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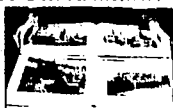
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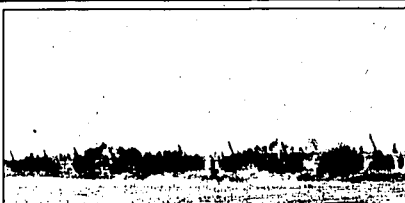
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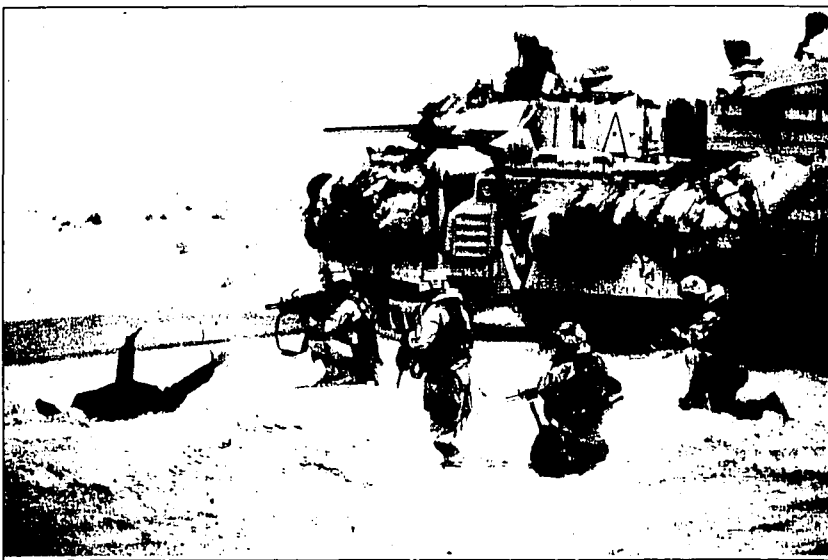
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British soldiers fire their 105mm guns as they push through southern Iraq Monday.

Weather, fighting impede advance

Coalition forces slow just 50 miles outside of Baghdad



Knight Ridder News Service

NEAR AL KUT, Iraq - Both sides girded Monday for the coming battle of Baghdad as U.S. armored columns advanced from two directions. They came within 50 miles of the capital before sandstorms - and a formidable Iraqi army - forced a delay.

Saddam Hussein and other Iraqi leaders vowed resistance, and U.S. and British leaders warned that the contest for Baghdad could be bloody. Two divisions of Saddam's elite and loyal Republican Guard troops - about 20,000 fighters - were believed to stand between allied forces and the center of Saddam's regime.

Saddam has given his hardened Republican Guard the authority to use chemical weapons, U.S. officials said.

Strikes by Air Force, Navy and Marine jets targeted the Guard on the southwest outskirts of Baghdad on Monday and early Tuesday, preparing the battlefield. Some bombers shifted from precision-guided bombs, used mostly against buildings and other high-value targets, to MK-83 air-burst bombs deployed mostly against infantry.

"We're about to put the 1st Marine Division in a scoring position - and swing for the fences," said Col. David Pette, of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Meanwhile, 30 AH-64 Apache attack helicopters engaged in a frenzied battle with Republican Guard units outside Karbala, about 50 miles southwest of Baghdad. One U.S. helicopter was downed and others were riddled with bullets, officials said.

Two Americans aboard the lost helicopter were listed as prisoners of war. The Pentagon identified them as Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young, 26, of

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Protests sting worried families of local soldiers

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A local family watched news footage and searched the Internet for information Monday to keep pace with their son's military unit that neared Baghdad.

Twin Falls resident Jan Capps' son, Army Spec. Tucker Johnson, is serving with the 3rd Infantry Division.

She and other local parents with sons or daughters fighting the war in Iraq say the war protests hurt on a personal level.

On television, in the news and at the Academy Awards, the country appears to be divided over President Bush's war with Saddam Hussein's regime, despite the latest Gallup poll that reports 72 percent of Americans favor the war.

The protests are disheartening, Capps said. She understands that some people are against the war because of concern for the troops,

but she said a lot of young soldiers don't understand that.

"I don't think anyone realizes how hard it is on the kids," she said.

Her son observed frequent student protests near Fort Riley, Kan., before he was deployed, she said.

"It makes us look like a very divided nation. I don't think that is the impression we want to give," Capps said.

What has helped has been small gestures such as a friendly honk for the U.S. Cavalry bumper sticker on her car, American flags flapping in the wind on car antennas, and rallies to show support for the military.

"I'm just really, really proud of him," Capps said. "I know we have a whole lot of them over there like him, and I think we should be really proud of that."

Wendell, resident Ken Sterrett's stepson, Army Spc. Shawn Manning, is serving with

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Jan Capps, front, and husband Bob Capps say the anti-war protests they see on television make the country look divided and are painful to see. Jan Capps' son, Tucker Johnson, is a specialist driving a Humvee in the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division and is likely in the thick of the battle. Mel and Reta Pitts are Johnson's grandparents.

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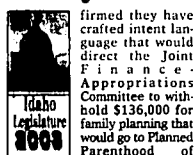
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Idaho legislators try to strip Planned Parenthood's federal funding

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - If the chairmen of both the House and Senate health and welfare committees get their way, Planned Parenthood of Idaho will no longer get any federal funding.

On Monday Rep. Bill Sali, R-Kuna, chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, and Sen. Skip Brandt, R-Kootenai, chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, con-



firmed they have crafted intent language that would direct the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee to withhold \$136,000 for family planning that would go to Planned Parenthood of Idaho. The plan is for the money to go straight to local health districts instead of

being administered through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the co-chairmen said.

The recommendation doesn't have to be approved by the committees, Brandt said. But if the session lasts long enough, Brandt said he might run it past his committee. Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, is vice chairwoman of the House committee, but she said the first she had heard of it was from The Times-News on Monday.

Both Sali and Brandt admitted

the maneuver is an anti-abortion statement. They also said that controversial anti-abortion activist David Ripley, who heads Idaho Chooses Life, brought the funding issue to their attention.

"I think it's wrong in this area for a group that is so involved in promoting abortion rights to take funding from the state," Sali said.

Federal language says the federal money is to be used only for family planning. It specifically says it will not be used for abor-

tion. It also says the money will be used to contract with public and nonprofit, private entities for voluntary family planning services.

"This is nothing more than an attack on Planned Parenthood, but to try to defend us will compromise the entire family planning for the state of Idaho," said Rebecca Poedy, president of Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

Poedy emphasized that neither

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

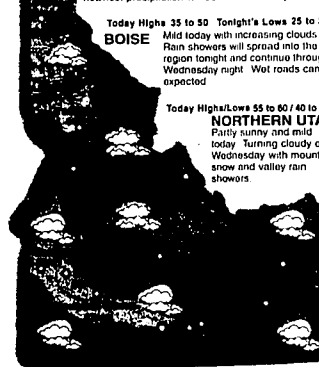
Today: Increasing clouds and turning breezy but it will be mild. Highs near 40.
Night: Turning cloudy and break with rain showers developing. Lows near 40.
Tomorrow: Cloudy, windy and cooler with rain showers likely. Highs in the lower 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy and mild with increasing clouds. Highs near 60.
Night: Cloudy with increasing wind. Rain showers will be developing. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy, windy and cooler with rain showers likely. Highs in the upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Increasing clouds and wind are expected today. Rain and snow showers will increase from the west. The heaviest precipitation will be on Wednesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 60 at Holmer. Low: 7 at Stanley.
 Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, cl-cloudy, b-breezy, sh-showers, f-fair, sn-snow, B-Burley, W-Wind, m-mist.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild	Cloudy and break with rain showers developing	Cloudy, windy and cool with showers likely	Mostly cloudy and seasonably cool	Seasonal conditions	Partly sunny and mild
High 59	Low 40	51/30	45/26	53/28	59/33

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 57 Yesterday's Low: 27 Month's High/Low: 53/29 Record High: 71 in 1993 Record Low: 15 in 1963	Yesterday's: 0.00" 27 Month to Date: 0.87" Avg. Month to Date: 0.87" Water Year to Date: 3.55" Avg. Water Year to Date: 5.88"	Yesterday's: 60% Today's: 25% Today's Forecast: 60% Today's Forecast: 25% A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	5 p.m. Yesterday: 30.08 in. Today: 30.08 in.

MOON PHASES

Mar. 25	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15
Last Day	New Moon	First Day	Full Moon

REGIONAL

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	56/43	53/32	50/30
Burley	54/41	51/30	48/29
Idaho Falls	54/41	51/30	48/29
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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Moonrise: 2:55 AM Moonset: 11:37 AM	Moonrise: 3:40 AM Moonset: 12:41 PM	Moonrise: 4:31 AM Moonset: 1:47 PM	Moonrise: 5:24 AM Moonset: 2:54 PM

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Atlanta	75/53	64/42	61/40
Boston	61/46	67/39	64/37
Chicago	52/33	54/29	51/27
Denver	50/32	46/30	43/28
Houston	68/44	58/32	55/30
Los Angeles	68/44	58/32	55/30
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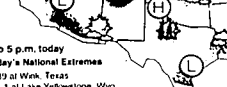
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Burley	0.00	0.00	0.00
Idaho Falls	0.00	0.00	0.00
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Atlanta	75/53	64/42	61/40
Boston	61/46	67/39	64/37
Chicago	52/33	54/29	51/27
Denver	50/32	46/30	43/28
Houston	68/44	58/32	55/30
Los Angeles	68/44	58/32	55/30
London	51/31	61/37	58/34
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advance

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 Lithia Springs, Ga., and Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of an unknown city in Florida. Both were from the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.
 At least one other U.S. soldier died in action Monday, and separately the bodies of two U.S. soldiers were recovered. They had been among 12 officially reported missing Sunday; the others apparently were either killed or taken prisoner by Iraqi forces.
 Also, the first British death from enemy fire was reported Monday, and an unknown number of U.S. soldiers suffered wounds.
 "It's the wild, wild west out there," Marine Capt. Joseph Bevan said near Nasiriyah, as com-

bat raged in nearly every region of Iraq.
 On one road in central Iraq, U.S. forces in M1A2 Abrams tanks, M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and countless support vehicles reached Karbala; along another, they reached at Kut, about 100 miles southeast of the capital.
 In the north, U.S. warplanes pounded Iraqi positions around the oil-rich cities of Kirkuk and Mosul. Local officials said that many Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded. For the first time, U.S. planes based on carriers in the Mediterranean Sea flew over Turkey, taking advantage of shorter routes to northern Iraq now that the Iraqi government has opened its airspace.

Families

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 the 47th Combat Support Hospital deployed from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Kuwait.
 "It's hard on families when you see these protests going on," Sterrett said. "It almost makes you feel like you're on an island by yourself."
 It does help when protesters make a point to say they support the troops, he said. But he asks what kind of chunks protesters offer parents looking at pictures of dead American servicemen in Iraq. Generations have fought for the freedom protesters enjoy to express their beliefs, Sterrett said.
 "It bothers me that these kids are doing this for us," he said.
 Chief Warrant Officer Judy Groner with the Idaho Army National Guard in Boise works for families. Families do take the protesters personally, she said.

Supporting troops

To find out how you can support American troops fighting the war in Iraq, visit the U.S. Department of Defense online at www.defenselink.mil. Use the search option to search for the phrase, "support our troops."
Military families in need of support and people or businesses wishing other support can contact the Family Readiness Program in Idaho at 1-800-543-0887. The Idaho National Guard is handling this service for all branches of the military in Idaho.
 Some families are worried the troops will suffer from lack of supplies. There wouldn't be anyone to make sure clinical standards are being met for the patients. And we wouldn't be able to buy contraception in bulk, which saves us a lot of money."
 In essence, it would mean no grant for 2004 because the state would be backing out of the agreement, said Bill Walker, a Health and Welfare spokesman.
 Rep. Lee Gagne, R-Idaho Falls, who attends to health and welfare issues for the budget committee, said it's news to him that the language could rob both Planned Parenthood and the health districts of family planning funds. He said Sari and Brandt had sold the plan to him as a way to cut out the middlemen of Health and Welfare

but a number of people and businesses are offering support, Groner said. Some Idaho businesses offered to make donations to help families.
 Communities and neighbors can support families by letting them know their sacrifice is appreciated, Groner said.
 "Children in schools need to have reinforcement that what their parent is doing is important," she said.
 Across the nation, there is a small but growing group of military families rallying behind the war protests.
 "The most supportive and loving thing we can do is bring them home now," said Nancy Lessin of Boston, a co-founder of Military Families Speak Out.
 The group formed in November with membership of a couple hundred families. Since bombing began membership has

been growing steadily by anywhere from 10 to 30 families a day, Lessin said. Families are terrified. Some can't watch TV, and others can't stop watching it.
 Lessin, whose son Joe Richardson is a Marine serving in the war, was an anti-war protester during Vietnam, she said. Some elements of the anti-war movement during that era confused the war with the war, she said.
 "The people we have been in touch with locally and nationally have been extremely respectful," she said.
 She has spoken at anti-war protests in Washington, D.C., in January and in New York in February.
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 of the state's two centers in Boise and Twin Falls performs abortions. However, the Idaho organization does tell women where they can obtain abortions in the state if they ask, as do local health districts, Poedy noted.
 A Health and Welfare official agreed with Poedy that as currently written, the intent language would cause the agency to lose all of the \$1.4 million that goes to Planned Parenthood and the health districts.
 "I haven't seen the intent language, but if all the funds went directly to local district health departments, we would lose the grant," said Dick Schultz, who administers the agency's health division. "There wouldn't be any one to write the grants. There

wouldn't be anyone to oversee the grants. There wouldn't be anyone to make sure clinical standards are being met for the patients. And we wouldn't be able to buy contraception in bulk, which saves us a lot of money."
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and also as a way to establish local control over the money.
 "I'm pro-life," Gagne said, "but I'm pro-family planning, too."
 He said he would check into the language to make sure that the family planning money for the state is not jeopardized.
 Poedy questioned the legality of the plan.
 "I think you could show some discrimination tactics here," she said. "When you are talking about the working poor, they need access to these services wherever they can get it."
 Statewide, the organization uses its \$1 million operating budget to give reproductive health care services to about 7,000 women, Poedy said. Since the Twin Falls office opened up about nine months ago, she figures about

1,000 Family women have used its services.
 She also explained that Planned Parenthood and South Central District Health do not see the same clients. Planned Parenthood tends to provide for poor women who can't get off work during the day to get the government offices. Planned Parenthood's offices are open during the evenings and on weekends, she said.
 But Brandt said he thinks that women who want those reduced-cost or free services should not be given special treatment. If they really need the services, let them go during weekdays, he said.
 "I mean, what's the next step?" he asked. "Are we going to be paying for their transportation? Are we going to be delivering their pills to their door?"

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Apache grounded

On Monday, Iraqi TV reported a U.S. Apache helicopter grounded near Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad. Pentagon officials confirmed the helicopter and two pilots aboard were missing.



Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams
Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr.

Age 30
Home
Orlando, Fla.

Age 26
Home
Lithia Springs, Ga.

SOURCES: ESRI, Associated Press AP

Iraqi TV shows more captured U.S. POWs

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi state television on Monday showed two U.S. Army pilots captured by Iraqi forces after their Apache helicopter was forced down during heavy fighting in central Iraq.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, confirmed that a helicopter did not return from its mission Sunday and that its two-man crew was missing. Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, of Lithia Springs, Ga., and Chief Warrant Officer David S. Williams, 30, of Orlando, Fla.

Monday night, the Pentagon declared the men prisoners of war.

The airman were the second set of POWs displayed by the Iraqis in as many days. On Sunday, the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera carried Iraqi television footage of five U.S. soldiers who were captured near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River.

Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Al-Douri said Monday his government would allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the prisoners, as called for in the Geneva Conventions.

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sometimes fierce, generally the work of irregular Iraqi forces like the Fedayeen. Saddam Hussein's most trusted paramilitary fighters, they wear no uniforms and hide among civilians, striking and then receding.

"It felt great when we came in, with the crowds waiting and smiling. Now you wonder what's behind those smiles — and what lies behind those crowds," said Lt. Col. Michael Belcher of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. "It's tough to win over their hearts and minds now, when you have to hold them at arm's length."

But official military line was that this was all to be expected. "This is not a videogame, where everything is clear and neat and tidy," said Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt, a spokesman for British forces in the Persian Gulf. "Some enemy who feel that they want to carry on fighting will inevitably do so. We have contingency plans for this."

In Basra, those plans include encircling the city in a kind of loose siege. Civilians are allowed to come and go, after they are searched for weapons.

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Saddam rallies with propaganda

The Washington Post

A survivor of two major wars and numerous assassination attempts, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is following a well-thought-out strategy for extracting a political and propaganda victory from almost certain military defeat, according to U.S. and Iraqi analysts.

Despite five days of massive American air attacks, and a ground invasion that's brought U.S.-led forces to within 100 miles of Baghdad, Saddam has chalked up some significant successes. His government didn't instantly collapse, and, contrary to some expectations, no major Iraqi cities have yet fallen to the invader. Saddam loyalists are using guerrilla tactics to harass the enemy at every opportunity. And despite being targeted by dozens of U.S. cruise missiles on the opening night of the war, Saddam himself has appeared on television, broadcasting defiant speeches to the Iraqi people.

Over the long run, there seems little doubt that Saddam is doomed, along with the vast security establishment that has kept him in power for the last three



Iraq President Saddam Hussein delivers an address in this image from video released on Monday morning by Iraqi TV.

decades. The key questions are how long he can resist the American juggernaut, and the costs he can impose on the United States for daring to invade Iraq.

"He must realize he is going to lose militarily," said Joseph Wilson, a former U.S. charge d'affaires in Baghdad and the last

U.S. official to meet with Saddam, following his invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. "But every day he succeeds in juxtaposing images of American cruise missiles blowing up Baghdad with pictures of Iraqi farmers shooting down Apache helicopters, he wins the battle for the hearts and minds of 250 million Arabs."

Entering Baghdad could be hardest part

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.-led invading forces are closing in on the hardest part of the Iraq war.

This is when they come up against Saddam Hussein's best troops, his Republican Guard.

This is the time, as the Iraqi president and his associates feel the noose tighten, that some say Saddam would be most likely to lash out with chemical weapons.

This is when foreign forces could be drawn into potentially the bloodiest combat: urban combat on the streets of Baghdad.

But first comes the crucial phase of dealing with Baghdad.

"It looks like it's going to be messy," said military analyst Francis B. of GlobalSecurity.org.

Preparing for the way the 3rd Infantry Division advancing rapidly northward, coalition aircraft stepped up air strikes Monday against Republican Guard positions at the capital's southernmost outskirts.

Administration sources had said that as of Saturday, Republican Guard formations were holding around the capital, with no reported surrenders or defections.

Strikes during the weekend and on Monday destroyed equipment and inflicted casualties among the defenders, Pentagon officials said, but they would give no details.

Still, troops should be prepared to fight for Baghdad, said Loren Thompson, analyst with the Lexington Institute, especially considering how the U.S. and British advance has gone so far.

Thompson noted that war planners had hoped that months of flooding wide areas of Iraq with millions of leaflets would prompt massive surrenders among Iraqi troops and encourage a popular uprising among civilians. Neither event occurred, and some Iraqi forces have fought tenaciously.

Even so, Thompson said he

expects the divisions posted on Baghdad's southern approaches to be substantially defeated by Wednesday or Thursday.

"The 3rd ID will either drive right into Baghdad or it will pause on the outskirts, depending on what intelligence shows about the resistance," Thompson said of the U.S. infantry division. "If they are facing signs of resistance, the city is going to take a bigger pounding from the air power than we've seen so far."

Among other forces remaining loyal to Saddam are the Fedayeen Saddam — Saddam's marines — who could number up to 40,000. Saddam's most trusted militia, the Fedayeen have infiltrated regular Iraqi army units, telling them to "fight or be shot in the back," Pentagon Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters when asked to explain the smaller than expected number of surrenders.

Gas tank explodes outside U.S. Navy base in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A propane gas tank was ignited by protesters outside the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet base in Bahrain Monday night, and the resulting explosion shattered nearby windows but injured no one, officials said.

At the Pentagon, a senior military official said protesters ignited the tank about a quarter-to-a-half-mile from the base.

A Bahraini Interior Ministry official said the 9:45 p.m. blast involved a cooking gas canister placed inside a trash can outside a compound housing mostly Navy personnel.

There was no fire and no sign of demonstrators. "Death to Israel" was scrawled on a wall opposite the compound, but it was unclear how long the graffiti was there.

Protesters clashed with riot police outside the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain for three days after

the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq began, throwing stones, exploding gas canisters and setting tires ablaze. But there were no demonstrations Monday.

The U.S. and British embassies remained closed, however, because of security concerns.

The government long has rejected public calls for the U.S. military to leave, saying America is a friendly country.

The explosion occurred outside a compound housing Americans across the street from the base. Windows were broken in several villas inside the compound.

Some 4,000 U.S. military personnel are attached to the base.

A forensic team was combing the area, littered with trash and scattered debris, and police blocked off the site.

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America at war

Early tab on war: \$74.7B

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is expected to ask Congress for \$74.7 billion to pay for the war with Iraq, assuming a month of combat, and for strengthening counterterrorism efforts at home, lawmakers and aides said Monday.

The money measure, which the president planned to discuss with congressional leaders he invited to the White House, was dominated by \$62.6 billion for the Department of Defense. It presumed the military effort to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would take 30 days, aides said.

The request was also expected to include \$4.2 billion for domestic security, chiefly for police and other so-called first responders. And it was to contain \$7.8 billion for aid to Israel, Afghanistan and other U.S. allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq and for rebuilding the country, and money to increase security for American diplomats.

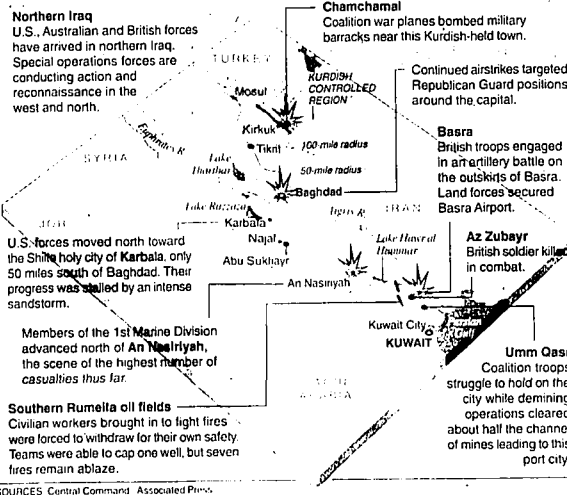
At Monday's meeting, Bush was expected to ask congressional leaders to send him a completed version of the bill by April 11, when lawmakers are to begin their Easter recess.

Though lawmakers are eager to demonstrate their support for U.S. troops, Democrats and many Republicans are expected to have problems with parts of the proposal.

Of the \$62.6 billion for the Defense Department, the administration is proposing setting aside \$59.9 billion in an emergency reserve fund that the Pentagon could largely spend with limited input from Congress, said Democrats who said they were familiar with a preliminary version of the proposal.

Iraqi resistance slows coalition advance

American-led forces have advanced to within 50 miles of Baghdad, with emphasis on air attacks on Republican Guard units guarding the capital. Heavy fighting continued in the south amid strong Iraqi resistance.



Liberation anticipation fades for some soldiers

ON THE ROAD TO BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The U.S. Marines, M-16s pointed, forced the Iraqi men out of their vehicle, questioned them, and shoved them down onto the rocky sand - shoving their tires first to ensure they wouldn't tail a convoy again any time soon.

After the hoped-for popular welcome in Iraq turned out to be deadly ambushes by ruse, U.S. forces heightened their vigilance Monday of a people they hoped to win over.

"It felt great when we came in, with the crowds waiting and smiling. Now you wonder what's behind those smiles - and what lies behind those crowds," said Lt. Col. Michael Belcher of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

"It's tough to win over their hearts and minds now, when you have to hold them at arm's length," Belcher said.

His men dealt with the three Iraqis - suspected ex-Iraqi soldiers, holding suspected Iraqi military goods.

In two cases Sunday near An Nasiriyah, Iraqi forces deceived Americans into believing they were surrendering or welcoming them.

U.S. officials said one Iraqi unit indicated it was giving up, but as the Marines approached, the Iraqis opened fire, killing nine Americans. U.S. military sources said about 40 were wounded.

Another ambush in An Nasiriyah, in which 12 soldiers were listed as missing, may have involved a surrender situation, U.S. officials said.

U.S. forces have been skirting cities and towns as they push toward Baghdad. On Monday, residents of the border town, Safwan - one of the few towns directly taken by U.S. forces - stoned the passing military convoy.

With resistance tougher than expected, there have been no joyous scenes of liberated towns as there were in Kuwait in the 1991 Gulf War.

"When you're at war in someone's homeland, it's a different story," said another Marine of the 1st Marine Division, a Gulf War veteran digesting word about the ambush and killings.

"Last time everyone was happy to see us. We were heroes. We won and we went home," said the Marine, whose car pulled away before he could give his name.

This time the few sightings U.S. forces have of Iraqis in the desolate, little-populated impoverished south are of Iraqi deserters.

Protests include clash with police in Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - Anti-war demonstrators clashed with police outside the U.S. consulate in Hamburg and peace rallies emptied schools across Italy on Monday in a fresh swell of protests against the war in Iraq.

In Australia, Prime Minister John Howard said he would support the war.

Hamburg police turned water cannons on protesters, including middle and high school students, outside the U.S. consulate in the northern port city Monday.

Police said a group of Palestinians and Kurds armed with wooden sticks, stones and bottles joined about 8,000 students who had been protesting peacefully outside of the building, and then began attacking officers. Police arrested 21 protesters. Several protesters and three officers were injured.

In Italy, thousands of teachers and students took the day off to march peacefully through Rome, Milan, Turin, Venice, Bologna, Naples and Palermo.

Demonstrations in Australia, Thailand, Indonesia and Bangladesh were smaller and less intense than previous protests, but activists across Asia said a new wave of rallies was being planned.

"Hatred against America is increasing," said Shahid Shamsi, spokesman for the United Action Forum, a hardline Islamic group in Pakistan, where an estimated 100,000 people marched through the city of Lahore on Sunday.

In Bangkok, 1,000 farmers protested against the war Monday. Thailand's Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, said global opposition "will make the Americans end the war as soon as possible. This war will not be prolonged."

In Auckland, New Zealand, a Roman Catholic priest and another man said they used their own blood to make a 3-foot-long cross on the carpet of the U.S. Consul's office after they made an appointment to see the diplomat, purportedly to read him an anti-war statement.

Howard, the Australian prime minister, was repeatedly heckled and abused from the public gallery inside Parliament in the capital, Canberra, while police outside pushed back hundreds of demonstrators protesting Australia's combat role in Iraq.

Officers linked arms and formed a line that stopped protesters from entering the legislature. Security guards formed a second line behind its closed entrances.

In mainly Muslim Bangladesh, officials told foreign diplomats to seek police escorts whenever they leave their compounds after a string of anti-war protests.

There have been no reports of violence directed toward diplomats so far. About 1,000 students protested Monday and riot police stopped dozens of women from marching on the U.S. Embassy. Security has been tightened ahead of more demonstrations expected this week.



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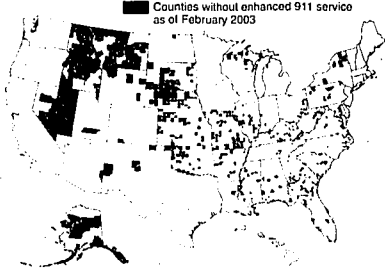
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More than 400 counties have only minimal emergency calling capabilities, according to the National Emergency Number Association.



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Some areas of U.S. still lack emergency number

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When her 85-year-old father became ill, Brenda Campbell grabbed a telephone book and looked up the number for a local ambulance service. For her, dialing 911 wasn't an option.

"We just don't bother," said Campbell, who didn't want to be routed to emergency dispatchers up to 100 miles away. "It's quicker to look up the number you need."

Despite a mandate from Congress that residents of every community have 911 service by last November, more than 400 U.S. counties have minimal emergency calling capability, according to the National Emergency Number Association.

That means thousands of Americans do not have quick access to police or paramedics, said Roger Hixson, an official with the organization that promotes improvements to America's 911 system.

"It's an issue of public and personal safety," Hixson said. "It also now is a growing issue for homeland security. The eyes and ears of the public are the first to recognize something unusual."

While small towns like Barbourville in southeastern Kentucky struggle with basic 911 service, more prosperous communities have spruced up their systems. Some can even pinpoint cell phone callers who need help.

For smaller counties, the Federal Communications Commission requires telephone

companies to ensure that 911 calls are answered by emergency dispatchers, even if those dispatchers are in a neighboring county or beyond. That's an improvement from when dialing 911 resulted in a busy signal or a recording, but far from ideal.

Hixson's organization found the largest number of underserved counties in Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota. All had at least 25 counties with minimal 911 service or no service, according to surveys done last year.

"Some localities don't have the financial wherewithal to do it," Hixson said. "Most that don't are rural, don't have a large population and may have trouble covering the expense of a police force, let alone a 911 center."

Dialing 911 in Barbourville leads to a brief recording before the call is transferred to an emergency center 100 miles away in Winchester. There, dispatchers can alert the Kentucky State Police, who would then call local police, firefighters or ambulance service personnel.

Like everyone else in Knox County, Campbell has been paying a \$1.25 telephone tax for the past five years to cover the cost of a 911 emergency call center. But she isn't sure she can get help quickly if her father, who is bedridden with heart problems, needs an ambulance again.

"We're paying for 911," she said. "We've been paying for years. We should have it."

Attorney bases appeal on abuse of client

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inexperienced lawyers badly botched a death penalty case by failing to investigate horrific abuse their client suffered as a child, his new lawyer told the Supreme Court on Monday.

The jury that sentenced Kevin Wiggins to death never heard that he was repeatedly raped, beaten and denied food, or that his mother burned his hands on

the stove as punishment. If jurors knew the ghastly details, they might well have chosen a life sentence for Wiggins, his lawyer argued.

"They dropped the ball," lawyer Donald Verrilli told the justices during an oral argument marked by sympathetic questioning by several justices.

Wiggins' case gives the high court perhaps its clearest recent

opportunity to set some standards for lawyers who take on death penalty cases. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg have publicly expressed qualms about the quality of legal help available to many people accused of murder, but the court has sided with prosecutors in its two most recent cases dealing with the subject.

Opponents of the death penal-

ty frequently lament the uneven performances of overworked or green lawyers appointed to represent poor people facing a possible death sentence. In Wiggins' case, even some death penalty supporters agree.

A group of current and former prosecutors, including former Attorney General Janet Reno, sided with Wiggins in a friend-of-the-court filing.

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EDITORIAL

To retain good teachers, pay a premium for them

Years ago, the late Idaho House Speaker Tom Stivers received a letter from a disgruntled teacher. The educator wrote to tell the conservative Twin Falls lawmaker she was leaving the state, because the Legislature was stingy toward education.

His reply: "Dear Mary: Goodbye! Sincerely, T.W. Stivers."

Idaho once again is hearing the assertion that low pay is driving teachers away. A highway billboard outside Twin Falls, paid for by local educators, asks the last departing teacher to "please erase the chalkboard."

Yet, when legislators proposed changing education's archaic pay system — so that teachers who excel can earn more — the education lobby promptly rejected the idea.

Rep. Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, is sponsoring HB 359, which would let school districts reward teachers for improved student performance. The Idaho Education Association, the state's teachers union, fiercely opposes it.

Teachers long have argued they are professionals and should be treated as such. But most professionals, whether doctors, lawyers or accountants, earn varying incomes based on their ability and ambition. Top performers earn a lot more than average practitioners.

Why not give good teachers a similar opportunity?

Darrell Deide, a former Nampa school superintendent who advises the governor on education, correctly contends, "We need to move away from a

system that only pays teachers by how many credits they earn and how many years they teach. The single-salary concept we have in place is flawed."

Such notions alarm the teachers union. By encouraging uniformity, the union mentality traps teachers in a system that rewards longevity rather than achievement.

Despite that system, Idaho teacher salaries have risen briskly — 41 percent in the 1990s. Today the average teacher's salary hovers above \$37,000 for nine months of work.

Our view: A performance-based pay structure is the best way to retain Idaho's best teachers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

surging each state's teacher pay against per-capita personal income, ranked Idaho 12th.

State employees will not get a raise this year, and the rest of us will pay higher taxes. But most teachers will see their incomes rise — whether by gaining seniority, by taking more college credits, or by capitalizing on education grants.

These facts are known to Idaho political leaders, the business community and most citizens. The complaint that Idaho is cheap on education is simply union propaganda.

Retaining good teachers certainly is an important priority. But a smart employer focuses retention efforts on employees who excel.

The best way to keep Idaho's best teachers is to identify and reward outstanding achievement. Roberts' bill is an attempt to do that, and teachers should give the idea a chance.

Dems stumble over war ground

They hated Richard Nixon, and no wonder. It was Nixon who sent Alger Hiss to jail, and Nixon who waged the Vietnam War after the Democrats gave up.

They hated Ronald Reagan, and for good reason. In the 1970s, the liberal wing of the Democratic Party came closer to unfettered power than at any time since the 1930s — until that actor snatched it all away.

They hated Newt Gingrich too, and once more, no surprise. It was Gingrich who thwarted Hillarycare, Gingrich who broke the Democratic hold on Capitol Hill.

Now the Democrats hate George W. Bush — and that makes no sense at all. Has there ever been a president who worked harder than Bush to conciliate and befriended his opponents? He appointed a Democrat, Norman Mineta, to his Cabinet, and put another Democrat, John Dillinger, in charge of his signature faith-based initiative. He signed a bill that affixed Robert Kennedy's name to the Justice Department building, renominated Clinton judges whose nominations had lapsed when President Clinton's term ended, compromised his education bill to accommodate Democratic ideas, and rarely, if ever, criticized any Democratic official.

Yet all this symbolic and substantive bipartisanship has done Bush no good. Joe Lieberman, the would-be Mr. Nice Guy of American politics, said in December that Bush had made Washington "more partisan" than ever before. Bush, the Washington Post's E.J. Dionne reported in January, "has become a deeply polarizing figure, winning near-universal support within his own party while sowing deep resentment in the opposition."

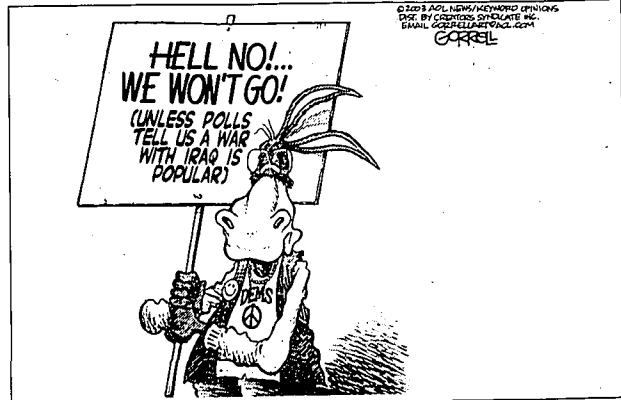
"Resentment" isn't the half of it. In a Feb. 12 speech on the Senate floor, West Virginia Sen. Robert Byrd damned Bush as "reckless and arrogant."

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In December, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry accused Bush of "making a conscious decision to dominate the discussion with Iraq" in order to divert attention from the nation's economic difficulties. Ted Kennedy — whom Bush courted and lavishly praised in 2001 — on March 4 accused Bush of rushing into an "unnecessary war."

As Kennedy's words suggest, leading Democrats are now stepping beyond criticism to lend aid and comfort to the antiwar movement in the United States and Europe. By adopting the movement's rhetoric, they blur the distinction between the mainstream Democratic Party and the far left.

It's important to understand that today's antiwar movement is a very different beast — more ambitious and more sinister — than the antiwar movement of the 1960s.

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Kerry, John Edwards and Richard Gephardt all cast pro-war votes in October, but on the hustings in Iowa and New Hampshire, antiwar candidate Howard Dean has mocked them for "voting in favor of the resolution and then coming out here and kind of pretending in Iowa (they are) against the war."

When Dean talks like that, his cowardice is inviting some ugly forces in the United States into their party — and into American public life.

In their hatred of Bush, they are forgetting who their country's real enemies are. In their eagerness to win the next election, they are offering political cover to the people who want the United States to lose the war on terror.

It is a scandal and a shame — and it seems that it is too late for them to turn back.

David Fram, a contributing editor to National Review and a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, is the author of "The Right Man: The Surprise Presidency of George W. Bush."

LETTERS

First Amendment works for Christian beliefs as well

In recent letters and articles, we Christians have been portrayed as bigoted or very narrow-minded. Let me explain our Christian duty as I see it, and this is my belief.

We are to support our president and our government. To speak out against sin in our community and this includes all the ones God has listed, including the homosexual agenda toward our children in our schools, our failing public schools based on secular ideologies, and the murder of our future Americans and neighbors through abortion. We are bound by Christ to stand up for righteousness in America. Yes! This country was founded by people who believed just like I do, but more importantly, our future depends on a few vocal minorities not being able to silence the one voice this nation needs most of all, the Christian voice.

Hate legislation will do just that. Make it a crime for Christians to speak out or read from the Bible. The 9th Circuit Court is a good case for just how maimed the courts have become due to liberal pressures. The Christian voice was the first voice in the entire world to speak against slavery. It was William Wilberforce. The born-again believers in the northern churches thundered from their pulpits that slavery must end. The very first universities in this country were founded by Christians for the advancement of Christ and his kingdom. I wonder if any of this sounds new to Mr. Nutter over at the College of Southern Idaho where he studies.

If I am offending anyone with these words, I do apologize. I am glad we still have a newspaper that will stand to block any attempt to stop Christians from speaking out against wrong. The First Amendment is for everyone in this country.

JERRY HUGHES DeLo
(Editor's note: Jerry Hughes is the law pastor at Christ Our King Fellowship in DeLo.)

Those who serve know the risks of war

To Jessi Boyer: I'm so happy that you are using your freedom to speak your mind on war. After reading your letter to the editor on March 20, I pondered for a moment to reflect just why you have that freedom of speech!

Your wonderful government teacher was correct in conveying to you that our government is of the people, by the people and for the people. We select our leaders through voting. It is OK that not everyone thinks and feels the same way. However, enough people did vote to put our current leader into office. Even though we disagree about some of the policies he upholds, you should have enough faith that our government will still work.

I gather by your letter that you were born later than 1991 when we had the Gulf War, so you said that your generation has never seen fighting. At the time, I was a military spouse and my husband was serving in that campaign.

Although we (our families) didn't like the fact that he was gone and we did not hear from him or know of his exact location, we knew why he was there. One of the casualties of the Gulf War was a

cousin that was serving our country in Operation Desert Storm. I know he was aware of why he was there.

War is not pleasant by any means. It does and will create some casualties and maiming. However, I believe that the kids that go to war now know exactly what they are fighting and dying for. The draft has not happened since Vietnam. If it did happen now, I would hope that those who would be drafted would be educated enough to know why they are being drafted and come to realize that the purpose of their selection for compulsory military service would be for defending the American freedoms that we now enjoy.

I am so glad that the rest of you will "happily endure our constitutional rights as Americans." But I ask you to remember those who now sacrifice so much and those who have gone before us to sacrifice their blood, sweat and yes, even their lives so that you might enjoy those rights.

Know this: Freedom is not free! What price would you be willing to pay for your freedom?

WENDY COFFMAN
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Wendy Coffman is currently serving in the U.S. Navy Reserves.)

New center will help the developmentally delayed

This letter is regarding Angel's Haven, a residence for the developmentally delayed that will be opening at 510 E. 111 S. in Burley. Several residents of the Riverside, Springdale Acres and Garrard subdivisions are strongly opposed to allowing the develop-

mentally delayed to reside in "their" area. I was very disappointed when I read the list of the people who are opposed. Some of these people are professionals who have worked with our developmentally delayed children and adults. The assumption that these residents will be potentially harmful to you or your children or the assumption that all developmentally delayed persons are sex offenders really offends me.

Those of you who consider yourselves so smart should have had the intelligence to find out who would be residing there and how the facility would be run before you signed your name to a letter of opposition. Obviously, you are totally ignorant to the whole thing.

Twenty-one years ago, the Lord blessed me with a developmentally delayed child. He is the kindest, non-judgmental, loving individual you could ever know. He would never dream of judging you or, worse than that, shunning you from his neighborhood. To my son, everyone deserves a chance and his friendship. I would almost be afraid to put him among you people who think you have such a perfect little world. But by the grace of God, this could be your child, grandchild, brother or sister who just wants an opportunity to go out on his own. How can you allow your ignorance and judgmental attitude to take this away from them?

My suggestion to you is to spend some time with these students and educate yourselves. You may learn something such as that there is another world out there besides yours.

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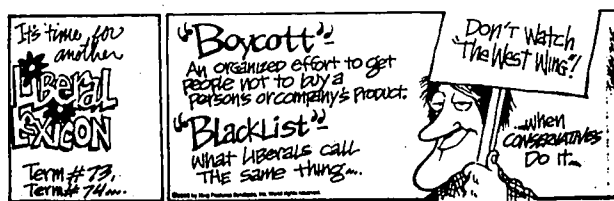
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Suspicion is in the very air

The sign above the highway leading into the nation's capital advised motorists to "Report Suspicious Activity" and gave an 800 number for the Office of Homeland Security. As a reporter, I figured this was right up my alley and set out Sunday to report on things that struck me as suspicious.

For instance, near the Jefferson Memorial, I saw a five-foot-tall metal box that was hooked up to an electrical outlet and equipped with a high-tech antenna and chrome-dome receptor. What was it?

I asked a couple of National Park Service workers and some Cherry Blossom Festival organizers whose tent was set up next to the thing if they knew. Little did I know that my inquiry would become a suspicious activity in itself.

"We hear you've been asking curious questions," U.S. Park Police officer Michael Ramirez said as he and fellow officer Karl Spilde approached me from behind a blossom-cherry tree. "Why are you doing that?"

Both officers carried 9mm semiautomatic pistols, Mace and batons.

Perhaps because I had just left the Jefferson Memorial, where I'd read a few lines about "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and "all men are created equal," I felt bold enough to pose a question of my own: "Why are you asking me that?"

What I really wanted to know was why my questions about the box had made me suspect. Or was it that an African American - whom someone may have mistaken for a Middle Easterner - was asking them?

The only way to get to the bottom of this, I thought, was to ask more questions. "Let me see your ID," Spilde said.

"Why?" I asked. "Wrong response." "Call for backup," Spilde eventually told Ramirez as he seized my notebook and pen and began to search me. Was I being arrested. I asked before turning over my driver's license.

Eight officers responded to the call for backup. One told me that, legally, I was not being

COURTLAND MILLOY

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arrested, just subject to "investigative detention." Said Sgt. R.J. Steinheimer, "There have been reports of suspicious activity regarding you." "By whom?" I asked. "Can't tell you that," he replied. "What kind of suspicious activity?" I asked.

"Apparently you have been showing interest in equipment on the grounds, making notes, that sort of thing," he said. "Are you interested in talking to us about what you're doing?"

I could have told him right then that I was a journalist. But I figured that any citizen should be able to ask a couple of questions without being detained as a suspicious person. I told him that I simply wanted to know what kind of machine it was.

"Are you aware of the current threat level?" Officer J. Keyser asked.

I told him I was. The United States had, after all, just launched an attack on Iraq knowing that it would increase the chances of terrorist attacks at home. But that didn't explain why I was being associated with Code Orange.

Officer E. Sinkeldam asked if I'd seen the ABC-TV piece on "20/20" about how "al-Qaida operatives had posed as tourists and had used their video cameras for surveillance before 9/11. In this heightened state of alert," he explained, "if anyone shows a particular interest in something, we get suspicious."

I pointed out that people all around us were using video cameras and cameras of all kinds to photograph who knows what. Even knowing I'd never get a straight answer, I pointedly asked whether I had been detained because I was African American or whether I looked Middle Eastern. The officers just smiled wryly. A Park Police detective would later say that "a tourist" had reported me to police. As soon as I heard that, I knew which one it was. I recalled that as I began photographing the metal box, a woman pulled out her cell phone and began keeping a not-so-discreet eye on me.

After an hour and a half, when word finally got around that I was a writer for The Washington Post, the atmosphere lightened up considerably. The officers even answered my question about that contraption: It was simply an air quality testing device.

And as if to let me know that we were all on the same side now, Officer Keyser asked, "Have you noticed any suspicious activity in the area?"

Courtland Milloy is a columnist for The Washington Post.

Give French fries a Gem State flavor

I would like to make a suggestion. Let us rename French fries to Idaho fries. **ARDITH LAND** Burley

Students deserve input on 4-by-4 schedule

This subject has been bothering some of my peers and teachers and myself. My name is Rachel Ashby and I'm an eighth-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High.

As I will be at the high school during the 4-by-4 block schedule, I've been worried. As I was out of town for the meeting about this subject, I may not know everything, but here are some of my concerns.

Depending on the subject, I've trouble remembering things over long breaks. Do you expect me to learn a subject, not use it for a quarter - maybe two - and then test on it? I'm usually a straight-A student, and I feel that with this schedule, my grades will drop.

I'm also a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I want to take seminary in high school. How will this schedule affect that?

For music, I sing in the Bel Canto Choir and play the saxophone in band. I'm planning on continuing music classes. This schedule affects music classes.

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most of all - especially if you want a schedule change.

In school, we have discussed this, and many of us feel that the 4-by-4 block schedule is not the answer to the problem. I feel, though, that a block schedule like the ones and Robert Stuart and O'Leary Junior highs will work.

Before, concerns were expressed about how eight classes would overwhelm the students. At the junior highs, we take the same eight classes all year - four one day, four the next. I personally do not get overwhelmed and many of my classmates and I use the extra day for homework.

Another block schedule that has been discussed at Stuart has

been four classes on Monday and Wednesday, the other four on Tuesday and Thursday, and all of them on Friday.

As for the problem with credits, you need 44 to graduate. That's 11 credits a year, if you count ninth grade. If at least four classes have at least two credits, then you're good to go. This is the opinion of many people at Robert Stuart, and I would like to suggest that before you make any decisions, you ask not only the students and faculty at the high school who this will affect but also the students and faculty at the junior high schools. After all, this schedule change will affect us too.

RACHEL ASHBY
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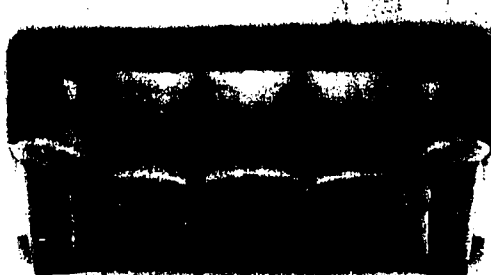
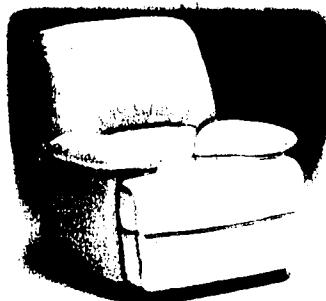
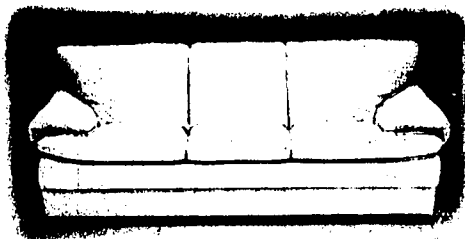
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CSI offers mosquito abatement seminar

TWIN FALLS - A workshop today for local municipalities interested in developing mosquito abatement districts will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bob Hays, the Urban Pesticide Program coordinator for the Idaho Department of Agriculture, said the workshop is being offered for communities interested in controlling mosquitoes because of West Nile virus.

Communities must establish mosquito abatement districts before they can spray mosquitoes, he said. This requires public votes. If the virus is detected locally, public health officials can declare an emergency and spray the bugs. But the most effective control measure is spraying mosquito larvae before the virus is spread.

Idaho has about a dozen active abatement districts, Hays said. Fairfield is the only community in this region with a district.

Agency plans radioactive waste hearing tonight

TWIN FALLS - An open house and public hearing will be held tonight about a U.S. Department of Energy plan to prepare nearly 1 million gallons of radioactive waste for shipment out of Idaho for permanent disposal.

The meeting will be held at the College of Southern Idaho in Room 277 of the Taylor Building. The open house runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A formal presentation and public hearing will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The Energy Department's plan involves radioactive sludge remaining in underground tanks at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. The tanks are situated above the eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

For more information, contact Alan Jones at the Energy Department's Idaho Operations Office in Idaho Falls, 208-526-7524 or jones@id.eoe.gov. Details also can be found at the state of Idaho's INEEL Oversight program online at <http://www.oversight.state.id.us/waste/highlevelwaste>.

Jerome wins awards for 'best drinking water'

JEROME - The Jerome Public Works Department's water division collected three of four possible awards at this year's Idaho Rural Water Association annual conference.

For the second time in three years, the city won this group's prestigious "Best Drinking Water Contest" award. The city once again will participate in the national drinking water competition at the National Rural Water Association Conference in April in Washington, D.C.

"We take pride in our city and our water system. Without clean drinking water, a community cannot exist," said Robert Culver, public works director. "The city has made significant improvements to its water system and will continue to provide the best water in Idaho to its citizens and businesses."

Culver said this award honors the hard work and dedication of all those who work in the city's public works and engineering departments.

Additionally, the group awarded Culver the Manager of the Year award and Walt Appell, a senior public works technician, the Operator of the Year award.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	90%	81%
Salmon Falls	55%	53%
Salmon	88%	86%
Oakley	49%	50%
Big Wood	89%	80%
Little Wood	92%	85%
Henry's Fork/Teton	78%	72%
Big Lost	87%	78%
Little Lost	72%	73%

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

Council settles on centennial funds

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Boosters of Twin Falls' centennial might have to look toward more corporate sponsorships or donated services to cover some of the expenses they hoped the city would fund, members of the City Council said Monday.

With Mayor Lance Clow absent, the council voted unanimously to give the Centennial Commission \$80,000 through monthly payments of \$4,000. The Centennial Commission recently asked the city for \$100,000 in payments of \$5,000.

The council's finance committee last week looked into the request and took issue with a \$1,000-a-month item listed as

"unallocated funds."

That item should have been listed in more detail, said Bonnie Lezama, the Centennial Commission's executive director. It's meant to cover such expenses as advertising and clerical services, she said.

Even so, \$80,000 is probably as much as the city can afford to give, said Chris Talkington and other members of the council.

Because the council can authorize payments only for one fiscal year, the issue might have to be revisited when the new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Centennial boosters have said the bulk of the estimated \$1 million price tag for next year's special events and projects is being covered by corporate sponsorships.

In another matter, the council heard from Western Days Committee member Carol Pfeiffer about plan's for this year's events.

Negotiations are under way to book Paul Revere and the Raiders for a free concert in Twin Falls City Park on May 31, Pfeiffer said. A balloon rally - featuring six hot air balloons and based at the College of Southern Idaho - is also being negotiated, she said.

A project to rebuild the intersection of Shoshone Street and Main Avenue should be done in time to avoid interference with the Western Days Parade on May 31, City Engineer Gary Young said.

Other council business included:

• Exchange - The council approved a right-of-way exchange with private

landowners for property at 193 Eastland Drive. The exchange clears the way for a possible widening of the road there - a project that would cost about \$90,000.

• Appointments - Gena Anderson and Pat Doudley were appointed to the parks and recreation commission, and Art Farnitz to the airport advisory board.

• Donation - The council authorized the Twin Falls Police Department to donate some of its older equipment to other departments. Some of the equipment includes radios, bullet-resistant vests and a bomb suit.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-4218 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com

READY, AIM, FIRE



Drew Glascock, the spray department manager for Kimberly Nurseries, sprays dormant oil on a tree in Twin Falls. Because of the mild winter, local companies are spraying trees and lawns now to prevent wood borers and other insects from devouring landscaping.

Business property tax break clears panel

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Senate tax committee on Monday endorsed legislation providing property tax relief for financially troubled companies still investing in new equipment.

The approval of the House-passed bill by the Local Government and Taxation Committee cleared the way for a final legislative vote.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Butley said the tax break would provide a little relief to businesses struggling to make it through the economic downturn and offer a modest incentive to draw businesses from other states.

Sponsored by the House Republican leadership, the bill permits a company to take a two-year property tax exemption on the value of their equipment investment rather than a credit against their state income tax liability.

The option is available only to businesses that posted losses the year before their investment and therefore have no income tax liability to use any credit against.

The two-year property tax exemption would cost local governments and school districts about \$7 million annually, about the same as it businesses took the income tax credit.

Local governments and school districts questioned how the property tax break would work and the shift it would cause to other property owners. They also suggested any tax break should expire in two or three years.

But Steve Ahrens of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry called those problems "a small price to pay for economic development."

The Associated Taxpayers of Idaho estimated that the property tax break would be taken on about \$500 million in equipment investment annually.

Some of Kerry's opponents have been researching his past endorsements of public financing and tough campaign finance laws in an effort to make a decision to privately finance his bid and reject public money as politically costly as possible. And strategists aligned with other campaigns have already been testing wisecracks over Teresa Heinz Kerry's money.

Earlier this year, for example, Please see FORTUNE, Page B3

Presidential hopeful won't spend fortune

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., has effectively ruled out using any significant part of a family fortune estimated at \$550 million in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The senator's wife, part-time Blaine County resident Teresa Heinz Kerry, inherited the fortune from her first husband, Sen. H. John Heinz III, R-Pa., after he died in a plane crash in 1991. Kerry and Heinz - who own a home near Ketchikan - were married four years later. Her money has given Kerry, at least on paper, a potentially huge advantage in financing his campaigns.

"It would be a contradiction," Kerry said in an interview. "I said to people long ago, and I held to this during my Senate campaign: I came to politics based on my own initiative and my own effort to raise money, and that's the way I want to finish my life in politics. Teresa's

money is Teresa's money, and I've declaratorily stated that."

Teresa Heinz made a number of relatively small contributions to Democratic state legislative candidates in Idaho last year.

Kerry's stand is a setback to Democratic strategists who have been privately arguing that Kerry should reject public financing of his campaign and the roughly \$45 million spending limit that goes with it in order to be free to raise and spend unlimited amounts through the Democratic National Convention, assuming he is the party's nominee. These strategists argue that a candidate bound by the \$45 million spending limit will be crushed by President Bush, who is expected

to reject public money and raise as much as \$250 million during the same period.

Once formally chosen at the July 2004 convention, the Democratic nominee is eligible for about \$75 million in general election public subsidies.

A fear shared by many Democrats is that a candidate bound by the limit could well spend close to the \$45 million by the end of February, when the nomination could be decided, and then face March, April, May, June and the first half of July with no cash while Bush blankets the airwaves with commercials. Three years ago, Bush was the first presidential candidate to reject public funds and win his party's nomination, raising a record \$101 million.



Sen. John Kerry
Seeks presidential nomination

Cassia ranchers protest grazing cuts

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - While Cassia County ranchers don't like grazing reductions, a U.S. Forest Service ranger said he could cut deeper.

The Forest Service has called for all permittees to reduce the cattle grazing in the Minidoka Ranger District by 20 percent this season and move cattle off allotments 15 days earlier than in past years.

"It was a shock to me," rancher Jay Black said at the Cassia County Commission meeting Monday. The reduction is the most drastic Black has seen.

The reductions are necessary to "try to prevent a train wreck somewhere down the road,"

Minidoka District Forest Ranger Scott Nannenga said.

The grazing restrictions mandated by the Forest Service are not large in light of the severity of the drought, Nannenga said. Water data show a need to cut grazing, perhaps as much as 50 percent, he said.

The cuts might be premature, rancher Brent Jones said. There is still time for rain.

Even if it does rain this summer, the area will still be in a drought, Nannenga said. Above-average precipitation for the next nine months is needed "to even get back where we are supposed to be," he said. And weather experts are not predicting torrential downpours.

Commissioner Paul Christensen encouraged

Nannenga to do site-specific analysis wherever possible to maximize the number of cows allowed on forest land.

"If there is a resource there, we don't want to see it wasted," Christensen said.

The Forest Service could help ranchers by allowing them to divvy up the 20 percent reduction among themselves, Jones said. Some members of the Elba Cattle and Horsemen Association are willing to make reductions beyond the mandated 20 percent, while some can afford to reduce their herds by only 10 percent, Jones said.

Nannenga said he would be happy to let the ranchers negotiate the details as long as the total number of cows on Forest

Please see CASSIA, Page B3

Minidoka County questions exit wetland designation

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County commissioners want to discuss the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' wetland designation on county-owned property at Interstate 84's exit 208.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollor will send a letter to corps officials asking for a discussion about whether the wetlands designation is correct.

The letter refers to a court case which questioned a wetlands designation. In that instance, it was determined that the application of the Clean Water Act is limited when waters are "intrastate and

non-navigable in certain applications."

The pond at exit 208 is isolated and non-navigable, Bollor wrote in his letter.

The letter also asks for a description of the specific area characterized as the wetland.

Also concerning exit 208, Bollor told commissioners the county needs to send another letter to Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials confirming plans for improvements at the exit.

Other commission business included:

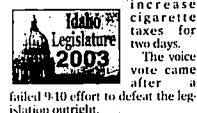
• Extension number - County extension educator Donna Gillespie said all horticultural

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Panel delays cigarette tax vote

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Monday voted to delay consideration of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to increase cigarette taxes for two days.



The voice vote came after a failed 9-10 effort to defeat the legislation outright.

The Legislature and the governor's office have been locked in a stalemate on how to raise about \$100 million to balance next year's budget. Kempthorne's main idea—raising the sales tax by 1.5 cents—was rejected by the same committee last Friday.

Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of staff, told the panel that the 34-cent per-pack increase will raise \$287 million for the state's general fund.

House Majority Floor Leader Lawrence Denney moved first to have the committee sit on the bill.

"The cigarette tax may be a part of one solution, but this bill will not address black market and Internet sales," Denney said.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb is expected to present a full menu of revenue-raising choices to the Republican caucus this week. Members will likely discuss the options in a closed-door session.

Tobacco retailers and wholesalers were the strongest opponents of Monday's legislation.

Amber Halverson, a Post Falls

retailer, said higher cigarette taxes would chase customers to tax-free Indian reservations or Internet sites.

Some of the store's 40 employees would undoubtedly find themselves out of work if cigarette sales decreased, Halverson said.

"We'll lose a lot of jobs. And in north Idaho, we don't have a whole lot of jobs," she said.

Tobacco lobbyist Bill Roden pointed out that cigarette taxes help pay for substance abuse programs, schools and county program services.

Roden said lawmakers should not balance the budget on the 20 percent of Idaho residents who smoke. He also argued that the so-called "sin tax" creates contradictory social policy.

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RUPERT



Charles 'Jack' Curtis Harrison

Charles 'Jack' Curtis Harrison passed away on March 18, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. He was born to Samuel Charles Harrison and Mary Elizabeth Gay on May 23, 1917, in Quay, Oklahoma.

He was raised in a Baptist Orphan's home in Oklahoma City after his mother passed away when he was 1 1/2 years old. He graduated from high school there. He joined the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah. He was discharged November 8, 1945. When he was stationed in Hawaii, he was out fishing when Pearl Harbor was bombed.

He married Arlene Hall, May 20, 1978, in Elko, Nevada.

He loved to fish, rock hunt, camp, and travel. He loved that he loved to write poems. He worked in many places, Kennicot Copper, Nevada. Air Jet General, California, and J.R. Simplot, Idaho.

He is survived by his wife of Rupert, two sons and two daughters from a previous marriage, Marilyn, Jack, Earl, and Barbara Jean, and many numerous family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. He will be missed by many.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the Rupert LDS 4th Ward. Burial will be in the Sunset Chapel, 26 S. 100 W.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert, Idaho.

HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLO.

Mary Lee Potthier

Mary Lee Potthier, 83, a native of Ketchum and most recently a resident of Hagerman, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at Ashley Manor in Boise.

Mary was born January 10, 1920, in Twin Falls, Idaho. The daughter of Oscar and Angeline Tucker House, Mary had eleven brothers and sisters, most of whom were very athletic. They lived across the road from Drury Park and the neighborhood was filled with kids coming to a fun place to play.

Mary often reflected on her ability to be a pretty good third baseman. During high school, Mary worked as an aide at the Twin Falls Hospital. On Nov. 2, 1939, Mary married Virgil Minton from Kimberly. They bore two sons, Jerry and Tom. After World War II, they moved to Hailey and Virgil worked at Triumph mine while living in Hailey. Son Jerry contracted polio. It became necessary for the family to move to Boise for better health provisions. Mary went to Link's Business School while Jerry was recuperating.

Shortly thereafter, Virgil and Mary divorced and Mary moved back to Hailey with her two sons and worked at Idaho Power.

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In 1993 they purchased a second home on Silingsgley Creek in Hagerman, where Mary lived until early spring of 2002 before she required assisted living.

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He was preceded in death by his father and mother and nephew, Jody McGill.

At Don's request, graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Rupert Cemetery, 450 N. Meridian. Burial will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2003, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert, 710 6th St. and before the funeral on Friday. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Rupert Wilson Theatre Project.

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SERVICES

Florence Faye McGuire of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Edwin "Ed" Hieb of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Patricia Louise Roholt of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, Jerome).

Irma S. Bailey of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Heyburn LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive; burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service at the church.

Geneva S. Fuller-Robinson and Jewel E. Goitandua, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Wayne Anderson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive; burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service at the church.

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DEATH

NOTICES

Olive Nelson Winn

FAIRFIELD—Olive Nelson Winn, 90, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center in Shoshone.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Robert W. Galley

KIMBERLY—Robert W. Galley, 73, of Kimberly, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

Quinten Q. Warr

BURLEY—Quinten Q. Warr, 82, of Burley, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the Burley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 National Ave., with Bishop H. Reese Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow in Oakley Cemetery with military rites under the direction of local veterans.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

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Burley man faces prison on felony charges

The Times-News

BURLEY — Burley resident Henry Paul Rios was sentenced to prison for two to seven years on several felony charges.

Rios, 31, was sentenced to a minimum of two years in prison on two counts of possession of sexually exploitative material. He faces a possible additional three years in prison on those charges.

He was also sentenced to a minimum of two years in prison on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. That sen-

tence includes an additional five-year indeterminate prison sentence.

And Rios was sentenced to 90 days in prison on each misdemeanor conviction of enticing children, providing shelter to runaway children and use or possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia.

District Judge Monte Carlson ordered the sentences to run concurrently and credited Rios's prison sentence for time already served in the local jail.

Rios was ordered to pay \$1,003 in restitution, \$1,200 to

Cassia County as reimbursement for a public defender, \$200 to the crime victim compensation fund, \$35 in court costs, a \$12 police academy fee, \$20 to Cassia County for administrative charges and \$10 to the state technology fund.

Rios had originally been charged with seven counts of sexual abuse of a child, possession of methamphetamine and aggravated assault.

As part of a plea agreement, he pleaded guilty to the amended charges for which was sentenced.

Rios was accused of having sex with a teen-age girl in 1997 and 1998. He later married and divorced that girl. He was accused of taking sexually explicit photos of her when she was 14 and 15.

They were married when she was 16 and divorced when she was 18.

The drug charges against Rios stemmed from his arrest last June.

Officers said they found drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine residue in his house when he was arrested.

Governor sees incest sentence bill

BOISE — Legislation increasing the maximum sentence for incest from 10 to 25 years in prison has been forwarded to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The Senate unanimously approved the bill on Monday after it passed the House with only one dissenting voter last month.

"This is probably not enough," Sen. Mel Richardson, R-Idaho Falls, said. "It isn't enough. We probably should be going to life."

Gloria Myler of Chubbuck has pressed for the increased penalty, recounting a lengthy and abusive relationship with her father.

Committee chairman amends prenatal care bill

BOISE — House Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Bill Salt successfully amended his pot bill that would provide more limited prenatal care to unborn children.

During the short debate, Salt said the bill takes \$6.5 million worth of cost benefits and turns it into a slight net cost savings.

Democratic Rep. Mike Mitchell of Lewiston contested Salt's budget figures and asked whether the Health and Welfare Committee had signed off on the fiscal statement.

Salt blasted the department, saying it has not cooperated with efforts to obtain accurate estimates.

"I've spent last three weeks on this, and the best I've gotten, different numbers on different days," Salt said. "They're the best numbers that I can come up with."

Previous versions of the bill would have paid for prenatal care and the birth. In its current form, the legislation will provide for limited vitamins, medicine,



Legislature in brief

ultrasound and lab work.

Women's rights advocates oppose the bill, saying it gives the same legal status to the fetus the mother.

Previous Democratic-sponsored legislation that would have provided more benefits, including birth and postnatal care costs, failed in the Health and Welfare Committee.

Health and Welfare spokesman Ross Mason acknowledged that the department has given Salt four different sets of fiscal impact figures, "but that's because of the different amendments to the bill."

Mason said the department has not seen the amendments passed by the full House on Monday.

"As soon as he gives them to us, we'll give him the new figures," Mason said.

House votes to attach name to Promise Scholarships

BOISE — The Idaho House on Monday voted to attach the name of the late state Sen. Robert R. Lee to the Idaho Promise Scholarships.

Lee served as a senator from Rexburg for three terms. He resigned his seat in 2001 and died last September of cancer.

Lee was the first chairman of

the Idaho Water Resource Board, formed in the mid-1960s.

If signed by the governor, it would be known as the Robert R. Lee Promise Scholarship.

Kemphorne signs

dessert wine legislation

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed into law on Monday legislation expanding the beer and wine licenses to allow dessert wines — sherry, port and Madeira — to be sold in retail outlets.

Critics claimed it was an unacceptable expansion of liquor sales, but advocates said it would help the state's tourism industry meet the expectations of high-end travelers at restaurants in resort communities.

The fortified wines, typically sweet, syrupy drinks served in 2-ounce glasses, can sell for up to \$200 a bottle.

No licensee will be expanded to include beverages with alcohol contents by volume of between 16 percent and 21 percent until approved by voters in that county.

House committee rejects infant autopsy measure

BOISE — The House Health and Welfare Committee on Monday rejected a bill that would have required an autopsy for a child under a year old who dies suddenly and unexpectedly.

The committee's three Democrats in trying to save the legislation.

A 6-5 vote killed the Democratic-sponsored House Bill 200. Two Republicans joined the committee's three Democrats in trying to save the legislation.

— compiled from wire reports

Drake's pickup truck

Michigan, Indiana and California all issued Amber Alert warnings seeking tips on Lindsey's whereabouts.

Drake spent 16 years in prison for killing a woman from the Evansville, Ind., area in 1977.

Drake and his wife, Darlene, were living about 20 miles from the Ryans when they met the family at First Assembly Church in Goshen, Ind.

Terry Drake told the Ryans he was a born-again Christian with a notorious past, and that his faith had helped him leave it behind.

He and the girl had been corresponding by e-mail for months, authorities said.

in detail, the candidate's spending is limited to the candidate's share of the joint asset.

When a couple has jointly held bank accounts or other assets that do not provide for specific divisions, the FEC assumes equal shares, and the candidate can use half the money.

Although the Kerry campaign declined to provide information about the trusts, it is unlikely that Kerry is named a beneficiary in financial instruments created by the Heinz family.

Money and assets that Teresa and John Kerry hold jointly that aren't governed by trusts or other legal document specifying specific shares — or property — can be treated as half-owned by the candidate. Lawyers said that if Teresa Heinz Kerry removed substantial sums from trusts and put the money into a jointly held bank account, other candidates would probably challenge the federal instrument used to circumvent federal regulations.

Kerry has repeatedly described the majority of the \$550 million as "Teresa's money," indicating that he doesn't have a direct claim on it. Kerry's financial disclosure statement doesn't detail the level of his or his wife's interests in the trusts.

T-N offers summer internship

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is offering a summer news reporting internship for a college or high school student who wants to explore a career in newspaper journalism.

This paid internship is a full-time summer position in news reporting and writing. The intern should be a student with significant course work in journalism and/or experience with a college or high school newspaper.

The internship is limited to students who attended high school in the Magic Valley or Wood River Valley.

If you are interested, send a resume, reference list and representative samples of your work to: Mary Karen, Human Resources Coordinator, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303. Deadline is April 15.

Glenns Ferry RV park seeks expansion

GLENN'S FERRY — The city Planning and Zoning Commission will review a conditional use permit application during a public hearing set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Glenn's Ferry City Hall, 111 Seventh Ave.

The permit from Trail Break Recreational Vehicle Park is an application to expand the use of the RV park to include additional acre bordering Elm Street to the east and old Highway 30 to the south.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and provide input on the proposed expansion. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. Wednesday. If the zoning commission recommends approval of the conditional use permit application, the Glenn's Ferry City Council will schedule a second public hearing.

A copy of the application will be on file at City Hall. For more information, call City Clerk Christine Phemmeton at 366-7418.

— compiled from staff reports

Minidoka

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questions in the county are now being taken care of through the Jerome extension office. The call is free if people dial 1-866-542-7336.

• **Weed problem** — County residents Cent Pinther asked commissioners to take a look at the thistle problem near his home on North Meridian. He said he has talked with A&B Irrigation officials too, but no one has taken care of the problem.

"I've got thistles in my lawn that won't stop," Pinther said.

• **Canceled taxes** — Commissioners agreed to cancel taxes and fees on trailers in the Gibbs trailer park near the Rupert pool.

The trailer house was condemned by the city, and trailer park owner Steve Schow wanted to get the trailer out of the park. The owner hadn't paid taxes on the trailer house. County Clerk Duane Smith explained. The taxes had to be paid before the trailer could be taken out of the park.

Cassia

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Service grazing allotments falls by 20 percent this summer.

Other commission business included:

• **Stair repair** — Commissioners agreed to pay Skaggs Furniture \$2,500 to replace the carpet on the north basement stairs in the courthouse. The stairs will be covered with a textured material matching the other stairs. The carpeted stairs are a safety hazard, Commissioner Dennis Crane said.



Ablon Elementary School students planted seeds Friday as part of their science class unit on germination. Teacher Jan Hartwell gives Keva Robinson a handful of Shasta daisy seeds to plant.

Judge bars testimony in Oregon murder case

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — A judge ruled Monday that a witness will not be allowed to testify about an online book on how to kill allegedly found on the computer of a man accused of murdering his family.

Christian Longo is accused of killing his wife and three children and dumping their bodies into waters of the Oregon coast in 2001. His jury trial is now in its third week.

Prosecutors say an online book found on Longo's abandoned computer gave step-by-step instructions on how to kill people and dispose of their bodies.

They wanted an Oregon State Police computer specialist to testify about the book in an attempt to show Longo's state of mind prior to the deaths.

Judge Robert Huckleberry said the connection would be tenuous at best.

"You can pick up any book nowadays and find instructions and comments about homicide," he said.

Longo has pleaded guilty to

killing his wife, Mary Jane, 34, and youngest daughter Madison, 2, but maintains his innocence in the killings of his two other children, son Zachary, 4, and daughter Sadie, 3. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

In opening statements, prosecutor Steven Briggs said the computer was left in a car Longo abandoned at the San Francisco airport before fleeing to Mexico. He told judge Monday that Longo downloaded the book from two different Internet sites two days before he left Ohio with his family on the way to the Oregon coast.

The defense team argued that the bodies of Longo's wife and children did not show evidence of the methods mentioned in the book, including wrapping a body in chains and puncturing its lungs so it would sink faster, said Steve Krass, Longo's attorney.

The prosecution has sought to portray Longo as a callous husband who tired of his family and killed them so that he could live a glamorous lifestyle. He was arrested in Mexico.

Taxes were \$42.12, and a solid waste fee was \$65, Smith said.

• **Gangs** — There are gangs in Minidoka and Cassia counties, Lisa Kamachi, chief juvenile probation officer in the two counties, told commissioners. A conversation about gangs stemmed from Commissioner Dan Stapelman asking for names of people to serve on a new regional gang prevention committee.

Five years ago, county officials counted 11 gangs in the area, Kamachi said. Now gangs have blended and changed a bit, but are still active.

• **End of the Road property** — Burke Mayor Jon Anderson told commissioners the city is "probably interested" in buying the End of the Road Packing property.

• **Felony increase** — There is a significant increase in felony and misdemeanor court cases this year, Public Defender Doug Whipple told commissioners. He estimated a 40 percent increase in

felonies and 30 percent increase in misdemeanors.

• **Milfoil** — County weed Supervisor Reid Smith said information stations will be created to educate people about Eurasian water milfoil and the river will be inspected this year. He said boats at the regatta might not be a problem in spreading the weed, but fishermen who come in and out of many lakes may be of greater concern.

• **Meeting with Cassia commissioners** — Minidoka and Cassia commissioners met at lunch to discuss concerns Minidoka County Assessor Mark Vaughn had voiced about the Big River Heritage Area.

Vaughn was on vacation Monday, so commissioners tabled the topic.

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Fortune

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when Kerry began hiring high-profile and high-priced staff members, Steve Elmendorf, top consultant in the campaign of Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., told Roll Call newspaper. "It's a sign they are going to spend the keep-up money."

Kerry's staff had seemed to keep alive the possibility that he would funnel large sums into his campaign. "Obviously, Senator Kerry is a man of some significant wealth (who) could make, if he choose, a sizable investment in his presidential campaign," Kerry spokesman Robert Gibbs said last week.

Kerry said, however, that he could "put a certain amount into it, but when you talk about self-funding, could I do an entire campaign? The answer is profoundly no." Kerry said he has "reserved the right" to use the money to respond to a personal attack, but not to run a major portion of his own bid.

He has run as an advocate of access to public life through legitimate fund-raising, which means people participating. I've never advocated — I've always thought it's wrong to have a United States Senate that's got more than 50 people who are millionaires. ... That's why I

first ran a PAC-free race. My intention is to try to hold on to that."

None of the other candidates has resources approaching the \$550 million value placed by Forbes magazine on Kerry and his wife's holdings, an amount that makes Kerry the richest member of Congress. Forbes didn't break down how much of the money was brought into the marriage by Kerry and how much by his wife. But an examination of Kerry's financial disclosure statement and his own comments suggests that very little of the money would be available to Kerry to put in his campaign.

The disclosure statement reflects his wife's extensive holdings in Heinz family interests, including the T.F. Heinz Bond Fund, the H.J. Heinz III Marital Trust; the Heinz Family Commingled Bond Fund; the H.J. Heinz III Revocable Trust No. 1; the H.J. Heinz III Charitable and Family Trust; and the H.J. Heinz II Family Trust.

Campaign finance regulations attempt to limit candidates to spending their own money, and not the holdings of spouses. Federal Election Commission rules provide that when specific shares of a jointly held asset — such as a trust fund — are spelled

distribute information about preventing the spread of Eurasian water milfoil, said Cassia County Weed Supervisor Gordon Edwards.

Edwards also reported workers plan to cut down sagebrush along the roads through the City of Rocks to improve visibility for drivers.

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AN EARLY START



Farmington Library employees check out the selection Monday while preparing for the library's three-day sale at the Farmington Civic Center in Farmington, N.M.

Utah meth production gives way to imports

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Local production of methamphetamine, hampered by regulations making it harder to get ingredients, is giving way to high-quality imports, drug enforcement officials say.

"The Mexican trafficking groups have flooded the market with methamphetamine," said Barry Jamison, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration office in Utah. He was quoted in a copyright story in The Salt Lake Tribune.

Jamison cites the March 6 indictment of 24 people who allegedly operated the largest meth trafficking ring in state history. The DEA estimates the group moved more than 300 pounds of imported meth from California and Mexico throughout the Salt Lake Valley each year, bringing in profits estimated at nearly \$5 million.

Police say breaking the ring cut off supplies for meth-users, but not for long.

Mexican cartels "certainly have the ability to fill the void," Jamison said. "In the drug trade, the laws of supply and demand certainly apply."

The number of meth labs in Utah skyrocketed in the late 1990s. Police busted 56 labs in Utah in 1996, according to the

DEA. That number reached 262 in 1998 and 272 in 1999, but has since declined. The number was 132 last year, the DEA said.

Legislation was enacted in 2000 to track the sale of ingredients.

Sales of such components as iodine, ephedrine and red phosphorus are now monitored by the state Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing through a database accessible by law enforcement.

There is a limit on the number of boxes of Sudafed, which contains ephedrine, that consumers can buy at one time, and red phosphorus requires a license to purchase. Buyers of iodine must provide identification and in writing state what purpose they have for buying the substance.

Once the law was enacted, the number of meth labs in Utah dropped significantly and the ones that remain have become small, unsophisticated and mobile, Salt Lake City police Sgt. Mike Ross said.

There also has been an improvement in the quality of the imported product.

A few years ago, imported meth was pink, brown or orange tint, indicative of impurity. Now it is as white as the drugs produced locally.

Former Idaho candidate loses appeal

BOISE (AP) — A magistrate was correct in convicting failed gubernatorial candidate Daniel Adams of telephone harassment and resisting and obstructing an officer, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled Monday.

Adams asked the court to overturn his conviction, claiming that prosecutors failed to provide enough evidence of the charges.

According to court documents, Adams filed a complaint in September 2000 against the Boise police department claiming they trespassed on his prop-

erty to take pictures of his vehicles.

Two months later, Adams called the officer who investigated his complaint. While on the phone, Adams allegedly called him a vulgar name and threatened another officer.

When police tried to arrest Adams for telephone harassment, he allegedly tried to run away from the officers. Once in jail, Boise city prosecutors said, Adams responded to questions with swear words instead of complying with jail procedures.

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Senate backs cuts in budget for veterans

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Senate on Monday voted to cut more than \$300,000 from veterans programs and chose not to fund the operation and maintenance of the new veterans cemetery.

Referencing the war in Iraq, one opponent of the cut called it "the wrong message at the wrong time."

Angry leaders of Idaho's 125,000 veterans have blasted supporters of the reduced 2003-2004 budget and supported Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has already mentioned the spending bill as a likely veto target.

GOP Education Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow cited the Iraq conflict as justification for being among the dozen senators opposed to the 7.1 percent reduction in funding.

"Cutting the budget for our veterans 7.1 percent from the state is the wrong message at the wrong time in history," Schroeder said.

The 19-12 vote sent that budget to the House, where opposition was also building to the drastic reductions in spending.

How they voted

Here is the 19-12 rollcall vote by which the Senate on Monday approved a 2003-2004 veterans program budget that cuts more than \$300,000 in basic support and excludes cash to run and maintain the veterans cemetery. A "yes" vote was a vote for the budget and there were 19 of them.

Republicans for (19) — Brandt, Burderson, Burtenshaw, Cameron, Derrington, Gannon, Geddes,

Goodie, Hill, Ingram, Kaough, Little, Lodge, McKenzie, Noble, Parks, Richardson, Sorenson and Sweet. Democrats for — None.

Republicans against (8) — Anderson, Bailey, Compton, Noh, Schroeder and Stegner. Democrats against (6) — Burkett, Kennedy, Malespell, Marley, Stennett and Work.

Republicans not voting (3) — Davis, McWilliams and Williams. Democrats not voting (3) — Calabretta.

Although the bill won final approval, the Agriculture Department's budget was sent to Kempthorne on just a 38-25 vote. It cuts \$500,000 in general tax support that will dramatically curtail the state's ability to assure the accuracy of 16,000 fuel pumps and 7,000 scales for weighing everything from hamburger to beef cattle.

"That's who regulates the gasoline meters, truck scales and the

scales at the grocery store, where you weigh your bananas," said House Agriculture Chairman Doug Jones, of Filer. "It is not good public policy to cut this agency."

It was the largest negative vote yet against spending bills intended to close an estimated \$160 million deficit without additional revenue.

State lawmakers are trying to raise \$100 million this week to

balance the budget and go home, thus ending the \$30,000-per-day legislative session.

For three months, it's been a stalemate between Kempthorne—one of the first governors in the nation to come out in favor of raising taxes — and the Legislature, which wanted to cut further into spending.

But the two branches of government are getting closer. It's apparent there will be no money to recharge the state's tobacco settlement fund or rainy day accounts, which were drained to get the state through the current budget year.

Republican leaders know they must raise some revenues, as there isn't \$100 million to be cut from state budgets without dismantling entire state departments. While they clearly have resisted the sales tax, increasing so-called "sin taxes" may be more palatable, said House Majority Floor Leader Lawrence Denney.

"We're going to get the whole grocery list out there, go to the calling and ask how much they're willing to do," Denney said.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Signed by Governor

1246 (State Affairs) — Authorizes, upon a vote of the county, a stream of beer and some licenses to include fortified wines.

Sent to Governor

1136 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$2 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Governor's office.

1121 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Increases the maximum penalty for incest to 25 years in prison.

1112 (State Affairs) — Allows the secretary of state to refuse to file certain tax financial statements.

1114 (State Affairs) — Authorizes electronic filing of corporate annual reports.

114 (Newcomer) — Repeals requirement for the Fish and Game Department to compile and disseminate yearly a list of sportsmen's prize game trophies.

1075 (Ways and Means) — Authorizes the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board to secure court injunctions to enforce its enforcement orders.

1140 (Revenue and Taxation) — Determines the budget that prevails after library district consolidations.

1102 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies the burden of proof on a property tax valuation appeal.

1122 (Local Government) — Revises the special exemption period for new businesses in a Business Improvement District.

115 (Newcomer) — Provides for adoption of a code of ethics for Residential Care Facility administrators.

1147 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$770,400 for 2003-2004 operations of the Human Rights Commission.

1148 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$11.1 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Industrial Commission.

1149 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$440,100

for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Labor.

1150 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$17,000 for 2003-2004 operations of the Athletic Commission.

1151 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$1.7 million for 2003-2004 operations of the state Treasury Office.

1093 (Rulemaking) — Revises judicial enforcement of foreign domestic violence protection orders.

11124 (State Affairs) — Clarifies that a regional public transportation authority is a political subdivision of the state.

11144 (State Affairs) — Renames the Robert R. Lee Public Scholarship.

11141 (Finance) — Allocates \$25 million to the Department of Agriculture for operations in 2003-2004.

11151 (Finance) — Allocates \$41.2 million to the Department of Environmental Quality for operations in 2003-2004.

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

3/25/03

Girl may need hormones to help her stand tall

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the "Anonymous Girl in North Dakota," a fifth-grader who said she is teased because she's "really short." My 10th-grade daughter was in the same boat, always the tiniest and suffering from comments made not only by other kids, but by adults as well. Please let "Anonymous Girl's" parents know they should see a pediatric endocrinologist as quickly as possible. Their daughter may be a candidate for treatment with human growth hormone, which many insurance companies have recently allowed as a pharmaceutical deduction rather than a medical expense, making treatment much more affordable. Time is of the essence! Once the growth plates close, the window of opportunity also closes. For children who do not produce enough growth hormone, the treatment is a medical necessity.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: Please let that young girl in a secret. The kids who tease her are not making fun of her because she's short. They do it because they're worried someone is going to find a reason to make fun of them. They're trying to make themselves look good by making her look bad. When I was in fifth grade, I was made fun of for being tall. By focusing attention on someone else, they deflect criticism from themselves.

DEAR ABBY: You've hit the nail on the head.

DEAR ABBY: The girl who's teased should give a big laugh and say, "I like to think of myself as perfection in miniature!" It worked for me.

DEAR ABBY: The child in North Dakota should know that the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, was very short, too.

His nicknames were "Shorty" or "Platy." We know him today as Plato.

—FRANCIS A. BURKLE-YOUNG, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

DEAR ABBY: An interviewer asked a short-statured man how he felt being surrounded by people taller than he. His reply was priceless: "Like a dime among pennies."

—CATHERINE IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Please tell that girl to get involved in competitive cheerleading or gymnastics. In either sport, small size can be an advantage. In cheerleading, the smallest girls get to be the "fliers," the ones who are tossed in the air or at the top of the stunts. This is true of my daughter. It has boosted her confidence. She now views her height as an asset rather than a liability.

—MOTHER IN S.E. TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: The plea from the child in North Dakota touched my heart. I, too, have

always been short. My defense was to become an achiever in class and in athletics. (I later became a doctor.) The best response to people who tease should be, "That's the way God made me, and I do the best I can with what I was given." Detractors have a different type of response.

—ALBERT IN VERO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter had the same problem. Finally she looked at her tormentor and said, "Yes, I am short. I'm also sweet, cute, bright and a good friend. I am also finished talking to you about things that are out of my control. You're boring me!" And she walked away. The girl never bothered her again.

—PRADIM MOM IN HONOLULU

DEAR PROUD MOM: While there is no defense like a strong offense. (Thank you to everyone who wrote "Shortness" of space is a frustrating reality I can't ignore.)

—JERIN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR JER: Thank you for a important letter.

I did not realize that the solution to the girl's problem might be solved by medical intervention.

Her letter generated comments from many readers who wanted to help. Read on:

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If today's your birthday, be ready for a change of plans

IF MARCH 25TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... it looks like you are forced to alter your birthday plans. Don't worry — with a positive Jupiter, everything will work out. This should be a memorable day. Patience seems to be the theme of the game, and Leo and Sagittarius hold the key to the future. There are romantic overtures from a Capricorn who is looking for a relationship.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your mind has been buzzing, and you are being forced to make a decision. The Capricorn moon will influence you to reach a speedy and practical solution.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Martian lunar influences are making you feel extraordinarily energetic. You sense that the world is your oyster and nobody can deny you. Don't let others confuse you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your self-esteem is being validated. There is a new interest in occult matters and spiritual mysteries. Watch out for banana skins! New friends seek your attention.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Lunar influences of Capricorn make you moody and volatile. Don't rush — you hold the trump card. Financial news changes your mindset. An enjoyable evening with some surprises.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A new interest in health issues. You will get the right answers to your questions and will receive news from long-standing foreign friends.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Since Uranus entered your opposite sign of Pisces, you have been experiencing sudden surprises and are beginning to wonder if you are on a roller coaster. Don't worry — enjoy the ride!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your home life seems upside down and needs to be reorganized. A day for sorting matters out. Remember, you are calling the shots. Relationships strongly featured.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Siblings need your attention. You are called on for spiritual advice and guidance. Try to have a universal overview, and avoid talking about money matters.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money runs through your fingers. Hold on to your change. Your fears involving partners and social life are unfounded.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Relax and enjoy the party. Older friends are in the picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An emotional and nostalgic day. Decisions are upon you. Don't rush; take things as they come. Pay close attention when dealing with anything metallic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You in a reflective mood and may wonder whether everybody is against you. This is not the case. Neptunian influences in Aquarius are temporarily dissipating your self-esteem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Life is full of wonders and change since Uranus entered your sign on March 11. You may fear oncoming pressure, but don't let it upset you.

In the police records of Pontiac, France, is the story of a young lady who defended herself from an amorous attacker by biting off his tongue.

Q. Say one of two Spaniards in a hot argument points to his own necktie. What does that mean?

A. "Your wife gave me this." Implied charge of infidelity is a bit more cutting than "Your mother wears army boots."

Q. If no usps lived in Cleopatra's Egypt, how come the story says she was bitten by one?

A. Because "Egyptian Cobra" wouldn't fit in the headline, I suspect. No, too flip. Bane translation errors.

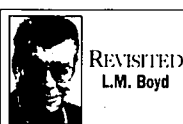
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L.M. Boyd

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U.N. envoy finds bug in prison

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A visiting U.N. human rights envoy on Monday suspended his mission to Myanmar and left the country after finding a bugging device while conducting confidential interviews with political prisoners.

The envoy, Paulo Sergio Pinheiro of Brazil, said he found the bug while talking to political prisoners in Insein prison outside Yangon on Saturday.

On finding the device he contacted the

prison director before phoning the deputy foreign minister to register an official complaint.

"I think that was a very serious incident and my untimely departure is an expression of my anger and frustration," he said, pounding the table with his fist. "I hope the government will demonstrate its willingness to continue to cooperate with the commission on human rights."

The envoy said he found a wireless

microphone under the table in the room where he was conducting an interview.

Later Monday, Pinheiro flew out of Yangon, two days ahead of schedule.

"The authorities expressed regret on learning of the incident," according to a statement from the United Nations. "They gave the assurance that the incident would be investigated in full."

Pinheiro arrived in Yangon on Wednesday to investigate allegations of

human rights abuses and evaluate the conditions of an estimated 1,000 political prisoners in the nation also known as Burma.

A foreign diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Pinheiro was "shocked and upset" when the device was found after he and his two colleagues heard a strange noise under the table.

Before interviewing the prisoners, Pinheiro had assured each person he or she could speak freely, the diplomat said.

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WORLD

Teen dies in Israeli mission

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian teenager was shot to death Monday during a clash with Israeli soldiers on the West Bank as troops searched houses on a routine sweep for militants. Three other youths were wounded, witnesses said.

Ahmed Abahreth, 15, was shot in the head, according to doctors at Jenin Hospital in the West Bank. Witnesses said Abahreth was throwing stones at the soldiers. The army said he tossed a homemade firebomb at troops.

Another youth was injured in the leg. The army said a Palestinian was hurt when a firebomb exploded in his hand but it was unclear whether it was the same boy. Two other Palestinians were wounded when troops fired on them after they climbed aboard an army vehicle, the army said. Their condition was unknown.

The skirmishes came as troops dismantled an illegal Jewish settlement near the West Bank city of Hebron, the first such outpost taken down since Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's new hard-line government took office last month.

Israeli troops reoccupied most West Bank towns last summer, as part of an offensive against Palestinian militants.

The settlement outpost dismantled was known as Hilt 26. It consisted of a few makeshift buildings, where about a dozen settlers lived. On Jan. 17, a settler was shot to death at the outpost by Palestinian gunmen.

The Israeli military said the evacuation was carried out "to enforce a Supreme Court ruling" against a settlement at the site. Israel Radio said the settlers at the site did not resist the soldiers and all the buildings were dismantled.

Watchdog groups say dozens of illegal outposts are on hilltops all over the West Bank, near existing settlements.

Sharon has been hesitant to take them down, since his constituency is heavily in favor of the settlements.



Officials count ballots Monday in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya.

Russia touts Chechen vote as beginning of peace for region

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia (AP) — Russian officials declared Monday that the approval of a new constitution by Chechnya's voters has completely discredited the separatist cause, further dimming hopes the Kremlin will negotiate an end to the 3.5-year war.

The constitution, which confirms the region's status as part of Russia, was overwhelmingly approved in a referendum Sunday.

The Kremlin had advertised the referendum as the beginning of a peace process for Chechnya, which since 1994 has experienced two brutal wars pitting Russian forces against separatists and an interim period of de facto independence marked by lawlessness.

Critics said no fair vote was possible in a war and that the only path to peace would be to negotiate with rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov — an option Russian officials previously ruled out.

With ballots counted from 292 of 418 electoral districts, 96.1 percent of votes were in favor.

Russia's Central Election Commission reported on its Web site. Only 2.6 percent voted "no," the commission said.

Officials said more than 79 percent of the 540,000 eligible voters had cast ballots, though Central Election Commission chairman Alexander Veshnyakov later said some refugees who were not on voter lists were allowed to cast ballots.

President Vladimir Putin said the referendum results showed a lack of popular support for the rebels.

"All those who have failed to lay down their arms so far are now fighting not only for their false ideals, but directly against their people," Putin told his Cabinet. "Their actions directly contradict the interests and will ... of the Chechen people to live in peace."

Putin's envoy in southern Russia said the vote should put an end to all discussion about reviving talks.

"As to talks with Maskhadov and other representatives of ban-

dit formations, this question has been dropped from the agenda," the envoy, Viktor Kazantsev, said.

Even as residents were voting for the pro-Moscow constitution, the rebels were sending the message that they would not be ignored.

Over the past 24 hours, fighters killed two servicemen and wounded 18, an official in Chechnya's Moscow-appointed administration said. Two policemen were killed by a land mine and another was killed in an attack on a police patrol, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The constitution confirms that Chechnya is part of the Russian Federation. However, many key questions remain unresolved, including how much autonomy Chechnya will be given.

The constitution calls for presidential and parliamentary elections in Chechnya, but sets no deadline for them. Veshnyakov said Chechnya's presidential vote could be held alongside Russian parliamentary elections in December.

Mystery illness might have ties to cold virus

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A mutated killer cousin of the common cold may be behind the strange new respiratory disease that has spread quickly around the world and killed 17 people, U.S. public health officials said Monday.

Different types of viral tests indicate that the new disease — called Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome — is a never-before-seen member of the coronavirus family, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control announced.

There is no known cure for coronaviruses, so named because their shape resembles a crown.

The surprising development caught coronavirus experts by surprise and contradicted the leading theory of international health experts, who believed SARS was related to mumps and measles. CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding said there is "very strong evidence" that SARS is caused by a new coronavirus, citing "a convergence of a variety of different technologies" used to test lung samples on patients.

Over roughly the past six weeks, SARS has spread from a rural Chinese province to key

cities in Asia to all around the world. It is spread by droplets from sneezes. As of Monday, 458 people were infected — 39 in the United States — Gerberding said. Seventeen people have died from the disease.

The fatalities are most surprising, because until now coronaviruses have been annoying but benign to people, experts say. It's one of two main viruses that cause human colds.

About one-third of head colds come from coronaviruses, but they usually don't go into chests because they tend to thrive at cooler temperatures, according to Kathryn V. Holmes, a leading coronavirus expert at the University of Colorado.

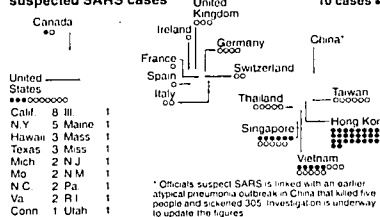
Coronaviruses most threatening characteristic is their ability to mutate. They have the longest strain of genetic material in the virus family, making it easier for mutations to happen and to jump from virus to virus, Holmes said.

"It's disturbing," said University of Southern California microbiology professor Michael Lai. "It means it's a new strain. It has acquired the capability to infect more people with worse symptoms."

Mystery illness spreads

By Monday, the World Health Organization had reported 456 cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, worldwide. Seventeen deaths had been reported — 10 in Hong Kong, four in Vietnam and three in Canada.

Number of reported and suspected SARS cases



* Officials suspect SARS is linked with an earlier atypical pneumonia outbreak in China that killed five people and sickened 305. Investigation is underway to update the figures.

SOURCES: World Health Organization; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

Oil firm evacuates more facilities

Fighting in Nigeria raises security fears

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Oil giant Shell evacuated four oil facilities Monday, joining Chevron-Texaco in a massive pull-out from the Niger Delta, where ethnic violence has killed dozens of people and destroyed villages. Activists from the Ijaw community accused Nigeria's military of attacking and firing indiscriminately on residents in three villages, killing 10 people. Military officials denied the allegations.

At least 90 people were earlier reported killed since March 12, when ethnic fighting between Ijaw and Itsekiri drew in the army.

The pullout from Royal Dutch/Shell's oil pipeline pumping stations at Ogboto, Opukushi, Tumo and Beniside raises the number of closed Shell facilities to 14.

Shell Development Petroleum Co. has shut down 370,000 barrels a day in crude output after evacuating facilities in the area, company spokeswoman Kate Hill said Monday.

In all, oil multinationals have cut an unprecedented 800,000 barrels in daily oil production, or



Fleeing villagers arrive Friday in Ogboto from fighting

40 percent of the West African nation's normal total of 2 million barrels a day.

Nigeria is the world's sixth-largest exporter, and the fifth-biggest supplier of U.S. oil imports. Nigeria's shutdowns, accompanied by market fears of a prolonged war in Iraq, caused oil prices to rise Monday.

On Sunday night, Chevron announced it was shutting down nearly all of its remaining onshore and offshore operations in Nigeria, cutting 440,000 barrels of oil a day, along with 285

million cubic feet of natural gas per day.

The specter of further shutdowns was raised Monday by the blue-collar National Union of Petroleum and Gas Workers of Nigeria, which asked its members to leave facilities belonging to Shell and Nigeria's state-owned petroleum and gas companies.

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature, so we're asking our members to leave the troubled zone," said Joseph Akinlaja, the union's secretary-general.

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Charity, education and grandkids' photos

Grandmother's Club celebrates golden anniversary

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - The grandmothers of Castleford celebrated a golden anniversary recently, and several dressed up for the occasion in outfits and hats that were 50 years old. The event marked the 50-year anniversary of the Castleford Grandmother's Club.

The club was the first and only one of its kind organized by the late Laura Heller and the late Grace Kinyon in March 1953. Heller, the club's first president, met the national organization while on a trip, and brought the idea home. The Castleford unit, an affiliate of the National Federation of Grandmother's Club, received its charter in August 1953.

Membership is limited to 30 grandmothers. Meetings are held

the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of January, July and September. The club meets at a member's home or Lincoln Courts in Buhl with a potluck dinner and a humorous or unusual roll call topic included in each meeting.

The courtesy chairwoman of the group sends cards, gifts and flowers to members and others people in the community on behalf of the club.

The club's objectives have been to further the social and educational interests of members, promote charities and contribute to research on children's diseases, members say.

Through the years, some of the charities supported by the club have included seeing eye dogs for the blind, national health foundations and the City of Hope for which the club was recognized on

a memorial plaque displayed at the Los Angeles hospital.

Locally, the Grandmother's Club has provided Christmas gifts and monetary donations for the Idaho Youth Ranch, American Red Cross, American Heart and Cancer funds and Girls State.

At the anniversary celebration, angels were used in the decorations, and each grandmother received a ceramic angel pin made by Jane Van Maldeghem.

The club meetings are an enjoyable social outing, said Rose McClain, who at age 89 is the senior member. McClain is just a little older than Ruth Koch, who also is 89 years of age. Both are active members.

"It's a social event where you bring photos of your grandchildren to show them off," club member Eileen Peterson said.



SANDRA WISECAVER/The Times-News

Senior members of the Castleford Grandmother's Club who attended the recent golden anniversary celebration included: from left, front: Josephine Blik, Emma Wells, Katherine Heldel, chaplain Ruth Koch, Rose McClain and Mary Pinkston; back: Eileen Peterson, treasurer; Betty Jeppesen, secretary; Lillian Stahlecker, president and Marilyn Barinaga, vice president. Officers not pictured are Beverly Gandaga and Shirley Wasko, courtesy chairwomen; Martha Bowers, membership and Retta Wuebbenhorst, historian.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kagen Thomas Knudsen, son of Monica and Colebee Knudsen of Malta, was born Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Jaiden Demetri Lewis, son of Kerie Ann Lewis of Burley, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Patrick Lee Olmsted, son of Jenny and Dan Olmsted of Burley, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Jaxson Christopher Michel, son of Kelley and Christopher R. Michel of Burley, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Jimena Ramirez, daughter of Rosa Loya and Fernando Ramirez of Burley, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Dax Lamar Bronson, son of Sarah and Rick Bronson of Burley, was born Sunday, March 16, 2003.

Karissa Villaseen, daughter of Lupe and Manuel Villaseen of Burley, was born Sunday, March 16, 2003.

Joseph Lopez, son of Karmella Barandica and Tony Lopez of Burley, was born Monday, March 17, 2003.

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Colby Layne Branch, son of Alicia and Nick Branch of Burley, was born Monday, March 17, 2003.

Devin Ray Tamayo, son of Nikki Vasquez and Adam Tamayo of Burley, was born Monday, March 17, 2003.

Bryonna Nicole Gastelum, daughter of Jessica Cantu and Joey Gastelum of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Nicole Catlyn Vodraska, daughter of Sorina Heiner-Vodraska and Robert E. Vodraska of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Jakobi Anne Cottom, daughter of Katrina Ann and Tim Keith

Cottom of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Seth Quade Kerbs, son of Heather Lynn Dansie and Matthew Alex Kerbs of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 18, 2003.

Jose Eduardo Paz, son of Viridiana Arteaga and Eduardo Paz of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Jaeli Christine Garrard, daughter of Julie Lynn and John Richard Garrard of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 19, 2003.

Izabell Morgan, daughter of Shaundalee and Roger Lynn Morgan of Burley, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Hattie Pearl Patterson, daughter of Lisa and Kurt Patterson of Hailey, was born Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Olivia Rose Miller, daughter of Lisa and Curtis Miller of Hailey, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Gillian Rose Simcoe, daughter of Randee and Bryan Simcoe of Hailey, was born Sunday, March 16, 2003.



These Lunch Buddies from Gooding County mentor younger children.

Organizers consider Gooding Co. Lunch Buddies program a success

GOODING - There was nervous laughter and excitement in the lunchroom on March 6, as 12 sixth- and seventh-graders from Gooding Middle School waited to be introduced to their new lunch buddies from Gooding High School.

The older student volunteers from the high school had been trained in being a mentor to the youngsters, and seemed just as excited to meet, say representatives of the Gooding County HealthNet Coalition, which sponsors the program.

After their initial lunch meeting, the high school mentors will visit with their "mentees" at the middle school every other Thursday for the remainder of the 2003 school year.

The value of a mentor relationship has been documented extensively, HealthNet representa-

Want more information?

About Lunch Buddies, asset building or any other of the HealthNet programs, call Melody Kerner, Julie Trader-Wolfe or Linda Quintero at 934-5514.

tives say. Youngsters face many obstacles growing up, and some find themselves isolated, alienated or simply lonely. The mentor one-on-one relationship encourages confidence in the child as he or she begins to feel special. For some, it is the first in a long time, for others the first time ever.

HealthNet, a regional coalition that promotes healthy lives for residents throughout southeastern Idaho, is focusing on "asset building." Some 40 assets have been identified as strong contributors to a successful transition

from childhood through teenage years into adulthood.

Assets identify such qualities as individual strengths and commitment to community. Lunch Buddies build assets for both mentor and mentee, representatives say.

Parents provide permission for their children to participate.

High school students also have been mentors to younger children at Wendell Elementary.

The younger and older Lunch Buddies talk about friends, and issues at home and school, stated Karen Osman, Wendell Elementary principal. The high school students do not make judgments, but provide an ear to listen and special attention.

"It's a win-win for all," Osman stated.

MISS KIMBERLY PAGEANT



Left, Laura Allen, a Miss Kimberly Scholarship Pageant contestant, plays her harp for the talent portion of the contest. New this year was the Queen for a Day program, where the 12 contestants spent the day with youngsters, who received a day of pampering, a crown and arose.

Below, winners of the Miss Kimberly Scholarship Pageant held March 15 were, from left, Heather Jones, second runner-up; Rachael Bulcher, talent winner; Becky Jones, the new Miss Kimberly and winner of the interview category; Sarah Sargeant, first runner-up and winner of the Spirit of the Community award; and LaRae Roper, Miss Congeniality.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News



4-H Teens try to 'Get Your Goat'

RUPERT - The Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association is trying to "get your goat" for a good cause.

For the fourth annual "Get Your Goat" fund-raiser on Friday, association members will travel around the Mini-Cassia area with their goats, hoping businesses and individuals will donate at least \$10 to send the goat somewhere else.

Want to participate?

To deliver a goat or donate money for the member exchange, call the Minidoka County 4-H office at 436-7184.

The idea for this fund-raiser came from the 4-H teen association in Phillips County, Mont. In the past, the fund-raiser has raised more than \$1,000 locally. This year, the money will help pay for local activities and transportation when teens from Cassia County, Ind. come to Minidoka County this summer for their annual exchange.

Last summer, the Minidoka County 4-H teens traveled to Indiana where they stayed with host families, and learned about their customs. They also visited Churchill Downs and the



Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association member, Orin Lewis, right, delivers a goat to Roger Facer, D.L. Evans Bank Burley branch manager, during last year's "Get Your Goat" fund-raiser. This year's event is coming up.

Louisville Slugger Museum, and took a boat ride down the Ohio River.

When the Indiana teens come to Idaho they will be taken to interesting sites in the Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert and Pocatello areas, as well as take a trip to Lagoon in Farmington, Utah and the Central Idaho 4-H Camp located north of Ketchum,

4-H organizers say.

The Minidoka County 4-H teens have traveled as far away as Kansas and as close to home as Montana for the exchange program, organizers say. Minidoka County Extension educator Donna R. Gillespie, 4-H program coordinator Jeni Bywater and 4-H parents will chaperone the exchange.

TWIN FALLS COMMUNITY

HealthNet honors Asset Builders of the Month

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition has named its Asset Builders for the Month.

A Buhl businessman and community leader, Chuck Geska is actively involved in youth programs that provide leadership skills. He has been a Buhl city councilman for 14 years, spent eight years on the executive committee of the Association of Idaho Cities, 10 years as a board member and one year as the association president. Through his involvement with city leadership, Geska started a program in



Chuck Geska

reported.

For two years, Geska was involved in bringing the Enough is Enough substance-abuse pre-

vention program to the Buhl community. His knowledge of the 40 developmental assets led him to believe that having a drug task force was the next logical step, the coalition reported. He also has worked to bring human rights exhibits to the community.

Geska exhibits leadership through example, the coalition reported. He is involved in his church, and wants to make sure all children have access to programs that promote assets.

The HealthNet Coalition also has named Debbie VanEngelen



Debbie VanEngelen

as Asset Builder of the Month.

VanEngelen is a longtime Twin Falls resident, and has worked as a teacher and as a counselor for the past 24 years.

Her goal is to have businesses become more involved in children's education, which is reflected in the fact that she was

instrumental in establishing the School to Work program at the Twin Falls High School, the coalition reported. Currently, she is trying to start a High Schools That Work program, which pairs a teacher as an adviser to approximately 20 children. Her desire is to help lower the number of school dropouts.

VanEngelen also enjoys working with students and helping them with their careers, and is actively involved in the Ambassadors program for seniors, the coalition reported.

She was a founding board

member of the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, donating lots of physical labor to get the Boys and Girls Club established, the coalition reported. Although her children are no longer in school, her desire to help children succeed has lead her to become PTO co-chairman at Twin Falls High School, a position that she currently holds.

The HealthNet coalition is a group of organizations working to build assets, which are developmental building blocks needed by children to succeed in life and avoid risky behaviors.

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THINGS TO DO

Student is Presidential Scholars candidate

Brooke Jardine, a senior at Twin Falls High School, has been named one of more than 2,600 candidates in the 2003 Presidential Scholars program.

Brooke is the daughter of Dick and Cindy Jardine. The candidates were selected from almost 2.8 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the College Board SAT or the ACT assessment, essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations and transcripts.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 32 citizens appointed by the president, will make the final selection of one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia,

Puerto Rico and among American students living abroad; 15 students at large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts. The U.S. Department of Education will announce the scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., in June to receive the Presidential Scholars award at a ceremony, and participate in events and activities with their elected representatives, educators and other public leaders.

Local girl receives distinguished award

Brandi Gill was selected to receive the United Dairywomen of Idaho Distinguished Student award for the week of Dec. 16, 2002. The award recognizes excellence in academics and citizenship and the role of education in Idaho.

Gill is a senior at Camas County High School, where she has a 4.0 grade-point average and is involved in varsity volleyball, basketball and track. She also is an All-American Scholar and a University of Idaho Top Scholar. She is also listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Gill has received the President's Award for Academic Excellence and Wendy's High School Heisman State Award.

Gill is secretary of the National Honor Society, student body

treasurer and a DAR good citizen. She is also very active in 4-H, is a Girls State delegate and a Hugh O'Brien ambassador. In February she was a page for the Idaho Legislature.

Local student serves as state legislative intern

Each spring semester, Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo., selects several competitive junior, senior or graduate students to serve as full-time interns for Missouri state legislators in Jefferson City.

Jason Langford, a senior political science major from Twin Falls, was selected as an intern. He is the son of Lynn and Pam Langford of Twin Falls and a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls High School. Langford is a member of the World Affairs Council and Golden Key International Honor Society.

Participants are chosen by a six-member panel of faculty and staff members based on student resumes and interviews. Participants receive a scholarship to cover living expenses and earn up to six hours of college credit. Duties of legislative interns may include researching legislation, attending and recording committee meetings, preparing correspondence, writing press releases and conducting guided tours of the state Capitol.

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Organizers announce Day of the Children parade route

BUHL—The fourth annual El Dia de los Niños (Day of the Children) parade will be held April 19 in Buhl.

The theme is "Hats Off to Children," and organizers encourage children to dress up, decorate or make hats, ride bikes or pull wagons. No motorized vehicles are permitted. Bike riders are asked to wear helmets while riding.

The parade will assemble at 9 a.m. in the Broadway parking lot, across from Oasis and the Nazarene Church. Judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. Mayor Barbara Gietzen and Buhl City Councilmen Reggie Finney, Bob Vandewater, Chuck Geska and Jim Wilson will award ribbons to all participants.

The parade will start immediately after the judging. The parade will begin at the corner of Broadway and Maple streets, head east on Maple Street to Eighth Street, continue on Eighth Street to Main Street, turn left on Sixth Street and finish at Eastman Park.

An egg hunt will be held in the

park after the parade. The egg hunt and parade are co-sponsored and funded by the Buhl Kiwanis and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Mary Beth Welch is the parade coordinator. Additional parade support comes from the city of Buhl, Buhl Police and Fire departments, Buhl Public Library, Buhl Head Start, Buhl's Citizens on Patrol and Jesus Montes.

For more information, call the Buhl Public Library at 543-6500.

Idaho Archaeology Society meets during ISU class

TWIN FALLS—The Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeology Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Enter through the side door.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Idaho State University archaeology class.

Jim Woods will lecture on the late archaic period. After the lecture, there will be a hands-on demonstration of split twig figures. The public is invited.

Italian cooking class takes place at Twin Falls store

TWIN FALLS—"Trattoria Classics" will be taught by Chris Kastner at 7 p.m. April 1 at Rudy's, a Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Kastner will demonstrate how to prepare Swiss chard with garlic, Tuscan bread salad, lasagna with three cheeses and panna cotta with spring berries.

After 17 years as a chef and partner at Evergreen Bistro, Kastner is starting a new bistrot/trattoria style restaurant in Hailey.

The cost is \$30. Class space is limited, and tuition must be paid in full or the reservation cannot be guaranteed.

For more information, call 733-5477.

Twin Falls boy receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS—Ryan A. Fauvell, son of Dan and Debbie Fauvell of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls LDS Church West Stake Center, 667



Ryan Fauvell

troup members and church members who assisted.

Ryan is a member of Troop 79, and his troop leader is David Cook.

Ryan is a freshman at Robert Stuart Junior High where he is involved in football and basketball. He also is a member of the Twin Falls High School track team, an honor roll student and an active teacher in his church.

Buhl woman celebrates 80th birthday Saturday

BUHL—Maxine A. Clark of Buhl will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the Moon-Glo Center, 910 Moon-Glo

Road in Buhl.

Clark was born March 29, 1923, in Los Angeles, Calif. She moved with her family to Idaho, and started school in Filer. The family moved for a short time to Texas, but returned to Filer, where Clark graduated from high school in 1940. She married Ray A. Clark, a rancher from Three Creek. The couple ranched at Three Creek until 1984 when they retired and moved to Buhl.

The open house is being hosted by Clark's four children and spouses, Sherry (George) Wells of Buhl, Judy (Don) Wirtlake of Boise, Sandy (Rex) Shaw of Kimberly and Stan Clark of Phoenix, Ariz.

Friends and family are invited. Clark requests no gifts.

Jerome woman celebrates birthday with open house

JEROME—Laura M. Jackson of Jerome will celebrate her 89th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Bible Baptist Church, 132 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.

Family and friends are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS—The Desert Sage Quilt Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Lake Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

The mission of the guild is to promote quilting in the Magic Valley. Visitors are welcome.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV-03-1008
NOTICE OF HEARING IN RE: JOSHUA DEWAYNE BURHAM
DOB: 06/08/82
A Petition by Joshua Dewayne Burham born on 06/08/82, 18 SE 2, in Greeley, Colorado now residing at 645 Fairbrook Ave, Apt 234, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 proposing a change in name to Joshua Damiel Goddard has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being that my father's only son and want to carry his name, also because I've always hated my middle name.
The name of the petitioner's father is living. Such petition will be heard at 8:30 o'clock AM on April 25, 2003, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this March 25, 2003.
/s/ Janel Haley, Clerk
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—Don Cherry, former NHL coach and analyst for Canadian television, still fuming over Montreal fans booing the American national anthem

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who is the Angels franchise leader in stolen bases?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball

New Plymouth at Glens Ferry (2), 3 p.m.
Filer at American Falls (2), 3:30 p.m.

High school golf

at Burley GC, 10 a.m.

High school tennis

Minico at Highland, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bruin baseball holds camp Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls baseball team is conducting a one-day skills camp for any Cal Ripken League players aged 12-14 Wednesday at Bruin Field. The camp runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$5.
For more information, call Matt Rasmussen at 735-5966.

Joe Durham receives player of week honors

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — St. Cloud State junior first baseman Joe Durham was named the North Central Conference baseball player of the week on Monday.
Durham, a 1999 graduate of Twin Falls, hit .611 (11-of-16) in four games against Morningside College last weekend. Durham homered twice and doubled, collecting 12 RBI and scoring eight runs in the four-game sweep.
The Huskies are 4-7 overall and play St. John's University on Tuesday.

T.F. Parks and Rec has space for youth soccer

TWIN FALLS — Registration is still available for youth soccer through the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.
Children in grades kindergarten through seventh grade are eligible. Practice begins on April 7 with the four-week season beginning April 21.
Call for registration fees at 735-2265 or stop by the main office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Hall's '32 Ford wins Boise Roadster Show

BOISE — Darren Hall of Twin Falls took the top prize for his 1932 Ford Sedan at the 31st Annual Boise Roadster show at the Western Idaho Fair Expo in Boise.
Ken Rhodes of Eagle won the Master Builder and Tompkins Award with a 1939 Ford Convertible. Chris Langford of Twin Falls took the Trendsetter award for his 2001 Honda.
Some other tier winners were: Dick Vander Meer of Nampa, Gene Larson of Cedar Park, Texas, Darrell Flesham of Boise, and Natty Knight from Cornelius, Ore.
Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Gary Pettis, who stole 186 bases from 1982-87.

Round of 16 features intriguing matchups

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press writer

Close games, upsets, and new faces. The opening two rounds of the NCAA tournament gave fans everything they could want.

Eighteen of the 48 games were decided by six points or fewer, and in 11 of those the margin was no more than three.

Four games went to overtime, including the double-OT thriller between Arizona and Gonzaga. Last season, only 11 of the 48 games were decided by six points or fewer.

Butler and Auburn pulled off the biggest upsets. The Bulldogs beat Mississippi State and Louisville to reach the round of 16, and the Tigers took time off from defending their at-large bid to beat Saint Joseph's and Wake Forest.



Central Michigan's Chris Kaman became more than just a 7-footer people from the Mid-American Conference raved about. And 5-9 freshman Tim Smith of East Tennessee State brought to mind Spud Webb and Muggsy Bogues.

Now comes the second weekend, when favorites usually take control and the odds get stacked against the surprise teams.

The regionalists:

Midwest

No. 1 Kentucky vs. No. 5 Wisconsin — The Wildcats cruised in their two wins to extend their

Study: Basketball has worst graduation rates

Men's basketball, where 57 percent of the players are black, has the worst graduation rates of all college sports.

A study released Monday showed that 10 of the schools in this week's round of 16 have failed to graduate even half of their players in recent years. Black players are less likely than whites to finish their careers with degrees, according to the study of NCAA graduation rates.

Butler posted the best numbers (86 percent) and Oklahoma had the worst with a zero graduation rate. They play each other Friday in the East Regional semifinals.

Only three schools — Butler, Duke and Kansas — graduated at least two-thirds of their black basketball players, while just two others — Marquette and Notre Dame — graduated at least two-thirds of all basketball players.

A school is credited with graduating students within six years of their freshman year, and is not credited for transfers or junior college players who may get their degrees.

— The Associated Press

No. 2 Pittsburgh vs. No. 3 Marquette — The Panthers won twice with then defense as they always seem to do. The Golden

Eagles struggled with Holy Cross in the first round and pulled away in overtime to beat Missouri. Pittsburgh's Julius Paez is one of the best all-around defenders in the country, and his matchup against Dwyane Wade or Travis Diener will be worth watching.

Kentucky-Pittsburgh would be the best of the regional finals and fans of defense will get their wish.

West

No. 1 Arizona vs. No. 5 Notre Dame — The Wildcats avoided being the only top seed to lose when they won the extra 10 minutes to beat Gonzaga. Notre Dame came up with its best defensive effort in a while to beat Illinois after escaping the first round when Dylan Pace of

Please see SWEET 16 Page D.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Order up another Sweet 16

Tennessee is only team to appear in every semifinal since 1982

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Shyra Ely had 17 points and nine rebounds and Gwen Jackson added 13 points as Tennessee advanced to its 2nd straight round of 16 with an 81-51 win over Virginia in the Midwest Regional on Monday night.

The top-seeded Lady Vols (30-4), the only team to appear in every regional semifinal since the NCAA women's tournament began in 1982, led from the tipoff and were hardly challenged in improving their NCAA home record to 42-0.

Women's roundup — D2

Tennessee, also hosting the regional, will play the winner of Tuesday night's game between South Carolina and Penn State on Saturday.

The No. 8 seed Cavaliers (17-14) struggled the entire game to contain Tennessee's offense.

The Lady Vols led 33-24 at halftime and increased it to 17 before Virginia pulled within 12 with 10:45 remaining. Tennessee, having no desire to make the game close, went on an 18-4 run to increase its lead to 26.

Brittany Jackson and Shanna Zolman each hit 3s to start the spurt as the partisan crowd roared. Zolman hit another 3-pointer as the Lady Vols led 68-42 with 6:15 to go, quelling any chance of a late Virginia rally.

Loree Moore finished with 13 points, Kara Lawson had 11 and Zolman 10.
Virginia has been Tennessee's most frequent opponent in the NCAA tournament. The Lady Vols are 8-1 against the Cavaliers, with the lone loss coming in 1990 when Virginia won the regional final in Norfolk, Va., and prevented Tennessee from playing in the Final Four it was hosting.

Injuries mount as season nears

M's closer Sasaki nursing sore shoulder

The Associated Press

With the start of the season less than a week away, many of baseball's top players are nursing nagging injuries.

Injured All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez and Miguel Tejada sat out Monday but hope to be ready for the start of the season.

MVP Troy Glaus was sent back to California to have his injured right hand examined, and pitchers Jarrod Washburn, Kazuhiro Sasaki and Orlando Hernandez all might miss the opener.

Rodriguez will play Tuesday for the first time in two weeks in a minor league game but won't play any more games for the Rangers this spring in case his sore neck acts up.

The AL home run leader the



Tennessee's Shyra Ely (43) drives against Virginia's Jocelyn Logan-Friend during their second-round NCAA Midwest Regional game Monday in Knoxville, Tenn. Tennessee won going away, 81-51 to advance to the Sweet 16 for the 22nd consecutive year. Tennessee is the only team to have played in every regional semifinal since 1982.



Oakland shortstop Miquel Tejada, the 2002 American League MVP, gets his leg hung up on the back of Seattle baserunner Randy Winn while relaying to first for a double play in the first inning Sunday in Peoria, Ariz. Tejada suffered a leg injury on the play and left the game in the next inning.
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Martin, Tingey lead All-Region girls team

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Minico senior Whitney Martin and Highland's Kristy Tingey earned coplayers of the year for Region III Four-Five-Six.

Martin, who has signed with Boise State, struggled through a fractured wrist and a slow start to the season before helping the Spartans with a late run, including a win at Highland in the district tournament.

Minico coach Clint Straatman said Martin showed her leadership skills with double-digit scoring in the last half of the season.

"After she got back (from the injury) she tried to do a whole bunch too soon," he said. "We got her to be patient and she helped us out quite a bit at the end. She averaged about 14 or 15 points a game and about seven rebounds in her last six or eight games."

Straatman said Martin, who played point guard most of the season, will probably move to a 3 or 4

position at Boise State.

"The system (triangle and 2) that they're using, she can use her a little bit everywhere," he said. "She'll fit in there."

Twin Falls teammates Danielle Maloney and Amanda Hovey led the region's first team with Crystal Alexander and Brian Zikorch of Pocatello and Skyline's Crystal Baldwin rounding out the first five.

Bruin sophomore Hannah Heidenreich and senior Shay Tuson headed up the second team along with Brittney Bettenger of Skyline, Lacey Pavey of Pocatello and Tatum Dwyer of Highland.

Honorable mentions were: Monica Jensen, Jayme Allen and Amber Warth of Minico; Tami Hazen and Kim Vriesman of Twin Falls; Corey Price and Celeste Hill of Highland; Kristin Chadwick, Katy Arnold and Whitney Raul of Pocatello; Brooke Zorn of Idaho Falls and Mikeey Price and Ashley Marsh of Skyline.
There was no coach of the year.

SPORTS

Tar Heels weather Wyoming run in NIT

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina is closing in on yet another 20-win season.

Melvin Scott had a career-high 20 points and Raymond Felton added 15 points and 14 assists as the Tar Heels beat Wyoming 90-74 Monday night to advance to the third round of the NIT.

North Carolina (19-15) will face Georgetown at home Wednesday night with a chance to advance to New York City and win 20 games for the 32nd time in the last 33 years.

Rashad McCants added 20 points as North Carolina, a program worst 8-20 last year, hit 12-of-26 from 3-point range and forced 19 turnovers.

Donta Richardson had 20 points to lead Wyoming (21-11), which used an 18-0 run over a six-minute span to cut the score to 61-58 with plenty of time left.

But Jawad Williams hit a 3-pointer, Felton had a steal and fast break layup and then fed David Noel for a dunk in span of a minute as the Tar Heels went back up by double digits.

Wyoming pulled within eight with 7:48 left before Scott hit a pair of 3-pointers and a layup in a pair of 38 seconds to help seal it.

Georgetown 67, Providence 58

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Mike Sweetney had 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Georgetown.

Tony Bethel added 18 points for the Hoyas (17-14), who made 26 of 32 free throws. The Friars scored 15-of-30 from the line and missed 17 of their 20 3-pointers.

Ryan Gomes led Providence (18-14) with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

Georgetown's defense shut down the Friars for most of the second half, holding them without a basket for 10 minutes. The

Baseball

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hit on the left knee with a pitch. He was bothered by the knee for the past couple of weeks and then was hit by a pitch Sunday.

"The trainer told me to take it easy on him for a couple of days," A's manager Ken Macha said. "We're playing it on the safe side. He wanted to know if he was playing."

Washburn, an 18-game winner for the World Series champion Angels last year, probably won't start until the team's fifth game this season because of a sprained left elbow.

Manager Mike Scioscia said Washburn will pitch in a minor league game Sunday when the Angels face the Rangers to begin the season. John Lackey, the first rookie to win Game 7 of the series in 93 years, will start in Washburn's place.

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seasons, then imagine how much wider the gap between the mid-majors and the top few teams in the big conferences would be if those kids were still in the NCAA mix.

Because they aren't, the number of real powerhouses is down to a handful, and schools such as Butler get to hang around a little longer and talk a little louder than they used to. And being the only double-digit seed besides No. 10 Auburn left in the round of 16 has proved to be intoxicating stuff, indeed.

"It's not our goal just to get to the Sweet 16," Darnell Archey said. "Our goal all along has been to be national champions. We're thrilled and excited, but we're not satisfied."

Come Friday, Oklahoma figures to have something to say about that. The best games so far have been supposed mismatches on the order of Butler-Louisville — see Arizona's escape from Gonzaga — but everything suggests it's going to get harder from here on out.

Butler slipped away from No. 5 Mississippi State in round one, the clear exception to the rule. At the Indianapolis subregional just down the road from the Bulldogs' classic gym, four of their brethren — Holy Cross, Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Wisconsin Milwaukee — were beaten by Marquette, Missouri, Illinois and Notre Dame by a total of 11 points. It might be that coach Todd Littleton was the only one in Butler colors who appreciated how lucky they were to draw the

Hoyas went up 62-49 on Sweetney's dunk with less than two minutes left.

Georgia Tech 79, Iowa 78

IOWA CITY, Iowa — B.J. Elder's turnaround jumper with three minutes of a second left gave Georgia Tech the victory.

With 6.2 seconds to go, Elder got the ball near midcourt, dribbled to the key and backed up an Iowa defender into the paint before launching his shot. On its last play, Iowa threw the ball downcourt but couldn't get off a shot before time expired.

Chris Bosh scored 17 points to lead the Yellow Jackets (16-14). Chancey Leslie scored 27 to lead the Hawkeyes (17-14).

St. John's 73, Virginia 63

NEW YORK — Marcus Hatten scored 30 points to help the Red Storm rally from an eight-point second-half deficit.

St. John's (18-13) will host the winner of Tuesday night's game between UAB and Siena in the quarterfinals.

Devin Smith scored 19 points to lead the Cavaliers (16-16). St. John's is playing in its 27th NIT and has won the tournament a record five times.

Minnesota 84, Hawaii 70

MINNEAPOLIS — Maurice Hargrow scored 22 points and Ben Johnson added a season-high 18 as Minnesota rallied from 13 points down in the second half.

Rick Rickert added 16 for the Gophers (18-12), who will play the winner of Tuesday night's game between Temple and Rhode Island.

Hawaii (19-12) got 20 points from Michael Kuebler and 18 from Carl English.

Minnesota went on a 26-6 run, capped by consecutive 3-pointers from Hargrow, to go ahead 67-56 with seven minutes left.

Glaus was sent back to Anaheim on Monday to be examined by hand specialist Dr. Norman Zemel. Glaus injured his hand before Sunday's game with San Diego and was scratched from the lineup minutes before the game.

"He's probably going to miss the next couple of days," Scioscia said.

Sasaki, the Mariners' closer, has a sore right shoulder and hasn't pitched in a game since March 15.

If Sasaki isn't available for the start of Sunday's game, right-handed lefty Nelson and left-handed Arthur Rhodes would close for Seattle.

"I try not to think a whole lot about that, but you have to," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said.

longer straw twice in a row.

"The greatest thing is we get to stay together," he said. "I can't tell you how much fun it is to just be around these guys, to watch them prepare and compete. I just want to prolong this as long as possible."

All sorts of improbable pieces fell in place to help Butler get this far. The talent drain of the last decade never hit the Bulldogs because they don't draw many stars to begin with. Six of this year's players are seniors, including Sunday's hero, Archey. And Littleton, who has exactly as many tournament appearances as Pitino does national championships (one), is the third coach they've played for.

If the program has a star, it's Hinkle Fieldhouse. The Butler gym was used to film the ultimate underdog — mode, "Hoosiers," and Littleton understands its pull as a recruiting tool. It is short on amenities, but long on inspiration.

Whether it was Archey on the greatest 3-point shot of his life, or Duane Lightfoot's 14 points off the bench, or even reserve Rob Walls' exchange of sneakers with Cornette after the senior center soaked his by crashing into some coaches behind the bench in pursuit of a loose ball, the Bulldogs have become a team.

If nothing else, Butler's kids understand the notion of playing together. It's the only real advantage they've got.

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Jazz topple slumping Celtics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Matt Harpring scored 25 points and Karl Malone had 19 points and 12 rebounds as the Utah Jazz extended their winning streak to four games by beating the slumping Boston Celtics 96-91 Monday night.

John Stockton, who turns 41 on Wednesday, added 17 points and eight assists for the Jazz, who are No. 6 in the Western Conference playoff standings with 12 games left in the season.

Utah shot 50 percent in the second half (16-for-32) and held the Celtics to one field goal in the final two minutes.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 24 points and eight rebounds. Antoine Walker added 20 points for Boston, which has lost five straight for the first time under coach Jim O'Brien.

The Celtics were playing without starting center Tony Battie, who sat out with a sore left knee, and guard Tony Delk, whose father died Sunday.

SuperSonics 82, Suns 73

PHOENIX — Rashard Lewis scored 25 of his 29 points in the second half as the Seattle SuperSonics beat Phoenix 82-73 Monday night, an ugly home loss that could prove costly in the Suns' fight for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Ray Allen added 22 points for the Sonics, who have won three of four. Reggie Evans grabbed 13

rebounds as Seattle dominated the fourth quarter.

Stephon Marbury had 22 points and 10 assists as the Suns matched their season-low in scoring. They also scored 73 in their season-opener at Seattle. Shawn Marion added 15 points on 5-for-16 shooting.

The loss by Phoenix clinched a playoff spot for the San Antonio Spurs. The victory left Seattle just 2.5 games behind the Suns with 11 to play. Phoenix entered the game tied with Houston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.

Mavericks 108, Nuggets 96

DENVER — Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and Nick Van Exel scored 24 against his former team to help the Dallas Mavericks beat Denver 108-96 Monday night, completing their second straight season-series sweep of the Nuggets.

It was the eighth straight win over Denver for the Mavericks, who increased their lead over idle San Antonio to 3.5 games in the Midwest Division.

Juwan Howard had 25 points and Nene Hilario 23 points for Denver. Rodney White added 17 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his first career triple-double.

Knicks 100, Raptors 90

NEW YORK — Howard Eisley hit two 3-pointers as part of an 8-0 run to end the third quarter, putting the New York Knicks in control for good in a 100-90 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.



Utah Jazz center Tony Massenburg fouls Boston Celtics forward Antoine Walker, right, from behind on a rebound attempt in the first quarter Monday. Utah's best Boston for its fourth win in a row, 96-91.

Keeping their slim playoff hopes alive, the Knicks went ahead by as many as 16 in the fourth quarter in sending Toronto to its ninth loss in 10 games.

Kurt Thomas scored 23 and Allan Houston added 20 for the Knicks.

Antonio Davis scored 23 and Vince Carter had 21 for the Raptors.

Grizzlies 110, Magic 104

ORLANDO — Pau Gasol scored 26 points and Jason Williams added 17 points and 15 assists as the Memphis Grizzlies beat Orlando, handing the Magic their first loss in five games.

Tracy McGrady had 34 points for the Magic, but hit only one of 10 shots in the second half.

Layup lifts BC; Boilermakers romp

Women's NCAA Tournament

Jones added 16 as Purdue advanced to the round of 16 for the eighth time with an 80-62 win over Virginia Tech on Monday in the East Regional.

The second-seeded Boilermakers (28-5) will play the winner of Tuesday's game between Notre Dame and Kansas State. If the Irish win, it would be a rematch of the 2001 national championship game.

Chrystal Starling led the seventh-seeded Hokies (22-10) with 16 points and Kerri Gardin added 12. The Hokies were making their first tournament appearance in two years.

Midwest

Georgia 74, Rutgers 64

ATHENS, Ga. — Christi Thomas, Alexis Kendrick and Ebony Felder each scored 17

points as fifth-seeded Georgia advanced to the round of 16 for the 13th time.

Georgia (21-9) likely will be without starting guard Sherrill Baker, who left early in the second half with a separated right shoulder. The Lady Bulldogs have been without leading scorer Kara Braxton since February when coach Andy Landers kicked her off the team for violating unspecified team rules.

Chelsea Newton led Rutgers (21-8) with 19 points. Cappie Pondexter scored 15 points but fouled out with 46 seconds remaining and Georgia leading 69-60.

New Mexico 73, Mississippi State 61

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Jordan Adams scored 19 points and New Mexico hit 13 3-pointers as the sixth-seeded Lobos (24-8) advance to the round of 16.

Before its 91-85 overtime win

over Miami on Saturday, New Mexico had never won a game in the NCAA tournament.

New Mexico stunned the Lady Bulldogs (24-8) early by hitting their first six 3-pointers and 10 of their first 12 shots. New Mexico, playing on its home court before a frenzied sellout crowd of 16,214, hit nine 3s in the first half.

Midwest

Colorado 86, North Carolina 67

BOULDER, Colo. — Tera Bjorklund scored a career-high 34 points, and Colorado hit nine 3-pointers to beat North Carolina 86-67 Monday night in the second round of the Midwest Regional.

Colorado (24-7), the No. 6 seed, advances to the round of 16 in Knoxville, Tenn., reaching the regional semifinals for the sixth time in its last eight NCAA tournament appearances.

finals, with the Terrapins going on to win the national championship. The rematch will be great even if it's half as good as the one in the Carrier Dome last March.

East

No. 1 Oklahoma vs. No. 12 Butler — The biggest concern for the Sooners so far hasn't been the opponent but Hollis Price's groin injury.

His health will decide if Oklahoma can get to the Final Four for a second straight year. The Bulldogs' beat two good defensive teams to reach the

round of 16. The way they shoot 3s causes worry for even a good perimeter defensive team like Oklahoma.

No. 3 Syracuse vs. No. 10 Auburn — The Orangemen advanced behind their three freshmen and a bench that is suddenly contributing. The Tigers, spurred by the play of Marquis Daniels and criticism over their tournament selection, won two games most thought they shouldn't have played.

Only four of 21 double-digit seeds to reach the round of 16 over the last five years made the regional final. The two surprise runs will end here as well.

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SPORTS

HAS HE SNAPPED?

Former NFL Giant relives playoff blunder

By Neil Best
New York Newsday

Troy Junkin no longer thinks about it "every waking moment." That phase passed after six weeks or so. But the former New York Giants long snapper can't control what happens in his sleep.

"I still wake up at night," he said. "A few nights ago, I was in New Orleans trying to enjoy St. Patrick's Day, but I couldn't. I'm the kind of person who obsesses about little bit things, which helped me last 19 years in the NFL. So I'm going to obsess about this forever."

Junkin's nightmares began Jan. 5, when his own errant field-goal snap, including one on the game's last play, sealed the New York Giants' historic collapse in a 38-9 playoff loss to the 49ers in San Francisco.

He had come out of retire-

ment five days earlier to help a team desperate for a long snapper and wound up saying he would give anything, other than his family, to turn back the clock by a week.

Time has dulled the pain a bit. Junkin, 42, sounded upbeat and philosophical in a recent phone interview as he drove to Northwestern State in Louisiana, where he is taking classes to earn an undergraduate degree.

Friends, relatives and strangers have assured him repeatedly that, contrary to what he said after the game, he was not primarily to blame.

"I've gotten a ton of mail from New Jersey and New York and it's all been positive," he said. "I thought they'd all be death threats, but everybody firmly believes it was not my fault. I appreciate that, but like I said then, I take what I do personally, and it was my fault."

Junkin rarely is recognized in public, even after his brush with infamy. That helps. But his wife, Sarah, and sons Jacob and Connor — his state of mind has been the primary concern.

"You just have to throw yourself at life and find something to stay busy and get your mind off it and move on," he said. "Is it still with me? Yes. Will it always be with me? Yes. But I'm not going to let it consume my every waking moment anymore."

Part of that process was avoiding the endless replays of the ill-fated final play. With six seconds left and the Giants lined up for a 41-yard field-goal attempt, Junkin's snap to holder Matt Allen was low and outside. Allen aborted the field goal and launched a desperate pass that fell incomplete inside the 5-yard line.

"I know exactly what I did wrong," said Junkin, who had snapped accurately for five extra points and a field goal before the two misfires in the final quarter.

"I was trying to snap the ball easy, make the perfect snap, and I didn't put any rotation on it."

When Junkin is snapping well, he puts equal pressure on the ball with both hands; on both bad snaps, "there was no left hand. It was just a one-handed soft toss. It ... is what it did."

Junkin cleaned out his locker the next day, his 20th NFL season over less than a week after it had begun.

The Giants had been talking to him during the season as they went through a parade of snappers, but they signed him only after Dan O'Leary was injured as the playoffs approached.

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49ERS

The scoreboard flashes the amazing comeback by the San Francisco 49ers against the New York Giants in the NFC playoffs on Jan. 5.

The healing process continues. Junkin said he followed his previous bad snap, on a punt for the Cardinals against the Giants in December 2001, by snapping for four hours "and ended up in traction."

Last week he took out his pads in his Winnfield, La. home, ready to get back on the field at last.

"I feel like I really need to go out and snap," he said. "I need to do it for me. I need to get that game out of my head."

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

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AL East	1	1	.500
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AL West	1	1	.500
NL East	1	1	.500
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AL Central	1	1	.500
AL West	1	1	.500
NL East	1	1	.500
NL Central	1	1	.500
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Collegiate Baseball Top 25

Rank	Team	W	L	Pct
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3	Georgia	1	1	.500
4	South Carolina	1	1	.500
5	Alabama	1	1	.500

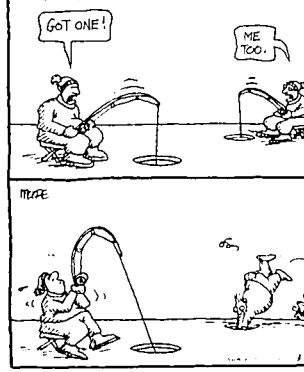
BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Team	W	L	Pct
AL East	1	1	.500
AL Central	1	1	.500
AL West	1	1	.500
NL East	1	1	.500
NL Central	1	1	.500
NL West	1	1	.500

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct
AL East	1	1	.500
AL Central	1	1	.500
AL West	1	1	.500
NL East	1	1	.500
NL Central	1	1	.500
NL West	1	1	.500



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NBA Boxes

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MEMPHIS 110, MAGIC 104	
ORLANDO 101, BOSTON 95	
INDIANA 101, PHOENIX 95	
ATLANTA 101, MIAMI 95	
CHICAGO 101, DETROIT 95	

Continental Basketball Association

Game	Score
INDIANA 101, PHOENIX 95	
ATLANTA 101, MIAMI 95	
CHICAGO 101, DETROIT 95	
MEMPHIS 110, MAGIC 104	
ORLANDO 101, BOSTON 95	

SOFTBALL

Game	Score
INDIANA 101, PHOENIX 95	
ATLANTA 101, MIAMI 95	
CHICAGO 101, DETROIT 95	
MEMPHIS 110, MAGIC 104	
ORLANDO 101, BOSTON 95	

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Tennis

- ATP World Tour, Tennis Masters Series, ATP World Tour, Tennis Masters Series, ATP World Tour, Tennis Masters Series
- WTA World Tour, Tennis Masters Series, WTA World Tour, Tennis Masters Series, WTA World Tour, Tennis Masters Series

Basketball

- Women's tournament, South Carolina vs Penn St., second round, ESPN2, 9 p.m.
- Women's tournament, Utah vs Duke, second round, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- Women's tournament, Georgia vs Washington St., second round, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
- Women's tournament, TCU vs UConn, second round, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Women's tournament, Notre Dame vs Kansas St., second round, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

CELESTIAL 3, MARLENE 2

Game	Score
CELESTIAL 3, MARLENE 2	

OILERS 3, PREDATORS 2

Game	Score
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SABRES 4, AVALANCHE 3

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Bruins skate by Leafs in new coach's debut

BOSTON (AP) — Mike Knuble scored the tying goal and 15 seconds into the third period on Monday night to lead the Bruins to a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs in Mike O'Connell's debut as Boston coach.

Steve Shields stopped 24 shots, including a glove save on Alexander Mogilny's wrist shot with 45.9 seconds left to preserve the win.

Rob Zamuner and Martin Lapointe also scored for Boston.

Darcy Tucker and Tomas Kaberle scored for Toronto and Ed Belfour stopped 30 shots as the Maple Leafs lost in regulation for the first time in eight games.

Matthew Nilsson scored a power-play goal for Florida, which set a franchise record with its seventh consecutive home loss. The Panthers haven't won at home in 13 games (0-10-2).

Flames 2, Coyotes 0

CALGARY, Alberta — Stephane Giguere and Roman Turek scored, and Roman Turek made 16 saves as the Calgary Flames beat the Phoenix Coyotes 2-0 Monday night.

Turek recorded his fourth shutout of the season, 24th of his career. He wasn't tested until he smothered Paul Mara's soft wrist shot 3:15 into the second period.

Sabres 4, Avalanche 3

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jochen Hecht scored his second goal of the game with 44.8 seconds left in

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

New homes in Twin Falls

The average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in rural Twin Falls County rang in at \$129,836 in 2002. That's up 13 percent from the county's \$115,026 new home average in 2001.

The unincorporated portion of Twin Falls County rapidly gained ground on another front last year.

The county jurisdiction in 2002 issued permits for 106 new single-family homes, up from just 61 the year before.

Source: Wells Fargo's "Idaho Construction Report"

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Walgreen earnings rise 14 percent

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Walgreen Co. rose its strength in prescription drugs to post a 14 percent increase in second-quarter profit despite a tough retail environment.

The largest U.S. pharmacy chain — which has a new Twin Falls store — said Monday it earned \$370.9 million, or 36 cents a share, for the three months ended Feb. 28, up from \$326.6 million, or 32 cents a share, a year earlier.

Sales rose 12.8 percent to \$8.45 billion from \$7.49 billion, including an 18 percent rise in prescription sales. Amazon stores open more than a year, the sales increase was 8 percent.

The latest earnings matched the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call, but the sales figures were below the \$8.53 billion that the analysts expected.

The company operated 3,998 drugstores in 43 states and Puerto Rico as of Feb. 28, up from 3,678 a year ago.

For the first six months of the fiscal year, net earnings were \$602.5 million, or 58 cents a share, up from \$512.5 million, or 50 cents a share, a year ago. Sales climbed to \$15.93 billion from \$14.05 billion.

TEAM America Inc.

posts small Q4 profit

TWIN FALLS — Ohio-based professional employer organization TEAM America Inc. posted a small fourth-quarter profit.

For the fourth quarter, which ended Dec. 28, revenue grew to \$14.8 million from the year-ago \$14.1 million. The quarter's net income was \$439,000, compared with a loss of \$3.0 million in 2001, and net income attributable to common shareholders was \$122,000, or 1 cent per share, compared with a net loss of \$3.3 million, or 41 cents per share, for the same period in 2001.

Those numbers reflect TEAM America's new revenue recognition policy under which the salaries, wages, certain payroll taxes and other costs of work-site employees are no longer recognized as revenue to the company.

"This is our fifth quarter of sequential improvement in earnings and EBITDA. We believe we've turned the corner in a very difficult economic environment thanks to the focused efforts and hard work of our employees," Chairman and Chief Executive Officer S. Cash Nickerson said in a statement.

TEAM America also announced it reached an agreement to restructure its loan agreement with its senior lenders, extending the maturity date of the loans and waiving all prior defaults. In addition, directors approved an agreement in principle to restructure the company's preferred shares; preferred holders would exchange about \$13.5 million liquidation preference for \$2.5 million of new nonconvertible preferred shares, 4.8 million common shares and about 2.5 million warrants.

Washington Federal Inc. announces dividend

JEROME — Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. — parent of Washington Federal Savings — on Monday announced a quarterly cash dividend of 21 cents per share.

The dividend will be payable April 18 to common stockholders of record April 4, 2003.

It is Washington Federal's 81st consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Conference features area foods

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Rabbits as livestock? Lettuce in winter. Seeds selected and saved for their adaptation to the valley's growing conditions. A plateful of local-only foods.

They're all part of the sustainable-agriculture movement to be featured in a conference this week in Twin Falls. The two-day event, "Connecting Through Local Foods," aims to link farmers to sustainable production methods and local marketing savvy.

Friday and Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho, organizers have assembled an agenda of presentations and panels by southern Idaho farmers and various experts.

"The point of the conference is to introduce the community to

What it is: Two-day conference on sustainable agriculture, featuring about 40 presenters.

When: Begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday, and ends at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Where: All sessions will be in the Evergreen Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

Cost: Registration for the full two-day event is \$55 per person or \$100 per couple; that fee also covers the

sustainable agriculture and to provide new ideas and encouragement to those who want to try something new," said Rick Parker of the Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Science department at CSI.

That "something new" might be marketing new specialty meat

About 'Connecting Through Local Foods'

food for two lunches, breaks and a Friday-night banquet celebrating local foods. Or, attendees may choose to pay \$40 for the two-day sessions only, or \$20 for the banquet and keynote address only.

Organizers: Sponsors and partners for the conference include the Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Science department at CSI; University of Idaho Extension; the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides; the Idaho Organic Alliance; and the Magic Valley Farmer Network.

or forming cooperatives to pool raw product for a value-added process. Or developing a specialty foods kitchen to launch good ideas by people who don't have the finances for their own large processing units.

The conference — billed as the first of what could be an annual

event — also aims to convey that many foods already are produced around here. And should be used here.

"Rather than import it from California, or Florida — except oranges, of course — it would be nice to support the agriculture

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Loyalty cards mean profits for stores

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just swipe the card at the checkout register and get a discount on tomatoes or toothpaste, or whatever the specials are. You save money and the store builds a record that lets it know how to serve its best customers.

Loyalty cards have been around for a few years now, and supermarket and drug store chains like CVS and Winn-Dixie are beginning to reap the benefits.

With a massive amount of data being collected on shoppers, from the types of soda they buy to whether they like to shop late at night, merchants are getting smarter at tracking consumer trends. And they're changing their merchandise, store layout and advertising accordingly to keep their most loyal customers spending.

A few examples:

- CVS Corp. launched its loyalty card program in February 2001 and discovered that cosmetic buyers are its best customers.

- Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., which began rolling out a loyalty card program in March 2002, can now reverse the impact of ads on top customers, and knows the 25 items that attract the most loyal shoppers. It expects to make some changes in merchandising, as needed, according to Joanne Gage, senior director of consumer marketing services.

But while stores insist these cards — now embraced by almost half the supermarket chains — only help keep loyal customers satisfied by having the right products at the prices they want, some privacy advocates contend there's a dark side.

Every time consumers swipe, they say, they give up their privacy.

"They're not saving devices, but data collection devices," argues Katherine Albrecht,



Rosa Mendez arranges produce that is popular with Hispanic customers at a Food Lion grocery store on South Boulevard in Charlotte, N.C., earlier this month. Supermarkets and drug store chains are beginning to reap the benefits of loyalty cards, the plastic cards consumers swipe at the register to get discounts.

director and founder of Consumers Against Supermarket Privacy Invasion and Numbering, a consumer privacy advocacy group.

Laury Ponemon, founder of a Tucson, Ariz.-based privacy research institute bearing his surname, said stores are already selling information to diet centers, manufacturers and marketing companies, though he declined to give names. Company officials from Food Lion, Winn-Dixie, Stop & Shop, CVS and other big chains deny they sell the information to other parties.

The supermarket industry stands to benefit the most from loyalty cards because consumers shop there an average of 2.2 times a week, but convenience and apparel stores are among other retailers that are embracing them.

By swiping these cards at the register, consumers are able to get the weekly discounts advertised on certain products. In many cases, customers can get a card without giving their names or addresses, but they won't be mailed coupons for extra discounts, customized according to their buying habits. For exam-



A cashier scans a Food Lion MVP card at a cash register at a Food Lion grocery store in Charlotte, N.C., earlier this month.

ple, shoppers who buy a lot of baby products may get extra discounts on diapers.

Retailers estimate that 20 percent of their shoppers account for 80 percent of store sales, so finding out what their best customers want is essential. By simply scanning purchases, stores track what's selling, but when that data is tied to loyalty cards, merchants obtain richer information on who is buying what.

"This is the prized asset of supermarkets' future," Ponemon said.

Even services that may seem helpful to consumers could be a way to get them to spend more, he said.

Two years ago, for example, Ahlold's Stop & Shop teamed up with a now-defunct technology company called SmartMouth Technologies in Warrington, Mass., to provide a nutritional profile of customers, based on the types of foods they buy.

Customers punched in their card numbers on SmartMouth.com and were able to

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COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Bonnie Crocker, also known as Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Bonita Hallinger and Bonita Irwin, 405 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40390.

Gary Prewitt and Amber Prewitt, also known as Amber Tait, 29 N. Second W. Fall, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40397.

Cedric Umbaugh and Melissa Umbaugh, 201 Washington St. N. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40398.

Alton Bates and Lisa Marie Bates, also known as Lisa Bates, 1137 N. Washington, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40411.

Rebecca Gorman and Vangie Martinez, P.O. Box 663, Fall, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40428.

Jose Manuel Vargas and Elina Suzanne Vargas, also known as Elina Suzanne Vargas, 201 Washington St. N. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40429.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Isaac Thompson and Jaime Thompson, also known as Jaime Madden, 930 14th St. N. 9. Haysboro, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40434.

Keith Burgoyne, 1024 Sixth St. Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40437.

Christopher Scott Woods, also known as Christopher Woods, doing business as Big Drop Backwoods, and Stefanie Feme Woods, also known as Stefanie Abramshian, formerly doing business as Backwoods Services, 107 Fir Drive, Ketchum, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40430.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Steven Seaman, 1701 W. Midway, Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40410.

Travis Gene Lierman, 138 B Idaho Highway 25, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40414.

Kevan George Kuyke, doing business as K&K, and Vicki Lynn Kuyke, also known as Vicki Lynn Kuyke, doing business as K&K, 106 N. 50 W. Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40415.

Wayne A. Archer and Luana Archer, also known as Luana DePhillips, 1013 Brentwood Drive, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40416.

W. Markle, also known as Jay Markle and James J. Markle, and Amy J. Markle, also known as Amy Riley, 2236 E. 500 N. Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40417.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Leta Marie Achenbach, also known as Leta Marie Hinton, 512 W. Ave. C, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40412.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Ronald J. Reynolds, also known as Ron Reynolds, and Shirley A. Reynolds, 705 H St. Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40395.

Chapter 13, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Hubert Hansen, formerly doing business as H&H Trucking, and Alice Hansen, 547 W. 2100 S. Oakley, individual, business, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40438.

Chapter 13, business, \$500,000 to \$1 million

Terry Lee Gortemmer, doing business as T&T Enterprises, and Teri Lynn Gortemmer, 3653 N. 900 E. Castletown, individual, business, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1 million, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 03-40420.

Delta will reduce its flights twelve percent

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines pared capacity by 12 percent Monday, becoming the fifth major U.S. carrier forced to cut back as the battle in Iraq drastically upsets domestic and international travel.

The nation's third-largest airline said it will halt some of its seasonal and daily transatlantic flights as well as suspend flights in some cities as part of the cutback. Among those targeted are the May 1 start of seasonal flights between Boston and Rome as well as daily service between Cincinnati and Rome.

Delta said the changes will not affect the airline's Delta Connection partners — such as

SkyWest Airlines' service to Twin Falls — or its Latin American, Caribbean and Pacific routes.

The carrier said it will lower the number of flights it offers on routes where multiple flights are scheduled. It does not intend to reduce the number of destinations it serves. Delta said cities such as Rome that are taken out of the system can be handled by the airline's SkyTeam alliance and code-share partners such as Northwest and Continental.

"Military action in the Middle East and the resulting security sensitivities have contributed to a steep decline in passenger demand within the airline industry," Senior Vice President

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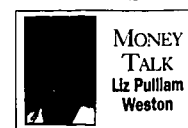
Don't sign power of attorney unless you trust the recipient

Question: I contacted a financial adviser and was considering moving my accounts to him. But he sent me a contract that includes a provision giving him limited power of attorney. The contract also requires me to promise not to make any decisions on my own.

Is this usual? His fees are 0.8 percent annually, based on the value of my portfolio.

Answer: A limited power of attorney would allow the adviser to make investment decisions without consulting you first. Although not unusual, this clause gives him a lot of power. You shouldn't sign it unless you're absolutely confident he has your best interests at heart.

That means you need to do some research. Financial planning expert Bob Veres suggests



you start by scrutinizing how the adviser gets paid.

"The very first question I would ask is: 'Is there any way the adviser can benefit financially from transferring money from this fund to that one and back again?'" said Veres, who publishes Inside Information, a newsletter for financial planners.

If the adviser is paid by commission, in addition to the fees you're paying, he could have a

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



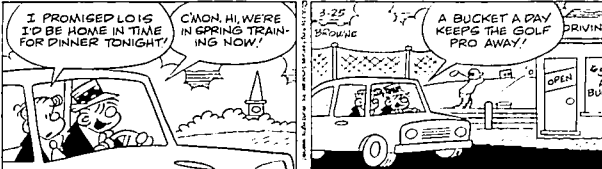
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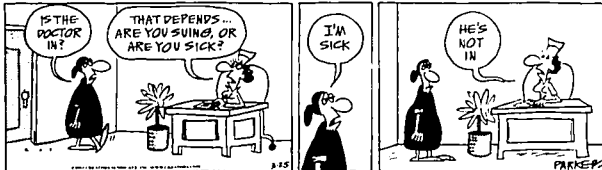
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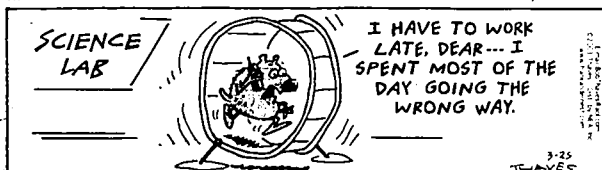
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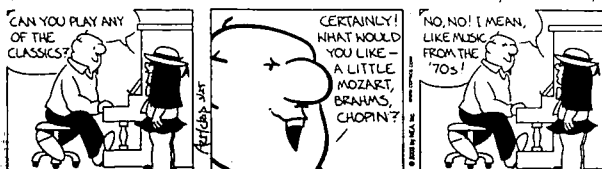
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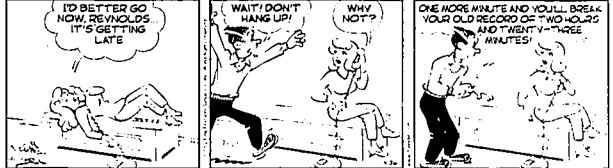
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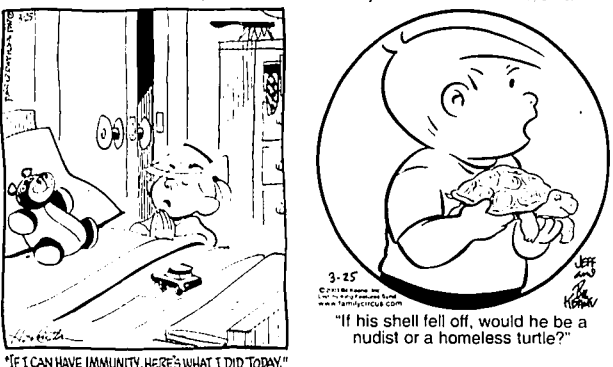


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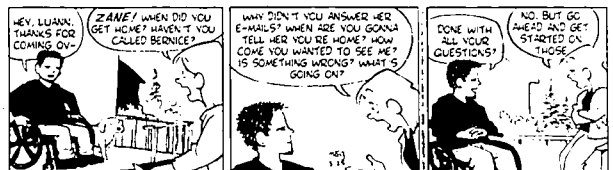
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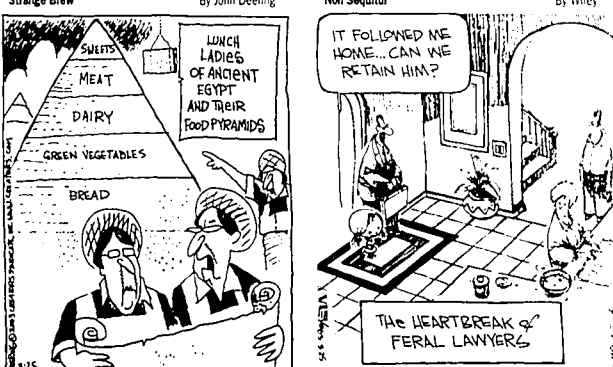


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Text mystery takes gaming to 1893

By Nick Wadhams
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — So consumed was Peter Nepstad by the 1893 World's Fair that he spent four weeks of nights and weekends programming its every facet into a computer game.

The result is "1893: A World's Fair Mystery," whose conceit is surprisingly rare for computer games — the meticulous recreation of a real place, down to the smallest detail.

That Nepstad, who made the game entirely by himself, brought the fair so vividly to life is an achievement more impressive because there is not a single piece of animation or motion-picture video in the game.

"A World's Fair Mystery" is a text adventure.

Computer gamers usually fall into two camps when it comes to so-called "interactive fiction." There are those who wishfully remember it as the greatest symbol of gaming's promise back in the early 1980s, the single-celled organism at the start of an evolutionary chain still unmatched for its simple elegance.

And then there are gamers who revile it as a tedious, obtuse, stupid frustration whose creators seemed intent on driving gamers into convulsions of fury.

A World's Fair mystery, thankfully, inspires more feelings associated with the former category. You play a detective on the trail of a diamond thief. But the real character here, and the real story, is the fair itself.

The only graphics you'll get are still photos that date from the fair, an event that for its time produced something unseen anywhere in the world. It was an amalgam of architectural styles and oddities from the then-exotic lands of Asia and Africa, and above all a testament to the rising might of America and Chicago.



Peter Nepstad shows some of the books he used for reference to create his computer game, 1893 World's Fair, at his Chicago home March 18.

ing might of America and Chicago.

Nepstad's job of re-creating the fair was formidable but also easy because the fair was documented extensively with what was then a groundbreaking new technology, Kodak's portable camera.

Whoever catalogued the fair was about as meticulous as Nepstad: There are pictures of every sculpture, exhibition hall, lake village, restaurant and path, and the pictures have included it all.

The pictures provide an exact

and rustic feel to the game without robbing your imagination of room to roam over a world that exists almost entirely inside your head.

It's tough not to like, partly because the puzzles are generally logical and unobtrusive. I got the most delight just wandering around, taking a tour programmed into the game, looking at every possible object and reading the bountiful description of each.

Every time I did so, I marveled even more at how much passion Nepstad put into the game. A technical writer, he said he has long been fascinated by the World's Fair — fascinated enough to make the game and distribute it on his own nickel. Copies are available on his Web site for \$19.95.

A World's Fair Mystery suffers a fault of the old text adventures' fables.

The text went extinct in part because it was easy to get lost unless gamers meticulously drew out maps of the game world. A rare few players found that enjoyable; the rest quickly fled to the far more navigable graphic adventures that had begun appearing in force.

But nipping with 1893 seems profane.

A car lover wouldn't, for example, complain that a 1968 Ford Fairlane gets worse mileage than his new Toyota Prius, or doesn't protect urban cowfolk as well as the Hummer H2.

A World's Fair Mystery proves convincingly that the best games aren't about razzle-dazzle special effects or cheap gimmickry. They're about story, character, and especially here, location, location, location.

Nepstad's creation is a wonderful journey back to the heady early days of gaming, when the little things, though they could fit on a floppy disk, pointed beautifully at pictures with words.

You might be soon talking over the Internet

By Leslie Brooks Suzukamo
Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — That sleek gray thing on Linda Ehresman's desk in Chaska, Minn.'s City Hall looks like a phone, sounds like a phone and acts like a phone.

But it's a computer.

And instead of connecting to a phone line, it connects to the same network that the computer on her desk does. When she speaks, her voice is converted into digital "packets" that zip through that network with e-mail and other data.

The City of Chaska is one of the first workplaces in the Twin Cities to install a phone system based on the same technical standard as data that moves over the Internet. Technically, the system converts voice conversations into so-called "Internet protocol," or IP, data.

If you use a business phone, "Internet telephony" will likely come your way over the next few years — and you may not even notice.

"You cannot tell the difference between being on a regular phone set and being on an IP phone set," said Brad Mayer, information systems manager for the City of Chaska. "Most people don't even know the phone system is a complete redesign."

Ehresman, who works as a receptionist in City Hall, didn't.

"I just wanted to know which buttons to push," Ehresman said. "We let Brad work all the technical stuff."

Technically, it works like this: Calls to the city used to come into a traditional switching system called a PBX, basically a machine in a closet that routed calls to the right extension. Each extension had its own line to the outside world.

With the new system, calls to the city come into a computer server. It converts the signal into IP data and then routes it through the data network to the right phone, actually a computer that converts the signal back to something audible. The PCs on the network can also act as an interface to the phone calls, showing who's calling, for instance.

While the system uses the same technology as the Internet, the term "Internet telephony" is a bit misleading since Chaska city workers' calls don't actually travel over the Internet.

But if the City of Chaska was a multinational corporation operating in many states or countries, a call from an office in Minnesota to one in, say, California could theoretically travel through either its

data network or the Internet without involving the traditional local and long-distance phone systems.

For the city, the change saves money in local calls. That's because, as in many offices, many of the Chaska workers' calls are to other departments in the organization. Now, for instance, instead of using the local phone network to call the public works building several miles away, a worker in the city can dial a free number through the city's data network.

Chaska paid \$100,000 for the IP-based system, well above the \$30,000 it would have needed to expand its 18-year-old PBX system.

But the city's monthly phone bills fell to under \$3,000 from as high as \$5,000, Mayer said.

Internet telephony arose in the past decade as the global data network itself became popular. In the mid-1990s, some visionaries excitedly predicted that lots of average folks would make free long-distance calls over the Internet through their home computers, escaping the clutches of phone companies.

But the process was complex and finicky.

Still, the prospect that the Internet could handle voice traffic alarmed telecom service providers, whose chief assets are their vast voice networks. But over the past few years, a few began to use the Internet or IP technology within their networks to handle a portion of their voice traffic, such as calls made with prepaid cards.

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PC goes down in flames when burning CDs

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. My CD recorder crashes my computer every time I try to burn a disc, and I have run out of ideas about how to fix it. I have a new Pentium 4 PC running Windows XP with 512 megabytes of RAM.

Each time I use Windows Explorer to drag files to the CD-R/DW drive for recording onto a disc, it goes through the burn process, and when it gets to the last five seconds of processing, everything freezes. I receive a blue screen saying "A problem has been detected and Windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer." It then says "some stuff about LOCKED-PAGES and dumping

Computer Q&A

physical memory.

I thought the Roxio Easy CD Creator software might be the problem, so I upgraded to Easy CD Creator 5 Platinum. No help. I even completely reinstalled Windows at one point. I have been dealing with this for several months now and am at a loss as to what else I can try.

Jacklyn Hopkey, Las Vegas
A. Those CD-R drives come in many flavors and, most importantly, in many speeds. Ms. H., and it's highly likely that your burner can't record data onto CDs as fast as Windows thinks it can. CD-R/RW drives can etch data into the plastic membranes

of a disc at speeds starting at 150,000 bits per second (called 1X) and going up to as much as 48 times that fast (48X). Your drive simply isn't fast enough to take data at its current settings, and the result is that nasty blue screen of death known all too well to Windows users.

It may be possible to fix things just by looking for the speed settings in your burning software, but the most effective fix is to change Windows XP's own settings for your drive's speed.

Open the My Computer folder that lists all of the drives on your computer, including the C: hard drive, the A: floppy drive and any and all CD/DVD drives available. Find your CD-R drive and give it a right-click and look for the

Recording tab on the box that pops up.

That menu includes a drop-down list that lets a user set the maximum speed of the drive. To confirm that this is your problem, set it to a low rate, such as 3x or 4x, and burn a test disc. Then you can try various settings until you find the one that creates crashes. Step down one click from that and your problem will go away, leaving the machine burning CDs as fast as possible.

If you want to explore in excruciating depth how CD-Rs and such are burned, check out www.cdrfaq.org, a comprehensive resource created by Andy Fadden, a freelance computer programmer who knows his stuff.

Centrino's efficiency, mobility make it a leader

By John Moran
Intel Corp. Courier

The Harford is proving that making computer chips is about a lot more than speed.

The company last week introduced Centrino — not merely a fast microprocessor but actually a collection of three computer chips with some pretty handy features.

Centrino's aims are twofold: to make computing more energy-efficient and mobile.

To save energy, the Centrino chipset is capable of turning pieces of itself on and off with amazing speed. That's critical to extending battery life for mobile devices such as laptop computers.

Short battery life has been one of the leading barriers to mobile computing. Unlike to mobile chips, batteries don't double in speed every year or two. Using computing power to save battery power is a stunning achievement.

But being mobile is only half the battle. The other half is staying connected to the Internet while roaming around with your laptop or handheld.

Centrino takes a big step forward on this front as well by incorporating built-in links to wireless Internet connections known as Wi-Fi. Better still, the Centrino-equipped laptops will cost roughly the same as existing models, meaning consumers won't have to shell out extra cash for the extra features.

Taken together, these two sides of the Centrino chip are likely to provide a massive boost to the growing interest in wireless mobile computing. Businesses, colleges and even home users have begun using Wi-Fi technology to offer fast, affordable Internet connections within a range of about 100 yards. Such connections are increasingly available in coffee shops, McDonald's restaurants, airports and hotels.

Centrino's capabilities are just the latest example of how the microprocessor has been expanded to encompass more and more of the job of computing.

Once dedicated to the job of crunching bits — essentially executing commands issued by the software — the microprocessor has been steadily extending its reach for several years.

Low-end computers, for example, use the power of the microprocessor to manage their graph-

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