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## Times-News

## Iraq shows off U.S. POWs

The Washington Post

Iraq's capture Sunday of five U.S. Army soldiers confronted the Bush administration with the unsettling reality of its first group of war prisoners, a development the Iraqis trumpeted by releasing a videotape showing

the Americans, some bruised or dazed, being questioned.

Insisting the setback would not slow the war effort or undercut troop morale, senior officials warned that Iraqi authorities would be held accountable for the captives' fate.

President Bush demanded that

Iraq treat the prisoners "humanely" and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld accused the Iraqis of trying to use the capture for propaganda purposes, in violation of international laws of war on the treatment of prisoners.

"The Geneva Convention indicates that it's not permitted to

photograph and embarrass or humiliate prisoners of war," Rumsfeld said on CBS's "Face the Nation." Article 13 of the Conventions requires that prisoners be protected "against acts of violence or intimidation and against insults and public curiosity."

Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials also criticized the Arabic satellite network Al Jazeera, which was first to broadcast the footage outside Iraq, hours before military representatives could get word of the captures to

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## Troops continue push to Baghdad

## Fighting only slows advance for short time

The Associated Press

AN NASIRIYAH, Iraq - U.S.-led forces suffered their worst casualties of the war Sunday in two bloody battles near An Nasiriyah that raged for hours before Iraqi resistance was vanquished. Marines said they would move around the city rather than march through it on the road to Baghdad.

The battles at An Nasiriyah drew some attention from the relentless advance of the U.S.-led forces, now less than 100 miles from Baghdad after four days of the ground war. Scores of American military personnel landed in Kurdish territory, as the move to open a northern front gathered steam.

"I think we're advancing more rapidly than anyone could have expected," said U.S. Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, who coordinates the coalition's air campaign.

But at An Nasiriyah - on the Euphrates River 23 miles south of Baghdad, near the ancient town of Ur, birthplace of the patriarch Abraham - the allied juggernaut sustained its worst casualties so far.

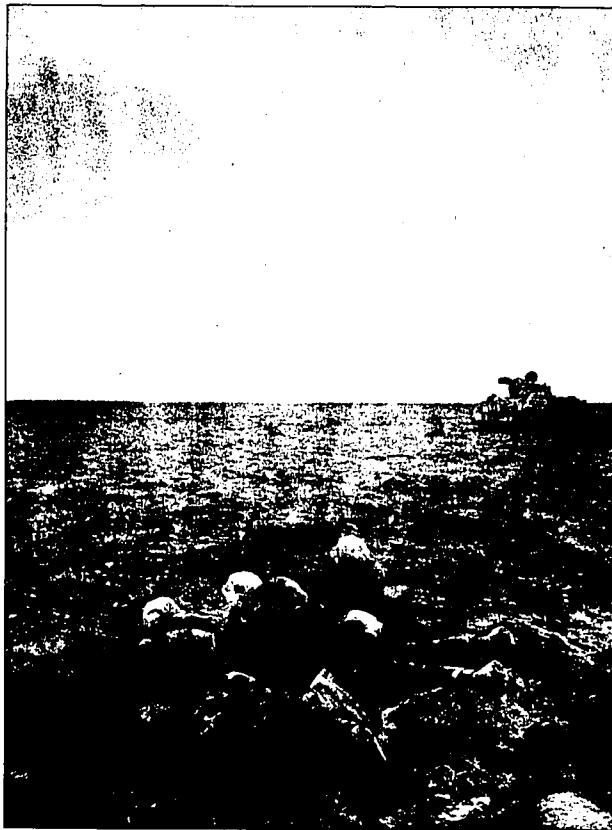
And in the face of that resistance, Marines officials said they expected to sidestep An Nasiriyah rather than fight to capture it - the same strategy they employed in Basra.

American authorities detailed two bloody battles.

Marines encountered Iraqi troops who appeared to be surrendering. Instead, they attacked - the start of a "very sharp engagement," said Lt. Col. John Abizaid, deputy commander of the Central Command.

These were, Abizaid said, a combination of regular and irregular forces - in fact, he said, it was one of the few times regular Iraqi soldiers have fought.

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U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division soldiers secure a field near Najaf, Iraq, at sunrise Sunday.

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A British Royal Marine from 42 Commando fires a Milan wire-guided missile at an Iraqi position on the Al Faw peninsula, southern Iraq.

## M.V. teachers use billboard to vent frustrations

By Robert Meyer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's hard to miss, driving westbound on U.S. Highway 30 toward Filer.

Some 30 feet in the sky just north of the roadway is a billboard with a plea to legislators to support education.

"Will the last teacher leaving Idaho please erase the chalkboard?" it states, seemingly written on a chalkboard, 4-foot-tall letters written in chalk.

The product of a group of about 100 local teachers - not the Idaho Education Association - the billboard is not only to raise awareness, but also to add a little

levity during a tense legislative session, said Dennis Sonius, principal at Morningside Elementary School in Twin Falls.

But the message is clear, Idaho might soon experience a significant exodus as teachers leave to other states for higher pay. A handful of states, Nevada and Florida the most noteworthy, are on a nationwide search for thousands of K-12 educators.

"We don't want them leaving Idaho," Sonius said.

The billboard idea, he said, came from someone who had seen a similar board in Seattle. That statement started the same, but ended with "... please turn out the lights."

The idea rapidly spread among local educators. Around 100 employees from three districts each contributed between \$1 and \$5 for the \$600 sign, Sonius said.

Erected two weeks ago, the billboard is expected to stay up for two months.

The goal is to reverse the trend of what has been perceived as anti-education legislation introduced during this session. In addition to proposed cuts to education, 1 to 2 percent depending on the versions, other bills have been presented to increase the burden on educators. They include:

- A Senate bill to reduce the
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- Dennis  
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NATION

# Copter crash kills six in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Air Force helicopter crashed in Afghanistan Sunday, killing all six people on board, the U.S. military said.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter was on a medical evacuation mission when it crashed at about 11:20 a.m. EST, about 18 miles north of Ghazni, Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

The helicopter was not shot down, the statement said.

The precise cause of the crash is under investigation.

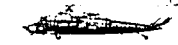
U.S. Military officials in Washington and Afghanistan said the medical emergency and the helicopter flight was not in connection with Operation Enduring Freedom, a mission involving members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in southeastern Afghanistan.

That mission, which began earlier this month, is meant to root out remnants of the al-Qaida and Taliban believed to be operating in the region.

## Helicopter crashes

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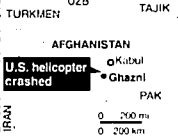
**Length:** 100 feet 10 inches (30.5 meters)

**Height:** 16 feet 10 inches (5.13 meters)

**Speed:** 223 mph (359 kph)

**Weight:** 19,000 lbs (8,600 kg)

**Range (with external tanks):** 1,381 miles (2,222 km)



SOURCES: Associated Press, U.S. Air Force, Jane's Information Group, ESI

# Overworked Houston DNA lab re-examines results of 525 cases

HOUSTON (AP) — As water dripped down the walls of the crime lab on the 26th floor of the Houston Police Department headquarters, two overworked DNA analysts scrambled to keep up with a caseload in a county that was sending more convicts to death row than any other in the nation.

In addition to the scientific work, the analysts were helping interpret their findings for Harris County juries.

"We trusted they were doing a good job and the testimony that they offered was accurate," said Assistant District Attorney Marie Munier.

Then Houston television station KHOU began questioning some of the DNA lab's conclusions, and officials ordered an outside audit. After reading the results of the audit, which found significant deficiencies, including examiners who didn't have the proper statistics training to correctly testify, Houston's acting police chief suspended DNA work in December.

Munier is now leading a re-examination of 525 cases in which the lab was involved.

One man who had been sent to prison for rape has already been released because DNA evidence against him was wrong, and more cases are still in the testing stage. Prosecutors have flagged 62 more cases for retesting, including those of 17 death row inmates, though none of the 68 cases of inmates already executed were found to have involved DNA work at the lab.

"It's just like having the rug pulled out from under your feet," Munier said.

Questions about testimony and lab work have been raised in other states as well.

In Oklahoma City, a chemist was fired two years ago after an FBI report claimed she did poor work and provided false or misleading testimony. She denies the allegations and is suing to get her job back. In Montana, work of the state crime lab, a former director is being investigated because of the exoneration of a man convicted of rape.

Houston's crime lab, however, is far busier than most.

Each analyst in Houston had 40 to 60 cases a month, compared to a typical caseload of 60 to 120 a year elsewhere, said Arthur Eisenberg, director of the DNA Identity Laboratory at the University of North Texas Health Science Center and a former chairman of the national DNA advisory board who helped establish FBI standards for DNA labs.

"To have two analysts for a city the size of Houston, in itself



Josiah Sutton, center, sits with, from left, sister Johnnie, 11; brother James, 17; mother Carol Baile; and brother Johnnie, 13, March 16 in his Houston apartment. Sutton was released from prison last week after four years when DNA tests concluded that he was not the rapist prosecutors said he was in 1998 when he was 16-years-old.

is criminal," Eisenberg said. "The building the facility is in is seriously impaired and the laboratory has not been given the funding to train these individuals to a point where they have the necessary educational background to do the job they are required to do," he said.

The lab workers last attended a training session in 1999, and James R. Bolding, the criminalist who oversees the DNA section, said the police department has been trying to get the leaky roof repaired since 1995.

Bolding acknowledged mistakes could have been made by his overworked staff, but said he began voicing concerns to his superiors in 1998.

"We do not have sufficient funding," he said. "We do not have sufficient staff. We do not have sufficient wherewithal to do the amount of work that has come in."

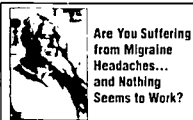
State Rep. Kevin Bailey, who head a legislative committee investigating the lab, said Bolding's concerns apparently didn't reach anyone who could have taken steps to correct the situation, "or no one was listening when they did."

Police Chief Clarence Bradford said he knew about the leaky roof, but didn't learn of staffing concerns until last summer. The lack of documentation and training didn't come up until the audit, the chief said.

"I was as surprised about this as everybody else," said Donald R. Krueger, the crime lab's chief, who retired earlier this month. "I am not a DNA expert. I did not know we had these problems."

The outside audit concluded

that the lab analysts' chemistry might have been correct, but that their statistical interpretation of results could have been skewed because they lacked training.



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# Wall Street firms may limit cost of settlement over stock ratings

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Brokerages accused of biased stock ratings that hurt investors may be able to limit the cost of a government settlement through tax write-offs and insurance claims, according to an industry spokesman, regulators and a state report.

"We don't believe the firms will have the ability to write off large amounts, but it's not our call," said Darren Dopp, spokesman for New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who pressed the conflicts

of interest settlement now in its final negotiations.

Critical will be whether and how firms admit fraud or other wrongdoing. Their analysts are accused of inflating ratings of stocks they privately deemed risky to lure the companies as investment banking clients.

In December, the firms agreed to structural reforms, to fund an independent source of stock analysis and to pay \$1.4 billion in penalties based on the amount of evidence against each firm.

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The U.S. Department of Energy must select a technology and construct facilities to prepare 1 million gallons of sodium-bearing radioactive waste for shipment out of Idaho for disposal. These wastes are currently stored at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Technology options include steam reforming, cesium-ion exchange, direct evaporation, and calcination. Treatment operations will involve hazardous wastes and will require a permit from the State of Idaho, in accordance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Interested stakeholders are invited to learn more about the technology selection process and permit application and submit public comments on either activity at the following public workshops:

<b>Thursday, March 13</b> 4:30-7:00 p.m., Open House 7:00-9:00 p.m., Presentations and Public Comment Session Jackson Hole, Wyoming Jackson Hole Middle School 1230 S. Park Loop Road	<b>Tuesday, March 25</b> 5:30-7:00 p.m., Open House 7:00-9:00 p.m., Presentations and Public Comment Session Twin Falls, Idaho College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building, Room 277 315 Falls Avenue
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**Tuesday, March 18**  
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and Public Comment Session  
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College, Culeitena  
1600 South 25th East

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## U.S. warns citizens to avoid Indonesia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department, citing the war in Iraq, is warning Americans against traveling to Indonesia while urging U.S. citizens already there to consider leaving the Southeast Asian country.

Because of the war, Indonesia's "frequent political demonstrations may escalate, increasing the potential for anti-American violence and for terrorist actions against U.S. citizens and interests," the department said in a travel warning Saturday.

It said people already in Indonesia should re-evaluate their security situation and consider getting out.

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## America at war



Iraqi soldiers and civilians search along the banks of the Tigris River Sunday after there were reports that a coalition jet was downed and that the pilot parachuted into the Tigris. The U.S. military said the report was a fabrication.

## Rumor of downed pilot sparks Baghdad search

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Aircraft screamed in low over the Iraqi capital, shaking buildings early Monday with the heaviest U.S.-led bombardment in several nights. As anti-aircraft guns responded, a mosque called out "God is great" apparently to boost Iraqis' morale.

Heavy explosions hit Baghdad through the night. One large explosion shook a Ministry of Planning building within the Old Palace, a presidential compound hit in earlier attacks.

It appeared to be the strongest airstrikes since Friday night, when Tomahawk missiles rained down on the city of 5 million people, smashing several of Saddam Hussein's palaces and government buildings.

Before each blast, low-flying aircraft could be heard. The loudspeaker from a mosque's minaret blared, "Allahu Akbar" — "God is great" — and "Thanks be to God," apparently a morale boost, since it was well before the call to dawn Muslim prayers.

Reports that a coalition plane had been downed over Baghdad sparked a search Sunday by hundreds of Iraqi police and security agents for any survivors. They shot into the reeds and shallow water alongside the Tigris River. They set fire to brush in some spots, and small boats patrolled the river's edge.

At the U.S. Central Command in Qatar, Army Lt. Gen. John Abizaid denied that any coalition planes had been shot down.

"No planes have been shot down. No pilots have parachuted," he said. "You can see by their actions — shooting into the water — that their search-and-rescue techniques leave a lot to be desired," he added.

An Iraqi military spokesman, Lt. Gen. Hassan Al-Rawi, said Iraqi forces have shot down five allied warplanes — all but one of them in Baghdad — and two helicopters since the war began.

Lebanese TV Al-Manar, owned by the Islamic militant group Hezbollah, said a British pilot was captured in Baghdad and that the search for the Tigris was for his co-pilot. Qatari-based Al-Jazeera satellite TV said a Western pilot had been captured and another was being sought.

Security agents swarmed to the Tigris after witnesses reported seeing parachutes fall alongside its west bank.

The search quickly drew a crowd. Traffic piled up on bridges as hundreds parked their cars to get out and watch. Some brought their children, others waved huge Iraqi flags from their car windows.

During the search, repeated explosions could be heard at a distance. In the sky were vapor trails and dark clouds from fuel the Iraqis were burning to con-

## POWs

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the soldiers' relatives. Iraqi Defense Minister Sultan Hashem Ahmad said Iraq will respect the Geneva Conventions on its treatment of any U.S. or U.K. prisoners,Agence France-Presse reported.

Along with footage of the prisoners, the Iraqi tape contained gruesome images of several dead U.S. soldiers. Two apparently shot in the head. U.S. military officials said all the soldiers belonged to an Army maintenance unit that had strayed off course and wound up in a firefight with Iraqi militia or paramilitary troops near the city of Nasiriyah. A total of 12 soldiers from the unit were unaccounted for, officials said, seven of them now presumed dead.

Military officials said the unit, part of the 507th Maintenance Company, had been in a strategic convoy that was ambushed by

# Army: Suspect in grenade attack had 'attitude problem'

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A U.S. soldier most likely acted out of resentment Sunday when he fired three grenades into tents at the 101st Airborne Division command center, killing a fellow serviceman, an Army spokesman said.

Fifteen other soldiers, including the division commander, were wounded — at least three of them seriously — in the early Sunday attack at Camp Pennsylvania, the rear base for the 101st near the Iraqi border. The 101st is based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The dead soldier was identified Sunday as Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27. No hometown was immediately available for Seifert, who was sleeping in his tent when the grenade attack occurred, the Defense Department said.

The soldier in custody was identified Sunday as Sgt. Asan Akbar of the 326th Engineer Battalion. Fort Campbell spokesman George Heath said Akbar had not been charged with any crime. Heath did not release Akbar's hometown or say how long he had served in the military.

But Heath did say Akbar had been "having what some might

call an attitude problem." As a sergeant, Akbar commanded four to seven soldiers, Heath said.

Another Army spokesman, Max Blumenthal, said the motive in the attack "most likely was resentment." No further details were available.

The attack happened in the command center of the division's 1st Brigade at Camp Pennsylvania at 1:30 a.m. (5:30 p.m. EST Saturday).

Initially, the military suspected the attack was the work of terrorists using two grenades and small-arms fire, Heath said. Two Middle Eastern men hired as contractors were detained and released.

An Interior Ministry official speaking on condition of anonymity said Sunday that Americans still were investigating all locally contracted workers in the camp, such as cleaners, drivers and volunteer translators. Two Kuwaiti translators also were questioned and released.

"When this all happened we tried to get accountability for everybody," Col. Frederick B. Hodges, commander of the division's 1st Brigade, told Britain's Sky News television. "We noticed

four hand grenades were missing and that this sergeant was unaccounted for."

Akbar was found hiding in a bunker, said Hodges, who was slightly injured in the attack.

"I immediately smelled smoke," the commander told Sky News. "I heard a couple of explosions and then a popping sound which I think was probably a rifle being fired. It looks like some assailant threw a grenade into each of these three tents here."

One grenade went off in the command tent, Blumenthal said. The tent, the tactical operations center, runs 24 hours a day and would always be staffed by officers and senior enlisted personnel.

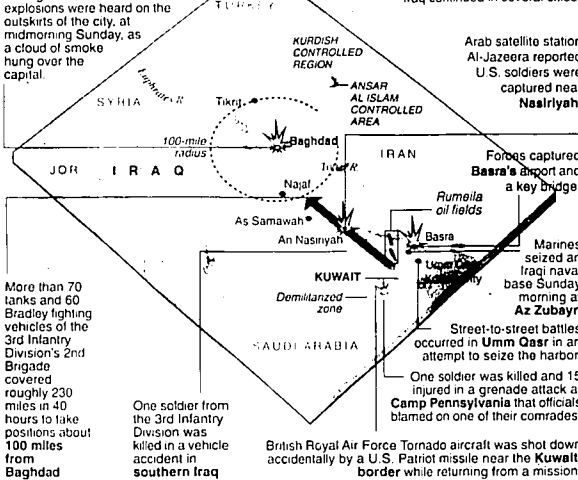
A picture on the front page of The Tennessee newspaper in Nashville, Tenn., showed Hodges with blood on his uniform and his right arm in a sling.

"He's an intense person and he'll recover," Heath said of Hodges.

Ten of the injured had superficial wounds, including punctures to their arms and legs from grenade fragments, Heath said. The Army did not release any more details about the wounded.

## Fighting intensifies as forces advance

U.S. forces surged to within 100 miles of Baghdad on Sunday as fighting in southern Iraq continued in several cities.



SOURCES: United Nations, Associated Press

## Networks weigh airing video of captured soldiers

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. television networks spent hours weighing Sunday whether to air video footage, shown elsewhere in the world, of what appeared to be American prisoners of war in Iraq.

The images were picked up from Iraqi television by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said the Geneva Conventions make it illegal for prisoners to be pictured and humiliated, adding that "television networks that carry such pictures are, I would say, doing something that's unfortunate."

That left network executives weighing decisions involving both matters of taste and the question of whether they were

letting the Pentagon influence their independent newswatching decisions.

All of the networks said they would not show video of what was said to be an Iraqi morgue containing American bodies, saying the material was neither newsworthy nor appropriate for airing. However, both CNN and NBC have aired a still image of bodies that could not be identified.

A snippet of the POW footage was shown on CBS, shortly after it was received from Al-Jazeera, while Rumsfeld was being interviewed on "Face the Nation." The network held off from showing it again after the Pentagon asked for time to contact the families of the soldiers involved.

"I consider that a legitimate request and I don't have any qualms about agreeing to it. The issue of sensitivity to the families is valid," CBS News President Andrew Heyward said.

In the Iraqi television footage, at least five prisoners, including one woman, were interviewed separately. Two were bandaged. They all looked terrified, with one captive who said he was from Kansas answering his questions in a shaky voice, his eyes darting back and forth between his interviewer and another person.

ABC News President David Westin said the network was giving the Pentagon "a reasonable period of time" to contact the families of the POWs before airing the tape.

released by the Pentagon. The one exception is Spc. Joseph Hudson of El Paso, Texas, whose mother, Anecita, spoke to reporters outside her home in New Mexico holding a photograph of her son.

"I was told to come here. I just follow orders," said the first soldier to appear in the video, looking calm and uninjured.

"Why do you fight Iraqis?" he was asked.

"They shot at me first, so I shoot back," he said. "I don't want to shoot anybody."

Hudson, who appeared next, stared impassively into the camera. Asked why he had come from Texas to Iraq, he answered simply, "I follow orders."

A third service member, lying on the floor, groaned and grimaced from apparent injuries. His face was bloody and his arms were bandaged.

## War recap

A daily summary of key developments in the war with Iraq

- **Iraqi television aired footage** of what it said were dead Americans, and interviews with five U.S. prisoners answering questions. U.S. officials confirmed that 12 soldiers were missing after an ambush near the southern city of An Nasiriyah.

- **The U.S. Central Command** said Marines defeated Iraqi forces near An Nasiriyah in the sharpest engagement of the war so far. It said up to nine Marines were killed in the battle.

- **U.S. troops found a suspected** chemical factory near the city of Najaf, about 85 miles south of Baghdad, and were trying to determine whether it was involved in making chemical weapons, U.S. officials said.

- **In Washington**, President Bush demanded that American troops held captive in Iraq be treated humanely and said he was pleased with the progress of the war. "Saddam Hussein is losing control of his country," Bush said.

- **Explosions shook Baghdad** early Monday as the Iraqi capital came under another heavy air attack.

- **A U.S. Patriot missile battery** mistakenly shot down a British Royal Air Force fighter aircraft near the Iraqi border with Kuwait, killing both fliers on board.

- **A U.S. soldier** was detained on suspicion of throwing grenades into three tents at a 101st Airborne command center in Kuwait, killing one fellow serviceman and wounding 15. The motive in the attack "most likely was resentment," a U.S. Army spokesman said.

- **A British television news** reporter who disappeared in southern Iraq was believed dead. ITN television news said its reporter Terry Lloyd and two colleagues apparently were caught in a barrage of "friendly fire" on Saturday.

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## America at war

# Special Forces land in north Iraq

By Karl Vick and Dan Williams  
The Washington Post

**BAKRAJO, Iraq** — Four U.S. military cargo planes carrying several hundred Special Forces troops landed overnight at this airstrip in Iraq's Kurdish-held north in advance of a new front in the ground war against Iraq, Kurdish officials said Sunday.

The troops would deploy "around the area," a senior Kurdish official said.

Later Sunday, journalists watched as a convoy of three buses and three trucks carried about 100 U.S. troops into the Halabja Valley near the Iranian border, where two nights of airstrikes have targeted an Islamic extremist group associated with al-Qaida.

The airstrikes, which a Kurdish official said may have killed more than 100 of Ansar al-Islam's 700 to 900 fighters, were scheduled to continue for at least one more night before ground forces move forward, officials said. U.S. troops will take part in the ground offensive, the Kurdish official said, but declined to say what numbers. Before Sunday, estimates of U.S. troops in the north ranged from 60 to 130.

Most of the arriving U.S. forces are expected to steer toward the larger war against the government of Saddam Hussein, with Special Forces troops preparing the way for an airborne assault aimed at taking the strategic oil cities of Mosul and Kirkuk. Sunday morning, and again after sunset, allied warplanes bombed artillery and rocket positions near Mosul, the Kurds said.

"This thing is changing. It's changing big time," said the Kurdish official, referring to U.S. plans for Iraq's north. "There are many surprises in this war. Many, many surprises."

The deployment of troops in the far north, an area out of central government control, has been delayed. Turkey, a member of NATO, rejected the U.S. request to use its territory as a staging ground for a march south. As a result, the number of troops will be far fewer than the 62,000 that Pentagon planners had sought for a northern front.

That raises the question of whether the United States will turn to Kurdish ground forces for assistance. Hoshiyar Zubari, an official with the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), one of two militia-backed groups that have ruled a zone in northern Iraq since shortly after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, estimated there were 70,000 Kurdish pesh marga fighters. The Kurds are armed with rifles, mortars, and machine guns.

Turkey fears that the Kurds' involvement in the war would give them leverage to cement a united autonomous zone. That, Turkey maintains, might awaken similar demands among its restive Kurd minority.

But Kurdish officials suggested that U.S. concerns about unsettling Turkey might be fading. "It's time for a decision," said one KDP official.



A U.S. soldier from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force stands guard at a burning oil well at the Rumaila oil fields Sunday in Iraq. Several oil wells have been set ablaze by retreating Iraqi troops in the Rumaila area, the second largest offshore oil field in the country, near the Kuwait border.

## Resistance pockets mark southern Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

**AZ ZUBAYR, Iraq** — The Iraqi lieutenant colonel began to cry on Sunday when a cameraman tried to film his surrender to British soldiers near this dusty southern Iraqi town. My family is in Baghdad, he pleaded. Then he made a slitting motion against his throat.

"There are still a lot of Saddam's supporters here," said the officer, who was too terrified to give his name.

As U.S.-led coalition troops push toward Baghdad, they're leaving behind pockets of insecurity in southern Iraq where Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's agents continue to wield power and intimidate the local populace.

A patchwork of no-man's-lands is springing up. Coalition forces don't control them — or, fearing local resistance, they've decided not to try to secure them.

U.S. and British forces were still battling to control strategic highways and bridges near two key towns in southeastern Iraq — Basra and Umm Qasr — and were facing unexpected resistance.

In Umm Qasr, a U.S. warplane bombed what soldiers said were members of a hideout regiment of Iraqi Republican Guards. U.S. and British forces are now expected to bypass Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, amid signs that coalition troops might not be welcomed.

Roads aren't secure for more than one or two miles. Soldiers manning checkpoints advise journalists not to travel farther because the area ahead isn't under their control.

Rumors are flying.

In Safra, 20 miles west of here, local Baath party leaders were said to be planning an attack on a nearby British military post Sunday — prompting



U.S. Marines from the 15 Marine Expeditionary Unit take cover as bombs are dropped during a pitched battle at the main Gulf port in Umm Qasr Sunday.



U.S. Marines from the 15 Marine Expeditionary Unit fire a shoulder-launched Javelin missile during a battle with Iraqi troops at the port in Umm Qasr, Iraq, Sunday.

reinforcements to arrive.

At Az Zubayr, a few miles southwest of Basra, scores of Iraqis gathered near the scene of a recent firefight between coalition forces and the Iraqi military. Most expressed strong anti-American sentiments.

United States to have helped by now. Some were cut off from families in Basra because of the fighting. Others were angry at civilian deaths from U.S. strikes or questioned America's intentions to help rebuild Iraq.

Some also said that officials from Saddam's Baath party were in the crowd, and others whispered that Iraqi intelligence agents were nearby. Murals of Saddam still papered the town.

The Iraqi lieutenant colonel was clearly scared when he approached two Western journalists and asked them to drive him to the checkpoint so he could surrender. Warily looking around for spies, he pulled his military insignia from the pocket of his gray traditional robe.

"I don't want anybody to see me," he said. "They'll kill me in this town."

He said he was an Air Force commander attached to an Iraqi military division. On Saturday, his truck had come under an American missile strike near Az Zubayr. Most of his men, he said, fled to Basra. He decided to quit.

As if to underscore the insecurity, British soldiers at the checkpoint came under fire an hour after the lieutenant colonel surrendered.

Soldiers also said they find it difficult to know who's their enemy. Fleeing Iraqi soldiers have left behind hundreds of weapons, and they often fall into the hands of villagers, said British soldiers.

On Sunday, along the main highway to Basra, British soldiers found scores of Kalashnikov rifles and ammunition inside a water tank near Az Zubayr. All a villager had to do was reach into the tank and pull out a weapon.

"Many of them did," said a British soldier, shaking his head.

# Troops find suspected chemical factory

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. forces on Sunday pressed to find the first cache of Saddam Hussein's chemical and biological weapons, seizing a suspected chemical factory in southern Iraq and checking other sites based on leads from captured Iraqis and documents.

Officials cautioned it was premature to conclude any forbidden weapons had been located.

Coalition military leaders were keenly interested in a site they took control of in Najaf, south of Baghdad, and were interviewing two captured Iraqi generals for information about Saddam Hussein's suspected biological and chemical weapons.

U.S. Central Command, which oversees the war in Iraq, said in a statement that troops were examining several "sites of interest," but said it was premature to call the Najaf site a chemical weapons factory.

American special operations forces found documents in western Iraq that also could lead to chemical or biological weapons facilities, said Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Myers said U.S. commandos found the papers along with a cache of millions of rounds of ammunition after a firefight on Saturday, and the discovery "might save thousands of lives if we can find out exactly where and what they have."

"I just know that they have some papers that they want to exploit as quickly as possible, and we're going to do that, of course," Myers said.

President Bush and other U.S. officials say ridding Saddam Hussein's regime of chemical and biological weapons is the main objective of the war. Finding such weapons would be a huge boost for Bush, since much of the international criticism of the U.S.-led war has focused on the fact that United Nations inspectors had not found any banned weapons in Iraq.

Saddam's government denies it has any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons or programs to produce them.

Asked at a news conference in Qatar Sunday about reports of the chemical plant, Lt. Gen. John Abizaid of U.S. Central Command declined comment. He said top Iraqi officers have been questioned about chemical weapons.

"We have an Iraqi general officer, two Iraqi general officers that we have taken prisoner, and they are providing us with information," Abizaid said.

If the plant is confirmed as a chemical weapons factory, it would be the first find by the U.S.-led invasion force validating U.S. allegations that Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction. Iraqi officials have insisted that they destroyed all of the chemical and biological weapons they made after the 1991 Persian Gulf War — a claim U.S. weapons inspectors have questioned.

U.S. weapons inspectors are not aware of any large-scale chemical sites which could be used to make chemical weapons in Najaf, said Ewen Buchanan, spokesman for the inspectors.

## Defense systems protect American ships

**ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK (AP)** — A whistle blows an alert over the shipwide intercom: "Snoopy team, starboard bow!" Spotters with powerful binoculars right catch sight of whatever is approaching the aircraft carrier's safe zone: a plane? a ship? a tiny sailing dog?

If it's hostile — an incoming missile, an enemy warship, a suspicious boat — the Kitty Hawk can activate its defense system of missiles, automatic cannon and machine guns within seconds.

This time, the object looming on the horizon is a friend — the USS Abraham Lincoln, one of three American aircraft carriers and dozens of other warships crowded into the northern Persian Gulf for the war in Iraq.

The ship's radar, electronic sensors and human eyes are constantly on watch for threats among the oil tankers, fishing boats and warships crowding the Gulf. "We are armed and loaded and ready to go," said Cmdr. Bob Hahn, head of the Command Directions Center, which handles the Kitty Hawk's tactical defense.

The carrier's on-board defenses include Sea Sparrow and Rolling Airframe missiles, radar-directed

Gatling guns and .50-caliber and M-60 machine guns.

But the most lethal force is the air wing — about 75 warplanes including F/A-18 Hornets and F-14 Tomcats fighters armed with a variety of missiles and several Seahawk helicopters that can carry MK-46 anti-submarine torpedoes and Hellfire missiles.

"We can get something up in a matter of seconds" if a threat is detected, Hahn said.

The three carriers in the Gulf are sending warplanes on bombing missions over Iraq. But mostly they are providing air support for U.S. and British troops, officers say. Smaller ships have been firing cruise missiles at Iraqi targets.

Although Iraq has fired several missiles at Kuwait since the war started, the Navy doesn't consider the threat from the air to be as worrisome as that from the sea.

U.S. officials have expressed concern about small boats loaded with explosives, such as the one used in the terrorist attack on the nearly sank the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000. U.S. officials blamed that attack, which killed 17 U.S. sailors, on al-Qaida.

On Friday, U.S. and British forces said they had seized two

tugboats carrying 68 mines in an estuary in southern Iraq.

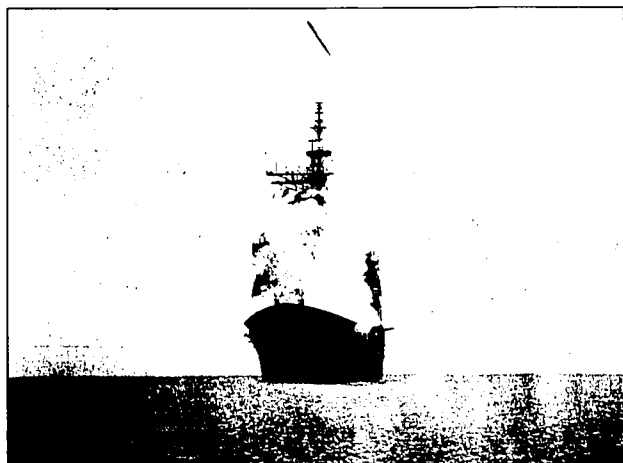
"I'd like to think we have kept a fairly good lid on the Iraqi navy and I would say that we are pretty well prepared for any sort of terrorist evolution as well," Capt. Thomas A. Parker, the Kitty Hawk's commander, told reporters last week.

Big merchant ships and dhows, the small, wooden boats used by fishermen and traders in the Gulf for centuries, are a common sight, sometimes passing within a few hundred yards of Navy ships.

"We are in international waters, so nobody has a right to tell anybody where to go," Hahn said. "But we do expect them to keep a safe distance. A competent and reasonable seaman would give way to an aircraft carrier."

In a dimly lit room known as "The Pit," Cmdr. Carol Prather has her finger on the trigger of the ship's defenses.

Along with Parker, she is one of just seven people among the more than 5,000 sailors aboard the Kitty Hawk who is authorized to order the firing of its weapons. The tactical action officers get a year's special training on top of their normal Navy roles.



A Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) is launched from the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George in the eastern Mediterranean Sea Sunday.

## THE ENVELOPE PLEASE . . .

### Buhl drama teacher gets state honor

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - Buhl High School drama teacher David Blaszkiewicz is the first recipient of the Idaho Drama Coach of the Year Award presented March 6 by the Boise State University Department of Theatre Arts.

The BSU department sent nomination information to every Idaho school drama department, encouraging the students to nominate a candidate for the award.

Three Buhl High students sent letters of praise nominating Blaszkiewicz for his outstanding coaching, leadership and guidance.

"Years from now, I will look back on my high school years and remember how blessed I was to have Mr. B in my life. He has taught me much more than theatre, he has taught me to appreciate life and living," stated Michelle Viola in her letter of nomination.

"Once in awhile a teacher in school teaches you something new you suddenly know you can't live without. Some people never find that teacher before it is too late, but I've been lucky, my teacher came sooner than later and he taught me his life valuable lessons," Becca Lawrence wrote.

"He has a wonderful work ethic and he tells you what he expects. He tells you from the beginning, if you can't handle it, leave," stated Adrianna Billings in her nomination letter.

The award was given during a workshop conference in Boise attended by 27 Buhl drama stu-



David Blaszkiewicz, front, with his drama students at Buhl High School. He is the first recipient of the Idaho Drama Coach of the Year Award.

dents and their coach.

The students said "Mr. B" was surprised and a little shocked when his name was announced. However, the students were elated, and they all felt like he deserved it, Michelle said.

Tiffany Cramer, a senior and the director of a recent drama presentation, said she has worked with Mr. B for four years, and has learned a lot.

"I have a new found respect for him this year," she said.

"We had a few plays that weren't working so good, but even with a bad cast, a good director who puts the show first can make it come out good in the end," said Caleb Thom, who also has worked with Blaszkiewicz for

a few years.

Blaszkiewicz attended Carroll College in Helena, Mont., Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston and the University of Idaho at Moscow, where he received his teaching certificate.

He has a bachelor's degree in science, history and theatre arts. "History and theatre arts go hand-in-hand as you need to know the history of the times that plays are written for," Blaszkiewicz said.

Working in the Lewiston Civic Theatre Arts, combined with his education, Blaszkiewicz has chalked up 30 years in the theatre arts field.

He came to Buhl High five years ago.

"Years from now, I will look back on my high school years and remember how blessed I was to have Mr. B in my life."

- Michelle Viola,  
Buhl High School student

### INTRODUCTION TO IRELAND



Above, Jon Jacobson and Stephanie Jeffs provide Celtic music at Jefferson Elementary School in Jerome to get students into the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.

Below, students in Vickie Quinley's first-grade class dance to Celtic music. Quinley and Becky Lock arranged for the visit by Celtic Fire, a local Irish band from Murtaugh. The band played a medley of songs, including some original music.



## TFHS juniors plan for the future

High school is all about drilling information into students' heads, so that at a later point in their lives they can apply this information to the "real world."

One of the most valuable pieces of information a student will receive is to plan for their futures. There is a phrase repeated and chanted over and over again to high school students from the moment they enter their freshmen year - "plan ahead for college."

Truly, there is no more sound

advice than this simple direction. As students plan for college, they encompass all other aspects of their high school education, as well.

Students should meet frequently with counselors to stay on track for graduation, and learn about what credits the college of their choice requires. Most colleges require more math and science credits than what is necessary to graduate at Twin Falls High School. Even as early as a student's freshman year, they should be researching different colleges that appeal to them.

Only a small percentage of students, even as seniors, are aware of the scholarships and financial aid available to them.

On March 18, the junior class

had an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with all the great colleges and universities in Idaho at Higher Ed Day. Representatives from all of Idaho's private and public schools of higher education participated. Students attended informational meetings for three schools of their choice. At the meetings, students were provided with informational materials on many different topics - from cost of tuition to campus life.

"A lot of people at high school never think about it (college)," junior Danae Crowley said. "Higher Ed Day shows what Idaho really has to offer."

Perri Gardner is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Brain News.

### DRESSED FOR SPACE



The students in Trish Mendenhall's class at Declo Elementary School ended their study of space by dressing in a space suit and helmet they constructed. They are, from left, back row: Sydney Sawyer, Merry Johnson, Tyler Darrington, Macy Vail, Dalton Patterson and Logan Manning; middle row: Amanda Darrington, Colin Halford, Sierra Phillips, Michael Bronson and Quentin Taylor; front: Kasei Condie, Izati Hernandez and Cesar Coja. They also constructed a space station and made books about planets.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



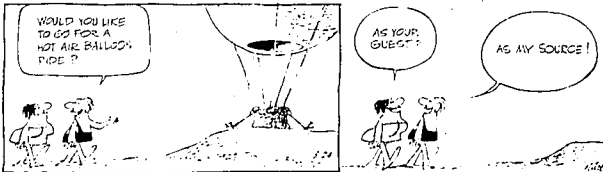
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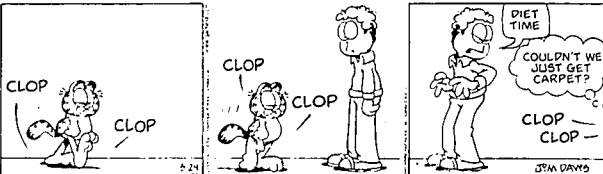
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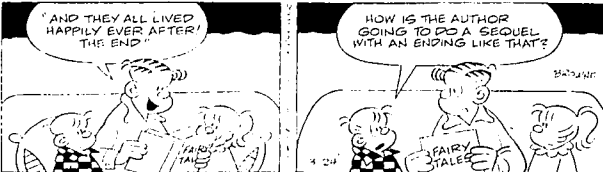
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By Chris Browne



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The Born Loser

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By Lynn Johnston



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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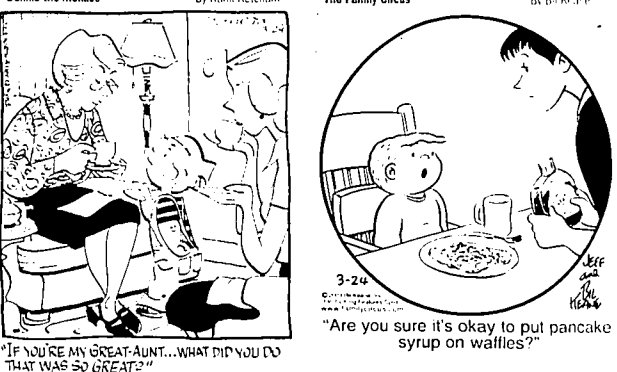


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By Hank Ketcham

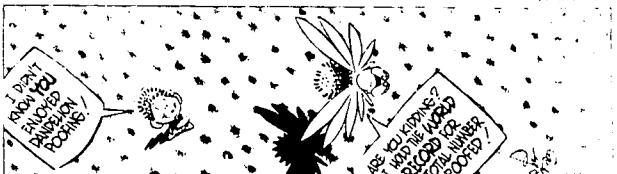
The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Rose is Rose

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By W. C. Sullivan



## OTHER VIEWS

### Even in war, life should keep normal routines

The Idaho Statesman (Boise)

The everyday has a place, even in extraordinary times. Even at a time when President Bush has cautioned that an assault on Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein could have ramifications at home, "In desperation, he and terrorist groups might try to conduct terrorist operations against the American people and our friends," Bush has said, "These attacks are not inevitable. They are, however, possible."

This is America's first war under an orange alert, the second-highest stage in the Department of Homeland Security's color-coded warning system. Orange translates to a high risk of terrorist attack.

But, as local security experts point out, that translates to a cause for vigilance, not hysteria.

"There is no specific threat to our state," Idaho Adjutant Gen. Jack Kane has said.

The Idaho State Police and Boise police are telling their officers to keep their eyes open. That's a good cue for Idahoans. If something looks or seems amiss, report it.

But don't lose perspective. And don't lose patience, either. As life continues during this war, Idahoans probably will encounter longer waits and increased security at public events and at airports. Allow for more time. Check it up as part of the price we pay to keep our routines.

This time of year is heavy with routines.

Boise schools are on spring break. For many families, this is a chance to celebrate the end of winter with a day trip

or two, or a vacation to warmer places. This isn't a time to cancel vacation plans. It is, instead, a time to appreciate time with family.

This weekend also brings one of sport's most popular events - the NCAA basketball tournaments. In one of those moments where television

#### Their view: This

guest editorial from the Boise, Idaho Statesman says Idahoans should remain alert and cautious during war, but still keep their perspective.

#### What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

reflected reality, round-the-clock coverage from the Persian Gulf bumped Thursday's first day of the NCAA men's tournament to cable TV. But the NCAA didn't cancel the games, nor should it have.

A good perspective comes from Duke men's coach Mike Krzyzewski, who knows about basketball and the military as a three-time national champion and as a West Point graduate.

Preparing for the tournament's first round in Salt Lake City, Krzyzewski said he supported keeping the games on schedule. He added, "We wish Godspeed to our men and women who are preserving the right for us to play games, to be Americans, to be free."

It's important to track the coverage of the war, that's part of our responsibility in a democracy. But it's OK to click back and take in a little basketball.

It's prudent to report things that seem suspicious. But it's unwise to let vigilance turn itself into a paralyzing fear that keeps us from doing the things we enjoy.

This war, like its predecessor a dozen years ago, is unfolding 10 time zones away. But this war feels less far away.

Blame that on Sept. 11, which will forever blur the boundaries of conflict.

But even in a different kind of war, normal life should be as normal as we can make it.

## Assessing risks requires reality check

Risks are everywhere. There are plane crashes to worry about and random abductions, not to mention shark attacks, anthrax scares and snipers. These days, there are also orange alerts and yellow alerts and chilling warnings from the FBI that are making many Americans anxious, even hysterical.

But before reaching for the plastic sheeting and duct tape, shouldn't we be thinking carefully about just how real the risks are?

The truth is that, when it comes to risk, people often think poorly. Research shows that much of the time we fixate on bad outcomes without stopping to assess the probability that we will actually be harmed.

CASS SUNSTEIN

Sure, we want to be "safe" and "protected," but safety and protection are inevitably matters of degree. Often, we neglect the size of the risk altogether.

Consider the astonishing finding from University of Pennsylvania economist Howard Kunreuther and his colleagues, that many people will pay the same amount for insurance against risks of 1 in 100,000, 1 in 1 million and 1 in 10 million. We don't have much experience in thinking about low probabilities such as these, and so we pay no attention to differences that really should matter.

When our emotions are engaged, our judgment gets even more muddled. We focus on what looks like the worst case, giving no thought to the likelihood that it will occur. Vivid, dramatic images of harm - hazardous waste sites, nuclear accidents, terrorist attacks - can lead us to excessive fear of highly improbable risks. Social scientists find that when people discuss such risks, their concern usually rises, even if the discussion consists mostly of trustworthy assurances that the likelihood of harm is tiny.



But when we lack vivid images - as in the case, say, of obesity or sun exposure - we often treat the risk as if it were zero. The result is that we badly overestimate some risks and underestimate others.

Studies by psychologist Paul Slovic prove the point. Because grisly accidents are more dramatic than deaths from disease, most people think that accidents kill more people than disease. But the opposite is true.

Similarly, people mistakenly believe that more people die from hurricanes than from suicides. They exaggerate the annual number of deaths from dramatic and sensational causes, such as tornadoes and bus crashes. Remarkably, they perceive the risks to be higher than the risks from motor vehicles, alcoholic beverages and sunbathing.

Of course many of us try as best we can to factor in the likelihood of harm. But we aren't statisticians. So we tend to assess

the question of probability by seeing if we can recall instances in which the harm actually materialized. That's why, as Slovic has also shown, in the aftermath of an earthquake, the number of people who buy earthquake insurance rises sharply, but that number declines steadily as vivid memories recede.

Then there are the risks that really can't be calculated. We don't know the probability of terrorists attacking Los Angeles, Chicago or New York. But when our behavior is driven by vivid images, we often make serious errors.

If our behavior is affected by vivid images, we inevitably will be fearful of some trivial risks and neglect others that are actually serious.

There is a warning here. When newspapers, magazines and news programs stress highly improbable risks, people's concerns will be out of proportion to reality. And if government responds to unjustified concerns, we will spend too much of our time and

money on pointless precautions. We might even take steps that increase the risks we face.

A tragic example comes from the aftermath of a train crash in Britain in 2000. As a result of the publicized crash, many people were fearful about railway travel and used the highways instead. The increase in car traffic is estimated to have led to five additional deaths in the first 40 days after the crash, nearly equal to the total number of deaths from train accidents in the previous 30 years.

For those interested in lengthening their lives, the lesson is simple. Focus on the actual likelihood of harm or nuisance. The millions of Americans who are devoting time and energy to duct tape and emergency supplies would be far better advised to lose weight, stay out of the sun, drive carefully and stop smoking.

Cass Sunstein teaches law at the University of Chicago and is the author of "Risk and Reason."

## LETTERS

### T.F. has bigger problems than street names

The last thing Twin Falls needs to worry about is changing the names of the streets that have been in place for so many years.

With the world situation and the economy, there are much better ways to spend money.

IRENE SURFACE  
Twin Falls

### Parents and kids are welcome to safe place site

Once again, we would like to invite the parents and children in the Lincoln School District to come into Candlestick Park and get acquainted. We have been the safe place site for this area for three years. Cathy Wilcox and I will care for any child that is feeling threatened or frightened until the proper authorities can be reached and take the child into their custody.

Last but not least, if anyone has luggage that is no longer being used, the children that are placed in the safe house are usually in dire need of something to put their clothing in when in transit from one home to another.

SUE STROBEL  
Twin Falls

### Bush's war ultimatum was filled with lies

Mr. Bush's speech on Monday night was an exercise in the Big Lie. With perfect seriousness, he insisted that the United States is good and pure enough to use weapons of mass destruction anywhere he chooses, anytime,

in order to keep other nations from using theirs. He assured us that we have the right to make preemptive war on another nation out of the fear that that nation might attack us someday. He reaffirmed the idea that the United Nations exists solely to rubber-stamp U.S. policy, and that when U.N. members speak up against us, it is proof of the uselessness of diplomacy. Only force, wielded by the Good Guys, is true and just. And, of course, the massive bombardment, which is probably taking place by the time this letter is published, is carefully aimed at military targets. No civilians will be "intentionally" harmed.

All of these statements are self-serving lies. They conceal what I believe is Bush's personal vendetta against Saddam Hussein. His family humor is at stake. They also distract us from his mismanagement of many domestic problems.

Saddam is a loathsome character, but through cooperative international efforts, he has been contained for many years. Bush's lust for revenge has only served to split us from our allies and to start a conflagration in the Middle East. And the American people have swallowed his lies hook, line and sinker. God help us.

STEPHEN POPPINO  
Twin Falls

### Feminist groups shrug off Iraq's treatment of women

Having proudly worked for and walked some 4,100-plus miles with 1986's Nobel Peace Prize-nominated "Great Peace

March For Global Nuclear Disarmament" - still the largest continuously sustained anti-nuclear protest in U.S. history (March 1 through Nov. 15) - I find it both baffling and infuriating that so many women especially have been adamantly opposing our liberation of Iraq, including the National Organization for Women and ardent Hollywood feminists like Susan Sarandon, Barbra Streisand, Whoopi Goldberg and Jessica Lange.

Read Jean Sasson's 1991 best-seller "The Rape of Kuwait: The True Story of Iraqi Atrocities. Against a Civilian Population," or one of the many other acclaimed bestsellers that, among other things, delve into various aspects of Iraq's tyrannical subjugation of its population in general and female population in particular - including (Clinton appointee) Ken Pollack's "The Threatening Storm"; Samir al-Khalil's "Republic of Fear"; Con Coughlin's "Saddam: King of Terror"; Lawrence Kaplan and William Kristol's "The War Over Iraq"; Richard Butler's "Saddam Defiant"; Manon Slugett's "Iraq Since 1958"; or "Saddam's Bombmaker" by Khidhr Hamza (a key Iraqi nuclear weapons program scientist, now an expatriate living in London with a Hussein-backed bounty on his head) - then argue allowing Iraq's dictatorship to continue unabated is something to be "proud" of!

There was an inspiring Jan. 26 Times-News story about how women in Afghanistan are again being allowed to drive, the first

time since 1992 when Islamic fundamentalist groups captured Kabul. In 1996, the lethally hard-line Islamic Taliban militia took over and banned women almost entirely from classrooms and the workplace, creating a rights-less climate not unlike Iran in the 1980s. Remember the book or film "Not Without My Daughter"? Imagine living under a dictatorial regime where something like driving is considered "evil"? Well, obviously a great many women at NOW and other unabashedly partisan, not fact, inspired organizations have ungrudgingly forgotten that and a lot more besides - just like much of hedonistic Hollywood (which remained almost universally silent when Clinton OK'd bombing runs over Baghdad in 1991 - without, unlike President Bush, even trying to seek out a second U.N. mandate to do so) has now deliberately decided that daily human-rights abuses in Iraq are acceptable, especially if fighting them ultimately means a Republican administration may end up looking rather stoic, not irresponsible.

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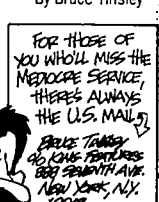
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hearing on noxious weed is set for today

**TWIN FALLS** - County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 7 tonight to determine if Halogeton Glomeratus should be declared a noxious weed.

The hearing will be held at the county courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

### Have you gone through a divorce? Tell us about it

**TWIN FALLS** - Does divorce always have to be an angry process, hurtful to the partners and their children? *The Times-News* is preparing an article about more civil approaches to ending a marriage.

If you'd like to share your experiences with divorce, both good or bad, call Features Editor Steve Crump at 733-3223 or e-mail him at [steven.crump@lee.net](mailto:steven.crump@lee.net).

### Restaurant will host fund-raising luncheon

**TWIN FALLS** - The Outback Steakhouse will host a fund-raising luncheon for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho today.

The event is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Outback, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Cost is \$10, with all proceeds going to support local services of the Red Cross.

The meal will be served by volunteer waiters, and the menu will include steak, chicken, Caesar salad, soft drinks and Bloomington.

Tickets are available at the Red Cross office, 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, or at the Outback. For more information, call 733-6464.

### Life Flight members help area paramedics

**TWIN FALLS** - Thanks to Saint Alphonsus Life Flight members, the efforts of local emergency personnel have not gone unnoticed, according to a news release from the Boise hospital.

More than \$1,300 in community contributions was presented Friday to Magic Valley Paramedics and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The money came from donations from Saint Alphonsus Life Flight members who designated proceeds to go to a local emergency medical care provider of their choice, the news release said.

The money will be used for training, such as the landing zone class conducted Friday morning at Magic Valley Regional.

"We appreciate the training opportunities provided by Saint Alphonsus Life Flight and the great community support," said Gilbert Schmidt, director of Magic Valley Paramedics.

Life Flight has been flying in and out of patients for 17 years, with more than 15,000 missions flown, the news release said.

For more information on the Life Flight membership program, call 1-800-574-9464 or see the Saint Alphonsus Web site at [www.saintalphonsus.org](http://www.saintalphonsus.org).

### Cassia commissioners meet with land officials

**BURLEY** - The Cassia County Commission will hear a public lands update from Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management officials at 11:40 a.m. today during the commission's meeting.

It is held in the commissioners' chambers of the courthouse and is open to the public.

Commissioners will meet with Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins at 9:30 a.m. and other department heads from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pack **
Upper Snake River	88%	81%
Salmon Falls	54%	53%
Salmon	67%	86%
Oakley	49%	58%
Big Wood	69%	80%
Little Wood	93%	85%
Henrys Fork/Teton	78%	72%
Big Lost	87%	76%
Little Lost	72%	82%

\* A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 50-year average.  
\*\* An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire season.

## Centennial panel, council might strike deal

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The finance committee of the City Council recommends that the city offer the centennial commission \$1,000 less per month than the group had requested from the city.

Even so, Twin Falls Centennial Commission Chairman Ken Edmunds said the commission members will try again tonight to convince the council to give them \$5,000 a month over 20 months to help fund the city's 100th anniversary celebration.

**Meeting**  
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. tonight in the council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

During a recent meeting with the finance committee, Edmunds explained that most of the money - \$2,833 per month - would go to cover the salary of commission director Bonnie Lezamis, according to a letter to the council from the finance committee. The proposed budget would include office expenses and a contingency fund, according to the letter.

But the finance committee recommends that the city put up only \$4,000 per month. Most of the estimated \$1 million price tag for the centennial events and project throughout 2004 will come from corporate sponsorships, Edmunds told the City Council recently. But the centennial commission would still like to see \$100,000 come from the city, he said.

He said the commission might be able to convince the council to make \$5,000 payments by giving them more detail.

"What we need to do is submit a little more detail on how it will be spent," he said.

In another matter, the council will hear

from members of the Western Day committee about the plans for this year's event. So far, a variety of old-fashioned events, including a parade, carnival, football rally and puncheon of the year award, have been planned.

The council will also:

- Consider giving the police department permission to dispose of some old and obsolete equipment.
- Consider a right of way exchange on 193 Eastland Drive.
- Decide whether to reappoint Gene Anderson and Pat Dumbley to the park and recreation commission and Art Trant to the airport advisory board.

## A HAVEN FOR HISTORY



Bill Mann cuts a groove in the new brick facade of Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls. When crews took off the metal siding covering the old front, they discovered a crumbling stone dating the building to 1904.

## Discovery dates Twin Falls building to 1904

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Local business Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise became a haven for city historians this week when some storefront remodeling uncovered the building's original construction date of 1904 - which is also the city's 100th anniversary.

The historical renovation also unveiled the store's 99-year-old time capsule - along with the words "Messer Block" stamped on a concrete plaque - following a company name-change this past year, said store manager Donna Okarma. The store was formerly Price Hardware.

"It's a great history," Okarma said. "And a good surprise to see how old the building really is."

Others on Main Street were equally delighted.

"Of all the dates they could have uncovered, who would have ever thought it would be 1904," said Richard Crowley, a downtown businessman and executive director of Historic Old Towne Twin Falls.

The timing couldn't be better.

"It's a great addition to our Main Avenue appearance," said Crowley. "And they're doing a beautiful job of restoring the 1904 look just in time for our centennial celebration," Crowley said.

Twin Falls Centennial Commission Chairman Ken Edmunds agrees. "It's fun when you find something like this - it makes the centennial more tangible," Edmunds said.

According to information provided by Chris Bolton, another Main Street businessman and president of the Twin Falls

County Historical Society, the Messer Block brick building was erected beginning in November 1904, atop a lava foundation with a lava-floored basement.

Owned by Robert Messer, the store was originally used as a pharmacy and listed its address as "Brick Drug Store, Main Street."

The business was also named in an earlier ad in the *Twin Falls News* as "Sprague & Butler" and opened for business in early February of 1905.

Other early businesses included a co-partnership between P.A. Carter and Robert Messer for the purpose of handling real estate, and the firm Lucy & Meador, attorneys at law.

Bolton is now in the process of researching other early Main Street businesses.

The information he gathers is

not a "comprehensive history," but he is focusing on the early history of Twin Falls to coincide with the city's centennial celebration.

"Doing research allows us to have one with tantalizing little bits and pieces (of history) that usually have to be glued together, (but) it was a real thrill to see something so concrete - no pun intended - that goes so far back to the very beginnings of our fair town," Bolton said.

Bolton's gathered histories will be placed on plaques for storefront window displays during the centennial year, and the recent find is yet "another way to bring the centennial downtown," Bolton said.

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## A 'charming and attractive resort:' I.B. Perrine creates Blue Lakes Ranch

In the fall of 1883, there arrived in Idaho a young tiger from Indiana named Ira Burton Perrine.

Twenty-two-year-old "Burt" was the eldest of George and Sarah Burton Perrine's 11 children, which may explain why, after a year of college, he came West to live with an uncle and aunt at Bullion, a booming new mining camp near Hailey.

Weighing a mere 135 pounds soaking wet, and standing only 5 feet 4 inches high, the young go-getter quickly set about molding Idaho Territory to his liking.

It is uncertain how Perrine



The Blue Lakes Ranch in 1905.

first learned of the beautiful Blue Lakes property, but he probably found it while looking for placer mining locations. As we have seen, Charles Walmagott took credit for pointing out the place as pasture for Perrine's dairy cows.

But, if indeed Perrine owned a dairy, and if Walmagott told him about the Blue Lakes, it wasn't in October 1884 as claimed, because six months earlier Perrine and friend Thomas Hyndman had filed on all the water in the Blue Lakes for use



A stagecoach going down to Blue Lakes Ranch.

in mining, irrigation and fish culture. Also that spring and summer, Perrine was mining in the Hagerman Valley with another partner.

In any case, find the Blue Lakes he did. Since, at first, the only way to get down into the

canyon was by a narrow foot trail, Perrine and Hyndman used a rope windlass to lower lumber and other materials for building a small shack in which to live.

The stunningly crystal-clear Blue Lakes sit well above the

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# Go-carts become a family affair

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — They roll out of the trailer — 777, 007 and 707. They're go-carts, but not the kiddie kind.

Then members of the Noryuki family step in or behind the carts. Steven, 11, races 007, which has 6.5-horsepower engine. His dad, Steve, races 777 with a 125 cc engine. Number 707 is a spare.

"Spare parts aren't quite good enough the way I drive," Steve Noryuki said with a laugh.

His wife, December, doesn't race, but she drives the carts on practice days.

Seven-year-old Miranda Noryuki can barely reach the pedals, but she's been out in the cart, her mom said.

And even "Nanny," or Donna — Steve Noryuki's mom — takes to the track.

"I've got up to third gear," Donna Noryuki said. "It's a haul."

Carts are what NASCAR drivers drive in the off-season to keep their skills up, Steve Noryuki said.

As soon as people see one, they want to jump right in and play, said Cody Prestin, a fellow carter.

"Then when you see them race, it's even better," Prestin adds.

Steve Noryuki says everyone he puts in a cart becomes "addicted."

"I looked at them and thought, 'This is cool,'" Donna Noryuki said.

Racing isn't as expensive as some may think, Steve Noryuki said. Steven's cart, race-ready and brand-new, runs about \$2,800. A used one can be found for \$1,100.

Steve Noryuki's cart class, the 125 cc open, can cost more. Brand-new and standard, a cart may cost \$4,400. Used, one can be found for \$1,400 to \$2,200. More money can be spent to soup it up.

Driving gear can run up between \$210 to \$650, Steve Noryuki said.

Helmets run \$60, gloves are about \$20; high-top shoes may be \$70 and a driving suit can range from \$60 to \$500.

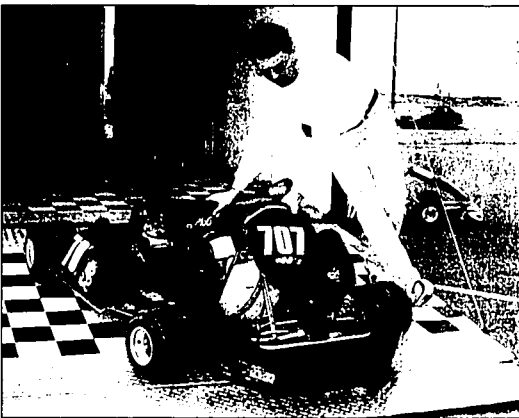
Maintenance costs are low. Steve Noryuki said he spent about \$40 in maintenance on Steven's car; the fuel in eight races and six practice days.

It's safer and less expensive than people think, Steve Noryuki said.

Speeds depend on the track, the weather and what class of car a driver has, Steve Noryuki said. But there's definitely enough speed to get the adrenaline going.



From young to old, everyone in the Noryuki family enjoys driving go-carts even if they don't race. In the carts, from left to right, are December Noryuki; Steven Noryuki, 11; and Miranda Noryuki, 7. Standing behind are Donna Noryuki and Steve Noryuki.



Steve Noryuki brings a go-cart out of his trailer. Noryuki has proposed to develop a go-cart race track at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

"It's the most adrenaline for the buck," Prestin said.

Steven Noryuki said simply, "It's fast."

"They're so much fun and they aren't scary. You can go slow," said Donna Noryuki.

Cart races and tracks can be found all over the world. Locally, the closest track is in Gooding, Steve Noryuki said.

National championship finals for 2002 were held in Las Vegas.

Having a track nearby — such as the Noryukis' proposed track at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds — would be great, December Noryuki said.

Less traveling would be involved and it would be something for local youth to become involved in.

Driving a cart is a great stress relief, December Noryuki said.

Drivers can't get around the track and be thinking of something else in their life; they have to concentrate on driving.

"It's a terrible addiction," Steve Noryuki said.

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## Minidoka fairgrounds might get cart track

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Cart racing could be coming to Minidoka County.

Steve Noryuki has proposed creating White Arrow Raceway at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. The track would be a local outlet for a sport that takes place throughout the United States and world, Noryuki said.

Initially the Minidoka County Fair Board members had concerns about the go-cart race track taking up valuable parking areas, County Commissioner Marvin Bingham said.

Noryuki changed his plans slightly to alleviate those concerns. The proposal calls for nesting the track near the cellular telephone towers beyond the horse track at the fairgrounds.

Bingham said Friday the proposal would probably come before the fair board one more time and if a lease of property is involved, county commissioners would have to hear the proposal.

The track would be a half-mile, but not an oval. Plans also call for a ticket and concession building near the track.

Carts run the same engines as many motocross bikes — a 125 cc engine. Noryuki said fair board members discussed planting trees to reduce noise.

## Hospital offers self-help for arthritis sufferers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Thousands of people are looking for relief from aches and pains that make them feel older than they are, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Chances are that you or someone you know has a form of arthritis or a related condition, the news release said. Magic Valley Regional is offering the Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Course, designed to give participants the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to take a more active role in their arthritis care.

The six-week course will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, starting April 2 through May 7, in the hospital's transitional care unit conference room on the third floor of the hospital on Addison Avenue.

The course will be taught by an Arthritis Foundation self-help course leader from the hospital. The cost for the course is \$30, which includes the Arthritis Help Book and all other course materials. A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information and to pre-register, call the Arthritis Foundation toll free at 1-800-444-4993.

Arthritis is a chronic condition that causes joint pain and swelling. It can affect anyone, but it is more common in older people. There are many different types of arthritis, and each one has its own symptoms and treatments.

The Arthritis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support for people with arthritis. They offer a variety of resources, including self-help courses, support groups, and educational materials.

Self-help courses are designed to help people understand their condition and learn how to manage their symptoms. They typically cover topics such as exercise, diet, and stress management.

Support groups provide a place for people with arthritis to share their experiences and learn from others who are facing similar challenges. They can be a great source of emotional support and practical advice.

Educational materials, such as books and brochures, provide valuable information about arthritis and its treatments. They can help people make informed decisions about their care.

If you or someone you know has arthritis, the Arthritis Foundation can help you find the resources you need to manage your condition and improve your quality of life.

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If you or someone you know has arthritis, the Arthritis Foundation can help you find the resources you need to manage your condition and improve your quality of life.

For more information, visit the Arthritis Foundation website at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) or call 1-800-444-4993.

The Arthritis Foundation is a leading authority on arthritis and its treatments. They are committed to helping people live better lives with arthritis.

Arthritis is a complex condition, but with the right support and resources, it can be managed effectively. The Arthritis Foundation is here to help you every step of the way.

Join a self-help course today and take control of your arthritis. You'll learn how to live better with arthritis and reduce your pain and swelling.

Arthritis is a chronic condition that causes joint pain and swelling. It can affect anyone, but it is more common in older people. There are many different types of arthritis, and each one has its own symptoms and treatments.

The Arthritis Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support for people with arthritis. They offer a variety of resources, including self-help courses, support groups, and educational materials.

## History

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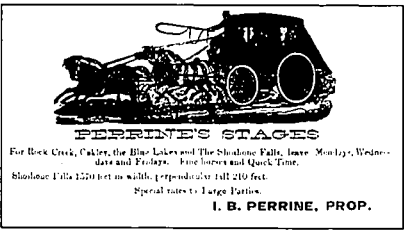
level of the Snake River. The upper of the two is fed by springs and flows into the lower lake. From there, the water sinks to run underground for about a quarter of a mile and then bursts forth from several places to form a large, sparkling stream that rushes along a rocky channel for over a mile before emptying into the river.

Perrine and Hyndman dug ditches to carry water from the lakes to the orchards they began to plant. Initially, it seems, Hyndman did most of the work of developing the ranch, while Perrine sought the money to do it. He may have worked several winters in the mines at Butte, Mont., but by 1886 was living in Shoshone, running a livery stable and commuting to the Blue Lakes as needed. That year he filed on Little Wood River water, above Shoshone, and may have done some mining and farming on the south side of that stream.

By 1889, Perrine and Hyndman had the Blue Lakes property pretty well tamed. Over 3,000 fruit trees had been planted, as well as grapes and other small fruits. They had built a usable wagon road out of the canyon, and the lakes and the huge stream that gushed out of the canyon wall had been stocked with trout. They had begun marketing fruit in Shoshone, Oakley and the Wood River Valley.

So, that summer, Perrine went into the tourist business. Three years earlier, a decent hotel had been built at Shoshone Falls and, thanks to railroad advertising and special fares, it was drawing quite a few visitors. Perrine was determined to cash in on its popularity, by making the Blue Lakes part of any visit to the falls.

"He bought an old stagecoach that had once run on the Kelton



An advertisement from the Shoshone Journal, April 21, 1899.

### Blue Lakes water

In early Twin Falls — when potable water came either from a shallow well in Rock Creek canyon or from the lowline canal — the brothers Louis and Frank Benoit began selling "Blue Lakes Spring Water." It was brought to town in a large tank and sold by the gallon. Later, the Benois bottled carbonated water and soft drinks.

As early as 1905 there was talk of pumping Blue Lakes water across the river for use in Twin Falls, but not until 1967 did this begin. Today, a substantial amount of the city's requirements come from this source.

Boise line and began taking tourists — many of them Boeians — on excursions from Shoshone to Hailey, Shoshone Falls and the lakes. In 1891, he prohibited camping on his property and opened a small hotel there, adorning its walls with oil paintings ordered from Oregon.

Business was given a boost that summer by the visit of the first of many celebrities Perrine would come to know. The "Little

Wizard" — financier Jay Gould — was vacationing with his family in the Wood River country, his private railroad car parked alongside Silver Creek. In late August, while visiting Shoshone Falls, Gould was told about Perrine's "charming and attractive resort" which, at the time, was getting quite a few visitors.

The magnate made a surprise overnight visit to the lakes, and came away delighted by the wonderful fishing and the delicious dinner of trout and Blue Lakes fruit. One of his party christened the stream that flowed just in front of the hotel "Gould Creek," in honor of the distinguished guest.

Perrine assured Gould that the stream would always retain that name, but later it was called Trout Creek and today is known as Alpheus Creek, after a mythological river god who pursued the nymph Arethusa through the bowels of the earth.

Twin Falls resident James Varley recently wrote the book "Steamboats, Shoshone, Scoundrel and Such," a compilation of historical stories of Idaho, Nevada and California.

## Minidoka, Cassia commissioners meet

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Minidoka County commissioners met for lunch today with Cassia County commissioners to discuss the proposed Big River Heritage Area.

Lunch will take place from noon until 2 p.m. at Connor's Cafe in Burley.

Also on the agenda for the Minidoka commissioners' meeting is a department head meeting at 10 a.m. at the courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

## Sludge

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from the tanks, stabilizing them and sending them to a repository, Case said.

A permanent national repository for highly radioactive waste has yet to open. But the Energy Department is talking about the possibility of treating the waste so that it could be shipped for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M., where Idaho already is shipping plutonium-contaminated lab coats, bottles and other Cold War-era trash stored in above-ground barrels at INEL.

The treatment options under consideration include transforming the sludge to powder, but modifying the now-closed treatment unit to meet Clean Air Act requirements; a similar sludge-to-powder process that uses steam; evaporation that boils down the waste, which is then cooled to a solid form; and a process that removes radioactive cesium and uses chemicals to solidify the liquid.

Wrapped up in the issue is a lawsuit brought by activists and American Indian tribes, and dis-

### Public meeting Tuesday

What: An open house and public hearing on a U.S. Department of Energy plan to prepare about 1 million gallons of radioactive waste for shipment out of Idaho for permanent disposal.

When: The open house runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. A formal presentation and public hearing will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Where: Room 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

For more information contact Alan Jones at the Energy Department's Idaho Operations Office in Idaho Falls, (208) 526-7524 or [jones@id.doe.gov](mailto:jones@id.doe.gov). Or, find the state of Idaho's INEL Oversight program online at <http://www.oval.state.id.us/waste/highlevel/waste>.

appointment by INEL's 15-member Citizen Advisory Board over how long it is taking the department to come up with a plan.

"We were disappointed they had been working on it for two and a half years and didn't seem

to make much progress," said Monte Wilson, chairman of the Citizens Advisory Board.

The Citizens Advisory Board, which rarely issues press releases, sent out a statement in November calling the Energy Department's decision a "non-decision." Instead of selecting a treatment alternative, the Energy Department's environmental impact statement called for studying the four options.

The lawsuit brought by activists and tribes challenges whether the Energy Department can unilaterally reclassify the type of residual waste left in the tanks to avoid having to remove it.

The 1995 settlement agreement, then Gov. Phil Batt reached with the Energy Department calls for removing the remaining waste from the tanks by 2012 and preparing it for shipment out of Idaho by 2035.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

"I was in the zone. I felt like Michael Jordan in '92 against the Blazers."

— Butler standout Darrell Arcey after the Bulldogs upset Louisville Sunday

### TRIVIA

QUESTION:  
Which player has the longest streak of 30-homer seasons?

...answer below

### IN BRIEF

#### Arizona cowboy sets arena record

POCATELLO — Bareback rider Tom Farland of Morristown, Ariz., captured the biggest win of his career and established a new Holt Arena record while claiming the 17th annual Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo title Saturday night.

The 19-year-old cowboy rode Sankey Rodeo's Dippin Boradway for 90 points, breaking the record of 89 set in 1997 by Clint Core and again in 2001 by Rocky Staggall.

Farland leads the world standings with \$22,422 and was the runner up for the rookie of the year award last year. Kelly Timberman of Mills, Wyo., placed second with an 88-point ride.

Six-time world champion team ropers Speed Williams and Rich Skelton captured their second DCFR title with a time of 7.9 seconds.

Five-time world champion saddle bronc rider Dan Mortensen won his third DCFR title with a 50-point ride on The Powder River Company's Miss Congeniality.

Seven-time world champion calf ropers Fred Whitfield captured his first DCFR title with a time of 9.1 seconds.

Steer wrestler Matt Gilbert took top honors with a time of 4.3 seconds, edging Garrett Nokes (4.5) and KC Jones (5.0 seconds).

Sheri Simon-Extrada won the barrel racing with a time of 15.34 seconds.

#### McKean takes eighth place in Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Jerome race car driver Eddie McKean moved up from 19th place at the start to finish the NASCAR Southwest Featherlite series Star Nursery-Cum 200 in eighth place Saturday night.

Pole position driver Dan Holtz won the race while season points leader Auggie Vidovich Jr. took second.

McKean remains in second overall while Craig Raudman moved up to third place. The series continues April 5 at the Cajon Speedway in El Cajon, Calif.

#### TFHS' Harding signs with Walla Walla CC

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Twin Falls High School senior Aubrey Harding has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Walla Walla Community College next fall.

The idle blocker was an all-region player and team captain. She maintained a 3.8 grade-point average. She is a merit scholar.

Walla Walla head coach Tim Toon said Harding is a key addition to his program.

"Aubrey is an outstanding young woman. She has great integrity and character in everything she does," he said.

"We will feature her in our defense and she will be successful right away."

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants with 11.

## Busch cracks winner's circle

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kurt Busch didn't need any bumping, banging or late-race dramas. Good clean racing and a little luck was all it took to get him back into Bristol's winner's circle.

Busch, a runner-up three times this season, earned his first win of the year Sunday and defended his Food City 500 title by gambling on pit strategy and avoiding all but one of the 17 cautions at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Coming off last week's thrilling door-to-door battle with Ricky Craven that he lost, Busch had little competition as his Ford Taurus easily held the final 96 laps and easily held off Roush Racing teammate Matt Kenseth by .390



seconds. Bobby Labonte was third in a Chevrolet, Ricky Rudd finished fourth in a Ford, Roush Racing rookie Greg Biffle was fifth and Sterling Marlin scored his highest finish of the season by coming in sixth in a Dodge.

The ending lacked the drama of last year, when Busch scored his first career victory by knocking Jimmy Spencer out of his way.

This year, he stayed patient as he coasted around the .533-mile humping — he spun out once mid-way through the race — and let the humping and banging go on

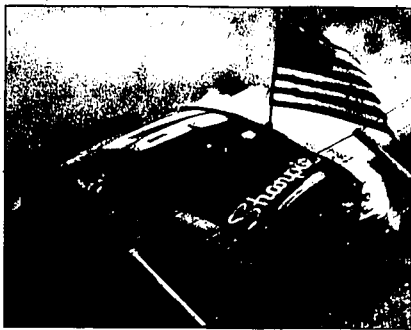
behind him.

There were 17 cautions, three short of the race record, but only one was serious.

Kyle Petty needed help getting out of his car after he hit the wall with 75 laps to go. Walking tenderly, he was placed on a stretcher and taken to Bristol Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

Because of all the accidents, the long green-flag runs were few and far between. When competition stayed clean long enough for 129 uninterrupted laps, cars had to start ducking off the track for pit stops.

Those who had enough fuel kept running, hoping and praying for a caution, while the drivers who had to stop fell a lap behind the leaders.



Kurt Busch holds an American flag as he salutes fans during a victory lap.

## NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

# Wildcats stuff Utes

No Sweet 16 for Utah as Kentucky grabs 25th straight win, the longest current winning streak in Division I

By Bob Sansavere  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — There's nothing complicated about the way the Utah men's basketball team plays defense. The Utes come at you with a man-to-man. They might have been better off going with a men-to-man defense against Kentucky center Marquis Estill.

Estill led the Wildcats with a double-double — 18 points and 10 rebounds — in their 74-54 victory over Utah in the second round of the Midwest Regional at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"I knew I could take it to them," Estill said. "I knew I could get some easy baskets."

Estill, a 6-foot-9 senior, made 9 of 13 shots, with most of the damage being done in the paint.

"If you don't send two guys on him, he'll get good looks at the basket," said Keith Bogans, who also had 18 points for the Wildcats.

Kentucky justified its No. 1 ranking in both the nation and the Midwest Region with the victory over ninth-seeded Utah. The team that Utah coach Rick Majerus picked to win the national championship on his tournament bracket sheet has beaten the Utes five times in the past 11 NCAA tournaments.

"They took it to us," Majerus said of this latest setback. "Kentucky is a terrific team."

It was the Wildcats' 25th consecutive victory, representing the longest winning streak in Division I men's college basketball. It equals the fourth-longest win streak in school history. Kentucky also raised its record to 31-3 with Sunday's victory in front of a partisan Wildcats crowd at Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"I thought we played the way a team ranked is supposed to play," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "We came in and took care of business."

The Wildcats advanced to the Sweet Sixteen and will play fifth-seeded Wisconsin in a regional semifinal game Thursday at 6:10 p.m. at the Metrodome. Second-seeded Pittsburgh plays No. 3 seed Marquette in the other semifinal.

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Kentucky guard Keith Bogans defends against Utah guard Marc Jackson during the second half Sunday during the Wildcats 74-54 win in the NCAA Midwest Regional.

# Butler Bulldogs headed to Sweet 16

By John Zener  
Associated Press writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A team of blue-collar kids with crew cuts from a tiny Indiana school beat a powerhouse in the big tournament.

Sound vaguely familiar?

Darnell Arcey's brilliant shooting and Brandon Miller's deft ball-handling Sunday swept 12th-seeded Butler into the round of 16 for the first time with a 79-71 summer over Rick Pitino and Louisville in the East Regional.

The Horizon League team that plays in the gym where the ultimate underdog movie, "Hoosiers," was filmed is writing a

poignant script of its own with upsets of No. 5 Mississippi State and the fourth-seeded Cardinals (26-6).

"And you know what? They won," Miller said, referring to the fabled Milan High School team that won an improbable state title in 1954.

Next, the Bulldogs (27-5) meet top-seeded Oklahoma on Friday in Albany, N.Y.

Arcey shot 8-of-9 on 3-pointers — hitting all six in the second half — and tied his career high with 26 points to end Pitino's return to the NCAA tournament.

"I was in the zone. I felt like Michael Jordan in '92 against the Blazers," Arcey

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Butler's Mike Monserezz battles for a loose ball Sunday.

## UConn tears up Terriers

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Diana Taurasi had her game back and top-seeded Connecticut had the hooker's winner again Sunday as the Huskies rebounded in a big way from their first loss in two years.

"We were ready to play. Everybody had the glance in their eye that we had to start playing well and it had to start today," said Taurasi, who scored 21 points in UConn's 91-41 win over Boston University in the opening round of the East Regional.

The rumor All-American also finished with seven assists, shaking off the chronic ankle and back pain that has hampered her the last few weeks.

Women's "It's been nearly two weeks since NCAA C4 Villanova snapped UConn's 70-game win streak with a 52-48 upset in the Big East tournament finals, enough time to heal mentally and physically."

Taurasi's crisp passing and on-the-fly shooting — she went 4-of-7 on 3-pointers — helped carry the defending national champions into a second round game against the Texas Christian University State winner.

Adrienne Norris led the Terriers (16-15) with 16 points. Katie Terhune finished with 11 before fouling out in the closing minutes.

"When I (Taurasi) is playing well then we all look good, and she played exceptionally well today," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said.

Despite the loss to Villanova, UConn entered the NCAA tournament as a No. 1 seed for the ninth time.

UConn spoiled the Terriers' tournament debut with another in defense and an up-tempo offense, posting its third highest point total of the season on 57 percent shooting.

UConn took the opening tip, raced down the court and scored in the first four seconds on Ann Strother's inside basket. Two more quick inside baskets from Barbara Turner and the Huskies were on their way to a 19-5 opening run.

The 16th-seeded Terriers never recovered to get closer than 27 points at halftime.

## Woods overcomes field, illness

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Not even a nasty bout of food poisoning could stop Tiger Woods from winning the Bay Hill Invitational for the fourth straight year.

So sick that he frequently ducked into the bushes and dropped to his knees, Woods still looked as dominant as ever Sunday with a 4-under 68 to win by 11 strokes, the fourth time in his career he has won by double digits.

Woods became the first player in 73 years to win the same tournament four years in a row, and the final margin indicates this one was the easiest of all.

That was hardly the case.

Woods came down with food poisoning Sunday night.

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Tiger Woods tees off on the 18th hole as the gallery watches Sunday.

## Reds shuffle bullpen, move Larkin to outfield

By The Associated Press

Jimmy Anderson is in the Cincinnati Reds' rotation, Kent Mercker is in the bullpen and Barry Larkin could wind up in the outfield.

The Reds firmed up their pitching staff Sunday by awarding Anderson a spot in the rotation and giving bullpen jobs to Mercker, Felix Heredia and Josias Manzanillo.

Manager Bob Boone planned to play Larkin, his 38-year-old shortstop, in left field Sunday against Cleveland in his original lineup, but rain prompted Boone to shift Larkin back to the infield. Boone

is leaning toward starting Larkin in center field on Monday.

In his 16 seasons, Larkin has played three games at second base and the other 1,940 at shortstop. He's never played outfield — not even in a spring training game.

"I'll try to get him out there so it's not completely foreign if some catastrophe hits us," Boone said.

Boone is considering carrying 12 pitchers to start the season, leaving him short a position player. Larkin didn't mind his expanded job description, even though it meant learning on the job and taking a lot of grief from Ken Griffey Jr.

## SPORTS

# Panthers slam Hoosiers

BOSTON (AP) — Pittsburgh's defense put the Panthers in the round of 16 for the second consecutive year and ended Indiana's hopes of back-to-back trips to the NCAA title game with a 74-52 win Sunday.

Jaron Brown scored 20 points, and Brandon Knight added 17 points, seven assists and five steals for the second-seeded Pittsburgh (28-4), which has won 11 straight.

The Panthers will play No. 3 Marquette in Minneapolis on Thursday.

George Leach scored 15 points for the seventh-seeded Hoosiers (21-13), who lost to Maryland in the championship game last year.

## East

### Auburn 68, Wake Forest 62

TAMPA, Fla. — Cliff Ellis can sing it proud. His Auburn Tigers really do belong in the NCAA tournament.

Feeding off their underdog status one more time, the team that many felt shouldn't have been invited to the tourney stunned second-seeded Wake Forest.

Marquis Daniels led the way, returning from a five-minute spell on the bench in score seven of his 18 points in the final four minutes.

Reserve Lewis Monroe scored Auburn's last four points from the foul line to finish with 12. Freshman Justin Gray led Wake Forest (25-6) with a career-high 26 points.

Syracuse 68, Oklahoma State 56

BOSTON — Never count out Carmelo Anthony and Syracuse's other freshmen.

And don't write off the Big East, either. The conference received unbeaten in the NCAA tournament when Syracuse overcame an awful start to advance to the regional semifinals.

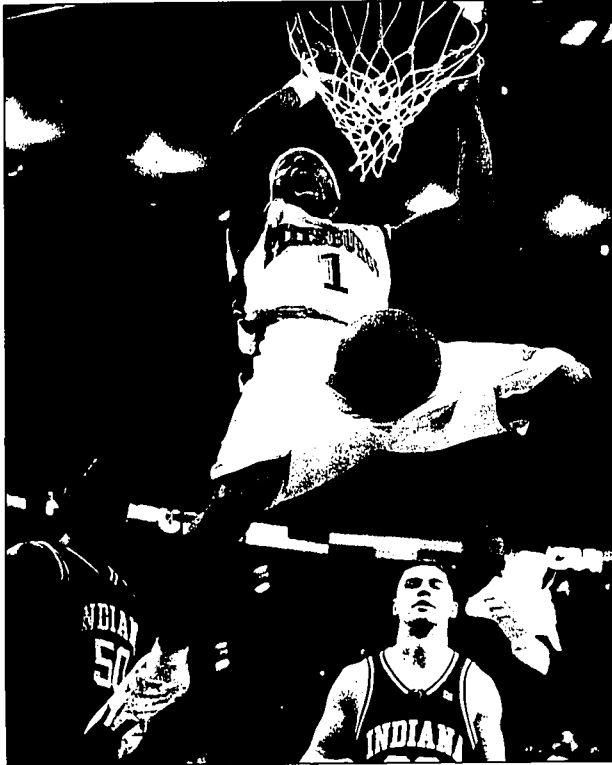
Third-seeded Syracuse (26-5) will be in the round of 16 by free throw teams from the Big East, 8-0 in the tournament. The conference received only four bids to the NCAA, which excluded one of its division winners, Boston College.

No. 6 Oklahoma State (22-10) rushed to a 14-2 lead, running after nearly every miss by the Orangemen. But Anthony, Gerry McNamara and Billy Edelin, all freshmen, brought Syracuse back.

## South

### Texas 77, Purdue 67

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Triple-threat T.J. Ford and his Texas teammates are going home — to



Pittsburgh guard Julius Page dunks the ball while Indiana's Jeff Newton, left, and Kyle Hornsby look on Sunday.

keep playing in the NCAA tournament, that is.

Considered by some to be the best guard in college basketball, Ford scored 21 points and added nine rebounds and eight assists. Now, he and the top-seeded Longhorns (24-6) can take their traveling party back to Texas. They're headed to San Antonio, where they'll take on fifth-seeded Connecticut on Friday at the Alamodome.

James Thomas contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds and Royal Ivey had 14 points as Texas reached the round of 16 for the second straight year, a first for the program.

### Maryland 77, Xavier 64

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No need to beat the buzzer this time.

Maryland jumped ahead of Xavier right from the start.

The defending national champion Terrapins, who got a game-winning 3-pointer from Drew Nicholas in the most exciting finish of the first round, shut down David West early and beat the Musketeers to reach the round of 16 for the third straight year.

Nicholas and Ryan Kandle scored 17 points apiece for sixth-seeded Maryland (21-9).

West, the three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year, finished with 22 points and nine rebounds for No. 3 seed Xavier (26-6), but most of it came way too late.

### Michigan State 68, Florida 46

TAMPA, Fla. — Michigan State, stung and shocked when

Anthony Robinson chose Florida over the home-state Spartans, held the freshman guard scoreless as part of a stunningly easy win over the Gators.

Getting playing time that might have otherwise gone to Robinson, freshman guard Maurice Ager scored 16 points to help the seventh-seeded Spartans (22-11) win in a rematch of the 2000 title game, also a Michigan State victory.

Tom Izzo's team advanced to play defending champion Maryland in the South Regional semifinals next week in San Antonio.

The second-seeded Gators (25-8) failed to get past the first weekend of the tournament for the third straight year. David Lee finished with 16 points and four rebounds.

## NCAA Tournament

All Times MST  
EAST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
Saturday, March 22  
Oklahoma 74, California 65  
Sunday, March 23  
Syracuse 68, Oklahoma State 56  
Auburn 68, Wake Forest 62  
Butler 79, Louisville 71  
Semifinals  
At Papai Arena  
Albany, N.Y.  
Friday, March 28  
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Butler (27-5): 5:10 p.m.  
Syracuse (26-5) vs. Auburn (22-11): 7:40 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL  
Second Round  
Saturday, March 22  
At Spokane Arena  
Spokane, Wash.  
Connecticut 85, Stanford 74  
Sunday, March 23  
Maryland 77, Xavier 64  
Texas 77, Purdue 67  
Michigan State 68, Florida 46  
Semifinals  
At The Alamodome  
San Antonio  
Friday, March 28  
Connecticut (23-9) vs. Texas (24-6): 5:27 p.m.  
Maryland (21-9) vs. Michigan State (21-12): 7:57 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
Saturday, March 22  
Marquette 101, Missouri 92, OT  
Wisconsin 61, Tulsa 60  
Sunday, March 23  
Pittsburgh 74, Indiana 52  
Kentucky 74, Utah 54  
Semifinals  
At The Hubert H. Humphrey  
Metrodome  
Minneapolis  
Thursday, March 27  
Wisconsin (24-7) vs. Kentucky (31-3): 5:10 p.m.  
Marquette (25-5) vs. Pittsburgh (28-4): 7:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL  
Second Round  
Saturday, March 22  
Notre Dame 68, Illinois 60  
Arizona 96, Gonzaga 95, OT  
Duke 86, Central Michigan 60  
Kansas 108, Arizona State 76  
Semifinals  
At Arrowhead Pond  
Anaheim, Calif.  
Thursday, March 27  
Notre Dame (24-9) vs. Arizona (27-3): 5:27 p.m.  
Duke (26-6) vs. Kansas (27-7): 7:57 p.m.

## Butler

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said. "My teammates just kept getting the ball to me with wide-open looks."

With their first at-large berth in 31 years, the Bulldogs set a school record for wins and aren't ready to quit yet.

"It's not our goal just to get to the Sweet 16," Archey said. "Our goal all along has been to be national champions."

"We're thrilled and excited, but we're not satisfied. We won a national championship with Kentucky in 1996. His second Louisville team won the Conference USA regular-season and tournament titles."

"Obviously, if you don't win a championship, you're going to end on a low note," said Pitino, who had won 12 of his last 13 NCAA tournament games. "To me, this is not a low note because of what our team has accomplished this year. And I'm not too disappointed, because Butler is a great team."

Butler, with an enrollment of

about 4,000 — less than a fifth of Louisville's — made 14 of 22 3-pointers, including 9 of 13 in the second half.

Mike Monseree had 14 points, nine assists and three steals, making four 3s. Duane Lightfoot, a Louisville native, and Joel Cornette added 14 points apiece.

Louisville's press helped build an early 15-point lead, but Miller — who hit the game-winning shot with 6.2 seconds left against Mississippi State — had few problems with it after that.

"When the game started, I don't think I've ever seen this kind of pressure they put on us," Miller said. "It was unique."

He had six assists, took two charges from Reece Gaines, and drew several hand-checking fouls while bringing the ball up the court.

Gaines scored 22 second-half points and finished with 26, but Louisville could never overcome Butler's big start to the second half.

Gaines scored 11 points in a

3-48 span to bring the Cardinals back and cut it to 70-69 on a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:55 left.

Archey answered 24 seconds later with another 3, and Archey and Monseree hit two free throws apiece in the final 12 seconds.

"I just kind of smiled my way through the free throws and knocked them both down," said Archey, who has missed only eight foul shots in his career.

He set the NCAA record for consecutive free throws with 85 earlier this season.

Archey's coach wasn't surprised by his 3-point display.

"It doesn't surprise me when he makes those shots," Todd Lickliter said.

"To be honest, it kind of surprises me when he doesn't. We have tremendous confidence in him."

Butler began to feel it early in the second half, bumping chests and slapping hands on the court when a 13-0 run forced Pitino to call a timeout with his team down

50-49.

Butler had assists on 21 of 27 baskets.

"As Princeton runs an offense for layups, this team runs an offense for 3s, and they're great at it," Pitino said. "They're one of the best shooting teams I've seen."

The Bulldogs withstood the first onslaught, falling behind 24-9 amid a flurry of turnovers and Louisville 3-pointers.

They answered with an 18-4 run and actually led by one at halftime.

The Bulldogs left the court clapping their hands and pumping their fists while the Cardinals walked or jogged off by their heads down.

It was a similar scene after the game.

"When we were down 15 points, you could look in the huddle and see guys just gritting their teeth and saying this is where we've got to get going," Miller said. "We played tough from then on out."

# Arizona knows tourney can't get much tougher

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Humbled and relieved, Arizona advanced to the round of 16 with an appreciation of just how fortunate it is to still be in the NCAA tournament.

Now the Wildcats get a chance to catch their breath.

When players on both teams collapsed to the court Saturday night in exultation or despair after two thrilling overtimes, top-seeded Arizona had beaten ninth-seeded Gonzaga 96-95 in a game that ranks with the greatest March Madness has produced.

"I think this was one of the best games of all time," Wildcats point guard Jason Gardner said. "I wasn't ready for my career to end."

It wasn't hyperbole. Saturday's game featured great plays, big shots, missed opportunities, mistakes and near-miracles. If hanging in a close one is a required course for an NCAA champion, Arizona made the grade.

When it was over, Luke Walton applauded the Bulldogs.

"They could have won that game as easily as we could have," he said.

The victory wasn't secure until Walton grabbed the rebound of Blake Stepp's 8-foot bank shot, and the horn sounded.

"When I saw him do that up-fake to go into that leamer, my heart just stopped for a second," Walton said. "When that ball came off, my heart started beating again."

The Wildcats (27-3) went back to Tucson for a little rest and preparation for their next opponent, fifth-seeded Notre Dame (24-9).

The teams play Thursday in Anaheim, Calif.

Arizona's Rick Anderson had 17 points and 11 rebounds in the win. He called "the best game I've ever played in — in my life," and he listed the ways the contest

## Utes

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Sunday's game was the 20th time in their past 21 games that the Wildcats have beaten an opponent by seven or more points. The best UTEP 95-64 in the first round of the tournament on Friday.

In Sunday's win, the Wildcats never were in trouble. They built a 14-point halftime lead the Wildcats led to nine midway through the second half. Then an 11-0 run put the game out of reach. Still was equally damaging in each half.

"I knew when we threw the ball to the end the first time he was active and aggressive and probably felt he could score in the post," Smith said. "Marquis is

will help his team.

"Determination, heart, leadership — a lot of things came together," Anderson said.

Much has been made of Arizona's depth, but this victory was almost entirely achieved by the starting five. Channing Frye had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and played the final two minutes of regulation and both overtimes with four fouls.

Walton shrugged off a stomach virus for 16 points and nine assists. He had Arizona's biggest basket of the night, a power move in the lane for a short, double-pump jumper to tie the game with 4.7 seconds left in the first overtime.

Salim Stoudamire was off the mark most of the night but scored five points in the second extra period, including the 5-foot floater for the game's final points with two minutes to play. He almost turned into the goal when he lost the ball out of bounds to give Gonzaga its final chance.

Gardner played 47 minutes, Walton 45, Frye 43, Stoudamire 42 and Anderson 40.

The longest night was put in by Gonzaga's Tony Skinner, who played all 50 minutes, scoring a career-high 25 points, but missed an open 3-pointer with four seconds to play in the second overtime.

Stepp, who also scored 25, got the rebound for the putback, but it went off the front of the rim. Arizona coach Luke Olson heaped praise on Gonzaga.

"They're as good as any 1-2 seed around," he said. "They have huge hearts. Down the stretch, when it seemed we would get off on them a little bit, all of a sudden — big shots, big fouls."

Gonzaga coach Mark Few, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the UCLA opening, said he'd never been more proud of a team.

one of the best post players in the country."

Winning Sunday, the Wildcats extended NCAA tournament records for wins (91) and games played (129). They are 91-38 in NCAA tournament games, including national championships in 1998, '99, '01, '02, '03, '04 and '05.

If the Wildcats win the Midwest Regional on Saturday, they will move on to the Final Four in New Orleans for a chance to tend to unfinished business. They won the Southeastern Conference tournament in New Orleans, but chose not to cut down the nets. Their plan was to do the snipping April 7 after winning the national title.

## Woods

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poisoning. Sunday night after a pasta dinner prepared by his girlfriend, Elin Nordegren.

Only a day earlier, she collapsed outside the clubhouse from food poisoning and dehydration.

Nordegren spent the night in the hospital.

He threw up three times during the first five holes and often stopped in his tracks and doubled over, winning in pain.

When he tapped in for par on the final hole, he had just enough strength left on a rainy afternoon to raise his right arm and salute the crowd.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 and became the first player since Gene Sarazen in the Miami Open (1926-30) to win the same event four straight times.

Brad Faxon missed a 6-foot par putt on the 18th hole that cost him \$189,000.

He had a 74 and dropped into a four-way tie for second with Kirk Triplett (70), Kenny Perry (71) and Stewart Cink (72).

Pak hits long putt on 17 to hold off Park in the Ping

PHOENIX — Se Ri Pak needed a big start to beat Annika Sorenstam, and she got it with a pair of front nine eagles. On a course where birdies came in bunches, though, it took a scrambling par to clinch her win.

Pak's long par after hitting it in the water on the 17th hole kept her in the lead, and she finished with a tap-in birdie on the final hole for an 8-under 64 to win the Safeway Ping by a shot over

Grace Park.

Sorenstam, meanwhile, struggled with her wedges and putter all day and was never in contention on the back nine. She finished with a 1-under 71, four shots back.

## Aussie cruises to easy win at Toshiba Senior Classic

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Australian Rodger Davis shot a 3-under-par 68 to win the Toshiba Senior Classic by four strokes, his first victory in the United States.

In his 42nd appearance on the Champions Tour, Davis finished at 16-under 196, making good on his prediction that it would take at least 15 under to win.

Larry Nelson closed with a 4-under 67 to finish second at 12-under 264, four birdies in his first seven holes, but he slipped back with a bogey at No. 8.

Welsman wins first European title at Madeira

SANTO DA SERRA, Madeira Islands — Bradley Dredge of Wales won his first European tour title, capturing the Madeira Island Open by eight strokes.

Dredge, the only top-100 player in the event, closed with a 1-under-par 71 for a total of 15-under 272.

The victory margin was the second-highest this season, behind Ernie Els' 10-stroke victory in the Johnnie Walker Classic.

Sweden's Fredrik Andersson and England's Brian Davis and Andrew Marshall shared second at 280.



## SPORTS

# Utah claws past DePaul

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Kim Smith scored 35 points and Utah closed the first half with a scoring surge to beat DePaul 73-64 Sunday.

Smith, the Mountain West Conference player and rookie of the year, had 23 points in the first half as the eighth-seeded Utes (24-6) advanced to play Duke by shooting 50 percent.

Smith's point total set the single-game NCAA tournament mark for the Utes and was one off the school record of 36 set by Susana Tautouhi in 1993.

Khara Smith led DePaul with 24 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for ninth-seeded DePaul (22-10), making its first NCAA appearance since 1997.

## UC Santa Barbara 71, Xavier 62

LUBBOCK, Texas — Mia Fisher scored 14 points as UC Santa Barbara beat Xavier 71-62 in a first-round Midwest Regional game Sunday night.

The Gauchos (27-4) never trailed in building a 12-point lead in the first half. Then they watched as a fiery 10th-seeded Xavier team pulled within one early in the second period at 33-32 on a layup by Amy Waugh.

The two teams later exchanged 6-0 runs, giving the Gauchos a 53-43 lead with 8:43 remaining.

## Villanova 51, St. Francis, Pa. 36

NORMAN, Okla. — Villanova took advantage of two scoring droughts by St. Francis, Pa., to pull away.

Katie Davis scored 15 points and Trish Julhine had 12 for the second-seeded Wildcats, who haven't played since March 11 when they ended Connecticut's 70-game winning streak by winning the Big East tournament championship game.

Carlin Chesick scored 15 for St. Francis (23-8), which is 0-7 in the NCAA tournament.

## Duke 66, Georgia State 48

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alana Beard scored 19 points and Duke set a school record for wins but struggled to beat Georgia State.

Top-seeded Duke (32-1) didn't get its first double-digit lead of the second half until more than midway through the period against the 16th-seeded Lady Panthers (20-11).

Patchia Hartman led Georgia State with 16 points.

## Texas Tech 67, SW Missouri State 59

LUBBOCK, Texas — Phellette Pierson scored 25 points and had 13 rebounds for Texas Tech.

Second-seeded Texas Tech (27-5) built a six-point lead at half-time and then pushed its advantage to as many as 17 before fending off the 15th-seeded Lady Bears (18-13) down the stretch.

Jia Perkins added 14 points for the Lady Raiders. Kari Koch had 19 points and Jenni Lingard added 16 for the Lady Bears.



DePaul's Jamie Smith, left, and Charlene Smith, right, tie up Utah's Kim Smith as they battle for a rebound during the first half Sunday in the Midwest Regional at the Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh, N.C.

## West

### Ohio State 66, Weber State 44

RUSTON, La. — Kim Wilburn scored 19 points for Ohio State.

Fourth-seeded Ohio State (22-9), which went 14-15 last season, is in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1999. It's the 18th trip to the NCAA tournament for first-year coach Jim Foster, who also coached at Saint Joseph's and Vanderbilt.

Weber State (21-9) could not cope with the bigger Buckeyes, who outscored them 39-25 and shot 50 percent from the field (25-of-50).

### Texas 90, Hampton 46

CINCINNATI — Heather Schreiber scored 17 points to help second-seeded Texas win its 14th straight.

Annisia Hastings added 16 points, and Tai Dill had 12 — all in the first half — for the Longhorns (26-5), who next play Arkansas.

LaShondra Dixon had 15 points

### Arkansas 71, Cincinnati 57

CINCINNATI — Shameka Christian scored 13 points in the second half to help Arkansas rally.

The seventh-seeded Lady Razorbacks (22-10) will play No. 2 seed Texas in the second round Tuesday.

Christian sat out all but three minutes of the first half after picking up three quick fouls, and 10th-seeded Cincinnati (23-8) led 32-28 at the break.

But Dana Cherry, who finished with 18 points, gave Arkansas a 38-37 lead when she hit a pair of free throws with 16:29 to play. Carolyn Alexander had 19 points, Debbie Merrill 16 and Valerie King 13 for Cincinnati.

### Louisiana Tech 94, Pepperdine 60

RUSTON, La. — Louisiana Tech owns the nation's longest active winning streak, and the Techsters have never lost an NCAA tournament game at home. Neither

mark was in jeopardy Sunday night.

Erica Smith scored 28 points as the fifth-seeded Lady Techsters defeated No. 12 Pepperdine 94-60 in the first round of the West Regional.

## East

### Texas Christian 50, Michigan State 47

STORRS, Conn. — Grace Gantt scored seven of her 15 points in the final eight minutes as Texas Christian held off Michigan State.

The Spartans (17-12) rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second half but could not complete the comeback. Syretta Bromfield led the Spartans with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

### Notre Dame 59, Arizona 47

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Alicia Rotay scored nine of her 20 points in a 15-0 second-half run that gave 11th-seeded Notre Dame the victory.

Notre Dame (20-10) frustrated

## NCAA Women's Tournament

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<b>First Round</b> <b>Saturday, March 22</b> Boston College 72, Old Dominion 72 Vanderbilt 54, Liberty 44 Virginia Tech 61, Georgia Tech 59 Purdue 66, Valparaiso 51 <b>Sunday, March 23</b> Connecticut 91, Boston University 44 Texas Christian 50, Michigan State 47 Notre Dame 59, Arizona 47 Kansas State 79, Harvard 69 <b>Second Round</b> <b>Monday, March 24</b> At Constant Convocation Center Norfolk, Va. Vanderbilt (22-9) vs. Boston College (21-8), 5:10 p.m. At Mackay Arena West Lafayette, Ind. Purdue (27-5) vs. Virginia Tech (22-9), 5:06 p.m. <b>Tuesday, March 25</b> At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion Storrs, Conn. Connecticut (32-1) vs. Texas Christian (25-13) At Bramlage Coliseum Manhattan, Kan. Kansas State-Harvard winner vs. Notre Dame (20-10)	<b>First Round</b> <b>Saturday, March 22</b> Mississippi State 73, Manhattan 47 New Mexico 91, Miami 85, OT Rutgers 64, Western Kentucky 52 Georgia 80, Charlotte 61 <b>Sunday, March 23</b> Utah 73, DePaul 64 Duke 66, Georgia State 48 Texas Tech 67, SW Missouri State 59 UC Santa Barbara 71, Xavier 62 <b>Second Round</b> <b>Monday, March 24</b> At The Pit Albuquerque, N.M. Mississippi State (24-7) vs. New Mexico (23-8), 7:23 p.m. At Stegeman Coliseum Athens, Ga. Rutgers (21-7) vs. Georgia (20-9), 5:14 p.m. <b>Tuesday, March 25</b> At Reynolds Coliseum Raleigh, N.C. Duke (32-1) vs. Utah (24-6) At United Spirit Arena Lubbock, Texas Texas Tech (27-5) vs. UCSB (20-10)
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sixth-seeded Arizona and its 6-foot-5 freshman center, Shawntine Polk, with a collapsing zone defense and moved into the second round.

### Kansas St. 79, Harvard 69

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kendra Wecker scored 21 points and Nicole Ollide added 20 to lead perfect shooting as Kansas State beat Harvard 79-69 Sunday in a first-round East Regional game that was much tougher than expected for the third-seeded Wildcats.

Reka Cherny led Harvard with 25 points before fouling out.

### Midwest South Carolina 68, Chattanooga 54

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Christina Ciccan scored eight of her 18 points during a 13-0 second-half run to rally South Carolina.

Miranda Warfield had 18 points, and Tiffany Patton added 14 for the No. 12 seed Lady Moes (26-5). South Carolina next plays

Penn State.

### Penn State 64, Holy Cross 33

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Kelly Mazzante scored 27 points to lead Penn State.

Mazzante had 19 points on 8-of-14 shooting in the first half, and outscored Holy Cross herself as the fourth-seeded Lady Lions (25-8) led 38-16 at the break.

Lisa Peterson led Holy Cross with 10 points. Penn State will face No. 5 seed South Carolina in the second round Tuesday.

### George Washington 71, Oklahoma 61

NORMAN, Okla. — Cathy Jones had 22 points, 14 in the second half when George Washington held off an Oklahoma rally to beat the Sooners 71-61 Sunday night in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

Ugo Oha had 14 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks for George Washington.

Maria Villarroel led Oklahoma with 26 points.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"I'll make him an offer he can't refuse"

Mario Puzo

When declarer needs to exert pressure on the defense, he often tries to surrender the tricks he must lose as early as possible, a technique rarely elliptically referred to as rectifying the count. That allows him to bring more pressure to bear as the hand goes on.

Well, if that is good for declarer, it must be bad for the defense. As a defender, avoiding rectifying the count for declarer may prevent him from squeezing you. But ducking a trick until you can no longer win it is especially hard to do.

Imagine North-South bidding to six no-trump in the way shown in the diagram. The hand seems a reasonable opening lead. Declarer wins in dummy and plays a spade to his king. To beat the hand, you have to duck this trick, and the next spade trick, too, to avoid rectifying the count. If you take the spade ace, declarer plays a second club round to three hearts and four diamonds. Declarer can set up his heart winners, but can never reach them.

The Ruffel Rabbit would manage this defense by putting his spade ace with his clubs - but you will get it right for the right reasons, won't you?

NORTH		EAST	
♠	Q 10 2	♠	7 3
♥	K 5	♥	Q J 10 4
♦	A Q 7 6	♦	5 3
♣	A K 9 6	♣	J 10 5 4 2

WEST		EAST	
♠	A 9 8 4 3	♠	7 3
♥	8 7	♥	Q J 10 4
♦	10 9 8 4	♦	5 3
♣	9 7	♣	J 10 5 4 2

SOUTH		NORTH	
♠	K 6	♠	Q 10 2
♥	A 6 3 2	♥	K 5
♦	K J 2	♦	A Q 7 6
♣	8 3	♣	A K 9 6

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	6 NT	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond 10

## LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:			
♠	7 4	♥	9 6 4 3
♦	6 1	♣	10 9 7

South West North East			
Pass	3 NT	Dbl.	1 NT
			All pass

ANSWER: Lead the spade seven. Partner's double suggests he has a long running or semi-solid suit. The auction suggests that this is likely to be spades, so lead his suit rather than yours.

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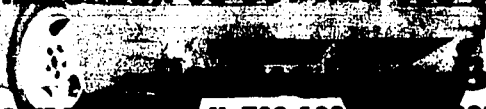
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## Down memory lane - in a Greyhound

Recently my little brother Phil (he's only 50) gave me a box that wound up with him some years ago, when our mom died and a bunch of family flotsam drifted down one generation.

The box contains slides. For you young, digital readers, I should explain that slides are transparencies made from photographs. They used to be very popular. When you wanted to look at big, bright images of your vacation, you'd get out your slides, spend a few seconds thinking about what a pain it was to set up the projector and screen, then put your slides back away, unviewed. This saved a lot of time.



HUMOR  
Dave Barry

I'd forgotten about these slides. I took them 40 years ago, in March of 1963, when I was 15, a sophomore at Pleasantville (N.Y.) High School. The slides are of a trip I took with a friend, Evan Thompson. Somehow, we persuaded our parents to let us spend our spring break, on our own, in West Palm Beach, Fla.

You may be surprised that my parents - who were not insane - agreed to this plan. I mean, today, many parents are nervous about letting 15-year-olds go to school, let alone on unchaperoned trips to a place 1,200 miles away. But that was an innocent era. Nobody had heard of Lee Harvey Oswald, or Vietnam, or "Celebrity Mole Hawaii." On TV, married people slept in separate beds and reproduced via mitosis.

I'm not saying we lived without worry. A singing group called The Angels - three women sporting beehive hairdos the height of Clint Eastwood - had an alarming hit record called "My Boyfriend's Back," about what their boyfriend was going to do to a guy who had been blemishing their virtue ("Hey, he knows I wasn't cheating! Now you're gonna get a beating!"). There were girls at Pleasantville High who looked exactly like The Angels, and I steered clear of them.

But generally 1963 felt safer than today. And so my parents let me go to Florida, as long as I paid for the trip, from my paper-route savings, which amounted to around \$160. If you're wondering how I managed to afford a Florida trip on so little money, I can answer in three words: Greyhound Bus Lines (motto: "We Stop For Some Damn Thing About Every 200 Miles").

We hoarded our hush in New York City and were on it for about two days - or, in Bus Time, 17 months. But we were not bored, because we had eager, inquisitive minds, plus a copy of Playboy magazine. It had some fascinating articles. In the case of the smaller states we passed through, such as Delaware, we could spend the entire state looking at a single set of articles.

Finally we crossed the Florida state line, and the bus, in keeping with tradition, stopped. I got out and took a picture of a palm tree. Most of my slides from this trip feature palm trees. If any tourists out there want to know what palm trees looked like in 1963, I have photographic proof that they looked remarkably alike.

Evan and I knew nothing about our destination, West Palm Beach, so we chose it solely because of the word "Palm." We stayed, for something like \$10 a day, in a space that some guy had made by converting his garage into, basically, a garage with beds in it. We lived on peanut butter and fresh oranges, which cost like a dollar per million. We rented bicycles (\$3 a day) and rode them across the bridge to Palm Beach, to the ocean (free), where we lay on the sand until we were the color of traffic cones.

I'm looking at a slide: It shows me, standing on the beach in my Please see BARRY, Page D2

## Static electricity can make for an unpleasant trip to the gas station

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A routine stop for gasoline Oct. 9 turned into an extraordinary event for Twin Falls woman Brandy Rice.

Her trouble began when she slid back into her Dodge minivan, and then out again during refueling at a Texaco Station in Twin Falls.

"I went to take the nozzle out and there was a transfer of electricity, and flame just shot up and out of the car," she said. "The whole side just went up in flames."

To make matters worse, her then 5-year-old daughter, Aubriana, was in the burning vehicle. By the time Rice reached the girl's side of the van, the whole front was on fire.

"But she had luckily taken her seat belt off, so I yanked her out," she said. "We didn't get very far away from the car when it completely went up in flames."

Since the 1970s, when self-serve stations first emerged on the scene, pumping our own gas has become a common practice. The Petroleum Equipment Institute in Tulsa estimates drivers now account for around 11 billion to 12 billion self-serve fill-ups each year. But little known is that this chore could leave us in shock - and not because pump prices are hovering around the \$2-a-gallon mark.

Over the course of the last decade, there have been more than 175 reported cases of gas pump fires - all, according to the Petroleum Equipment Institute, apparently as the result of static electricity.

The causes ranged from drivers filling portable gas can without removing them from their vehicles to drivers re-entering their vehicles during fill-ups - and then re-exiting those vehicles to pump fuel. The results have ranged from minor scrapes and "scorched" clothing, according to

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Brandy Rice and her 5-year-old daughter, Aubriana, escaped from their van when it caught fire in October. Rice had been pumping gas at a Twin Falls gas station when static electricity sparked a fire. Rice and her daughter were not hurt, but the van burned to the ground.

## They're dorky! I'll take them!

By Catherine Newton  
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - The first sign, for me, came when my sophisticated Manhattanite sister pulled me over to her closet one summer afternoon last year to show me her new shoes.

And really, I almost couldn't. The flat-heeled, cushioned sandals were kind of appealing. Almost cute. I'd never had a nice thought about Naturalizers before. I had thrown them into the same category as expandable waist pants: If I ever wore them, I would be officially Too Old to Care what I looked like.

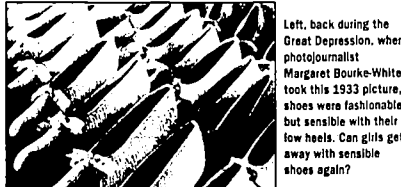
But a funny thing has happened in the world of foot fashion. Forces have converged and planets have aligned, and suddenly, comfortable shoes are hot. As we slide into 2003, fashionistas are just saying no to Manolos, eschewing their Chooos, giving up Sarah Jessica Parker as their high-heeled patron saint, and putting their hard-earned cash into soft, cosseting inner-soles.

In short, dorky shoes are in. It all started, as many sartorial trends tend to do, in Europe - specifically, in Italy. Prada began making flats that looked utilitarian but boasted fine lines, lovely leather and you-gotta-be-filthy-rich-to-own-these-prices. Trendy Europeans began flocking to comfortable shoes, and half a dozen years ago began sporting once-geekish fashions such as the bowling shoe.

Kenneth Cole picked up on the idea of clunky comfort, brought it to his trendy footwear line, and some American women finally began to consider what men have known all along: It's a lot more pleasant to walk when you're free from the agony of a feet.



PF Flyers, the active casual footwear that was originally introduced to the public in 1937, is seen back on the market earlier this month in Boston by the New Balance shoe company, which relaunched the classic brand in February. Comfortable shoes are making a comeback.



The comfort trend picked up speed in the past year or two. First, there was the development of the poly bottom, as John Zappa, women's shoe buyer for Nordstrom in Texas, affectionately calls it. The early clunky-but-comfortable shoes from Europe had arch-support foot beds, a la Birkenstock, but heavy, luggy

one-piece soles that Sabrina-heeled American women couldn't stand. But technology zoomed forward. Attractive new cork and rubber and polyurethane soles began to "lighten up those bottoms," says Zappa, a self-proclaimed shoe-lover.

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## Cosmetics advertising meets little resistance

Dear Paula,  
I have read that the Federal Trade Commission regulates deceptive and unfair advertising by cosmetics companies. However, you intimate that there is no regulation for deceptive advertising and that companies do not have to substantiate claims or prove efficacy of any kind. From what I have read, the FDA does not regulate unproven claims, but the FTC does. The major companies have legal and claim departments that accumulate evidence to substantiate their claims in a scientific and legal manner. However, I don't know if their information is based upon in vitro or in vivo data. Any further information you can provide would be helpful.

- Tracy, via email

Dear Tracy,  
Your comments are well taken. Yes, the FTC and the FDA do differ in their regulations, but that doesn't necessarily help the consumer when it comes to claims about cosmetics. It is true that the FDA does not have efficacy or safety requirements for cosmetics, but neither does the FTC; it merely relies on information provided by the cosmetics company, and I'll explain that more in just a moment.

The purview of the FTC is to be concerned about deceptive or erroneous advertising claims. When the substantiation claim is expressed (e.g., tests prove, "doctors recommend" and "studies show"), the commission expects the firm to have at least the advertised level of substantiation. Regarding Advertising Substantiation, www.ftc.gov. That means all the FTC cares



COSMETICS  
Q&A  
Paula Begoun

about is that some kind of study for claims does exist, but that doesn't have to be a published study and it doesn't have to meet any scientific standards - it just needs to comply with some level of our studies show.

Plus, exactly what deceptive means is up for debate, which is why the FTC doesn't act on cosmetic advertising issues very often. For example, at a hair care product claims to protect from sun damage, the FTC doesn't care whether or not a daytime moisturizer does or doesn't contain an SPF or that companies sell sun screens with SPF of 4 or 6 something the American Academy of Dermatology and the Skin Cancer Foundation states is dangerous.

One more point, it is interesting to note that there are delinquent times when the FTC has made companies alter their advertising claims. However, by the time the ad is pulled or rewritten the consumer has already been deluged with the frivolous claims, which are implanted in their thoughts before a retratement takes place a year or so down the road.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Bantam Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, WA 98168, or check out her Web site: www.cosmetic.scapam.

## HEALTH &amp; FASHION

## Breast Cancer Support Group will meet today

Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Pediatric Dentistry."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

## CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley

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Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2547 or 737-2007.

## About breast-feeding

A breast-feeding class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes and will include information on beginning breast-feeding. The session will be taught by a registered nurse.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who

will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

## Childbirth pain management

A childbirth class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. April 1 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will provide information on coping with the pain of labor and a range of relaxation, breathing and coaching techniques.

For more information, call 677-6500.

## Childbirth class

A childbirth class will be offered from 7-9 p.m. April 1 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will include information on handling the discomforts and problems of pregnancy, and safe exercise. A tour of the hospital's birth center will be given.

For more information, call 677-6500.

## About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning April 1 through May 6, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The second class of the series will be a refresher course for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth classes.

The sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

## Maxwell's Apothecary offers skin cleanser for men

Guys, forget about fancy European skin-care treatments. An old favorite by the name of Maxwell's Apothecary has returned.

Since its founding in Washington, D.C., in 1911 until its closing in 1948, Maxwell's Apothecary made shave creams, balms and muscle rubs that were popular among politicians and international businessmen. Now the original formulas, blended with the latest ingredients, have been reintroduced.

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Now, he says, it's gotten to the point where "it's hard to find a leather shoe out there. It used to be leather shoes were a sign of quality. Now, even on a pump, you're going to see more latex soles. They've developed some great composites."

From the same time that soles were becoming a salvation, things were happening at the toe end of the shoe. "Franco Sarto and Donald Pliner came out with oblique toes a few years ago," Zappala says. "When that became fashionable, it became more widely accepted." Women began knowing what it felt like to have room in their shoes for their toes to wiggle. It wasn't life-changing, but it was good.

The folks at Naturalizer saw the signs of comfort becoming cool and took a chance. Of course, they didn't have much to lose. In 1996, the 71-year-old company had hit rock bottom after a nine-year decline in which its styles had aged with its customers.

Its parent company, Brown Shoe, opened a design center in Florence, Italy, and began copying European shapes. By 2000,

## Barry

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bathing suit, displaying a degree of musculature rarely found outside the asparagus family. My face has an expression that conveys emotion: "I cannot see a thing." I had removed my thick, Soviet-style eyeglasses, in the foolish hope that this would make me attractive to girls, which it did not, and even if it had, I would have been unable, without sonar, to locate them.

For souvenirs, we each bought a tiny potted palm tree (50 cents). On the bus ride home, at a stop, somebody stole Evan's wallet, and we had to make it the rest of the way on my two or three remaining dollars, eating exclusively from the Tootsie Roll food group. When we got home, we were hungry and tired, and our skin was peeling off in vast sheets. Pretty soon our palm trees died.

That was a great time.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.

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## Fashion notes

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under-eye puffiness.

Maxwell's Apothecary products are available at [www.maxwellonline.com](http://www.maxwellonline.com) or by calling Bigelow Chemists at (800) 793-5433.

## WHIMSICAL SISTER:

Natori lingerie is known for its gorgeous design, fine fabrics and attention to detail. But have you heard about Josie, the company's less formal line?

Where Natori is lace, Josie is

cotton. Where Natori uses cool, solid colors on their chemises, Josie is all about festive, whimsical prints and two-piece sets. Josie's spring line includes funky capri PJs decorated with strawberries and cherries (\$58-\$65), vases of roses and Hawaiian dancers. And for lingerie, we like the youthful freshness of Josie's white eyelet camisole (\$42) and tap skirt (\$32).

Natori and Josie lingerie and pajamas are available at Nordstrom.

three converging trends: retro styling, comfort and yoga.

Yoga? Well, at least yoga wear and accessories, which the New York high-fashion crowd (whether they practice the discipline or not) is scooping up with abandon.

For some, the major leap toward comfortable shoes is nothing less than a sign that women have finally grown out of the centuries-old, tired notion that tortured feet are sexy feet.

Lipstick feminist Erica Jong voiced this empowerment theory in a recent interview on [village.com](http://www.village.com), in which she noted that she's tossed out all her 3-inch heels.

"My daughter and her genera-

tion will not wear Manolo Blahnik," she says. "They're all wearing rubber soles, comfortable low shoes. I remember thinking when I was younger that women would be liberated only when they wore comfortable shoes."

The new generation is, I guess, Not Too Young to Care about its feet.

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fundoplication (anti-reflux surgery) may be indicated.

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# Dermatologists dismiss obsessive lip balm application as bad habit

By Bonnie Miller Rubin  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Like so many, Lisa Skaryd started young — at age 11, to be exact — when she felt her first bit at a birthday party.

Now, at 26, she feels physically uncomfortable when she can't get to her stash. Her lips feel dry. They start to ache and crack.

"If I discover that I don't have my stuff with me, I stop and buy one right away," said Skaryd, a temporary office worker in Chicago. "I would be frightened to be without it."

Skaryd admits it: She is a lip balm addict.

Especially during the dry winter season, these obsessive applicators of Chap Stick, Carmex and other products can be seen indulging their habit many times a day — up to 30 in Skaryd's case. They shove dozens of tubes into drawers and pockets. When they run out, they sometimes resort to desperate measures (think Crisco).

While no statistics exist on binge balmers, evidence of their numbers is hard to ignore. One need look no further than the fact that, since 2001, Ford Motor Co. has included a storage niche for a tube on the Escape.

In the 12 months ending in October, consumers spent more than \$281 million at pharmacies, supermarkets and most discount stores on lip balm and cold sore products — an increase of 8 percent over the previous year. That doesn't even count what is sold at cosmetics counters and specialty stores.

The staff is so popular that manufacturers are constantly called on to refute rumors that nefarious corporate chiefs are conspiring to slip harmful ingredients into their products to reduce consumption.

The Carmex brand has been dogged by an urban myth that it puts ground fiberglass in its product to irritate the lips, thus compelling the user to apply more. The tale is so persistent that the company posts a disclaimer on its Web site.

"If there was something harmful or addictive, the (Food and Drug Administration) wouldn't let us use it," said company Controller Paul Woolfing, with the weariness of a man who has answered the question many times.

Dermatologists may argue lip

balm overuse is merely a bad habit but do concede that like any other healthy impulse, the desire for moist lips can be taken to extremes.

"There's no question that some people need to apply it many times a day — and become anxious when it's not available — but that probably has more to do with an oral fixation than overly chapped lips," said Dr. Murad Alam, a dermatologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Maybe it's stress or too much lip licking that has folks reflexively reaching for lip balm, Alam suggested. Or it could be the pleasant taste, the aroma or the soothing sensation. "But not a serious moisture deficiency."

Dr. Matthew Topham, 38, of Salt Lake City, says he has an excuse for keeping little tubes of Carmex in his office, in his car and throughout the house — including at his bedside — for whenever he needs "that familiar menthol rush."

Skaryd is also a purist, but her poison is glittery Bonne Bell Lip Smackers, which she first tasted at that ill-fated childhood birthday party.

It's more the product than her prodigious use that causes her embarrassment. "I'm a little beyond the glitter age," she says. "It's very Britney Spears."

Not surprisingly, many addicts are first exposed in their formative years. Carol Tagler of Olympia Fields got her first whiff — something cherry she vaguely recalled — at 16. Almost 40 years later, she is still using.

Gina Fazzini, a freshman at Homewood-Flossmoor High School in Flossmoor, Ill., estimates that she applies at 30-minute intervals. "I had unlimited money. I'd go crazy and buy every possible color and flavor," she said.

While some users are in denial, others acknowledge their powerlessness and search for some explanation. That might explain the persistent rumors about Carmex.

Woolfing, grandson of the founder of the Franklin, Wis., company that makes the product, insists the ingredients have remained the same since the 1930s, when it was concocted by his grandfather and cooked atop the kitchen stove.

The "tingly" effect comes from camphor and menthol, he said. (That pairing also appears in the Oak Brook-based Blistex and other brands.) All the ingredients — which also include salicylic acid, phenol, petrol, lanolin and fragrance — are listed right on the cap.

Woolfing says he takes the accusations in stride. "The way I look at it, there's no such thing as bad publicity."

Addicts seeking support can turn to the not entirely serious Lip Balm Anonymous Web site ([www.kevdo.com/lipbalm](http://www.kevdo.com/lipbalm)).

What started out as a joke in 1995 has brought out hundreds of testimonials, some maybe even in earnest. Addicts confess scraping out the last vestiges from a container with a toothpick. They admit resorting, in a pinch, to hand lotion — even Crisco.

"I don't think there's any coincidence that as tobacco declined, lip balm usage picked up," said founder Kevin Crossman, 35, an Internet project manager who got hooked as a child when he got cherry Chap Stick in his Christmas stocking.

Alam, the dermatologist, says it is unlikely that any particular ingredient in lip balm causes users to get hooked and that overindulgence is more likely to be a habit than a true addiction.

As for camphor and menthol, which produce that much sought-after tingly feeling, "they don't really serve any medical function," Alam said. "They may feel like something is happening, but it's really not providing any benefit."

Whatever the ingredients, balms work by providing a "seal" over the ultrathin skin on the lips, said Dr. Oliver Drabkin, a dermatologist at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Ill. "They really serve the purpose of locking moisture in rather than adding additional moisture."

While it is doubtful that overbalming can cause any serious harm, every structure in the body has its own natural secretions, and excessive use can "upset the normal balance of things," Alam said.

"When something — such as eyepdrops — comes from the outside, the body doesn't know what to do with it," he said. "If there's already too much of it (lip balm) more than four or five times a day. Beyond that, it's all marketing."

# Study: Some binge-eating is genetic

Researchers hope information leads to future treatments

BOSTON (AP) — A weak gene — not weak willpower — makes some binge-eaters stuff themselves, a study suggests. But it also points to possible help: a future pill that might cool their appetites.

The joint Swiss-German-American study makes the strongest case yet that genetic mistakes can cause an eating disorder, researchers say. Traditionally, eating behavior has been viewed as complex and cultural in its causes.

"Willpower is not always important to reduce weight. Some people can't help it. Some cannot, and I think these patients have a hard time," said Dr. Fritz Horber, the leader of the binge-eating study at the Hirslanden Clinic in Zurich, Switzerland.

Researchers have been trying to understand the reasons for an epidemic of obesity, which raises the risk for heart disease, diabetes and many other ailments. About 30 percent of American adults are obese, up from 14 percent 25 years ago, according to government data. The surge is widely blamed on abundant high-calorie foods and sedentary lifestyles.

However, some researchers have also begun to link several genes to obesity, implicating heredity as an important underlying factor. Increasingly, eating problems are thought to stem from a subtle interaction of lifestyle and multiple genes.

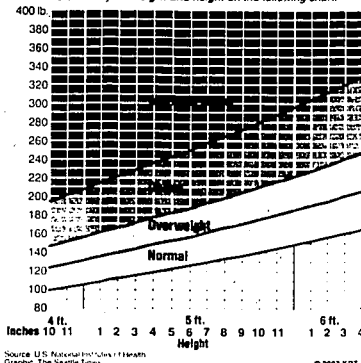
Probably the most common eating disorder, binge-eating strikes up to 4 million Americans, according to the National Institutes of Health. Binge-eaters, who are usually but not always overweight, overeat in frequent and compulsive binges — often secretly — and then feel ashamed.

In this study, which was published Thursday in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the researchers focused on a gene linked to obesity in earlier studies. Known as the melanocortin 4 receptor gene, it makes a protein that helps control appetite in the brain's hunger-regulating hypothalamus. If a mutated gene makes too little protein, the body feels too much hunger.

In an initial test, 5 percent of 46 severely obese white adults showed the mutated gene. In another study segment focusing on 20 mutation carriers matched

## Judging your weight

To find out if you are overweight or obese, according to the Body Mass Index, locate your weight and height on the following chart:



with 120 people without the mutation, all carriers were binge eaters, compared with just 14 percent of those with a normal gene.

In another study in the same journal issue, a British team reported finding mutations of the same gene in more than 5 percent of 500 severely obese children. The genetic link was so strong that the researchers could examine the workings of the children's genes in test tubes and predict how much they would eat at a meal.

Horber, the Swiss researcher, said other eating disorders, including other types of bingeing, probably stem from a variety of genes and environmental factors. However, he said the still-unnamed binge-eating syndrome tied to this gene is especially important because it is perhaps the most stubbornly resistant to dieting and exercise.

Horber said the binge-eaters in his study felt a wave of relief from guilt when they learned of the genetic cause behind their compulsion. Dr. Stephen O'Rahilly, one of the British study's researchers at the University of Cambridge, said one family in that study was so ecstatic over evidence of a physical cause that they made themselves T-shirts saying, "We've got an MC4 mutation."

Eric Ravussin, a Louisiana State University researcher on

obesity genetics, said, however, that without more biochemical proof, he remains "a little bit skeptical" that these mutations — and not others located nearby on the same chromosome — are the syndrome's precise cause.

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the Petroleum Equipment Institute, to the death of one dog and one person as the result of the ensuing fires.

Fry Willie, the CEO of Oasis Sport 'N' Go, explained that in Rice's case, static electricity is created when a person gets back in a vehicle during the fueling process and slides against the seat just right. And then a reaction can occur when the person gets back out without grounding her or himself by touching the vehicle.

"That's how this type of stuff can create a positive reaction to ignite fumes," the rapers that are outside the vehicle while fueling," he said. "It can go up in flames quite quickly and go for the vehicle and the gas pump."

Dick Cappel, battalion chief for the Twin Falls Fire Department, said he would also recommend against using a cell phone at the gas pump. Anything that can cre-

ate a spark, such as a cell phone, can ignite gasoline.

And then there is the obvious — a lit cigarette.

"You still see people that are not paying attention and they're lighting a cigarette or smoking a cigarette while they're filling up," he said. "That's against state law anyway."

Capps said people are more susceptible to static electricity buildup when the air is dry and cool. It's the same static created by walking across a carpet and then touching a doorknob.

"The best thing that you can do when you're refueling your car is not to get back in the car," he said. "Once you get out, stay out until it is fueled."

And when you get out of the car to begin fueling, he said to be sure you touch the door handle, latch or some piece of metal on the car before you get back to the filler spout. That way you will discharge

the electricity.

If you have to get back in the car after you have started to fill up, before going to the nozzle touch a piece of metal on the car away from the filler spout. That way, he said, you are away from the fumes.

If a fire should start, Capps said to leave the nozzle where it is, get away from the vehicle, go inside and tell the owner, manager or whoever is in charge. He or she can shut off the pumps remotely.

Capps said another thing to be aware of is that overfilling the tank can cause a spill, which increases the chance of igniting a fire. And he said to use only the refueling latch. The little lever is designed to release in an emergency or when there is a spill — when the tank is too full.

"Some people, if that is not working right, they'll stick a piece of wood or something in there and hold it open," he said. "You don't

want to do that."

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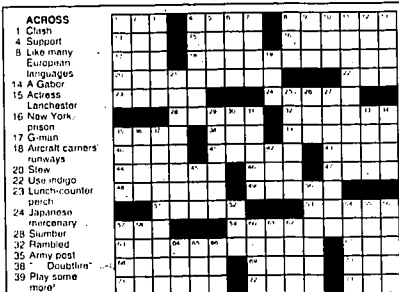
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## Braggart enrages gay man with tales of exploits

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 32-year-old gay man who lives with my partner in a large condominium complex. Another gay man, "Nigel," lives down the hall. We do not socialize. Nigel is in his late-40s, and I have a strong aversion to him because he informs anyone who'll listen about his sexual escapades.

I recently ran into Nigel in the elevator, and he started boasting about a fling he's having with a 16-year-old boy who lives two floors below. As we stepped into the lobby, Nigel waved to the boy's mother, then laughingly told me under his breath that she regards him as just "a neighbor who kindly drives her son to school."

Abby, please urge your readers to get to know who their children are spending time with. They should make it a point to meet all their children's friends in person, and never permit their kids to go out with "friends" they haven't met.

Is there anything I can do about Nigel and that boy? Should I call the authorities? I feel this



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

monster is taking advantage of a minor and should be stopped.

**NO NAME, CITY OR STATE:** What Nigel is doing is child abuse. Tell the boy's mother what Nigel told you. She needs to know what's going on. It's up to her to report it to the police.

**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, while "under the influence" at a party, "Ray," a friend of my boyfriend, "Pete," tried to kiss me. I avoided Ray for the rest of the evening and have not told anyone about the incident. The trouble is, my boyfriend has told me more than once that if he ever found out any of his friends had made a move on me, he'd hurt him badly.

I don't know if I should tell

Pete what happened and try to explain that Ray was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. I don't think Ray would ever try anything like that while sober, so I'm tempted to keep quiet — so no one gets hurt. However, I have never kept a secret from my boyfriend before, and I'm worried that if he finds out, he might think I kissed Ray back. What do you think I should do, Abby?

**NOT A PARTY GIRL:** In ONTARIO, CANADA

**DEAR NOT A PARTY GIRL:** Don't tell him. I am concerned because it appears that your boyfriend is a violent and/or intimidating streak. You should be able to confide in him without feeling threatened.

I urge you to rethink your relationship with both of these young men, and the kind of parties you are attending.

**DEAR ABBY:** Just before Christmas, I found evidence on our computer that my husband was cheating. New proof continues to appear, though less frequently.

I am financially dependent on my spouse, physically unable to work, and my elderly mother lives with us. She is completely dependent on me for her care. Financially, I cannot afford to leave or ask my husband to leave. I'm afraid to let on that I know about his infidelity, but I don't know how much longer I can keep silent. The hurt and anger are eating me alive. What should I do?

**HUMILIATED IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

**DEAR HUMILIATED:** The stress of caring for your mother may have affected both you and your husband. If you continue to suffer in silence, it's only a matter of time until you explode — which would be counterproductive. Tell your husband calmly that you know what's been going on. Explain that you would like the both of you to get marriage counseling to heal the breach that has developed in your relationship.

Marriages can be saved after an infidelity if both parties are willing to work on it.

## Man never saw a woman

**Q.** Wasn't there once a man who'd never seen a woman?

**A.** One only, according to the record at hand. Mikalio Tolotos. His mother died at his birth. He was taken straightaway to "Monks' Republic" on Mount Athos. The governing 20 Greek Orthodox monasteries permitted no females of any species there. Tolotos died in 1938.

Was a time when the horses in Japan wore straw sandals. The big word for such baby talk phrases as "it'sy bitsy" or "knotchy kootchy koo" is "hypocorism."

**Q.** Speaking of "the greatest thing since sliced bread," when did we get sliced bread?



**REVISTED**  
L.M. Boyd

**A.** In 1917 — after a jewelry store owner named Otto F. Rohwedder invented the bread-slicing machine.

**Q.** A male kangaroo is a boomer. What's a female?

**A.** A flyer. Many a Victorian bride of a widower wore mourning black for her husband's departed wife.

## You're in the money, now, Pisces — fear not

**IF MARCH 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** — this will be one of the more productive years of your life; your fondest hopes may be fulfilled. Romance and making good financially are especially strong in August. Cancer native will play role. Family members are likely to seek your attention in late summer; you will be forced to make changes. Use your intuition to make the best choice.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Decision time! Female friends are demanding attention. You have the urge to be more in control at work and in life. Number two is lucky.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You may be at odds with philosophical ideas being presented to you; you want to speak your mind. Keep focused on harmony; be patient.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your social life is in full swing. New friends will help you get rid of the dead wood in your life. Your uniqueness makes people warm to you quickly.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** The spending spree must come to an end. You seem to have had hules in your pocket. Now is the time for advancement in your career.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The word diet crosses your mind. A letter from far away needs your attention. Your love life is full of dramas you don't need. Try to show gratitude.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Despite the odds, you have overcome obstacles. You never stop and are always busy. Double-check travel plans for tomorrow. Don't let others influence your outlook.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your social life takes a turn; people want you around for your pleasant and balanced personality. Love is on the horizon. Questions to do with partnerships, marriage boom.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Today brings an issue about possessions. Warning: Keep an eye on your purse and belongings. Guard against annoying close family members. Spoil yourself tonight.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take initiative and contact a female friend who may need your help. Your suspicions seem to be baseless. All will be made clear to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

HOROSCOPE  
Jeraldine Saunders

**19:** Your psychic abilities are kicking in. You wish you could predict your own future. Energy levels are high — so don't rush. Walk before you run. Secure your belongings.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your sense of aesthetics is highly attuned. Enjoy the beauty of the moment. There could be a lucky break. Help friends to overcome fear of the unknown.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Monetary matters are improving. Changes to do with your lifestyle are indicated. Have no fear — you will succeed! Relationships may grow heavy. A storm in a teacup?

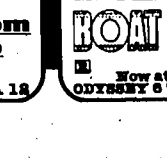
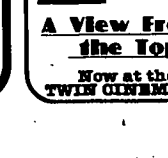
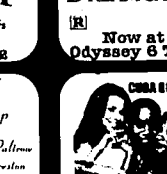
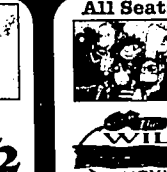
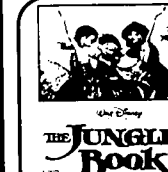
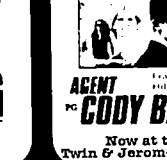
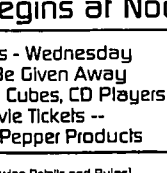
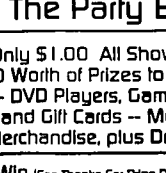
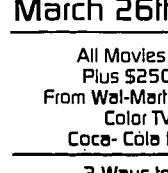
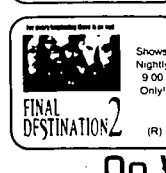
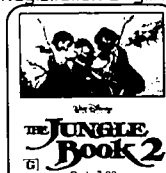
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