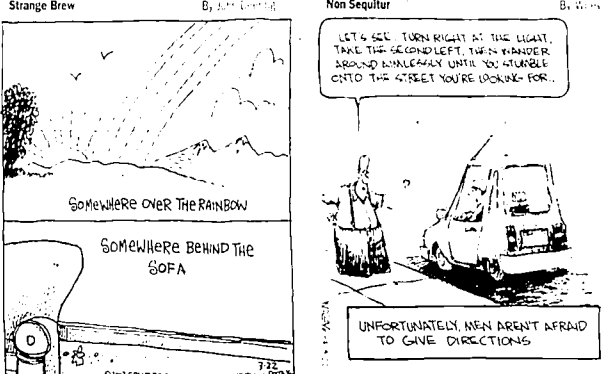


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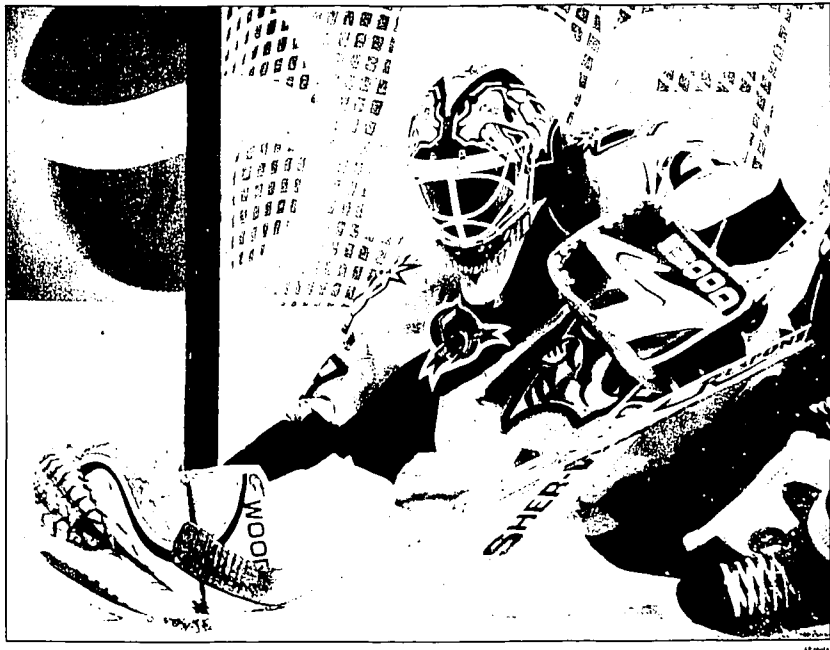
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## SPORTS

# Young goalie saves season



Nashville goalie Tomas Vokoun stops a shot by the Blues' Alexander Khavanov Mar. 15 in Nashville. The former backup goalie has become one of the NHL's best.

By Teresa M. Walker  
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Nashville Predators had no choice.

After winning just six of their first 24 games, the owner's pledge to make the playoffs loomed as a constant reminder of a wasted season. General manager David Poole said a change had to come.

"We were going nowhere. It was a risk, a gamble, we needed to change directions," he said. "What more dramatic way if you will on your hockey club than to change your goaltender?"

But even Poole concedes that no one thought the Dec. 12 trade of top goalie Mike Dunham to the New York Rangers would pay off this quickly.

Backup Tomas Vokoun has seized the No. 1 job by becoming one of the NHL's top goalies. He ranks seventh in goals-against average at 2.15 and eighth in save percentage at .920 through March 16.

He had played in 47 of the last 48 games through Monday with franchise records for most games played (59) and victories (25).

"It's catching a lot of people by surprise, but not everybody," Predators goalie coach Mitch Korn said of Vokoun's success.

A native of the Czech Republic who grew up watching Dominik Hasek and trying to emulate his mental toughness, Vokoun said he knew he had to seize his opportunity.

"This is my chance, and this chance doesn't come too often,

maybe once in a lifetime," Vokoun said. "I was just glad I was ready, and I worked hard enough to be in good shape and good position to be successful."

Hardly anyone can claim they always knew the 26-year-old Vokoun would be a great goalie. He was an overweight child when coaches in Karlovy Vary first stuck him in net. Vokoun now calls that a fortunate accident that helped him find the position that fits him best.

Vokoun worked his way up to the Czech Elite League and attracted the attention of the Montreal Canadiens, who drafted him in the ninth round in 1994 and bought him to North America when he was 18.

The goalie, who spoke no English, was sent to Wheeling, W.Va. Then it was on to Fredericton with just one appearance for Montreal in which he gave up four goals in 20 minutes.

The Canadiens gave up on him in 1998. They traded center Sebastian Boreland to Nashville who later grabbed Vokoun in the expansion draft, helping protect Jose Theodore from future drafts.

When Vokoun arrived, the Predators found he had a high body fat, poor conditioning and a poor work ethic. Korn saw the 6-foot Vokoun and saw flexibility and potential.

"It was going to take time and obviously players make themselves players," Korn said. "Coaches and strength guys can lead them to water, but they have to drink. Some do and some don't. The ones that do,

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succeed. He made himself a player."

Vokoun matured off the ice, getting married, buying a house and having a daughter.

On the ice, he played no fewer than 29 games a season as a backup. He set a team record playing in 15 straight games in 2000 and even played with a hairline fracture in his foot with Dunham out with a knee injury.

The Predators started this season by winning two of their first 20 games. Vokoun, often mentioned as potential trade bait, played in 16 of the first 28.

Poole recalled, "Our goaltending was just average. We were using Dunham one night, Vokoun the next."

The New York Rangers ended the quandary by asking for Dunham, a New York native, to help with Mike Richter out injured. Vokoun won 21 of 43 games following the trade.

"Some guys never get the chance," he said. "All you can do is work hard, and one day you can say, 'I did everything I could.'"

Friday — on top the leaderboard of the Safeway Ping tournament.

But sharing the top spot with Annika Sorenstam, Katrina Webb and Se Ri Pak was new to Patricia Meunier-Lebouc.

She shot a 6-under-par 66 to match the PGA superstars at 11-under midway through the second tournament of the season.

Unlike her fellow leaders, who found the situation rather ho-hum, Meunier-Lebouc was almost giddy with excitement.

But Meunier-Lebouc, whose only LPGA win came last year in the State Farm Classic, has a long way to go to match the exploits of the others.

Among them, Webb, Pak and Sorenstam have 88 career wins — 42 by Sorenstam alone. To be tied with them in this tournament is heady stuff for the 30-year-old player from Dijon, France, a European tour fixture before qualifying for the LPGA in 2001.

Normal for Webb, Pak and Sorenstam is to be among the leaders and playing in the final groups in the last two rounds.

Sorenstam made sure she would be there by making birdies on the last three holes — a streak that began when she almost holed out a pitching wedge on the 16th hole.

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# Alfonseca will miss first month of season

By The Associated Press

Chicago Cubs closer Antonio Alfonseca will miss the first month of the season after injuring a hamstring this week.

Alfonseca has a moderate-to-severe strain of his right hamstring, an injury sustained Tuesday when he slipped and fell while fielding a ground ball off the bat of Seattle's Randy Winn.

"Nobody can predict whether it's the first week of May or the second, but it looks like it's going to be probably at least five, six weeks before he can be in a game," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said Friday in Mesa, Ariz.

At Surprise, Ariz., Ismael Valdes was picked Friday to start for Texas in the major league season opener at Anaheim on March 31. Valdes was moved back to No. 2 in the rotation and will pitch against the Angels on April 1. Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Friday. John Thomson will pitch the third game of the series.

At Bradenton, Fla., Jeff D'Amico won the fifth starter's job with the Pittsburgh Pirates. "I'm extremely happy," said D'Amico, who started last season in the Mets' rotation but finished it not pitching at all. "I'm glad they made the decision they did. I think all the big questions have been answered."

In games

Pirates 6, Yankees 4

At Bradenton, Fla., Roger Clemens allowed five runs, and seven hits in 4.1 innings, striking out six and walking none. Clemens came back after a third-inning run delay and in the fifth gave up Pokee Reese's two-run homer and Craig Wilson's two-run double.

Expos 7, Marlins 4

At Jupiter, Fla., Brad Penny gave up five runs and 11 hits in five innings. Penny was suspended for five games for his part in a brawl March 10 that began when he hit Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero. The Expos' outfielder didn't make the trip, leaving Guerrero in Montreal. ace Javier Vazquez allowed two runs and two hits, leaving after the third because of soreness in his right leg.

Astros 3, Mets 1

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Tim Lincecum allowed one hit — an RBI single by Mike Piazza — in five shutout innings. In the first, Lincecum escaped a jam by striking out Piazza and Mo Vaughn after four-pitch walks to Timo Perez and Cliff Floyd. Tom Glavine, who gave up 10 runs Sunday in Mexico City, allowed two runs and six hits in six innings.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Steve Parris earned a spot in Tampa Bay's starting rotation, giving up four hits in five scoreless innings. Parris led off with a 1-0 lead, but Geromino Gil and B.J. Surhoff hit solo homers off Gerardo Garcia in the sixth. After the Devil Rays drew even on an RBI groundout by Jorge Fábregas in the seventh, Devin Cruz hit a two-run shot off Garcia in the bottom half.

Cardinals 4, Dodgers 4

At Vero Beach, Fla., Matt Morris allowed three runs in six innings, and hit an RBI single off

Hideo Nomo in the 10th inning. Nomo gave up two runs in five innings a day after being selected to start the Dodgers' season opener March 31 at Arizona. Adrian Beltré hit a two-run homer and Fred McGriff added a solo shot against Morris, who gave up five hits. Nomo allowed seven hits.

Twins 4, Blue Jays 3

At Dunedin, Fla., Brad Radke allowed two runs, and five hits in five innings. Toronto's Doug Linton allowed one hit in four shutout innings with three strikeouts. In his last three appearances, Linton has allowed three runs in 10 innings.

Rangers 9, Brewers 6

At Phoenix, Mark Teixeira went 3-for-5 with a three-run homer off Ben Sheets. It was Teixeira's sixth home run of spring training. Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez, recovering from a herniated small disc in his neck, took part in limited drills. He ran, fielded groundballs and hit off a tee.

Cubs 4, Diamondbacks 1

At Tucson, Ariz., Mark Bellhorn hit a three-run homer off Randy Johnson, and Shawn Estes held Arizona to three hits over six innings. Johnson struck out seven in six innings. "I felt a little rusty," he said. "I was trying to get my location down throughout the whole game. Even though I only walked one person, it doesn't mean I was pleased." Estes took a shutout into the sixth, when he allowed an RBI double to Luis Gonzalez.

Mariners 7, Padres 5

At Peoria, Ariz., Rafael Soriano, competing for a spot in Seattle's bullpen, allowed Sean Burroughs' two-run single and RBI single by Xavier Nady and Gary Bennett in the first, then pitched four scoreless innings. Seattle broke out of a 5-5 tie in the eighth on Rob Gaudinoff's RBI single and Adrian Myers' sacrifice fly off Brandon Villaverde, but losing the lead to San Diego's closer in the absence of injured Trevor Hoffman.

Giants 6, Rockies 3

At Tucson, Jason Schmidt took a no-hitter into the fifth, and Pedro Feliz homered and drove in three runs. Schmidt took an allow a hit until Jose Hernandez led off the fifth with a bloop double. Colorado's Jason Jennings allowed two runs in the second on consecutive singles by Feliz and Yorvit Torrealba, then didn't give up another hit until he was chased in the sixth by Jason Ellison's run-scoring double.

White Sox 5, Angels 0

At Tempe, Ariz., Josh Stewart, competing for a spot in the starting rotation, allowed five hits in five innings. Chris Boettche allowed seven hits and all five runs in 3.13 innings.

Royals 7, Athletics 0

At Surprise, Ariz., Kris Wilson allowed four hits over three innings in his first out of spring training. Rookie Ken Harvey hit a two-run homer in the fourth off loser John Halama. Jarrod Patterson, trying to win a spot as a reserve infielder, hit a pinch homer in the seventh off Ricardo Rincon.

# Woods, Els position themselves for weekend showdown

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Even after finishing with an 85 in what might be his final appearance on the PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer found reason to smile.

Palmer glanced over his shoulder at the large leaderboard behind the

Golf 18th green at the Bay Hill Invitational. Ernie Els was in the lead after a 7-under 65. Tiger Woods was one stroke behind and still on the course in the rain-delayed second round Friday.

"It's turning into the script that I'd like to see," said Palmer, the tournament host.

The script didn't include a five-hour rain delay that softened the brickhard greens at Bay Hill, or the commotion outside the clubhouse when Woods' girlfriend collapsed from food poisoning and dehydration.

Still, the King couldn't argue with how the Bay Hill Invitational was shaping up as a potential showdown between the world's top two golfers.

Els birdied his first four holes, then finished strong after the rain delay to take the lead among those who completed the second round. He was at Sunday 139 and had a one-stroke lead.

Woods birdied four of the seven holes he played before darkness set in, and he

was at 4 under par. Aaron Baddeley, the 25-year-old Aussie, was at 6 under and had a 65, helping him to the clubhouse when the second round was suspended.

"We knew we weren't going to finish today," Woods said. "You try to make the most of it. I made a couple of mistakes but still ended up under par for the day. I'm very pleased."

Fortunate to open with a 74, Els had every reason to believe this wasn't his week. Instead, it looks as if this might be his year.

"I get better to the level I want to play at, I'm going to play to level with Tiger, because he's on that level," Els said. "We've played together for the last six or seven years. He's definitely gotten better. And I've had my moments."

Among those who finished was Jack Nicklaus, who bogeyed his final two holes for a 76 to miss the cut at 14-over 158. He said he will play Augusta National in the next two weeks before deciding whether to compete in the Masters for the 44th time.

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Pak held a one-shot lead after the first round, but her 68 wasn't good enough to keep it by herself after 36 holes. With a new driver she got on Monday keeping the ball in the fairway, though, she wasn't complaining.

Spaniard, Brit sit atop leaderboard

SANTO DA SERRA, Madeira Islands — Spain's Jesus Maria Arruti and England's Andrew Sherborne shared the lead midway through the second round of the rain-delayed Madeira Island Open on Friday.

Arruti, the first-round leader after a 6-under 66, was 1 over through 12 holes, and Sherborne, 4 under after the first round, moved to 5 under through six holes when the second round was stopped due to darkness.

Half the field had to complete the first round Friday after rain in the Portuguese islands caused a 3.5-hour delay Thursday. Bradley Dredge, the only top 100 player in Madeira, Andrew Marshall, Henrik Stenson and Alberto Binaghi were tied for third place at 3 under.

Seve Ballesteros, playing his first tournament in five months, followed an opening 78 with a 1-over 73 and was at 7 over.



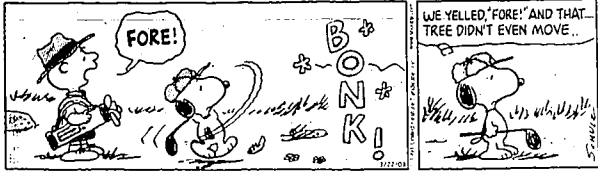
Ernie Els watches his tee shot on the seventh hole during the second round of the Bay Hill Invitational Friday in Orlando, Fla. Els shot 65 on the day to take the lead.



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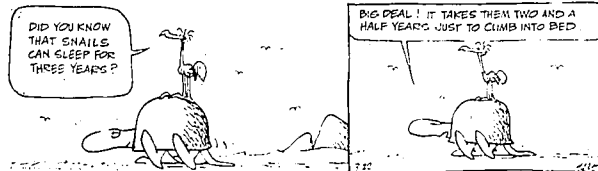
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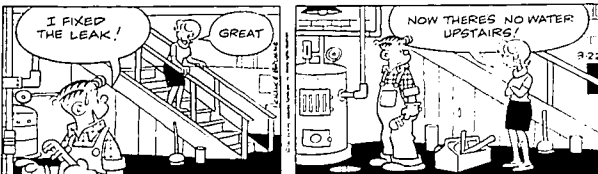
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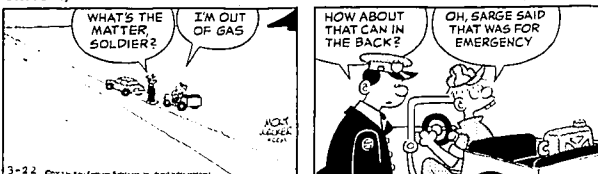
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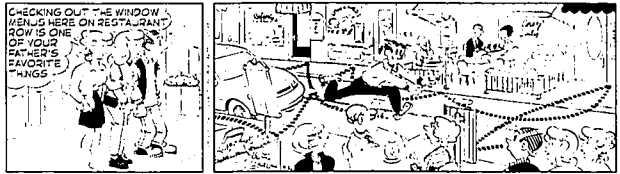
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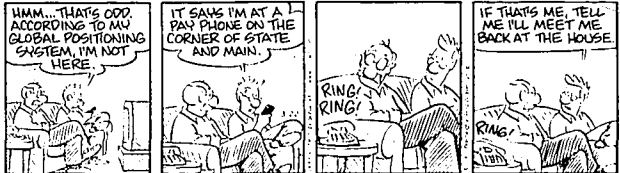
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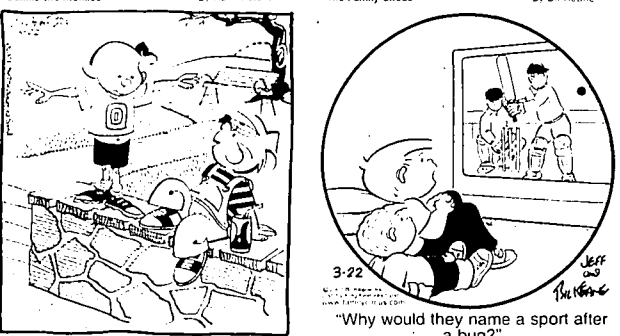


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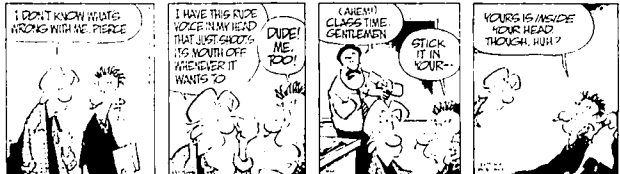
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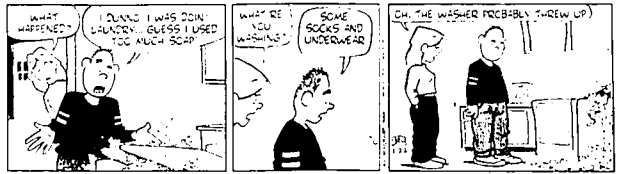
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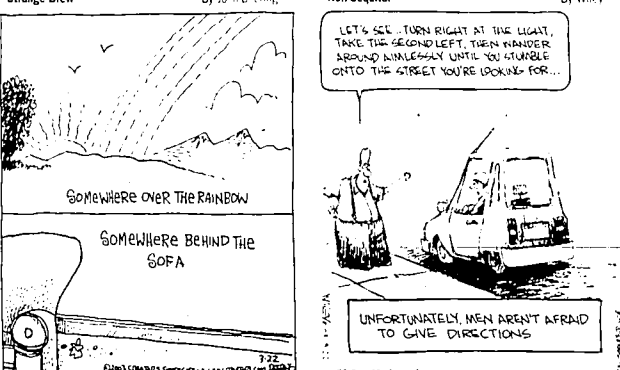


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# Forces advance nearly unimpeded

Troops skirmish with a few isolated Iraqis

By Geoffrey Mohan and Tony Perry  
Los Angeles Times

WITH U.S. FORCES IN SOUTHERN IRAQ — The Humayr, tanks and trucks — stretched out to a horizon obscured by mammoth clouds of dust — roared north at a speed so steady, so relentless, that lagards risked being left behind.

Fanning out across the Tigris and Euphrates river valleys, the U.S. soldiers and Marines advanced virtually unimpeded Friday through a desolate landscape punctuated by burning oil rigs, busted enemy bunkers and the hoisted white flags of surrendering Iraqi forces.

One convoy from the 3rd Army's 2nd "Spartan" Brigade drove all day and all night, rumbling down "Route Hurricane," as the unpaved, two-lane path in the desert is being called. Military engineers spray-painted big red arrows on boards alongside the route to show the troops the way, and Bradley fighting vehicles were parked every few miles to protect the column.

The pace was brutal. Soldiers wolfed down food as they drove or rode. There was no time for that. The Americans' destination was just a dot on the map yet: Baghdad. The capital, where troops from Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard are expected to make their stand.

As a cold night engulfed the desert, the U.S. forces, after about 100 miles into Iraq, according to the Pentagon, on a day that saw two Marines killed in one of several brief firefights early in the invasion.

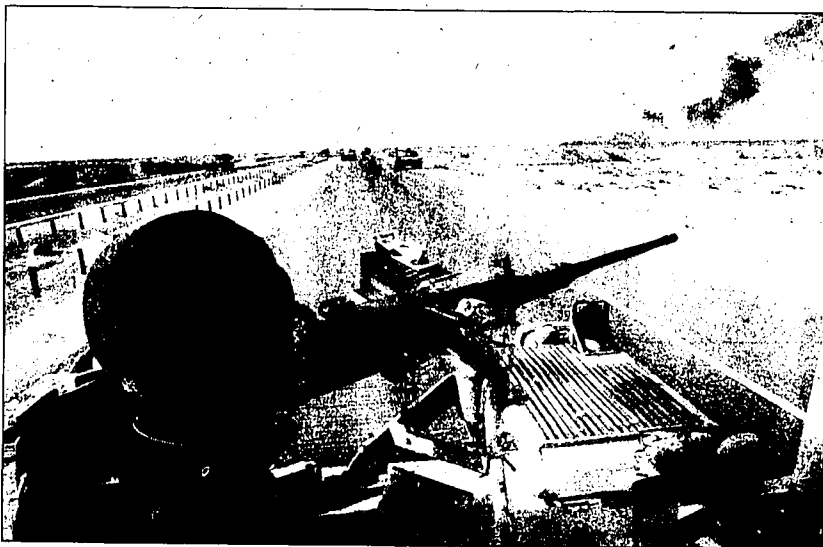
Marines skirmished with Iraqi soldiers outfitted with Soviet-era tanks, but the Marines prevailed. Several Iraqis were killed, and about 200 Iraqis surrendered. "I think they're very glad to have it over," Lt. Col. Frederick Padilla said. "And we're very glad to have them alive."

The initial phase of the ground war focused on hitting or seizing key economic targets such as oil fields; controlling Iraq's sea access and cutting borders; destroying Saddam's ability to psyche out his forces, and psyching out the Republican Guard to force mass defections.

In the southwest, British and U.S. Marines, after scaling off the Al Faw peninsula, captured Umm Qasr, Iraq's only port on the Persian Gulf, stamped out pockets of resistance in sporadic firefights and then raised an U.S. flag over the town. (The Pentagon later ordered the Stars and Stripes removed.)

From Umm Qasr, troops headed toward Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, but stopped short of entering. Instead, they secured oil fields in the area after fleeing Iraqi troops reportedly set several derricks ablaze, sending black, greasy smoke billowing over the horizon. Generally, the forces have so far skirted the towns in the Tigris and Euphrates valleys.

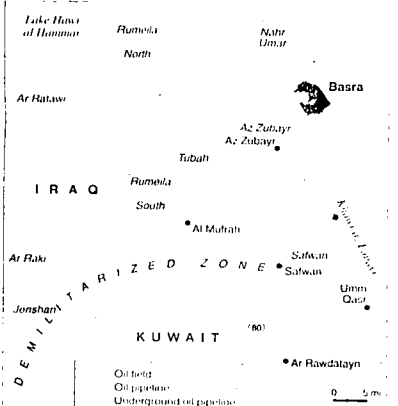
U.S. and British forces were



Sgt. Christopher Ferguson mans the 50-caliber turret mounted machine gun on a 113 APC as troops from Task Force 269 Armor Homebase, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga., drive down a highway in Iraq on Friday.

## U.S. Marines advance north

U.S. Marine tanks and armored vehicles moved through the demilitarized zone between Kuwait and Iraq on Friday, 80, allowing for a faster approach toward Basra, Iraq's largest southern city.



SOURCE: U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, CIA, AP, Reuters

invading Iraq on at least three fronts, troops were lobbied by an air and sea from the Persian Gulf into the port of Umm Qasr, infantry and armor drove up from

propelled grenades. At the same time, the Army's 3rd Infantry Division surged 100 miles into Iraq. The Army's 101st Airborne Division joined the fight. Much more was to come — an extraordinary land-based armada of allied weaponry and troops was caught in an enormous traffic jam in Kuwait, ready to strike when it could cross the border.

There were pockets of resistance, some of it stiff, a second combat death was reported Friday, a member of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force who was wounded while battling a platoon of Iraqi infantry.

But often, the opponent advanced with a white flag in hand, instead of a rifle. Within a few hours of crossing into southern Iraq, the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit encountered 200 or more Iraqi troops seeking to surrender. One group of 40 Iraqis marched down a two-lane road toward the Americans and gave up.

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## Marines take Iraqi port after 'heavy resistance'

By Laurie Goering  
Chicago Tribune

ON THE IRAQI KUWAIT BORDER — Iraq's key southern port of Umm Qasr was supposed to have been easy to take, relatively undefended like much of the rest of southern Iraq.

But U.S. Marines moving to seize Umm Qasr, just over the Kuwait border, found themselves badly for two hours Thursday by heavy machine gun fire and anti-tank missiles from Iraqi troops apparently deployed at the town's fringes. British forces raced to the rescue, blasting down buildings to dislodge the defenders.

By afternoon the Iraqi flag was lowered over Umm Qasr's new port, a key entry for humanitarian supplies entering Iraq. But the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, backed by British forces, was still battling Friday night for the town's old port, where they encountered what Simon Miller, a British border commander, called "heavy resistance."

Later, Adm. Michael Boyce, chief of the British defense staff, told reporters in London that coalition troops were in full control of Umm Qasr.

Battles rarely go exactly according to plan, but the fight for Umm Qasr was evidence of some of the hardships that coalition forces may face as they push for Baghdad, which is expected to be the war's main showdown.

First Division Marines, facing

toward Basra, Iraq's oil capital, came under mortar fire Thursday as they tried to seize the main highway into the city, and also came under fire near Safwan Hill, just north of the Kuwait border. One U.S. Marine was killed after being hit as troops moved on the Rumaila oil field, military officials said. The second Marine, from the same division, died Friday while fighting Iraqi troops near Umm Qasr.

British forces, landing by air and sea, took Iraq's Faw peninsula, with its economically key oil installations on the Persian Gulf. But the crash of a helicopter that was part of the operation took 12 lives.

U.S. Marines said they came under artillery and mortar fire starting early Friday as they moved toward the town, along the route to Basra, Iraq's oil-rich second city.

Marines positioned along a high sand berm that marks the demilitarized zone between Kuwait and Iraq said much of the border also came under consistent fire.

"We met some resistance last night and some this morning, but we took it out," said Marine Gunnery Sgt. Paul Ratchford, who saw an Iraqi missile scream by within 100 feet of his rifle emplacement on a sand dune at the border. He said Iraqi soldiers attacked his position with artillery barrages as well but were taken out after his unit called in bombers.

## War recap

A daily summary of key developments in the war with Iraq.

- The United States escalated the war by launching its long-awaited massive campaign from the air, and ground troops pushed one-third of the way to Baghdad. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Saddam Hussein and his lieutenants are "starting to lose control of their country."

- A huge explosion shook the center of Iraq's capital before dawn Saturday.

- Saddam and his leaders presented a united front in the face of Rumsfeld's claims, insisting the surrendering troops were not Iraqi soldiers. Saddam reportedly met with military leaders, while Information Minister Mohammed Saad al-Sahhaf denounced Rumsfeld as "this criminal dog."

- Two U.S. Marines died in combat in southern Iraq. One was battling Iraqi infantry to secure an oil pumping station. The second was fighting near the strategic port of Umm Qasr, which the Marines eventually controlled.

- U.S. and British troops captured many key facilities in Iraq's southern oil fields, saving them from possible sabotage and ensuring their use for the country's postwar reconstruction.

- Turkey, despite U.S. opposition, sent 1,000 troops into northern Iraq to bolster its military presence and prevent Iraqi Kurds from creating an independent state, a Turkish military official said.

- Iraqi soldiers, including an entire division of 8,000 men and some 200 tanks, have surrendered to coalition forces in southern Iraq.

- Eight British and four U.S. Marines died when their helicopter crashed south of Umm Qasr. The cause was under investigation. No hostile fire had been reported.

- Iraq fired its sixth missile into Kuwait, but it was shot down by Patriot missiles. The Kuwaiti military identified the latest as an al-Fatah missile, among the banned weaponry U.N. inspectors were hunting for.

- Police clashed with anti-war demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Yemen, triggering an exchange of gunfire that killed three people and injured dozens as outrage over the war erupted in cities around the world.

- San Francisco anti-war protest toned down Friday, with 150 arrests compared to 1,600 a day earlier.

# Hundreds of Iraqi soldiers surrender in face of onslaught

SOUTHERN IRAQ (AP) — Hordes of Iraqi soldiers, underfed and overwhelmed, surrendered Friday in the face of a state-of-the-art allied assault. An entire division gave itself up to the advancing allied forces, U.S. military officials said.

The division — the 51st Infantry Division, 8,000 men and as many as 200 tanks, a key unit in the defense of the southern city of Basra — was the largest defection in a day when Saddam Hussein's forces showed signs of crumbling.

The surrendering soldiers were not the fabled and well-fed Republican Guardsmen who anchor Saddam's defense — for the most part, these were rag-tag army units of thin draftees, often in T-shirts. Their small arms could accomplish little against opposing forces wielding 21st-century weaponry.

"I kind of felt sorry for them," said one U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "A lot of them looked hungry. They haven't been fed in a while."

He spoke after U.S. Marines and their allies took control of the strategic port city of Umm Qasr and with it, Iraq's access to the Persian Gulf. The out-cast Iraqis fought with small arms, pistols, machine guns and rocket-

propelled grenades. At the same time, the Army's 3rd Infantry Division surged 100 miles into Iraq. The Army's 101st Airborne Division joined the fight. Much more was to come — an extraordinary land-based armada of allied weaponry and troops was caught in an enormous traffic jam in Kuwait, ready to strike when it could cross the border.

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Iraqi soldiers, waving white flag and raising their arms, attempt to surrender to passing journalists outside the demilitarized zone in southern Iraq Friday.

vehicle, their hands in the air for about a mile before they reached the Marines.

Their decision to give up the fight was not unexpected, or unprompted, for months, Iraq has

been bombarded with messages from the Americans, urging its soldiers to refuse to fight.

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# WAR PROTESTERS STAGE 'DIE-IN'



Anti-war protesters lie down for a 'die-in' to symbolize the casualties of war as they brought their protest to the United States Courthouse in Minneapolis Friday.

## Demonstrations cause mayhem

The Associated Press

Undeterred by mass arrests, raucous bands of demonstrators marched through the streets of San Francisco on Friday in the largest of anti-war protests around the country.

Smaller groups elsewhere demonstrated in support of U.S. troops.

"We will sustain this for many days. This is really just the start," said Janice Hurlbut, an office worker who joined protesters blocking downtown traffic Friday after eight hours in police custody Thursday.

"I literally went to sleep and came back out to hit the streets again."

From demonstrations near the White House to a march through downtown Boulder, Colo., from candlelight vigils to traffic disruptions, anti-war demonstrations continued as U.S. troops marched toward Baghdad.

At a Columbus, Ohio, rally to support U.S. soldiers, several hundred people brought shaving cream, toothpaste and other supplies for the troops. In return, Gov. Bob Taft's office distributed 1,000 red, white and blue ribbons. Many anti-war demonstrators focused on federal buildings, including a few dozen who gathered outside the federal building in Seattle, and a small group who rallied in New York outside the offices of Democratic Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer.

In the nation's capital, about 100 people gathered outside a park near the White House. Atop the stroller of 2 1/2-year-old Margot Bloch her mother, Nadine, had written: "Be nice. No hitting. Peace now." Police said 22 people were arrested for disrupting traffic, but only 18 were charged with blocking the street.

Smaller groups of protesters staged "die-ins" at major intersections near the White House, lying down and drawing chalk lines around their bodies, or smearing fake blood on themselves and the street.

At a federal courthouse in Balti-



A riot police officer is engulfed in flames after a gasoline bomb was thrown at his feet during an anti-war demonstration outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens Friday. More than 200,000 people took part in the march against the U.S.-led war against Iraq. A four-hour nationwide strike called in opposition to the war brought Greece to a standstill, with schools and universities closed to allow students to protest.

more, about 40 people were arrested after blocking a driveway. University of Maryland students staged a mock "funeral for democracy," and about 70 protesters waved anti-war banners before trying to enter the building. When security guards blocked them, they dropped to the damp ground to simulate war casualties.

"We are mourning the deaths of innocent Iraqis who have no responsibility for anything their government may have done," said Ellen Barfield as she lay on her back in the grass.

In Los Angeles, 27 were arrested in protests Friday. 30 were arrested in Sacramento, including Grandmothers for Peace member Loretta Schmitz, 67, who said it was her 20th arrest.

Overseas, meanwhile, furious Arabs stormed Middle Eastern streets, screaming "Death to America" and demanding vengeance for the invasion. Gunfire in Yemen killed three people outside the U.S. Embassy.

About 30,000 people assembled after prayers in the ancient Yemeni city of Sana'a and marched several miles to the embassy.

Riot troops in armored cars held them off with water cannons, tear gas and, finally, live ammunition fired into the air.

Witnesses said a teenage boy was shot dead by a police bullet, and a security official who asked not to be named said a policeman was killed by a protester.

The official Yemeni news agency Saba reported late Friday

that two demonstrators had been killed, but gave no details.

In Beirut, Lebanon, Grand Ayatollah Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah used his Friday sermon to denounce both the United States and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"We call on the Iraqi people to topple the tyrant who has destroyed Iraq and thrown the Arab and Islamic world into disarray," said Fadlallah, a Shiite. But, he added, he rejected "Iraq's occupation by the arrogant powers, particularly America."

In Amman, 4,000 Palestinians jammed into a mosque courtyard to hear Hamza Mansour, a cleric leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, urge them to fight back with car bombs and martyr themselves to Allah.

## U.S. warned Israel of first strike against Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

TEL AVIV, Israel — Secretary of State Colin Powell telephoned Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon 90 minutes before American cruise missiles crashed into a building thought to be sheltering Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, to warn Sharon about the attack.

It was in the wee hours Thursday in Israel when Sharon spoke to Powell, an Israeli government official who had been briefed on the call said Friday. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Powell told Sharon the United States "had specific intelligence information on Saddam Hussein. Therefore, they weren't starting the war, but they were moving on it, and it could have repercussions."

Israel already had decided to put its citizens on high alert, instructing them hours before Powell's call to carry their gas masks with them. That alert was based on an earlier call from President Bush to Sharon that the war would start overnight Thursday — not overnight Wednesday, as it happened.

Washington has kept Israeli officials closely informed about plans for when war would begin. The official gave these details of U.S.-Israel contacts.

Early Monday, Bush called Sharon to notify him that the war would begin Thursday night. Israeli officials had been told earlier that the so-called "shock and awe" campaign would include an early advance into western Iraq to secure power lines had used to lob a Saudi missile at Israel during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Based on that call, Israeli officials instructed citizens to prepare, including the warning on late Wednesday, thinking hostilities were a day away.

Sharon was at his home in southern Israel when Powell called at about 1 a.m. Thursday and said that, based on new intelligence, an American military operation would begin in Baghdad in 90 minutes. It was 8

p.m. in Washington. Government spokesmen said at the time that Sharon had gone to his farm to celebrate the Jewish festival of Purim and to show Israelis they should continue life as usual, even with war looming two countries away.

In fact, Sharon also thought the U.S. attacks on Iraq were a night away.

Hebrew language Israeli newspapers on Friday offered the first reports of the telephone call, along with quotes attributed to Powell.

The daily Maariv newspaper said Sharon told the early American assault was "not the real thing, yet," but that U.S. forces had a specific operation in mind.

The mass circulation tabloid Yediot Aharonot quoted Powell as saying, "Ariel, the president has asked me to

update you to change in time to the beginning of the campaign in Iraq." Powell then explained that the CIA had information that Saddam and his close advisers were hiding in a specific building.

The newspaper reported that Sharon swiftly spoke to Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, and they added some unspecified "precautionary measures." They also changed some orders to the Israel Air Force, whose warplanes have visibly increased patrols over Jerusalem.

The Israeli official told Knight Ridder on Friday that Sharon was unmoved by the early start to the war, as Israel had had its defenses on high alert for days and its citizens were prepared.

Moreover, Israeli intelligence analysts had concluded that Iraq wouldn't or couldn't hit Israel at the start of the U.S. attacks.

"Who, more than us, understands these things, that suddenly an opportunity comes up? It's a standard operating thing," the Israeli official said. Besides, he said, had American forces managed to succeed in bombing Saddam specifically, "We'd even take a missile for not letting us know for that reason."

## Afghan rebels step up rocket attacks on U.S. positions

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Rebels launched 13 rockets at U.S. and government positions in Afghanistan, the most in a single night in weeks, according to an Army spokesman Friday.

He said militants had threatened to step up attacks if Iraq was invaded, but the barrage also coincided with a massive sweep by about 1,000 U.S. troops and at least 1,200 Afghan soldiers in Kandahar province, the former stronghold of the Taliban.

No American soldiers were injured in the rocket attacks, which took place at bases more than 100 miles from where soldiers were carrying out the raid. "We had lots of rockets," Col Roger King told reporters at Bagram Air Base. "Last night, it

was 20 with the total number of rockets that were launched, it was probably the most in one evening, in two months, or two and a half."

King said he did not know who carried out the attacks and wasn't sure that the rocket fire was in response to Thursday's start of a U.S. led campaign in Iraq. Anti-U.S. fighters hope the attack on Iraq will stir public anger at the United States.

Yahmud Salas is a sweep by Taliban and al Qaeda fighters in the mountainous areas and villages of southern Kandahar province, where the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Omar, has tribal links. Omar was rumored to have fled to the area when the Taliban fell in 2001.

## Show of U.S. force in the Pacific is aimed at North Korea

By Michael Zelenizer  
Knight Ridder News Service

ABOARD THE USS CARL VINSON — The Pentagon is going to some lengths to demonstrate its military preparedness to North Korea during the war in Iraq.

As U.S. forces moved across the Korean border into Iraq, the 5,200 sailors and airmen of this nuclear-propelled aircraft carrier were busy preparing for what could be the next war, possibly involving North Korea.

Just 18 months ago, this battleship launched the first cruise missiles against Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. On Friday, as it sailed on blue waters just a few minutes' flight time from North Korea and its veiled nuclear threats, the crew of this flattop hurled jet fighters into the sky almost one per minute.

Officially the Carl Vinson is patrolling these waters to take

part in Foal Eagle, an annual exercise with South Korea's naval and army units to practice invasion techniques and improve readiness. Military officials insist that the exercise being carried out this month is no different than in years past, even though the Pentagon has quietly beefed up its military presence in the area, dispatching B-52 long-range bombers to Guam and mobilizing B-1 Stealth fighters and a detachment of F-15 fighters.

North Korea's official news service issued a statement Friday charging that the presence of the USS Carl Vinson near its coastline as well as the continuing U.S.-South Korean military exercises were "very dangerous and disturbing developments" which prove "the U.S. scenario to provoke a nuclear war on the Korean peninsula has entered a reckless phase of implementation."

With one eye on satellite TV

sets carrying images of the Iraqi war, the officers and crew of this vessel recognized that sailing within striking distance of North Korea also sends a message.

"The Navy practices for deterrence," said Lt. Chad Gelber, a 31-year-old pilot from Minneapolis who flies FA-18 Hornets. "Parking an aircraft carrier off of somebody's coast can be an equally effective means of getting the message across."

Defense analysts say the Pentagon's willingness to deploy new equipment to the Pacific, even as the war in Iraq has begun, is designed to send a strong signal to North Korea and its leader Kim Jong Il not to go too far in its calculated brinkmanship to induce negotiations over its nuclear development program.

The presence of the Carl Vinson and the addition of potent fighter bombers for an exercise "shows that we can walk and chew gum at

the same time," said Derek J. Mitchell, a former Pentagon official, now an Asia specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"We want to show that we're there and that we're strong. We're saving to the North Koreans. Don't test us. Don't try us."

Others note that the Bush administration's willingness to send U.S. soldiers into combat in Iraq, despite opposition of many of Washington's traditional allies, powerfully reminds the North Koreans that U.S. soldiers are prepared to fight on the Korean peninsula as well it called upon.



U.S. Navy fighter jets are parked on the deck as one is launched off the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson off the Korean coast Wednesday in the joint U.S.-South Korea military exercise called Foal Eagle. North Korea said Wednesday that it has the right to develop missiles, increasing fears it might resume test launching long-range missiles while the United States is focused on Iraq.

## MORNING BREAK

**ACROSS**

1. Extinct
2. Singer Phoebe
3. Ink smudge
4. Roundabout
5. Cartel of
6. Turner
7. Alarm clock
8. Estrada of
9. Chipmunk
10. Wrenching
11. Carefully
12. Fly back
13. College
14. Entrance
15. Exotic
16. Affair
17. Responses
18. Phlegm
19. Bure with not
20. Liquid
21. Lubricated
22. Lolly moon
23. Jam hummer
24. Along the way
25. Inevitable
26. Movers
27. Mayday helter
28. Lorry
29. Lively dance
30. Pitter patter
31. Pluck in Queen
32. Gaily winks
33. Gaudy
34. Color
35. Gradations
36. Pitter patter
37. Consequence
38. Keystone State
39. Advance
40. Fire gateway
41. Andes resident
42. Struggled
43. Author
44. Wailed as a
45. Ripped

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2. My
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7. Hurdle post
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9. Kind of check
10. Pilot along
11. Turned on a
12. Plover
13. Nestled
14. Chilling
15. Boat trails
16. Kipling book
17. Arms and Liv
18. Advance
19. Carried as on
20. The song
21. Tume and
22. Prince
23. Zany imagine
24. Frilly qualls
25. Valley of the
26. Dark water
27. Harrow's rival
28. Lucy's partner
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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Forecast is cloudy for friends giving spring kitchen shower

DEAR ABBY: "Allison," the daughter of a longtime friend is being married in grand fashion this summer. Another friend and I planned to give her a kitchen and tool shower in the spring. The other day, Allison called and told me she didn't think the theme we chose would "net" her the caliber of gifts she wants. Then she had the nerve to tell me to change the theme to a crystal, silver and china shower.

My friend and I are hurt that Allison doesn't consider our party plan to be good enough. We don't want to alienate Allison or her family, but we also think she needs to learn a lesson about being a gracious recipient. The invitations announcing the original theme have already been printed. We would like your objective opinion about what to do.

—MIFED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MIFED: Inform the bride-to-be that the invitations have already been printed and it's too late to change the theme. This doesn't mean you're throwing cold water on Allison's wish to receive "high-caliber" gifts. It simply means another friend, aunt or cousin will have the honor of hosting an additional shower with a theme of Allison's choosing.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 9-year-old boy. Are there any



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

specific signs I should look for regarding when he is ready to be told the facts of life? His friends at school told him that kissing is "having sex." I am afraid our son will get the wrong idea, because he sees his father and me kissing several times every day.

—MILWAUKEE MOM

DEAR MOM: The time to talk to your son is now, before he absorbs any more misinformation from his friends. Children are maturing earlier than ever before. Add to that the messages they get — both spoken and unspoken — from living in our society, and regrettably, the fantasy of an "innocent childhood" is laughable. Parents should be mindful of this, and start the discussion when the opportunity arises.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Hector," showed up at my office the day before Valentine's Day with a dozen red roses. I was thrilled, because we'd been having major "relationship issues," and he hadn't given me flowers in

ages. When Hector handed me the bouquet, he informed me that he had extracted two roses for the receptionists at the front desk. When I told him he shouldn't have, his answer was, "You should be happy I'm nice to your coworkers — they're probably envious that you have such a good man." At that point I asked him who he was trying to impress — them or me?

To make matters worse, Hector then announced that the next day (Valentine's Day) he would be looking up with a female friend who was in town. He planned to take her, his brother and another female friend out to dinner. I was not included. To add insult to injury, Hector had the nerve to ask me to babysit his brother's kids. The out-of-town friend is someone we have both known for years, but every time she visits, my "boyfriend" excludes me. What do you make of all this? Sign me,

—DITCHED IN DEL MAR, CALIF.

DEAR DITCHED: Wakeup and smell the flowers. Hector likes to impress many ladies and is not ready to make an exclusive commitment to you or anyone. Be grateful you found out now, and move on. Your signature says it all. You have, indeed, been ditched.

# It's too cold to ice skate in Antarctica

In 1873, an Austrian immigrant named John Michael Kohler made pig scalders. Big iron tubs. Farmers filled them with boiling water. To dunk newly killed hogs. So the skins could be scraped clean.



REVISITED  
L.M. Boyd

Lot of farmers and their wives took it upon themselves to bathe in those pig scalders. How gauche! Ten years later, Kohler put iron legs on the tubs, and started selling them to silly people who didn't even have pigs.

Video, video, video. You hear that word all the time. Still, not as much as it was heard in ancient Rome. As Latin for "I see."

Not everybody who eats spaghetti knows that in Italian "spago" means "string" and "etti" means "little."

Q: Who said, "I think, therefore I am"? Shakespeare?

A: No, sir, Descartes said that. Shakespeare said, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

It's too cold to ice skate in Antarctica. Even under your weight, the ice won't melt enough to let the blades slip.

# Make an appointment with your doctor, Gemini

IF MARCH 22ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are a numerologist, may have been considered "black sheep of family." You are an individual to your fingertips, thus, many find you hard to understand. You suffer hardships in early life but bounce back from adversity to reach enviable position in your chosen field. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio natives play special roles in activities, could have these letters in names: D, M, V. Travel, romance and unexpected riches in store for you this year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Avoid designating duties, don't place complete trust in persons who handle financial affairs. You are better organized than most people think. Reveal your strength.

TAUROS (Apr. 20-May 20): Romance is in the air, you could receive a "love letter" from one who played roles in your past. Sentiment has its place. Give equal consideration to current needs, situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good time for a medical check-up, beginning a new health regime. In work areas, vacations cut staff; you may have to assume another's duties. It's a breeze for you!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Travel could put you in touch with one who "takes your breath away." An aura of glamour, mystery and intrigue prevails. Don't be misled by surface indications. Obtain "full story."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Real estate, property investments featured. In a sense, you could "strike oil." However, you have to deal with one who is stubborn, cantankerous. Where romance is concerned, you "meet your match."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There may be dramatic departures, tearful goodbyes. Yet, sep-

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ation from loved one could prove temporary. You also face travel decision — whether to go to stay. Answer: either to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Recent investments pay dividends. You discover new ways to increase your income, receive support and money from surprise sources. Romance plays role in making fresh start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle remains high, you are effective in resolving problems connected with family, a domestic change. You receive proposals, business, career and marriage. Cancer native involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your kind of day. Your wit, wisdom will be appreciated by persons who require solace, advice. Tend to immediate requirements, later, be ready for a night of love, laughter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The number 4 pops up too often to be a coincidence. This could be your lucky number for the day. Friends try to arrange a social gathering, inclement weather could cause delay.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Persons in work place, including superiors, may be paying you "too much attention." You question motives, wonder "what next?" No need to panic, all works out to your benefit. Virgo involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Favorable lunar aspect enables you to complete plans for decorating, refurbishing home and beautifying outdoor areas, including pool, garden. Your artistic touch draws many compliments.

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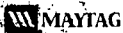
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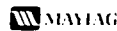


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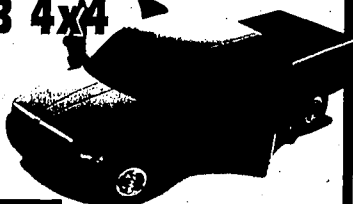
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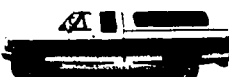
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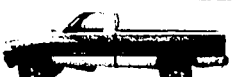
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Section C

## Here's hoping ...

I don't mean to bore you with my problems, but ... I've got one. You see, when you write a weekly column like this one, you've always got to be mindful of the various deadlines of the newspapers for which you are writing.

And for me that means writing a piece that I know won't reach some of my readers for a couple of weeks, which makes it difficult to respond to late-breaking news and events.



VALUETALK  
Joseph Walker

Take this week's column, for example. I'm writing it on March 17, just a few hours after President Bush has publicly given Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave Iraq—or else.

By the time most of you read this, you'll know whether or not that deadline passed peacefully. But as I write this, I don't.

You're living in a world that may have been reshaped by cataclysmic events that I can only speculate about from the limited perspective of my present—and your past.

So it's tough to know what to write about. A discussion of parenting techniques may be sort of irrelevant if mothers and fathers are dying in the desert.

And a discussion of the horrors of war may mean little if a workable peace has been achieved. See what I mean? It's frustrating—and a little scary.

I mean, I'm talking to people in the future. So much could happen between now and the time you read this; the world may be a completely different place.

Not that that's necessarily a bad thing. In fact, there are a whole bunch of things I sincerely hope have happened between my "now" and your "now." For example:

I hope more parents have figured out you really can't have "quality time" without some "quantity time."

I hope cancer and AIDS have gone the way of polio and the plague.

I hope scientists have discovered a way to make it so eating a mound of chocolate will only put two pounds on you—not 20.

I hope Elizabeth Smart was the just the first of many missing children who suddenly, miraculously have been found.

I hope freedom fries taste just like French fries.

I hope teachers, police officers, firefighters and military men and women are valued more, and professional athletes, entertainers and business tycoons are valued less.

I hope we've stopped killing each other in our homes and communities.

I hope my bank is still in business.

I hope homemakers no longer have to explain why they don't "work."

I hope reality TV has run its course.

I hope everyone has food to eat, clothes to wear and a place to live.

I hope racism, bigotry and intolerance are just vocabulary words on a history test, having been replaced in current cultural mores by an increase of respect, appreciation and love.

I hope Hollywood has figured out that there are more effective and creative ways to portray a tender, loving relationship between two people than showing them chewing on each other while doing pairs gymnastics between the sheets.

I hope we are safe and warm and comfortable.

And I hope that as you read this March Madness is our greatest national concern.

Too much to hope for in just a few days? Perhaps.

So maybe I'll just keep hoping for peace today.

My today and yours.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

## DANCE WITH SPIRIT



Brigham Young University's International Dance Team will perform in Burley and Twin Falls.

### BYU dance team comes to Magic Valley

By Coren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Brigham Young University's International Dance Team is known in many nations for its spectacular dance routines, costumes and sets. The troupe will perform in Burley on March 28 and in Twin Falls on March 29.

Local students from BYU Idaho in Rexburg will dance with the troupe. Dugan Jackman, 23, is a junior at the college, and served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

#### Folk Dance USA

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$20 at the door. The 26-member troupe will perform March 28 at the King, Queen, Center in Burley and March 29 at the Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performance.

Saints in the Manchester division of England. The LDS Church owns BYU.

Jackman said he has been chugging



Steven Blauer



Dugan Jackman

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## Christian 'Prayer Warriors' join battle for Baghdad

By Alan Cooperman  
The Washington Post

Many religious leaders have opposed the war, and many churchgoers have prayed for peace. But as U.S. troops invaded Iraq Thursday, Christian "prayer warriors" across the United States were doing their bit for victory.

In homes and churches, over the telephone and on the Internet, thousands of Christians joined in prayer chains seeking God's protection for President Bush and Americans in uniform. Some adopted names from a list of 84,000 troops whose relatives have asked for the prayers of strangers.

"Unfortunately, there probably are people in other lands who are praying against the president and against us. So I think it's important for us to have our share of prayer warriors," said Terry Posey, 44, of Greenville, S.C.

Posey is the founder of <http://www.prayer.com>, a Web site encouraging Americans to sign up to pray for Bush and U.S. troops.

In the 24 hours after the president's speech Monday night, more than 100,000 people signed up to pray for the president and the troops, Posey said. The Web site had 22,219 visitors, he said.

Prayer warriors are "mainly conservative Christians who believe that they are in a battle with Satan and Satan's minions. It's a pitched battle, and prayer is an important part of it," said William Martin, a professor of religion and public policy at Rice University in Houston.

Many recognize that people of other nations and religions may be praying for opposite events, such as America's defeat. But they don't think God is weighing their prayers against Muslims' prayers," Martin said. "Most of the conservative Christians who are praying for the president and for America's victory have the full confidence that it's only their own prayers that have efficacy."

Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and pastor of the 9,200-member New Life Church in Colorado Springs, said he believes that God hears all prayers. He also said he believes that Christians should pray "for presidents and kings and people in authority on all sides of a situation like this."

But Haggard does not believe God is neutral in this war.

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## Noted Catholic author-apologist speaks at Buhl parish

The Times-News

BUHL — Best-selling Catholic author and apologist Patrick Madrid will visit the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl March 30-31 to present a seminar on how to explain, defend and share the Catholic faith more effectively.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. each night, and is open to the public. Admission is free.

The seminar will look at the basics of the Catholic faith. An open forum question and answer period will follow, with



Patrick Madrid

2,000 years ago. Noted apologists of the church include St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis de Sales and Cardinal

audience participation.

Apologetics has been the theological discipline of defending or explaining the Catholic faith since the founding of the Catholic Church almost

#### Want more info?

Call the Immaculate Conception Church, 1631 Poplar in Buhl, at 543-5136 or visit the Surprised By Truth Seminars Web site.

John Henry Newman.

The field of Catholic apologetics and evangelization has experienced a strong resurgence, especially among lay Catholics in the United States, in the last decade.

Madrid is the founder and publisher of the award-winning *Ency* magazine, a leading

Catholic journal of apologetics and evangelization. He also is the author of several best-selling books including, "Surprised by Truth 2," "Pope Fiction," "Any Friend of God's Is a Friend of Mine," "Where Is That In the Bible?" and "Search and Rescue."

He is a contributor to the forthcoming, "Ignatius Press Encyclopedia of Catholic Apologetics."

Madrid earned his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix.

He also has done advanced studies in theology at the University of Dallas. Patrick and his wife, Nancy, have 11 children.

In addition to his work as an author, Madrid also is the host of two TWIN television and radio series, "Pope Fiction" and "The Truth About Scripture and Tradition."

He has published many articles and essays in leading Catholic and Protestant journals, and has conducted hundreds of apologetics and evangelization conferences in English and Spanish.

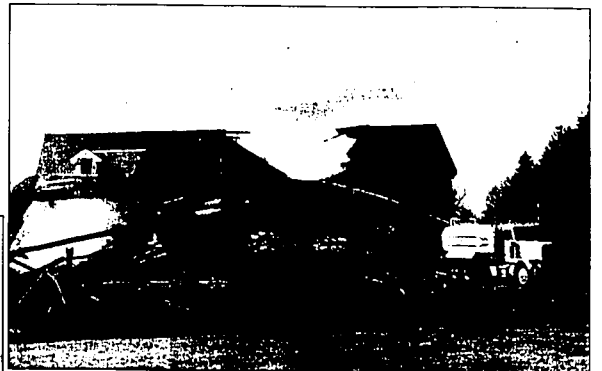
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## BRINGING DOWN THE CHURCH HOUSE

Right, the old LDS church at 520 N. Lincoln St. in Jerome was on its way to coming down on March 10. Construction on the church started in 1922 and was completed on June 30, 1929. The site was donated by the North Side Development Company in exchange for the blasting of a hill of lava rock and straightening of the highway at the site. Some of the lava rock from the blast was used to build the church. In later years, brick covered the lava rock. In 1960, the church expanded to accommodate the increase in membership.



Photo courtesy of Rick Thompson



ANNE DOVLENKLE, The Times-News

Left, this shows the original lava rock structure under a brick covering of the old LDS Church that is being demolished. Members of the 2nd, 5th and 7th wards of the Jerome Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will now attend services at a new building at 100 S. 50 E.

## RELIGION

## Rock Creek starts 'Dick Van Dyke Bible Study'

TWIN FALLS — A new Sunday school class begins this week at the Rock Creek Community Church.

The "Dick Van Dyke Bible Study" is a study of the scriptures based on the premises of the old television series. The Rev. Dale Metzger said participants watch a video taped episode of the old TV show, and then discuss the scriptural application and lesson taught in the show. Class starts at 9 a.m. Metzger will speak on "I Don't Think Rock" during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday. The church's annual "Spring Thing" will follow in the school gym and cafeteria. The event features a barbeque and baked food sale, along with a duck lunch. Those attending should bring a hot dish for springtime and a salad or dessert to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Rock Creek Community Church meets at the shared facility with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview.

## Unitarian Universalist church discusses religious maturity

KIMBERLY — "Learning to be Gentle With Ourselves: Religious Maturity" will be the topic when the Magna Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomes its consulting minister this week end.

The Rev. Roger Oki Kuhlri of Tacoma, Wash. will speak at the fellowship's service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

## Church news

in the Kimberly Chapel of White Mountain, 712 Center St. W. "This is a time in which many are living in heightened fear, anxiety or a sense of feeling numbed by events," Kuhlri said. "It is important to hold steadfast to the value of civility in times when many will be inclined to act out of their inner feelings, especially if they are not fully aware of how they are feeling."

Kuhlri also will lead the second part of his workshop on "Deepening and Living an Intentional Life" at 2 p.m. today. Participants will continue to explore individual learning styles, learn how to ask for what they want and find out how to draw themselves out of life's inevitable "blue funk." The workshop is free and all interested people are welcome.

Kuhlri is a longtime UU minister who served a congregation in Tacoma from 1980 to 1998. His current activities include serving as vice president and director of development for the Washington Center in Tacoma. The local UU fellowship has hired him as a consulting minister for more than a year.

For more information, see www.magnavalleyuu.org.

## First Baptist Church has new interim pastor in G.F.

KIMBERLY — Larry Maxwell of

Glens Ferry is the new interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Kimberly.

Maxwell is the director of missions of the Magic Valley Baptist Association. He grew up in Goshute and has been on many missions. He will help the Kimberly church while it searches for a new pastor.

Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

## Spanish vacation Bible school will be March 29

HAGERMAN — A vacation Bible school presented in Spanish will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29 at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E.

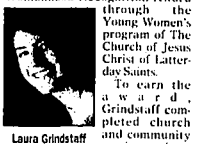
Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited. Admission is free, which includes lunch and crafts. Free bus service will be provided to Bliss, Goshute, Wendell, Bliss and Hagerman. Bus times are 9:15 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. at Bliss; 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. at the Bliss Station; 9:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. at Jackson's in Bliss; and 9:20 a.m. and 1:10 p.m. at the Hagerman High School flag pole.

To register or for more information, call 875-5206.

All ages are invited to an afternoon of music and drama in Spanish at 4 p.m. March 29 at the Hagerman Christian Center. Admission is free. Bring a friend.

## Young woman receives LDS recognition award

TWIN FALLS — Laura Grindstaff recently received her Young Womanhood Recognition Award through the Young Women's program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Laura Grindstaff

To earn the award, Grindstaff completed church and community service projects that included helping with the Challenger Softball League, helping with migrant summer school, learning to cook meals and playing the piano for various programs.

Grindstaff, 18, is the daughter of Marty and Robin Grindstaff of Twin Falls and a senior at Twin Falls High School. She is involved in National Honor Society, cross country and track and was listed in "Who's Who in American High School Students" for three years. Her leaders are Debbie Miller and Nicke Cutler.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to: Ellen Thompson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 248, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1264 Orchard Ave., Burley, ID 83418. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

## MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## Called to serve:



Linda and Bill Lyda

• Elder Bill Lyda and Sister Linda Lyda of Twin Falls will serve in the West Virginia Charleston Mission.

• Elder Kyle A. Ramsey will serve in the Oklahoma Tulsa Mission. Ramsey graduated in 2002 from Burley High School and worked at Wal-Mart. He is the son of Calleen Nelson of Burley and the late Bob Ramsey.

• Elder Larry Harper and Sister VerRona Harper of Paul will serve in the England London Mission. Larry has served as a bishop, high priest and group leader and in his copies. He also served as a county commissioner. VerRona has served as Relief Society president, choir director and gospel doctrine teacher. The Harpers have supported many community events.

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Larry and VerRona Harper

Returned from serving:

• Elder Shane Searle, son of Scott and Gay Searle of Burley, served in the North Carolina Charlotte Spanish-speaking Mission.

• Elder Jason Webb served in the Hawaii Honolulu Mission. Webb plans to continue his education in the fall at Brigham Young University. His parents are Douglas and Patricia Webb of Rati River.

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Shane Searle

Jason Webb

## Poll shows sermons on Iraq influence few in U.S.

The Associated Press

Americans are little influenced by sermons and religious pronouncements about war, but less recent clergy activism, a poll released Wednesday found.

The Washington-based Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that 10 percent of Americans said religious beliefs were the strongest influence on their thinking, though that increased to 17 percent among people who attend worship at least monthly (54 percent of respondents).

The survey questioned 1,002 adults, from last Thursday through Sunday and had a margin of error of up to 5 percentage points, depending on the question.

Religion has considerably more impact on issues like abortion, same-sex marriage and capital punishment than on whether the nation should go to war, just Pew surveys show.

However, a third of Americans said religious leaders had at least "some influence" on them, compared with 7 percent who said they were influenced by Hollywood celebrities.

Only 17 percent of Americans thought religious leaders have been saying too much about the war, while 52 percent thought they've said too little. The latter view was strongest among war opponents.

Among the regular churchgoers, 21 percent said their own minister had taken a position, with anti-war clergy outnumbering those behind the president by a 2-to-1 margin.

The pattern reflected national religious pronouncements, with Roman Catholics, white mainline Protestants and black Protestants hearing mostly anti-war sermons and white evangelical Protestants receiving pro-war views.

Support for war to remove Saddam Hussein ran as follows: evangelicals (77 percent in favor), Catholics (62 percent), mainline Protestants (62 percent), black Protestants (56 percent) and nonreligious citizens (44 percent).

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But, she added, "we don't just pray for George W. Bush to win. We pray for the Iraq people. We don't care what faith they are, they have children and families just like we do."

In recent days, Islamic centers across the United States have also held prayers for peace, and all of the major branches of Judaism, from reform, conservative and orthodox, have distributed prayers for the safety of U.S. troops.

In Egypt, meanwhile, at Al-Azhar University, the highest seat of learning for Sunni Muslims, issued a call for Muslims around the world to prepare to "defend themselves, their families and their honor" if an enemy "descends upon Muslim land."

"This is a very humbling moment when you recognize that everyone on all sides has been praying to their God," said Rabbi Iwan Kula, president of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York. "It might be a good moment for everyone to step back and put God out of the equation just a bit."

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But, she added, "we don't just pray for George W. Bush to win. We pray for the Iraq people. We don't care what faith they are, they have children and families just like we do."

In recent days, Islamic centers across the United States have also held prayers for peace, and all of the major branches of Judaism, from reform, conservative and orthodox, have distributed prayers for the safety of U.S. troops.

In Egypt, meanwhile, at Al-Azhar University, the highest seat of learning for Sunni Muslims, issued a call for Muslims around the world to prepare to "defend themselves, their families and their honor" if an enemy "descends upon Muslim land."

"This is a very humbling moment when you recognize that everyone on all sides has been praying to their God," said Rabbi Iwan Kula, president of CLAL, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York. "It might be a good moment for everyone to step back and put God out of the equation just a bit."

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# Archivists find wealth of medieval Hebrew manuscripts in north Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Spanish archivists say they have discovered a treasure trove of Hebrew manuscript fragments hidden for centuries inside medieval book covers.

"It's too early to say just yet as we're not sure how many there are, but it could be the most important in Europe," Josep Matas, director of the Provincial Historic Archive in Girona, said Wednesday.

Girona, in northeastern Spain, was one of the most important Jewish population centers in the country before the expulsion of non-Catholics in 1492. Matas believes the town once had about 700 Jews.

Matas said the first manuscript fragment was found several years ago, but archivists believed it was a one-time discovery.

He said recent investigations uncovered up to 1,000 document fragments hidden in the covers of books.

The archive believes there could be many more.

"Back in medieval times, book covers were made firm by padding, or filling them with other documents thought to be of no value," Matas told The Associated Press by telephone.

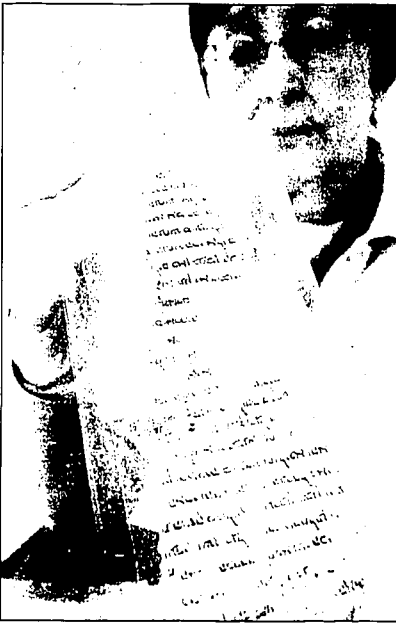
So far, fragments have been found in 165 books, he said. The books, mostly Girona provincial notarial works, are important in themselves, but the material in their covers could be of much greater historical value, he added.

Matas said the fragments studied and restored so far included texts from the Torah as well as marriage and business contracts.

The Hebrew documents most likely are remnants of what Jewish families left behind when they fled.

He said many Hebrew documents from the city were destroyed in an anti-Semitic attack in 1391.

Jewish families that fled 100 years later also took much decu-



A woman looks at a fragment of a Hebrew script at the Provincial Historic Archive in the northeastern Spanish town of Girona Monday. Historians have found what is believed to be the largest collection of ancient Hebrew manuscripts in Europe on fragments of medieval texts found stuffed inside the covers of books.

mentation with them. The archive has restored the fragments found in five books, and is looking for financial sup-

port to recuperate all the texts. It plans to stage an exposition detailing the discovery in October.

# Kentucky artist depicts a modern, even tattooed, image of Christ

The Associated Press

VERSAILLES, Ky. (AP) — When artist Stephen Sawyer envisions Christ, the image is usually something other than a man in white robe and sandals. Sawyer paints a contemporary Jesus — in blue jeans, wearing a T-shirt, even sporting a tattoo.

"I'm trying to bring out the simple truths in my paintings," says the 50-year-old Sawyer, who describes himself as a Christian with no denomination.

"My commitment and mission is to accurately reflect the life and teachings of Jesus in the 21st century," he says in a statement on his Web site. That means depicting Christ in a contemporary setting, as a contemporary man.

In one painting titled "No Appointment Necessary," a handsome, muscular Jesus hits his T-shirt sleeve to reveal a tattoo with a red heart that reads "Father."

Sawyer says the point of the piece is not to judge. "I've known many bikers who serve the Lord, but because of their long hair and body full of tattoos, they're still judged by some people," God says in one work.

But Sawyer says his series of



Artist Stephen Sawyer sits in front of a painting titled "Call to Repentance" in his Versailles, Ky., studio Feb. 7. Sawyer, who describes himself as a Christian with no denomination, paints images of Christ on his own terms.

more than 20 Jesus paintings — called "Art for God" — has been judged plenty, particularly by some Christians who see the work as sacrilegious. "Sometimes it's hard to sell. My work is in my face kind of stuff," Sawyer, adding that most recently a woman walked out of his gallery because she was offended by "Joy to the World," which depicts Jesus

laughing. University of Louisville theologian studies professor Larry Smith said attempting to portray Christ is nearly always an invitation to controversy. "Any time you make visual presentations of Jesus there's a going to be someone who's offended by it, usually because they believe it dishonors Jesus in some sense," Smith said.



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# Persian New Year passes with prayers for peace

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — People in parts of the Middle East and central Asia celebrated Nowruz, the Persian New Year, on Friday, with some using the ancient holiday to pray for peace in Iraq.

"We pray that peace prevail and the world will be without people who wage wars and incite violence," Morad Hosseinpour told his family in Tehran as they celebrated the holiday.

Hosseinpour's family sat around a table decorated with seven items beginning with the Persian letter "S," representing health, freshness and prosperity in the new year. They placed copies of the Quran on the table.

Iranian student Hasan Feizabadi said he was marking the holiday while remembering "innocent Iraqis who are subject to war."

Nowruz predates Islam, dating back thousands of years to the time when Zoroastrianism — with its central theme of the struggle between the good spirit Ahura Mazda and the evil Ahiman — was the predominant religion of Persia.

Nowruz is one of a few national festivals that survived the advent of Islam, and recent efforts by hard-line Iranian clerics to discourage pre-Islamic festivals.

In Kabul, the Afghan capital, more than 100,000 people turned out to celebrate the holiday, banned under the Taliban rulers who were vanquished by a U.S.-led coalition in 2001.

"I have not seen so many people here in 10 years. This is a good omen," said Abdul Sahoor, 35, a Kabul teacher, who attended the flag raising at a Kabul shrine at the Kart-e-Sakhi cemetery, the focus of official celebrations of Nowruz. The shrine symbolizes the tomb of Harat Ali, a cousin of Islam's Prophet Mohammed. Ali was the first Imam of the Shiite branch of Islam.

"Once the Taliban beat my wife for coming to Kart-e-Sakhi for Nowruz," said a 40-year-old Azizullah, who like many Afghans uses only one name.

President Hamid Karzai issued a new year's message to the nation saying the day carries "hopes for rehabilitation."

The holiday also is celebrated in Turkey and some central Asian nations. In Iran, hard-line clerics in Qom, the main center of Islamic teaching, urged Iranians to hold low-key celebrations this year because Nowruz coincided with the anniversary of the death of Hussein, grandson of Islam's prophet Muhammad.

Iranians mourned the anniversary last week. But they have spent the past few days buying new clothes, flowers and sweets for Nowruz.

The Persian New Year always

begins March 21, the first day of spring. Unlike other countries in the Middle East, Iran and Afghanistan follow the Persian calendar.



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## GOODING KIDS SEW QUILTS FOR CHARITY



Photo courtesy of Gooding County Historical Society

Julie Trader-Wolfe and Tami Anderson show quilts that were put together by members of the Youth Action Council in Gooding County. The young people gave up several evenings and Saturdays to make them. One large quilt was donated to the Festival of Trees where it was auctioned, and smaller quilts went to the Parents as Teachers program, Gooding Accelerated Learning Center and Wendell High School, which gave the quilts to needy families at Christmas. For more information on the council, call Trader-Wolfe at 934-5567.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

**Library volunteers** – The Twin Falls Public Library needs volunteers for its technical services department. Volunteers would perform varied clerical tasks in the preparation of materials for circulation. Volunteers must have good typing skills, dexterity of hands and ability to perform with significant speed, accuracy and neatness. Volunteers are needed for 4-10 hours per week. Orientation and training is available. Call Marceda at 733-2904, ext. 103.

**Senior readers** – The America Reads program needs volunteers ages 55 to work with children in grades kindergarten through third grade. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

**Volunteer drivers** – Volunteers

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help. **You need a volunteer.** Call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. **Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication.** Please call weekly to retain request.

age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping in the Magic Valley area. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-2122 or Kitty at 736-0727.

**Landscaping, maintenance** – Hospice Visions Home needs vol-

unteers to help with landscaping, maintenance, repairs and grounds keeping. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

**Clothing** – The College of Southern Idaho Refuges Center needs clothing for men, women and children. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

**Clerical, fund-raising** – Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for patient/caregiver support and to run errands in the Twin Falls and Rupert areas. Hospice and OSHA training are offered each month for new volunteers. Extended training will be offered at a later date. Call Susan or Grace at 734-4061.

# Filer Middle School releases honor rolls

**FILER** – Filer Middle School released the first semester, second quarter honor rolls.

### First semester High honor – 4.0 GPA

#### Eighth grade

Nathan McGreer  
Amanda Russell  
Cody Morris  
Ashley Lutz  
Andrew Skinner

#### Seventh grade

Holly Hanson  
Kayla Richards  
Ashley Moulton  
Stephanie Carter  
Haley Ramseyer  
Matthew Larsen  
Adam Russell  
Kelsey Richards  
Teresa Williams  
CR Madson  
Erica Kohler  
Hannah Baker

#### Sixth grade

Alexandria Ackerman  
Brittany Basso  
Cody Mason  
Stephanie Batty  
Joshua VanPatten  
Heather Caten  
Erica Larsson  
Jennifer Khandavala  
Tyler Stradley  
Grey Chadwick  
Daryl Litter  
Christy Shank  
Brian Lutz

### Honor roll

3.99-3.00 GPA

#### Eighth grade

Sara Hamman  
Janet Larsen  
Jose Rosas  
Kelsy Newton  
Christine Tucker  
Jennifer D'Antonio  
Shanna Aske  
Leah Anderson  
Britney Stutz  
Katherine DeHann

### Program on paranormal research benefits museum

**GOODING** – A presentation on paranormal research, the basics of investigating ghosts and stories of ghosts in Idaho will be held at 8 p.m. April 5 at the Schubert Theater in downtown Gooding.

The presentation is only open to those age 12 and over. The cost is \$2 per person. Proceeds will go to the Gooding County Historical Museum fund.

The project is sponsored by the Gooding County Jaycees.

For more information, e-mail [towse.paul@hugoboot.com](mailto:towse.paul@hugoboot.com)

### CSI Mini-Cassia Center offers flower-drying class

**BURLEY** – The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center will offer a class on drying flowers from 6 p.m. on April 1 and April 8.

The cost is \$30 which includes supplies and the instructor is Gerald Egan.

For more information, call 678-1400.

### Buttons and Bows group holds dance Monday

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Kelsy Vincent

Sheddan Emery

Isaac Wright

Amanda Tellera

Josmine Sackett

Kendria Koyle

Chase Coates

Ema Hartney

Ashley Tunkal

Courtney Babh

Chandler Peterson

Silver Patterson

Rebekah Rary

Lindsay VanLeeuwen

Emily Hughes

Jedidiah Bean

Rachel Doyle

Seventh grade

Jordan Marlow

Acacia McNolin

Levi Miller

Rachael Larson

Rebecca Johnson

Matt Lancaster

Hadi Stutzman

Jill Hawes

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Jake Williams Allen

Hendi Anderson

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Lea Williams

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Alexa Demello

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Breanna Ferrell

Meghan Egbert

Hannah Ihler

Adam Rosenkrantz

Lucy Torres

Justin Borges

Brandon Ramseyer

Catie Babh

Ashley Enycart

Ricky Fernandez

Brodie Parrott

Andrew Ingram

Damon Jensen

Sixth grade

Lacie Hemmes

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### Pinocle players are invited to play each Thursday

**BURLEY** – The public is invited to play pinocle at 7 p.m. each Thursday beginning April 3 at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley.

Cost is \$21 per person, plus 25 cents for the kitty. Kitty will be for thousand aces or a double family.

For more information, call Sharon Ross at 878-1202.

### Cassia County Fairgrounds host a working ranch clinic

**BURLEY** – A working ranch horse clinic will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

The event will include a silent auction and is a fund-raiser for the horse bowl and horse judging teams who will go to nationals in August in Fort Worth, Texas.

The cost is \$25 for riders and pre-registration is required. Spectators are \$5 each or \$20 for a family of five or more. Children under age 7 get in free.

For more information, call Mala Lowder at 878-9461.

### Boys and Girls Club selects Youth of the Year

**TWIN FALLS** – Alex Boyer, 15, has been selected as the 2003 Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Sponsored by Reader's Digest Foundation and administered by Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the national program recognizes exemplary character, superior leadership skills, academic achievement and outstanding service to Boys and Girls Clubs and the community.

Boyer is a 7-year member of the Boys and Girls Club of Twin Falls. He will compete against other Boys and Girls Club youth for the Idaho state Youth of the Year title. Five regional winners selected from among the state winners will compete for the

national honor in Washington, D.C., where the National Youth of the Year will be officially installed by President Bush in a White House ceremony in September. In addition, the winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Reader's Digest Foundation.

The club is open from 5:7 p.m. Monday through Friday for the afterschool program, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for teen programming and for school in-service days.

### B. J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

**RUPERT** – Results for the B. J. Duplicate Bridge Club for March 18 for north/south were: first, Marilyn Nesbitt and Dee Schwartz; second, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams; third, Pat and Julie Stephenson and fourth, Beth Thomas and Lois Stephenson. East/west winners were: first, Jackie Brown and Marie Price; second, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodard; third, Barbara Carney and Eunice Merriam and fourth, Fawn and Warren McEntire.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks Lodge. The public is invited.

## Notes on the economy

**Magic Valley report**

### New houses

**T**he average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in Shoshone rang in at \$124,814 for 2002. That's a drop from \$133,000 in 2001, but the city's \$24,000 new home average in 2001. But the city isn't a hotbed of new residential construction. Shoshone in 2002 issued permits for just seven new single-family homes, down from eight the year before.

Source: Wells Fargo's Idaho Construction Report

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### CSK Auto Inc. parent: Net income increases

**TWIN FALLS** - Phoenix-based CSK Auto Corp., parent company of specialty retailer CSK Auto Inc., said net income increased to \$3.7 million, or 8 cents per share for the fourth quarter, which ended Feb. 2, compared with a loss of \$1.5 million, or 7 cents loss per share a year earlier.

CSK Auto is the parent of the Checker Auto Parts and Schuck's Auto Supply stores in Burley and Twin Falls.

Net income for fiscal 2002 increased to \$21.8 million, or 54 cents per share, after an extraordinary loss of \$3.7 million (net of tax), compared with a loss of \$17.2 million, or a 61 cents loss per share, in fiscal 2001.

Net sales were \$197 million for the quarter and \$1.507 billion for the full year. Computable-store sales grew 6 percent for the quarter and 7 percent for the full year.

Full-year operating profit grew 65.2 percent to \$102.5 million, or 6.8 percent of net sales, and on a comparable basis increased to \$110.6 million, or 7.6 percent of net sales, compared with \$91.1 million, or 5.5 percent of net sales, for fiscal 2001.

In fiscal 2003, the company expects to report net income of between \$45 million and \$47 million.

### IDACORP declares common stock dividend

**TWIN FALLS** - Boise-based IDACORP Inc. declared a common stock dividend of 40.5 cents per share, payable May 30 to holders of record at the close of business May 5.

Subsidiary Idaho Power Co. directors declared quarterly dividend on 4 percent preferred stock of \$1 per share, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. Directors also declared dividend on 7.68 percent serial preferred stock, first series, \$100 par value, of \$102 per share, payable Aug. 15 to holders of record July 25.

They also declared dividend on 7.07 percent serial preferred stock, without par value, of \$1.76750 per share, payable Aug. 20 to holders of record July 25.

### Barnes & Noble's profit beats expectations

**NEW YORK** - Barnes & Noble Inc., the largest U.S. book seller, reported a 32 percent profit increase in the fourth quarter, beating Wall Street projections despite weak sales growth.

But the New York-based company, which Twin Falls stores said it could lose as much as four cents a share in the first quarter in the wake of economic uncertainty.

For the three months ended Feb. 1, the company earned \$111.01 million, or \$1.49 per share, compared with \$84.95 million, or \$1.09 per share, in the year-ago period.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call estimated earnings would be \$1.47 per share.

Revenues increased to \$1.85 billion, up from \$1.82 billion in the year-ago period.

Bookstore sales were \$1.3 billion for the fourth quarter, an increase of 1.9 percent.

For the year, the company earned \$99.95 million, or \$1.39 per share, compared with \$64.97 million, or 94 cents per share, in the year-ago period. Sales were \$5.27 billion, compared with \$4.87 billion in the year-ago period.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Airline magazine features Twin Falls

By Lorraine Cavenor  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - You are on a SkyWest Airlines flight from Tucson to Salt Lake City, and you don't even have time to get out your laptop. You reach for the complimentary magazine in the pouch attached to the seat in front of you.

Thumbing through the magazine, you are intrigued by an interesting story about a neat little city - Twin Falls, Idaho.

Twin Falls was featured in an in-flight airline magazine story written by Times-News Business Editor Virginia Hutchins.

The issue of SkyWest Magazine which

features Twin Falls came out at the beginning of March and will appear on SkyWest airplanes through the end of May.

During that time about a million readers will have a chance to read the Twin Falls story, said Colleen Birch Maile, editor-in-chief of SkyWest Magazine.

SkyWest Airlines serves many cities throughout the West. SkyWest personnel like Twin Falls and decided to feature it in the spring issue, Maile said.

"The goal of SkyWest Magazine is to help promote the best places where SkyWest flies," she said. "Twin Falls is a gem of a community."

SkyWest likes wanting to help the Twin

Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization spread the story about Twin Falls, Maile said.

"SkyWest is the way to get there," she said. "It's a win-win situation."

Maile had noticed Hutchins' writing in *The Times-News* and contacted her to write the story for the magazine.

"Virginia has good insight into the community," Maile said. "She did a good service for the community and our passengers."

Hutchins, who has been a journalist with *The Times-News* for eight years, said she enjoyed writing the SkyWest story from

the story it is apparent that she not only is she knowledgeable about Twin Falls, but that she enjoys life in the featured city, where she has lived for 20 years.

"It wasn't faked," she said. "I really do love the area."

It is also apparent from the story that those who were interviewed about Twin Falls also love the area.

Jan Rogers, executive director of SHILOO, expressed her opinion about Twin Falls in the story.

"It's what I call the Slammer List of the West," Rogers said in the story. "It's people who have lived most of their lives in the place."

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# YELLOW FEVER



Core driller Paul Elloway collects samples to identify the boundaries of Echo Bay Mines' new Emanuel Creek ore body Wednesday near Republic, Wash. Elloway works for Kettle Drilling of Rathdrum, Idaho, under contract with Echo Bay.

# Gold property expands mine operations

The Associated Press

**REPUBLIC, Wash.** - A new ore body is rich enough to resume production at Echo Bay Mines, a gold property near Republic that is one of Ferry County's biggest employers.

General Manager Scott Markas announced this week that gold production will resume in January.

Echo Bay cut its payroll in half last year and closed its mill, but now will begin ramping up to its traditional work force of 90.

Markas said it was difficult to say how long the new deposit will last. "We're hoping for at least two or three years, but we're hoping to add to it as we continue to explore," he said.

The announcement cheered

Ferry County, which has seen unemployment climb as natural resources industries laid off workers to cope with falling prices and foreign competition.

Republic's other economy leader, the Vaagen Bros. sawmill, faces closure unless a long-term supply of affordable timber is found.

The sawmill recently purchased up to 1.5 million board feet of burned timber from the Colville National Forest and continues to operate with a skeleton crew.

"Our economy is in desperate need of some kind of industry, and we're very excited about it," said Judge Young, a co-owner of the 103-year-old Anderson Grocery in Republic.

"That's good news for the area," Republic Hardware and

Building Supply manager Paul Schneider said. "We need that. We need the sawmill, too, but I don't know if we're going to keep it."

Echo Bay's news was also welcomed in Curlew, about 25 miles north of Republic, and just four miles from Echo Bay's K2 Mine, where the new Emanuel Creek deposit is being developed.

"Anytime there is somebody working up here, it helps the business in the store," Curlew Store owner Don Longfellow said. "We have so many people out here. It's been a pretty slow winter, to put it mildly."

Keeping Ferry County-based Echo Bay in the county is good for the community, Longfellow said. The mining company has underwritten school activities and other

community projects.

Markas said company officials hope to find additional deposits along what is called the Emanuel Creek trend.

"Basically, it gives us a two- or three-year window to try to work something out, to try to develop something else," County Commissioner Ron Bacon said.

Last year's layoffs at Echo Bay and this year's likely closure of the Vaagen Bros. sawmill have "certainly served to consolidate people's attention on the need for economic diversification," he said.

"There seems to be a lot of energy to look at increasing tourism and to increase broadband telecommunications capability and things of that sort," Bacon said.



A cable shovel dumps gold ore into a truck at the Cortez Gold Mines. 'Pipening Pit' in Crescent Valley, Nev., in 2001.

# Gold prices look up

The Associated Press

**DENVER** - Rising gold prices are a bright spot for the mining industry and the economy's supports, but some environmental groups are concerned.

Gold prices hit a six-year high in January at \$262.40 per troy ounce, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, amid a weakening U.S. dollar, fears of war, falling stocks, corporate fraud and low interest rates. It has fallen to the \$130 range since then.

The latest rally started in 2000, when some gold stocks saw 50 percent to 60 percent growth, said senior mining analyst Victor Hines of Bear, a global banking and financial services group. This time is predicted to be single digit growth this year.

"People made a lot of money in gold stocks in 2000, 2001, and everyone got excited about gold," he said. "We're saying, 'Well, hello, you missed the boat.'"

The industry's upturn comes as environmentalists have stepped up efforts to curb the use of cyanide in gold mining. A cyanide solution, usually containing less than 1 percent cyanide, is sprayed on rock to separate out particles of gold in a process called leaching.

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# Sears CEO receives big bonus despite stores' performance

Knight Ridder News Service

**CHICAGO** - By most measures, Sears Chief Executive Alan Lacy got a crummy report card last year.

Sales at Sears, Roebuck and Co. stores - which include several in Magic Valley - fell every month in 2002, sometimes by double digits. The company's lucrative credit card business stumbled again, and Sears' stock price plunged from around \$60 a share last summer to below \$23 in a matter of months, the lowest level in more than 10 years.

That performance didn't prevent Sears' board of directors from awarding Lacy a \$1.8 mil-

lion bonus in 2002 on top of his \$1 million salary, a nearly 80 percent increase from his salary and bonus in 2001.

In fact, all five of Sears' top banking executives received bonuses that were greater than their annual salaries, according to the company's proxy statement filed this week with the Securities and Exchange Commission. That included Anastasia Kelly, Sears' chief legal counsel, who left the company without another job in late January.

According to the board's compensation committee, Lacy earned his bonus because Sears' sales were up 1 percent in the year-ago period.

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# Farmer Bros. keeps management in family

Los Angeles Times

**TORRANCE, Calif.** - Roy F. Farmer, the patriarch who has guided Farmer Bros. Co. for more than five decades, handed day-to-day control of the Torrance-based coffee distributor to his son Roy E. Farmer this week.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing, the company said Roy F. Farmer, 86, will remain chairman of the company.

Farmer's father and uncle founded 91 years ago and that his son Roy E. Farmer will take over daily operations as chief executive. The younger Farmer, 50, has spent his entire career at the company and until Thursday was president and chief operating officer.

The corporate-owned Farmer

Bros. branch in Twin Falls serves customers from Sun Valley to Jackpot, Nev., and from Glenview, Ill., to Sioux Falls, S.D.

The management transition comes at a time when the thinly traded public company is under increasing pressure from institutional investors and dissident family members to disclose more information about its investments and operations.

Last week, Atlanta money manager Marc Heiwel of Spectrum Advisory Services Inc. sent Farmer Bros. a letter demanding more information about the company's \$300-million cash stockpile - an amount equal to 70 percent of its assets - and its investment strategies. Heiwel, who holds about \$1 million in Farmer shares, said he

also wants to know more about Farmer Bros. real estate holdings, coffee business and other assets.

Heiwel said the information would be helpful in determining the value of the company.

Franklin Mutual Advisors, a mutual fund that owns nearly 10 percent of Farmer, and Steven Crowe, a nephew of Roy F. Farmer, would like to see management buy out shareholders in a transaction that would take the company private. The Crowe family owns about 25 percent of Farmer Bros. shares.

Despite Thursday's management change, the elder Farmer will maintain a firm grip on the company and its board through the roughly 50 percent of the

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## CLOSING FUTURES

# comparison

public forests in 2001 and released a report comparing the two last summer.

Both programs rated high in showing managers how to make improvement in existing forest management practices, but the environmentalists' program scored higher points for more comprehensive coverage of biological, ecological and social issues and was more relevant to the public agencies' objective of forest management. The public agencies said the industry-backed certification offered a more limited view and a better assessment process.

Because private forests are often managed as a source of revenue for the company instead of for public use, Mater said the institute is looking forward to seeing how the side-by-side comparison stacks up on the Potlatch land.

"Transferring the lessons to private lands to private companies who own forest lands is difficult," she said.

## BEANS

"Potlatch is pleased to take a leadership role in this critical assessment effort," said John Olson, vice president of resource management at Potlatch. "We have long understood that sci-

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As all that was going on behind

## References

As all that was going on behind the scenes, Sears was reorganizing its stores, creating centralized check-out counters and adding new departments such as

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Since shareholders did not see these improvements reflected in their share price.

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invested in the same period in 1999, made up S&P's total index worth \$151.69 at year's end.

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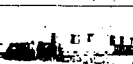
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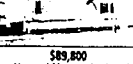
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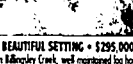
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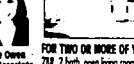
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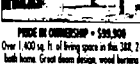
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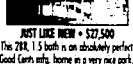
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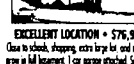
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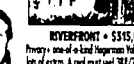
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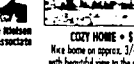
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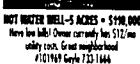
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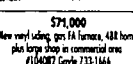
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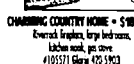
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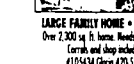
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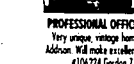
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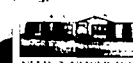
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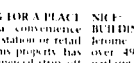
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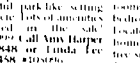
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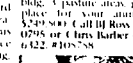
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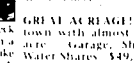
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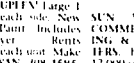
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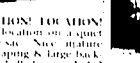
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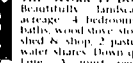
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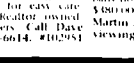
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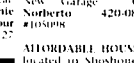
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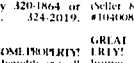
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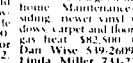
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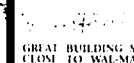
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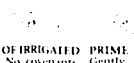
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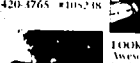
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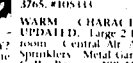
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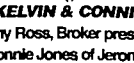
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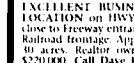
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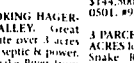
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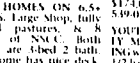
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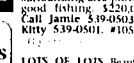
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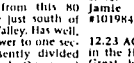
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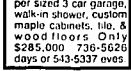
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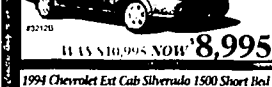
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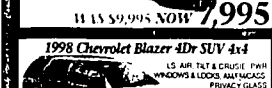
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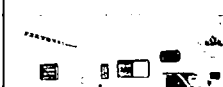
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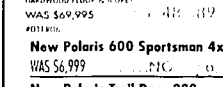
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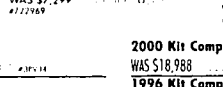
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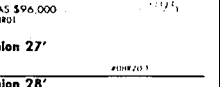
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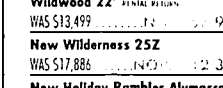
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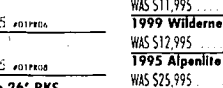
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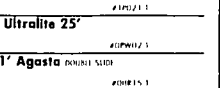
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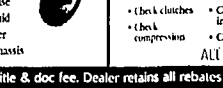
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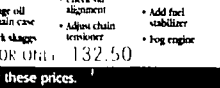
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