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Storms stymie advance



Marine Staff Sgt. Brian Flaherty, of New York Delta Company of the Second Tank Battalion, disconnects a fuel bladder from a tank as a sandstorm rages in Iraq Tuesday. The move north has been one of the most aggressive tank road marches in Marine history.

Troops rest, resupply near Baghdad

Others engage
Iraqis in sharp
battle near Najaf

The Washington Post

KUWAIT CITY — The U.S. Army's full-throttle advance toward Baghdad paused for rest and resupply Tuesday as a blinding sandstorm whipped across Iraq, but Marines poured across the Euphrates River and headed north in a second armored column targeting the Iraqi capital and its Republican Guard defenders.

Army units heading up to reinforce the spearhead troops were challenged by Iraqi forces near the sacred city of Najaf, the site of shrines venerated by Iraq's Shiite Muslims. The Iraqi attack, with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, touched off a brief but sharp battle that U.S. officers estimated killed more than 200 Iraqi soldiers before it came to a close late Tuesday night. No U.S. casualties were reported.

At the end of the sixth day of the U.S.-British invasion, U.S. forces were poised to hit from two directions at the elite Republican Guard divisions assigned to protect Baghdad. The Army's 3rd Infantry Division, soon to be joined by the 101st Airborne Division, confronted the Medina Division, stationed just north of Karbala 50 miles southwest of Baghdad. And the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, on the other side of the Euphrates, headed for the Republican Guard's Baghdad Division, around 100 miles to the east.

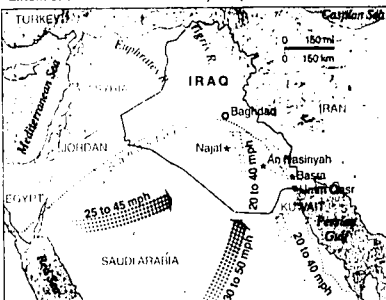
In Nasiriyah, a strategic city 180 miles southwest of the capital, Marine units turned up evidence

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Vicious sandstorms slow forces to a crawl

Sandstorms pelted U.S. and British forces with heavy winds and blowing sand Tuesday, reducing visibility to as little as a few feet.

Extent of sandstorm as of Tuesday at 4 p.m. local time



Dangers of sandstorms

- Could hinder military activity, ground aircraft, sandblast weaponry and dog vehicle air filters
- Reduces visibility
- Possible damage to electronics could interfere with radio transmissions and degrade threat detection
- Coat of sand could mask oil leaks in trucks

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U.S. seeks quick operation once in Iraqi capital

By Joseph L. Galloway
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — As American Army and Marine columns battle to within 50 miles of Baghdad, the biggest challenge facing U.S. forces is how to take the Iraqi capital without a protracted, bloody battle.

American planners have no intention, desire or any real capability to besiege an ancient Arab city of 5 million people, and no interest whatsoever in fighting for Baghdad block-by-block, house-by-house, as they think Saddam Hussein would prefer.

Instead, American war planners foresee a swift, violent ground attack that will rely on accurate, up-to-the-minute intelligence from the very heart of the Iraqi regime. Relying on spies, electronic sensors and other intelligence to pinpoint Saddam and other top leaders, coalition special operations forces could infiltrate the Iraqi capital from all directions.

Armor-tipped infantry columns would blast into the heart of Baghdad along several corridors and swiftly isolate key areas from the rest of the sprawling city. Company-size infantry units — Marines and light infantry from the Army's 101st and 82nd airborne divisions, supported by tanks — then would attack the areas where Saddam and others were hiding.

One expert familiar with planning such an operation said it would require lightning strikes

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Idaho GOP lays out tax proposals

Plan includes sin taxes, sales tax tinkering

The Associated Press

BOISE — House Republicans met in closed caucus Tuesday to hear long-awaited options from party leaders on how to raise revenue and balance the state's budget.

Meanwhile, House Democratic leaders were trying to marshal their 16 members as a small but potentially crucial voting block to ensure at least some of their legislative goals are met, such as fully funding public schools and reducing sales taxes on groceries.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said it will be up to Rep. Dolores Crow's Revenue and Taxation committee to hammer out a final, omnibus tax bill.

Highlights of the Republican proposals include:

- Increasing the cigarette tax \$1, from 28 cents to \$1.28, raising \$53.5 million in revenue.
 - Doubling the tobacco tax from 40 percent to 80 percent of the wholesale price, raising \$4.8 million.
 - More than doubling the beer tax from 1.4 cents per can to 5 cents, raising \$10.3 million.
 - Doubling the wine tax from 8.9 cents per bottle to 17.8 cents per bottle, raising \$2 million.
 - A new tax on soda pop at 5 cents per can, raising \$31.2 million.
 - A new tax on bottled water at 5 cents per 12 ounce bottle, raising \$12.5 million.
- The proposals, which may vary higher or lower by a few cents.

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Burley plant says cuts will be temporary

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY — War in Iraq, and the resulting U.S. consumer caution, struck a blow Tuesday to a Burley french fry factory's work force.

McCain Foods USA Inc. announced plans to lay off about 125 of the plant's full-time workers, around June 28 as it pares back from four 12-hour to three eight-hour work shifts. With the late-June change the factory will operate to fewer days per month, said Dale McCarthy, senior vice president of manufacturing for the potato arm of Oak Brook, Ill.-based McCain.

"The bottom line is there's an overall softness in the demand for frozen potato products."

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Senate deals Bush tax plan a blow

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A deficit-conscious Senate on Tuesday voted to slash by more than half the \$725 billion tax cut President Bush proposed to spur the economy — a surprise domestic-policy setback to the administration as it wages war abroad.

The vote to scale back the tax cut to \$350 billion was 51-48, as united Democrats joined forces with three Republicans. They argued that Bush's tax cut was unaffordable in the face of the growing federal budget deficit and the costs of the war with Iraq.

Bush's Senate allies remained hope-

Fearing deficits, they cut proposal in half. House now becomes part of negotiation

ful they could restore some of the tax cut — either in another Senate action early today or in later negotiations with the House, a bastion of White House loyalists that has endorsed the president's \$725 billion tax-cut proposal. With 51 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one independent in the Senate, the balance of power there is held by a handful of GOP centrists.

On fiscal matters, they are uncomfortable with the Bush administration's argument that deficits do not matter when the nation is at war and the economy is sluggish.

Anxieties about the government's financial picture were heightened when the White House said Monday that it needed about \$75 billion more in this year's budget, mostly to cover the costs of war with Iraq and its aftermath.

During a visit to the Pentagon on Tuesday, Bush called on Congress to quickly approve the spending, and law-

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Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., left, and Sen. Mark Conrad, D-M.D., speak to reporters Tuesday at the Capitol after the vote.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy, especially in the afternoon with periods of rain showers or weak thunderstorms. Highs lower 50s.
Tonight: Scattered rain showers will change to snow late. Showers and any snowfall will be light. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Break winds, mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the lower 40s. A few morning showers are possible.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy with periods of rain showers or weak thunderstorms. Highs upper 40s.
Tonight: Scattered rain showers, with maybe a little rain/snow mix towards morning. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Breezy to windy, mostly cloudy and widely scattered showers. Highs in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Mountain snow and valley rain and snow is likely for today. Several inches of new snow is likely at higher elevations. Break winds should also be expected in the mountains with breezy conditions in the valleys.
BOISE
 Today Highs 29 to 47. Tonight's Lows 10 to 20.
 Rain showers will come and go throughout the day and winds will also be strong. Showers should linger into tonight and a little bit of rain and snow is possible. Tomorrow will be mostly dry.
NORTHERN UTAH
 Today High/Lows 51 to 56/29 to 34.
 Scattered rain and snow showers for today with the best chance of precipitation being in the far northeast corner of the state.

Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 63 at Mota. Low: 10 at Starkey.
 Weather key: sun/sunny, part cloudy, cloudy, mostly cloudy, c/d, rain, showers, rain, snow, flurries, snow, misting.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 52	Low 28	43/24	48/29	57/33	61/38

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 56 Yesterday's Low: 32 Normal High/Low: 51/29 Record High: 69 in 1999 Record Low: 5 in 1965	Yesterday's: 0.00" 30-day Avg. Month to Date: 0.00" Water Year to Date: 2.55" Avg. Water Year to Date: 6.01"	Yesterday's High: 60% Today's Forecast High: 60% Yearly Forecast Low: 55% A water year runs from Oct 1 to Sept 30	5 p.m. Yesterday: 30.04 in

MOON PHASES

April 1	April 9	April 16	April 23
New Moon	First Qr.	Full Moon	Last Qr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Thursday	Friday
Moonrise: 3:48 AM Moonset: 5:08 AM	Moonrise: 4:31 AM Moonset: 5:55 PM	Moonrise: 5:08 AM Moonset: 6:55 PM

SNOWPACK

Today	Thursday	Friday
Snake R. above Palladas: 90% Issuages are % of normal value yesterday	90%	90%

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunrise: 6:31 AM Sunset: 6:26 AM	Sunrise: 6:29 AM Sunset: 6:24 AM	Sunrise: 6:26 AM Sunset: 6:21 AM	Sunrise: 6:24 AM Sunset: 6:18 AM	Sunrise: 6:21 AM Sunset: 6:15 AM

POLLEN COUNT

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:57 PM 6:54 PM 6:51 PM 6:48 PM 6:45 PM	6:57 PM 6:54 PM 6:51 PM 6:48 PM 6:45 PM	6:57 PM 6:54 PM 6:51 PM 6:48 PM 6:45 PM	6:57 PM 6:54 PM 6:51 PM 6:48 PM 6:45 PM	6:57 PM 6:54 PM 6:51 PM 6:48 PM 6:45 PM

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	53/31	51/30	52/30
Idaho Falls	46/30	46/28	47/29
Meridian	46/30	46/28	47/29
Moscow	46/28	46/24	47/26
Shoshone	47/32	47/30	48/31
Blackfoot	47/32	47/30	48/31
Coeur d'Alene	56/38	56/36	57/39
Ellensburg	56/38	56/36	57/39
Grange	56/38	56/36	57/39
Hagerman	56/38	56/36	57/39
Hailey	56/38	56/36	57/39
Idaho Falls	49/25	49/18	46/24
Ketchikan	45/28	45/24	46/26
Jerome	52/25	52/15	50/29
Lewiston	52/25	52/15	50/29
Malden City	54/28	54/26	55/31
Moscow	54/28	54/26	55/31
Mountain View	54/28	54/26	55/31
Payette	54/28	54/26	55/31
Portland, OR	48/30	48/27	48/27
Pocatello	53/28	53/20	54/26
Post Falls	55/40	55/41	56/43
Rupert	48/33	48/29	49/33
Shoshone	48/33	48/29	49/33
Starkey	48/33	48/29	49/33
Timber Lake	48/33	48/29	49/33
Townsend	48/33	48/29	49/33
Valley	48/33	48/29	49/33
Wallace	48/33	48/29	49/33
Wendover	48/33	48/29	49/33
Yellowstone	48/33	48/29	49/33

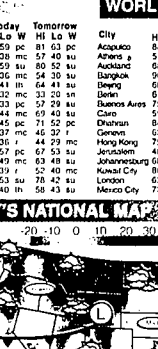
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City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Alaska	65/35	65/34	66/35
Albuquerque	65/35	65/34	66/35
Anchorage	51/31	51/30	52/31
Bakersfield	64/42	64/40	65/41
Baltimore	64/42	64/40	65/41
Baton Rouge	64/42	64/40	65/41
Birmingham	64/42	64/40	65/41
Boston	64/42	64/40	65/41
Charleston	64/42	64/40	65/41
Charlotte	64/42	64/40	65/41
Chicago	52/39	52/35	53/40
Cincinnati	52/39	52/35	53/40
Cleveland	52/39	52/35	53/40
Colorado Springs	52/39	52/35	53/40
Des Moines	52/39	52/35	53/40
Detroit	52/39	52/35	53/40
El Paso	52/39	52/35	53/40
Fort Worth	52/39	52/35	53/40
Houston	52/39	52/35	53/40
Indianapolis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Jacksonville	52/39	52/35	53/40
Juneau	52/39	52/35	53/40
Las Vegas	52/39	52/35	53/40
Little Rock	52/39	52/35	53/40
Los Angeles	52/39	52/35	53/40
Memphis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Miami	52/39	52/35	53/40
Minneapolis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Mobile	52/39	52/35	53/40
Montgomery	52/39	52/35	53/40
New Orleans	52/39	52/35	53/40
New York	52/39	52/35	53/40
Omaha	52/39	52/35	53/40
Orlando	52/39	52/35	53/40
Philadelphia	52/39	52/35	53/40
Pittsburgh	52/39	52/35	53/40
Portland, ME	52/39	52/35	53/40
Raleigh	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Antonio	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Diego	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Francisco	52/39	52/35	53/40
Seattle	52/39	52/35	53/40
Tucson	52/39	52/35	53/40
Washington	52/39	52/35	53/40
Yonkers	52/39	52/35	53/40

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Alaska	65/35	65/34	66/35
Albuquerque	65/35	65/34	66/35
Anchorage	51/31	51/30	52/31
Bakersfield	64/42	64/40	65/41
Baltimore	64/42	64/40	65/41
Baton Rouge	64/42	64/40	65/41
Birmingham	64/42	64/40	65/41
Boston	64/42	64/40	65/41
Charleston	64/42	64/40	65/41
Charlotte	64/42	64/40	65/41
Chicago	52/39	52/35	53/40
Cincinnati	52/39	52/35	53/40
Cleveland	52/39	52/35	53/40
Colorado Springs	52/39	52/35	53/40
Des Moines	52/39	52/35	53/40
Detroit	52/39	52/35	53/40
El Paso	52/39	52/35	53/40
Fort Worth	52/39	52/35	53/40
Houston	52/39	52/35	53/40
Indianapolis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Jacksonville	52/39	52/35	53/40
Juneau	52/39	52/35	53/40
Las Vegas	52/39	52/35	53/40
Little Rock	52/39	52/35	53/40
Los Angeles	52/39	52/35	53/40
Memphis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Miami	52/39	52/35	53/40
Minneapolis	52/39	52/35	53/40
Mobile	52/39	52/35	53/40
Montgomery	52/39	52/35	53/40
New Orleans	52/39	52/35	53/40
New York	52/39	52/35	53/40
Omaha	52/39	52/35	53/40
Orlando	52/39	52/35	53/40
Philadelphia	52/39	52/35	53/40
Pittsburgh	52/39	52/35	53/40
Portland, ME	52/39	52/35	53/40
Raleigh	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Antonio	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Diego	52/39	52/35	53/40
San Francisco	52/39	52/35	53/40
Seattle	52/39	52/35	53/40
Tucson	52/39	52/35	53/40
Washington	52/39	52/35	53/40
Yonkers	52/39	52/35	53/40

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



\$20M study finds \$61 discrepancy in accounts

Indians' attorney alleges inaccurate data

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study of mountains of records from government-managed American Indian land found a single discrepancy of less than \$61 between what was owed and what was paid to the landowners.
 That amount is much smaller than that claimed by the Indians in a federal lawsuit, but their attorney says the report, which was commissioned by Congress and cost \$20 million to produce, is based on inaccurate documents.
 The report summarizes royalty payments from oil and gas mining, timber harvesting, grazing and other uses of land owned by four American Indians from 1915 to 1999.
 Those four are leading a class-action suit against the Interior Department for mismanaging proceeds from their land. Their attorneys claim the government squandered as much as \$137 billion through more than a century of sloppy management.
 But Interior Department spokesman Dan DuBry said the report, which was sent to Congress on Tuesday, doesn't support those claims.
 "The detection of this single error cost federal taxpayers \$20 million, so I think... this summary report serves as an example of how the inflated public claims of the lawyers don't match up with reality," he said. "This continues to only enrich lawyers and accountants and does little for individual Indian account holders."
 Dennis Gingold, the attorney for the plaintiffs, agrees the report was a waste of money, but he says that is because the audit relied on Interior Department records which have been found to be incomplete, erroneous and subject to tampering.

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Layoffs

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McCarthy said.
 That's affecting McCain's competitors, too. While the company expects market improvement, uncertainty "is a reality."
 "And this was our last option in dealing with this," McCarthy said.
 McCain is calling the layoffs temporary and will continue to provide wage employee benefits to laid-off workers, at least initially. It won't give severance pay.
 "It's our hope that over the next several months (from the layoff date) all our employees will be called back to work," McCarthy said.
 The 125 layoffs — a number that could shift up or down — represent about 20 percent of the Burley plant's current hourly work force, he said. But the factory has held some positions open over the past several months.
 The plant makes french fries and other frozen potato specialties. McCain might adjust the June layoff number depending on attrition and the demand for certain production lines.
 And it's not yet certain who will receive pink slips.
 Employees will be bid for the work shifts they want, with selection based on seniority, McCarthy said. The layoffs will be scattered across all pay levels at the Burley plant. He declined to name the wage range.
 Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist, estimated McCain workers' average hourly wage at \$11 per hour.
 At that rate, the loss of 125 jobs has held some wage-earning workers \$2.8 million in direct annual payroll — for as long as they're off the job.
 "The loss of 125 jobs is a very distressing blow to the economy of the area," Rogers said. "Looking at the loss of 125 very good-paying jobs, with benefits, and that translates into some secondary impact of which we're not sure of at this time."
 Rogers uses a conservative multiplier of 2.2 to estimate the total economic impact to Mini-

Cassia at \$6.29 million annually. Mini-Cassia can also expect to lose two additional jobs in the services and retail sectors for each job lost in potato processing, he said. In addition, processing layoffs have the potential to reduce farmers' potato contracts and hurt potato prices.
 If the layoffs are short, however, the area might feel only a portion of that blow.
 "I think there's optimism that the market will turn around," Rogers said.
 Still, McCain's Tuesday announcement was a warning signal to economists to monitor nationwide demand for processed potatoes, he said. Demand has been hurt by recent health reports on fast food, and war with Iraq has made consumers cautious about eating out at restaurants and fast-food joints, which drive the potato market. The latter effect, he said, is temporary.
 "It's certainly nothing to panic over," Rogers said.
 Spud-industry observers also have their eyes on the fries.
 North American Potato Market News on Thursday reported that it called "fragimentary, but unsettling" evidence that global demand for french fries may be contracting. The most recent data suggest weak domestic demand. And U.S. players are struggling against foreign imports.
 "The long-term trend of net french fry trade is alarming for the U.S. french fry industry," the Idaho Falls-based publication wrote.
 The country first became a net importer of fries in 2000, and net imports in 2002 totaled 284 million pounds, the publication said. Recent trade patterns — and the opening of J.R. Simplot Co.'s new Nimitz french fry plant in June — could push 2003 net imports beyond 500 million pounds. NAFPM expects the pattern of expanding net imports to continue at least through 2005.
 McCarthy warned a month ago that economic uncertainty driven by possible war with Iraq was affecting McCain and the rest of

Recent group layoffs in Mini-Cassia

- **May** — Kmart closed its Burley store, putting about 75 people out of work.
- **October** — About 166 of J.R. Simplot Co.'s Hyburn employees worked their last day at the spud plant. The rest are on notice that the plant will close in April 2004.
- **October-December** — Kraft Foods North America cut about 50 jobs at its Rupert plant.
- **November** — Tele Servicing Innovations Inc. closed its Burley call center, affecting all 51 workers. Many were hired by another telemarketer that took over the facility.
- **February** — Boise Cascade Corp.'s corrugated container plant in Burley laid off eight people as it switched from a seven-day production schedule to just five days a week.
- **Tuesday** — McCain Foods USA Inc. announced plans to lay off about 125 full-time workers in late June.

Taxes

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would bring an estimated \$117.3 million to the general fund. Republicans have said they need about \$100 million to balance the budget and fund public schools at the 5920 level.
 The GOP proposals also include repealing sales tax exemptions on horse racing bets and the lottery, and repealing exemptions for state and local government.
 Crow, who was steadfastly against any tax increase in January, said she may end up sponsoring many of the proposals.
 "I don't mind bending, and I will bend because I know we're going to have to. But I'm not the only one who's going to be bending," Crow said.
 Kempthorne's chief of staff, Brian Whitely, declined to comment on the House proposals Tuesday.

Bush

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makers are expected to do so. But the funding request came just as the Senate was wrapping up its debate on the annual budget resolution, the measure that has sparked recent skirmishing on the size of the tax cut.
 The resolution sets general spending and revenue targets for the year, the details of a tax cut would then be worked out in later legislation. Still, the resolution's provisions for a tax cut will be crucial because a \$350 billion ceiling on it would doom the cornerstone of Bush's economic growth plan — elimination of taxes on capital income, which would total \$396 billion.
 Many lawmakers — including Republicans — have questioned the dividend proposal and Tuesday's Senate vote is another blow to it, said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.
 Bush's Republican allies said the amendment to cap the tax cut at \$350 billion guts an initiative that is needed to boost the economy and spur growth that could eliminate the deficit in the long term.

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Bush defends military plans, denies building expectations

By Dan Balz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bush administration officials vigorously defended themselves Tuesday against criticism that their war plan underestimated the troops needed to subdue the Iraqi military, that they built expectations that the war would end quickly and that they have failed to deliver immediate humanitarian assistance for the Iraqi population.

President Bush, during an appearance at the Pentagon, said that U.S. and other forces in the Persian Gulf are "on a steady advance" and "making good progress." He said that while no one can predict how long the war will last, "We know its outcome. We will prevail, the Iraqi regime will be dismantled, the Iraqi people will be free and our world will be more secure and peaceful."

But the president's chief military advisers and others faced a barrage of questions about how the war has unfolded. A week of precision air strikes has badly damaged government buildings and facilities around Iraq but so far has shown little sign of demolishing the Iraqi leadership's resistance, something Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said three weeks ago was a principal goal of the campaign.

Officials responded by heaving to the president's assurances that



President Bush speaks with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld as he leaves the Pentagon Tuesday after getting an update on the war's progress.

the campaign is moving forward according to plan while asserting that they had never sought to raise expectations that the war would be short or easy. "In the big scope of things, we're on track," Myers said at a Pentagon briefing. "We're on plan. We think we have just the right forces for what we need to do now."

There were signs, however, that, with news of unexpected resistance by elements of the Iraqi army in southern Iraq and of reports of Americans killed, wounded or captured, that the

public has taken a less optimistic view about how the war is going. The Pew Research Center reported Tuesday that the percentage of Americans who said the war is going "very well" dropped sharply between Friday and Monday, although overall support for the war remained strong and constant.

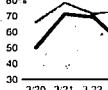
Bush urged Congress to act quickly on his supplemental request for \$7.7 billion to help underwrite part of the cost of the war and the initial reconstruction of Iraq, as well as provide funds for homeland defense and some

Televised war changes U.S. perception

With most Americans getting war news from television, the dramatic images of U.S. POWs and casualties in Iraq are having an impact on people's perception of the war.

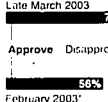
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...but support for the war and public approval of President Bush's leadership remain high.

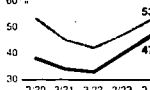
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Concerns about the war

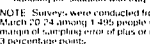
Do you think Iraq might use chemical or biological weapons?



...Before the next question was asked, handling the situation with Iraq.

NOTE: Surveys were conducted from March 20-24 among 1,495 people with a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Use of force in Iraq
Average for March 13-16 survey



key allies in the Middle East. Other administration officials rebuffed criticism that the administration had deliberately waited until Congress was nearly done with its debate on the fiscal 2004 budget to submit the supplemental.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld left open the possibility

that the administration could ask for more money later, saying it is too early to know how much the war and reconstruction actually will cost. "I have said repeatedly we don't know what the war is going to cost. You can't know what the war is going to cost. It's not knowable."

Rumsfeld and Myers sought to

rebut criticism from some retired military officers and other analysts, who have accused the Pentagon war plan failed to put enough forces into the Persian Gulf to suppress resistance in southern Iraq as other divisions dashed toward Baghdad for a showdown with the President Saddam Hussein's best forces, the Republican Guard.

Rumsfeld said the war plan calls for a steady escalation in the strength of U.S. forces inside Iraq and that, even with setbacks, the buildup is going forward. "Forces increase in the country every minute and every hour of every day and that will continue to be the case," Rumsfeld said.

U.S. officials also dismissed the military significance of the continued fighting in areas of southern Iraq, describing it as terrorism and not a series of organized military operations that would represent "a serious threat to the success of the campaign."

Administration officials also were asked about statements by Vice President Dick Cheney, who said March 16, that the regular Iraqi forces might not put up a fight and that "significant elements of the Republican Guard ... are likely to step aside."

Myers and Rumsfeld said it is too early to draw any conclusions about the fighting spirit of the Republican Guard. "We haven't engaged them in a classic battle," Myers said. "So their morale has yet to be tested. We're going to have to find out."

Another alleged al-Qaida trainee pleads guilty

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — An American of Yemeni descent pleaded guilty Monday to training in an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan, becoming the third defendant to reach a deal with prosecutors in a case that sent shock waves through the Buffalo suburb where they live.

Yahya Goba, 26, is one of six men charged with providing support to Osama bin Laden's terror-

ist organization by training at the camp in spring 2001. The men, all in their 20s and American citizens of Yemeni descent, lived within blocks of one another in Lackawanna.

Goba's plea agreement, in which he detailed his trip to Afghanistan, said four unidentified men helped steer him and his five co-defendants to Afghanistan. His plea deal was

the first to mention the four unidentified men.

He described two of the men as having recruited the group to prepare for jihad or "preparation for a possible battle against people not of the same faith," as prosecutor William Hochul described it. A third man helped pay for the trip of one of the defendants, and a fourth joined some of the men on the trip.

Tyson Foods smuggling case goes to jury

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A federal jury began deliberating Tuesday in the immigrant-smuggling case against poultry giant Tyson Foods.

A Tyson attorney said in closing statements that the nation's largest meat producer and three managers who are co-defendants tried to follow immigration law with a voluntary employment screening program endorsed by the government.

Tom Green, an attorney for Springdale, Ark.-based Tyson, told jurors immigration laws allow a company to hire a "refugee from the North Pole or the man from Mars" if the worker has documents that look genuine.

Earlier, Assistant U.S. Attorney John MacCoun said Tyson's top executives knew illegal workers were being hired at poultry plants in a corporate scheme to "keep the chickens moving, the profits flowing."

"Headquarters had a million red flags that things were not right," MacCoun said.

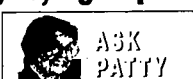
Once the case began, U.S. District Judge Allan Edgar has dismissed 24 of 36 charges stemming from a three-year undercover probe of Tyson. Remaining are charges of conspiracy, transporting illegal immigrants and fraudulent documents.

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War doesn't slow Cancun's non-stop spring break party

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — Even as war raged in Iraq, spring break life took its alcohol-fueled course in Cancun, where the party trail sometimes stretches from all-night discos to jail cells. Most college students were on the beach or at the bar instead of glued to hotel TVs to watch the war's early developments. While some here expressed concern, U.S. bombs falling on Baghdad didn't prompt the cancellation of any wet T-shirt contests or force all-you-can drink night clubs to close their doors.

"I really am worried about the war but that doesn't mean I can't have a good time with my friends," said University of Louisville sophomore Becca Vierling, who was floating in the Caribbean with an empty, red-plastic glass in her hand. "People are still going to go on spring break and things are still going to be crazy."

Many students said war made them think twice about traveling abroad, but that they couldn't afford to throw away the hundreds of dollars they had already spent on travel packages.

Others said the fighting could mean their flights back to the United States might be canceled. "Getting home might be a problem," said Houston Community College freshman John Lease, who was sipping a Corona with three friends at a poolside hotel restaurant. "But



Students who were arrested for fighting outside a discotheque overflowing with spring breakers wait to pay their fines March 19 in Cancun, Mexico. Every year, tens of thousands of American spring breakers descend on Cancun.

that would mean more time here. I can think of worse things."

Because the war has done little to sober Cancun's mood, spring break is again causing headaches for U.S. officials whose job it is to come to visitors' aid when they get in trouble.

"We're holding our breath through this whole period, hoping the students come out of it OK and that we come out of it OK," said Glen Keiser, head of the U.S. Consulate in the nearby city of Merida.

Between eight and 20 college students are arrested for misdemeanors every night during spring break in Cancun. Common crimes are urinating in public, yelling obscenities at police, fighting or indecent exposure.

In the last few years the city jail became so overcrowded during the eight weeks leading up to Easter — when universities take their spring holidays — that Cancun built a special lockup in the resort's hotel zone.

Officials arrest Serb assassination suspect

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — The suspected sniper who killed Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic two weeks ago has been arrested, the slain premier's successor said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic identified the suspect in custody as Zvezdan Jovanovic, deputy commander of an elite unit of police troops formed by ex-President Slobodan Milosevic that remains operational and has links to organized crime.

Djindjic, Serbia's leading pro-Western politician, was killed by a sniper March 12 as he stepped out of an armored car in front of government headquarters in downtown Belgrade.

Serbian ultranationalist leader pleads innocent

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — A Serbian ultranationalist and for-

World in brief

mer ally of Slobodan Milosevic pleaded innocent Tuesday to war crimes charges that paramilitary troops under his control murdered and tortured non-Serbs during the Balkan wars.

Vojislav Seselj, 48, entered his plea at the Yugoslav tribunal a month after surrendering to the U.N. court, vowing to make a circus of proceedings he says are biased against Serbs.

Seselj, the leader of the Serbian Radical Party, finished second in recent presidential elections in Serbia and Montenegro, receiving nearly a third of the vote. Seselj is known for his fierce temper and scathing anti-Western remarks. He is charged with responsibility for atrocities allegedly committed by his paramilitary troops in Croatia, Bosnia and the northern

Serbia province of Vojvodina between August 1991 and September 1993.

Japan court rejects sex-slave compensation

TOKYO — Japan's top court on Tuesday rejected an appeal from a group of South Korean women seeking compensation after having been forced to provide sex to Japanese soldiers during World War II.

The decision is a setback for other groups of women suing Tokyo for being forced into sexual servitude during the war.

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Concern about disease grows as airline passengers fall ill

HONG KONG (AP) — Concerns grew Tuesday about how the new flu-like disease coursing through this city spreads, with passengers on an airplane and school children becoming ill.

The World Health Organization again said air travel is safe, but its scientists are looking closely at Hong Kong's growing number of cases to see if early theories on the contagiousness of the disease hold true.

In recent weeks the disease has spread beyond hospitals, where dozens of health care workers became infected, to schools, with at least four schools closed for several days.

Hong Kong officials also said Tuesday that nine tourists apparently came down with the deadly disease after a mainland Chinese man infected them on a March 15 Air China flight to Beijing.

If severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, can be more easily spread through the air — rather than through close contact with infected people, it could force travel and other restrictions to contain the disease.

"We would want to be sure that it was people sitting next to that person and not the ventilation system in the airplane which was spreading the disease," said Dr. David Heymann, head of commu-

nicable diseases at WHO. "We have no evidence of the latter right now."

For one thing, he said, health investigators have followed thousands of passengers who flew with SARS-infected travelers and did not become sick.

However, he said that if they find there are cases that did not involve close contact with someone sick or at high risk, "we will then be very concerned that this might have become airborne."

The airplane cases seem similar to how the disease got its start here — from one hotel guest who spread it to six strangers staying on the same floor. One expert theorized it might have spread through the air-conditioning system.

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America at war

Baghdad

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from rooftops, sewer tunnels and "entrances" blasted into the sides of buildings by the tanks.

It probably would require three to four days to plan the operation and rehearse it, and four or five days to carry it out.

It is not clear that the intelligence available from the Iraqi capital is sufficient, either in quality or in quantity, to support such an operation, one senior Bush administration official conceded, also speaking on condition of anonymity. Another official said the attempt to kill Saddam and decapitate the Iraqi regime with an airstrike on a suburban Baghdad bunker last week largely failed because while U.S. bombs and cruise missiles destroyed the bunker, they did not attack a structure next door where Saddam and others apparently were.

The air and ground campaign against the two Republican Guard divisions blocking the two

main routes into the city from the south is essential to the plan's success. If substantial numbers of the two divisions' 16,000 or so men succeed in retreating into the city, the plan could be doomed before it is launched.

But another senior administration official, who also asked not to be identified, said that while American air and satellite reconnaissance was partially blinded during Tuesday's intense sandstorm in Iraq, the Medina and Baghdad Republican Guard divisions apparently withdrew at least some of their troops and equipment into the capital.

The American plan also will require close cooperation among air, ground and special operations units, and those tactics have yet to be tested in battle.

A retired Air Force general said one key Air Force mission was to prevent Republican Guard elements from withdrawing into Baghdad, but that apparently it had failed.

War

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that a hospital had been used as a base of Saddam's Fedayeen, an 18,000-member Baath Party militia commanded by President Saddam Hussein's son, Uday. The Marines took 170 prisoners and found 200 weapons, ammunition and 1,000 medical supplies, including syringes, needles and atropine injectors, as well as U.S. Army uniforms believed to be from the soldiers captured last week, officers said.

The Marines used loudspeakers to urge doctors and staff members to leave the hospital before they entered the compound, where they found a T-55 tank. The captured Iraqis could be tried for war crimes for using a hospital as a military base, Marine officers said.

"It is believed that enemy soldiers dressed in civilian attire were being used into the city and were drawing weapons and ammunition from the hospital in order to fight in the city," said Marine Col. Ron Johnson.

Marines also discovered hundreds of Iraqi fighters dressed in civilian clothes conveying to Nasiriyah on buses and took them captive, officers said.

Despite the storm, U.S. aircraft continued their pummeling of government institutions in the capital. Thunderous explosions echoed across Baghdad as thick clouds of black smoke from burning oil refineries mixed with swirling waves of sand. Witnesses said Saddam's intelligence headquarters and defense complex were targeted. Iraqi television flickered off briefly before returning to the airwaves around midnight.

In the south, largely left behind by U.S. forces, British soldiers reported the first signs of anti-government unrest in Basra, the country's second-largest city, on the Shatt al Arab waterway. They called in artillery barrages and aerial bombardment against a Baath Party headquarters building and captured a top party official in a commando raid near Basra, hoping to encourage a popular revolt among the Shiite Muslims who dominate the city of 1.2 million inhabitants and have long chafed under the Sunni Muslim-run Baathist government. British mili-

tary officials received intelligence reports saying anti-government activities were starting, but it was not immediately clear how widespread they were.

In much of the country, however, the biggest concern for U.S. troops was the reddish cloud of sand and dust that reduced visibility and turned the desert into a hazy landscape. Gusts of up to 45 knots blew away tents, jammed guns, knocked out some communications and grounded most U.S. aircraft. The battlefield took on an almost biblical appearance as whipping waves of sand and dust billowed in some cases to just hundreds of yards, followed by evening thunderstorms that pelted dust-caked soldiers.

The top Marine commander had to transfer control of his 85,000 troops to a deputy located in Kuwait as phones and power at his forward base in Iraq blinked on and off. Air controllers scrubbed nearly all helicopter missions and 85 percent of fighter and bomber sorties. Combat missions from two aircraft carriers were called back without dropping their ordnance.

"It's not been a terribly comfortable day on the battlefield," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart.

The weather front moving through the region was forecast to continue through Wednesday and could delay U.S. plans to smash into the Republican Guard divisions defending Baghdad. The few bombing runs generally targeted the Guard divisions in a continuing effort to reduce their combat power before Army and Marine contingents mount any full assault. But if the winds and thunderstorms move south on Wednesday as expected, they could hamper those flights as well.

The duststorm provided a chance to doze off to many front-line soldiers, who have spent just a few hours night as they pushed 250 miles into Iraq from Kuwait. Mechanics with the 3rd Infantry Division worked into the night to fix M1 Abrams tanks. M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles and M113 armored personnel carriers that have fallen victim to the long road march.

For the troops, it was a day to "refit, refuel and rearm," said Capt. Anthony Butler, 22, of Helena, Mont., commander of the headquarters company of the 3rd Battalion of the division's 2nd Brigade.

Many civilians might have died in city fighting

Nasiriyah proves to be treacherous place

By Patrick Peterson
Knight Ridder News Service

NASIRIYAH, Iraq — U.S. Marines, moving through this still-contested city, opened fire at anything that moved Tuesday, leaving dozens of dead in their wake, at least some of them civilians.

Helicopter gunships circled overhead, unleashing Hellfire missiles into the squat mud-brick homes and firing their machine guns, raining spent cartridge cases into neighborhoods. Occasionally a tank blasted a hole in a house. Several bodies fell in alleys.

It was impossible to know which were civilian and which had belonged to members of Iraqi loyalist militias. The militias have ambushed Marine convoys here for days as the Marines tried to cross the Euphrates River on a rapid march north to Al Kut, where they are expected to engage elements of Iraq's Republican Guard.

Signs of battle were everywhere. Burnt-out shells of Russian-made tanks lay along the roadside. Other tanks facing the bridge clearly had been taken out



Two Iraqi boys beg Monday for military rations and water from a passing U.S. military convoy outside the southern city of Nasiriyah, Iraq.

by U.S. aircraft. Official versions of the battles at the bridge were unavailable. U.S. casualties appeared light, but it was likely that many civilians had been killed. U.S. troops searching houses found one woman in her home with her husband, who was wounded, and her two sons, who were dead. All had been hit by stray bullets.

The shooting came as U.S. forces, targeted in recent days by Iraqis dressed in civilian clothes,

had become increasingly aggressive in dealing with resistance. Marines were told a tracked amphibious vehicle had been ambushed by a group waving a white flag, and the plan for moving the 3rd Platoon of the 4th Amphibious Assault Battalion of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was aggressive, calling for so-called "suppressive fire" throughout the area to keep insurgents at bay.

It was early in the morning, and

each of the platoon's 12 T-27-ton Amtracs carried 18 Marine infantrymen.

The vehicles formed a herringbone pattern along the street and opened fire as they advanced.

"I started feeling comfortable, like I knew what I was doing," said Cpl. David Barringer, 25, a reservist who is a firefighter from Gulfport, Miss., in civilian life. "I never really felt scared," he said, saying he had shot one militiaman and maybe three in the passage. "Everything we were taught, it all comes back to you."

A few hundred yards past the bridge, the Marines came upon the grisly scene of an ambush. Infantrymen reported that a group of 40 Iraqi soldiers on buses apparently had attacked an ambler unit. Approximately 20 Iraqis were killed when the Americans returned fire and the rest were captured. The buses were burned-out hulks.

"I saw a lot of bloodshed," said Sgt. Ken Woodman, 25, a reservist and assistant Wal-Mart manager from Ocean Springs, Miss.

Woodman said at Nasiriyah he saw what he believed were militiamen hiding behind women and children. "A family would run across and there would be a guy behind them," he said.

N. Korea repeats claim that it's next after U.S. war with Iraq

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea claimed again Tuesday the U.S. may attack the communist state after the war in Iraq and spark a "second Iraqi crisis."

North Korea accuses Washington of inciting a dispute over the North's suspected nuclear weapons programs to create an excuse for invasion.

"No one can vouch that the

U.S. will not spark the second Iraqi crisis on the Korean Peninsula," North Korea's state-run Minju Joseon newspaper said.

North Korea will "increase its national defense power on its own without the slightest vacillation no matter what others may say," the paper said.

On Monday, Pyongyang said Washington was using the war

against Iraq as a test for military action against the North, labeled by President Bush part of an "axis of evil" with Iran and Iraq.

Early this month, President

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EDITORIAL

Tap into 'choice' products, cable TV for state budget

The tulips are sprouting in Boise, which means legislators should clear out soon. The sooner our lawmakers wrap up the state budget, the sooner we taxpayers can stop spending \$30,000 a day on the lengthening legislative session.

Our view: State legislators can raise significant revenue by taxing discretionary purchases. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Legislators are aiming to collect between \$120 million and \$130 million in new taxes and fees to close the revenue shortfall. That would give a small budget increase to public schools and higher education in the coming year. The rest of state government would stay close to the current year's spending.

A House committee did the right thing last week by defeating Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 1.5-cent sales tax increase. It was too much for Idahoans in a struggling economy.

Legislators also are likely to defeat any proposal to enhance reserve accounts and the rainy-day fund. That's good, because a recession is no time to refill the piggy bank.

After that, no obvious fat remains to be cut from the state's budget. So legislators must find new revenue - without excessively bruising taxpayers.

The best option is to tax purchases that might be called "life-choice products." In addition to traditional "sin taxes" on tobacco and alcohol, lawmakers are targeting such discretionary purchases as soda pop, bottled water and cable TV. In each case, consumers who don't want to pay the tax can choose not to buy.

Tripling beer and wine taxes and raising cigarette taxes to \$1 a pack would collect \$87

million, the Legislative Budget Office estimates. A 5-cent tax on each 12 ounces of pop would collect another \$36 million.

That's \$123 million so far. Next:

The Utah Legislature enacted a tax on cable and satellite TV this year, ranging between \$2 and \$5 per month on subscribers' bills. That will collect about \$15 million annually from a state of 2.2 million residents. For Idaho, with a population of 1.3 million, a cable TV tax would bring in about \$8.8 million.

Some 'may argue that taxing cable TV opens the door to taxing other services. But cable TV is a non-essential purchase, clearly distinct from oil changes and medical check-ups. It makes sense to tax that kind of service before others.

(Some sharp-eyed readers are sure to ask, "What about taxing newspapers, too?" In fact, the state already taxes newspaper sales, collecting millions of dollars annually.)

Add up those numbers, and Idaho legislators could come close to the \$130 million they are pursuing to even out the 2004 state budget. Then and only then, if the state needs additional revenue to close the deal, they should consider a temporary half-cent sales tax increase. Anything more is too much in a recession.

Also: Lawmakers need to guard against letting a temporary increase become permanent. So any sales tax hump should automatically expire within two years.

Idaho political leaders are yearning for home. A quick compromise on narrowly targeted taxes can bring a sensible resolution to the budget battle.

Human shields turned hawks

They arrived as Saddam Hussein apologists willing to die for the despot - but they left Iraq weeks later with changed hearts and a determination that Saddam must go. Many of the human shields who had arrived with much fanfare to "stop" the United States and Britain were swayed by the strongest supporters of Saddam's ouster: the Iraqi people.

Particularly powerful is the story of an American group from the Assyrian Church of the East, who went with a Japanese human shield delegation and recently crossed over into Jordan with 14 hours of uncensored video footage.

Out of the presence of Iraqi secret police, Iraqi people talked to desperate they were for the U.S.-led war to begin. The

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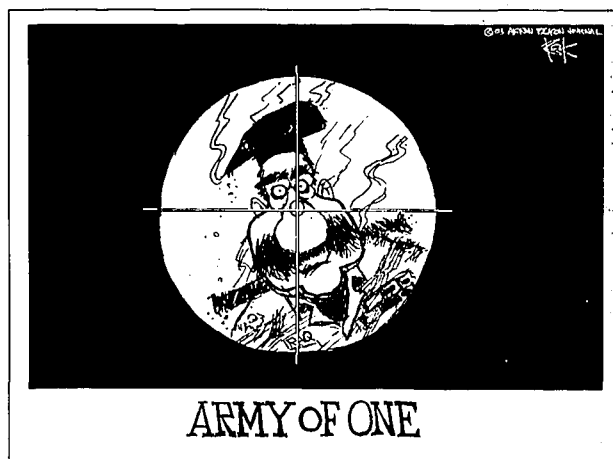
Rev. Kenneth Johnson told United Press International that Iraqis he interviewed on camera "told me they would commit suicide if American bombing didn't start. They were willing to see their homes demolished to gain their freedom from Saddam's bloody tyranny."

After talking with the Iraqi people - not the propagandists on Saddam's payroll the world sees - the Rev. Johnson realized that Saddam is "a monster the likes of which the world had not seen since Stalin and Hitler."

He explained: "Their tales of Sane torture and killing made me ill, such as people put in a huge shredder for plastic products, feet shot to the (torture masters) could hear their screams as bodies got chewed up from foot to head."

Showing that Rev. Johnson's group was not alone, a self-described "23-year-old Jewish-American photographer," Daniel Pepper, detailed his conversion in a column in The Dallas Telegraph of London. He wrote that he, like the other human shields, was "less interested in standing up for (Iraqis) rights than protesting against the U.S. and U.K. governments."

But five weeks in Baghdad and repeated contact with ordinary



Iraqis left him with "a strong desire to see Saddam removed."

What caused this former do-gooder to see the light? The same thing that shocked the Rev. Johnson's group back to reality: conversations with the Iraqi people. Pepper recounted a conversation he had with the taxi driver who took him and five other former human shields to Jordan. Free to speak his mind without fear of reprisal from one of Saddam's omnipresent secret agents, the cable under stood perfectly what the young idealists originally did not: "Of course the Americans don't want to bomb civilians. They want to bomb government and Saddam's palaces. We want America to bomb Saddam."

Pepper and his pals were stunned. "It hadn't occurred to anyone that the Iraqis might actually be pro-war," he wrote.

War in Iraq has not been solely about liberation of the Iraqi people - disarmament is a key driving force - but to them, that is what matters. And it matters to the rest of the world, too. For if Saddam were to stay in power indefinitely, there is no telling when he would turn against the world.

Look at Stalin, the man upon whom Saddam has modeled himself, right down to the creepy mustache. Although he had never directly engaged America, scholars now believe that shortly before his death - which many suspect involved foul play - "Uncle Joe" intended to start World War III. Had he done so, untold millions would

have perished - and the world would be a radically different place today.

Soldiers fighting in Iraq are fighting for nothing less than our freedom - and our children's freedom. They are fighting to topple a man who ritualistically tortures his own people, who has used weapons of mass destruction, and who had invaded two of his neighbors. Because he retained numerous opportunities to disarm or simply choose exile, this is a war of Saddam's choosing.

The brave men and women from America, Britain and elsewhere have not backed down from the least challenge. They have not just the prayers and support of their countrymen, but of the Iraqi people as well. As the Iraqi taxi driver told Pepper, the former human shield: "All Iraqi people want this war."

Joel Mowbray is the national editor for National Review and a contributing editor for National Review Online.

LETTERS

'Oklahoma' show stirs up themes of patriotism

The Dilettantes of Magic Valley have done it once again! Their 45th annual production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" is truly a hit. From the opening overture to the farewell finale, this year's show is filled with nonstop, toe-tapping fun.

I sat truly in awe of the singers, dancers and beautiful sets. My 6- and 3-year-old daughters were spellbound through the entire two-hour production. The 6-year-old continually reminded me that "this" was her favorite song. This, of course, only lasted until the next song. The 3-year-old's eyes simply danced throughout the show as she expressed how colorful the dancers' costumes were. My wife simply couldn't hold back a "yo!" of her own at the end of the "Oklahoma!" theme song.

In a world where there is much concern over what will happen tomorrow, the tradition of excellence provided our community by the Dilettantes group of the Magic Valley provides a get-away from the stresses of our day. The show, "Oklahoma," was created around the desires of the farmers and the cowhands to have their own state. It reminds us of the freedoms that were fought for and that we continue fighting for today.

You cannot leave the College of Southern Idaho auditorium without feeling a sense of great patriotism for the Magic Valley, the United States of America and for those continuing to fight for freedom.

I would hope that you would show your patriotism by coming to see this heart-warming performance. Bring the whole family and show your appreciation for these freedoms we hold so dear. Thank you, Dilettantes! WM CRAIG NEBEKER Twin Falls

Arguments against teacher pay may hold up

Teachers' objections to a "performance-based pay" plan are justified. There are many professions where performance can only be evaluated subjectively, and teaching is one of them. The arguments offered against performance-based pay via the recent article by Julie Pence in The Times-News are sound. The impact former school teachers have on those they teach often does not reach fruition until many years later in life. Merit awards for taking on more special education assignments and/or educational training programs may be one avenue toward awarding their performance over and above base-pay schedules. In this day and age, our public

school teachers need our praise and support.

DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D. Gooding (Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

Start pulling over cell-phone drivers

It's not fair. It's just not fair - "Click It or Ticket." And I don't care to wear a seat belt, but I also don't like to be a near miss by an inattentive driver with a cell phone in his ear. How can you be a safe driver with one hand on the wheel, one eye on the road and your mind on your telephone conversation? A person cannot do two things at once - mind on driving and mind on conversation. So if "Click It or Ticket" is law, then pull over or "Phone Crime Nets a Fine." So be it, please. JEAN E. CARR Twin Falls

New laws deal with large amounts of black powder

In response to Mr. John Hall's letter of March 21, I would like to respond with the facts. As of May 24, 2003, only one person wishing to purchase and store more than 50 pounds of black powder will be required to bother with the license. It does not apply to those persons using smokeless powder, which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and

Firearms classifies as an "ammunition component."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "worked closely with the National Rifle Association to ensure that no language was included that would jeopardize hand-loaders or black powder shooters."

I believe that we have been concerned with this new law. It's certainly a good thing (especially when dealing with government regulation) to stay informed and involved in the process. MIKE MACALEY Twin Falls

Magic Valley Regional provides 'perfect' service

I recently spent a week in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. My past major operations were in St. Al's in Boise and Wood River, which I was very pleased with in all respects. I wasn't impressed with the remarks I heard from friends that spent time at Magic Valley. My opinion to nurses, doctors, food, etc., was perfect. They couldn't have done any more for me. So, you folks that may be going to Magic Valley, have no fears you will enjoy every minute of your stay. CAROL MITTELSTAEDT Buhi

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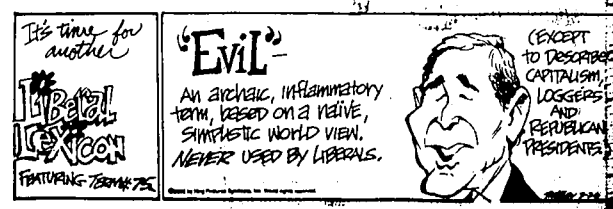
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Hatred for America has many root causes

The great breach between the United States and the rest of the world over the war in Iraq will not be closed easily — and this matters. America isn't an imperial nation. It lacks both the will and the ability to govern the world through political or military commands. Cooperation is necessary in economic affairs, the campaign against terrorism and specific crises: North Korea's nuclear program, for instance. If world opinion becomes too poisoned, cooperation will be harder; and poison is now flowing.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Ahead, almost everyone considers this war unjust and unnecessary. Even in Britain, 60 percent of adults disapprove of President Bush's foreign policy, reported an early March poll by the Pew Global Attitudes Project.

Elsewhere, disapproval rates approach unanimity: 97 percent in France, 85 percent in Germany, 83 percent in Russia, 79 percent in Spain and 76 percent in Italy. Polls in Asia and Latin America find similar hostility.

Bush partly caused the backlash. To foreign critics, his Rambo-like morality confirms their worst stereotypes of Americans: stupid, incautious and bloodthirsty. It's also true that the administration never provided overwhelming evidence that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction or strong ties with al Qaeda. But blaming Bush's poor public relations is too glib. It absolves foreigners from making the critical connections that Bush has made: that the threat of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction can justify pre-emptive strikes.

What explains the anti-American fury, particularly in Europe? Simple. It makes people feel good. It diverts attention from domestic discontents. It's a convenient moral exhibitionism that, on inspection, is full of delusion, shortsightedness and moral hypocrisy.

Start with delusion. Many foreigners wrongly think America's stated motives cloak raw greed. In a poll late last year, few asked whether the United States might invade Iraq because it "believes Saddam is a threat" or because "it wants to control Iraqi oil." Oil, said 76 percent of Russians, 75 percent of French and 54 percent of Germans — and only 22 percent of Americans. The idea that a country would risk troops and money for anything but selfish gain seems so silly to many other peoples that they cannot grasp it.

Next, shortsightedness. Even if foreigners mistake American motives, they might think that the war will backfire. A devastated Iraq will slip into chaos. The Middle East will be destabilized. These failures are possible, but



polls suggest that Europeans — at least — doubt they will occur. In its March poll, Pew asked whether "the people of Iraq will be better or worse off in the long run" if Saddam is deposed. By a huge margin (79-8), Americans thought "better off." So did the French (73-14), the Germans (71-15), the Italians (61-18) and the Spanish (46-21). Only in two of eight countries polled, Russia and Turkey, did people disagree. Similarly, pluralities in the same six countries (the other two, Britain and Poland) thought the Middle East would be more stable after a U.S. victory.

Finally, hypocrisy. The anti-American movement condemns war, especially without United Nations approval. These complaints presume that (a) the use of force is usually immoral and (b) only the U.N. (or another collective body) can provide moral justification. Unfortunately, the assumptions are often backward. Force can be moral; and the U.N. sometimes serves as a device for immoral inaction.

Rwanda is the tragic example. When the genocide against Tutsis began, the U.N. had a "peacekeeping" force there too small to be effective. The U.N. Security Council (with U.S. backing) reduced it. If France or other European nations had quickly dispatched a modest force — 10,000 to 20,000 troops — they could have contained the genocide, whose toll is crudely estimated at 800,000.

France, a strong supporter of the Hutu government that conducted the genocide, was especially well informed.

Europe was similarly ineffective in Bosnia and Kosovo. Only after reluctant U.S. intervention did those slaughters stop. Deaths are

roughly reckoned at 200,000. Europe's paralysis produced more carnage in Rwanda and the Balkans than anything likely to occur in Iraq. Yet, anti-American street demonstrations dwarf protests against Europe's own failures. This moralism is selective and self-serving.

Americans can take scant comfort. There is little basis for common ground. Moreover, foreign critics do have one legitimate complaint: the Bush doctrine is madly vague. Far superior would be a consensus among major powers (including China and Russia) that countries suspect-

ed of aiding terrorists or building weapons of mass destruction would first be isolated economically and diplomatically — before the use of military force. North Korea would be good starting point.

The chances of such a consensus seem scant. This great breach highlights a problem of the post-Cold War world, where nations do not agree on a common threat to unite them. Democratic governments respond to public opinion — but there is no guarantee that it will be sensible, consistent or farsighted.

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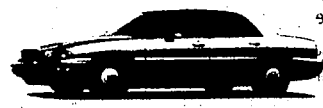
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Woman dies after Highway 93 crash

TWIN FALLS - A 27-year-old Jerome woman died instantly when her car collided head-on with a tractor-trailer rig late Monday on U.S. Highway 93 north of the Perrine Bridge, according to the Idaho State Police.

Danielle L. Zimmerman was driving a 1992 Mazda Protege southbound when she apparently lost control of the car at about 10:30 p.m., according to the ISP.

The car crossed the median and went into a skid that took it directly into the path of the northbound truck. The semi's driver, 35-year-old Daniel K. Garner of Oakland, Miss., wasn't hurt in the wreck.

Donicht won't be leaving T.F. schools

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrell Donicht isn't going anywhere—at least for now.

The Clarkston, Wash., school board did not select Donicht as its new superintendent Monday night, instead choosing Pete Lewis, a principal from Mt. Spokane High School in Spokane, Wash.

Donicht said Tuesday he was "ambivalent" about not getting the job, which would have allowed him to move closer to his wife, Candis. She is superintendent of schools in Moscow—just 28 miles from Clarkston.

"While he wants to be closer to his wife, 'This is a great school system, and I'd hate to leave it,' Donicht said.

For a number of years, Candis Donicht served as superintendent of the Salmon School District, and Terrell Donicht made the four-hour commute from Twin Falls to that community on weekends. Since his wife took the job in Moscow last year, Donicht has faced a weekly drive twice that distance. He expects the long commutes to continue for at least another year. Donicht said he's not pursuing any other jobs now.

"I'm gonna have to wear out another car," he said.

State board suspends local CPA's license

BOISE - The state Board of Accountancy has suspended the license of a Jerome and Twin Falls certified public accountant for eight years for misappropriating client funds.

Daniel DeKruyf admitted that he used credit balances from the accounts of two Magic Valley Dairy Herd Improvement Association members to pay his personal American Express bill, according to Board of Accountancy documents. Two checks for a total of \$4,445 were written on the Dairy Herd Improvement Association's bank account in October 2001, and he later destroyed the canceled checks.

According to the documents, DeKruyf described the use of funds from the client's account as "borrowing," a "loan" and an "error in judgment." He could not be reached for comment Tuesday. No criminal charges have been filed in the matter.

DeKruyf also was paid personally for accounting and tax preparation work that should have been paid to the firm that employed him, according to the Board of Accountancy.

During his suspension, DeKruyf is prohibited from the practice of public accounting, conducting audits and preparing financial reviews, and he can't use the title of CPA.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	90%	81%
Salmon Falls	55%	53%
Salmon	97%	96%
Oakley	50%	50%
Big Wood	98%	80%
Little Wood	92%	85%
Hemlock Fork/Teton	78%	72%
Big Lost	87%	78%
Little Lost	72%	83%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on Mar. 26, with a 30-year average.

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources

Performance pay plan falls

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - A bill that would begin a performance-based pay schedule for Idaho teachers failed to pass the House Education Committee in a 9-8 vote on Tuesday.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, made a motion not to pass the bill to the entire House for debate.

"I'm not totally opposed to the concept," Jones said. "It's clear to me this won't make it through the Legislature this session. This bill provides a good framework. Let's work on it over the summer with all the affected groups."

Sponsored by Rep. Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, the bill would have required school districts to pay teachers with less



Rep. Doug Jones

than five years' experience \$25,000 as a base and would have allowed districts to add more to paychecks based upon local committee evaluations and student performance. The program would have begun on July 1, 2005.

"This bill is not complete, nor is it intended to be," Roberts said. "It only sets up the structure and allows for flexibility."

Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, said the legislation should go forward.

"If not now, then when? If not

us, then who?" Lake asked. But Jones suggested the committee needed more data from national studies. He also said the state might try pilot programs—perhaps with charter schools—before trying to make it work for the entire state. In addition, he noted that the state Board of Education has a committee looking at the concept in depth and plans to have recommendations within a year.

When the bill was introduced in committee last week, lobbyists representing the state school board association and school administrators advised getting input from teachers' groups before putting a program in place. And on Tuesday, a former Meridian superintendent told the committee his district had unsuccessfully experimented with the program during the 1990s. He said strife had surfaced among administrators and classified staff members put under performance-pay criteria, causing the district to abandon the idea.

Though Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, was presenting a bill in another committee when the vote took place, she said she would have also voted to keep the bill in committee in order to continue to study it.

"It's a concept that needs to be worked on. There are some advantages for both education and teachers," the former elementary school teacher said. Block added that the state board's committee is the best vehicle for moving forward with the idea.

New sign marks old trail into canyon

Tree-lined 'Lombardy Trail' followed Blue Lakes

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Lombardy poplars that once graced Blue Lakes Boulevard have gone the way of the stagecoaches that once traversed the main thoroughfare into the then-fledgling town of Twin Falls.

But the "Lombardy Trail" that once followed Blue Lakes down into the Snake River Canyon lives on in a historical sign erected Tuesday morning in Centennial Park by the Twin Falls Historic Preservation Commission.

"A lot of people miss the tree line," said the commission's Paul Smith.

Thus, the sign—built and designed by Lytle Signs Inc.—pays homage to the first southern grade that provided canyon access and the tall trees that lined the steep avenue.

The road linked to the northern grade via a small bridge built in 1891 by I.B. Perrine, making travel possible between Shoshone and Twin Falls. The trail originally went behind the Perrine Coulee waterfall.

While that portion of the road has disappeared, much of the trail is safely preserved—now paved—behind chained gate. Some of poplars remain, too, in Centennial Park.

"When people come down to Centennial Park, they have no comprehension how the old pioneers used to get across the canyon," said Darrell Heider, who spearheaded the project.

The new historical marker joins more than 20 around the county. It's one of six in the latest round of markers to be installed.

The Lombardy Trail sign has been two years in the works. Such efforts take time, Smith said.

A committee determines whether the spot is indeed historically significant. Tracking down the history and authenticating it is time-consuming. So, too, is searching out the best representation of the site, be it a painting or an actual photograph.

"We like it to be a little slower," Smith said.



Darrell Heider adjusts a new sign at Centennial Park to make sure it is straight. The sign commemorates the old Lombardy Trail.

House OKs plan allowing systems to charge cell fee

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Legislation that would charge an emergency communications fee on cell phones is on its way to the Senate after passing the House Tuesday on a 46-22 vote.

House Bill 363 would allow emergency dispatch systems to begin charging up to \$1 monthly for each cell phone. The money collected would be used to buy more communications equipment and pay for overruns and staffing in the jurisdictions in which it is collected.

The bill also would establish a task force of city and county officials to meet next summer and work out the problems that have come about in emergency systems since the legislation was originally passed in 1988.

It is estimated that there are 600,000 cell phones in Idaho. In

addition, Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey, who heads the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center for Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties, has said that 60 percent of the calls coming into the center are from cell phones.

One of the problems arising from cell phones is that dispatchers can't locate cell callers without updated equipment.

"If you're traveling down 184 through Jerome or Minidoka counties, you don't want to have an accident," said Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert. Dispatchers wouldn't be able to locate the victims because dispatch centers can't afford updated equipment. It's a result of money that emergency dispatch systems are losing as people convert from land lines to cell phones, he explained.

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Local judge will preside over Coles trial

The Times-News

BOISE - Former 5th District Judge Daniel C. Hurlbutt of Twin Falls will preside over the trial of former Mayor Mayne Brent Coles.

That's because all 19 magistrates in Idaho's 4th Judicial District—which includes Ada County—rescused themselves from the Coles trial.

Hurlbutt, who as a senior judge has presided over numerous cases since his 1998 retirement, confirmed his new assignment Tuesday. Because the matter involves bringing in a judge from outside the 4th District, the assignment was made by the Idaho Supreme Court.

Coles resigned Feb. 14 after the Idaho attorney general's office filed two misdemeanor charges against him in connection with accepting gifts from Blue Cross of Idaho while the company was interested in a contract with the city of Boise. A date for Coles' trial hadn't been set Tuesday afternoon.



Daniel Hurlbutt

Judicial rules allow judges to take themselves off themselves without saying more than they might not be able to remain impartial.

About half of the magistrates from Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley counties rescused themselves under that vague explanation. Nine of them pulled themselves off the case because Coles, as mayor, sat on the district's Magistrate Commission, where he was responsible for appointing magistrates to open seats. Administrative District Judge Darla Williamson said at least four sitting magistrates were appointed while Coles was on the commission, giving them reason not to want to hear the case, according to The Idaho Statesman.

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District in December 1998, after 19 years on the bench and 25 years in the legal field. He was the first judge to preside over the multimillion-dollar Snake River Basin Adjudication—sorting out more than 180,000 water rights during his tenure.

As a senior judge, Hurlbutt has filled in for ill or injured judges at the district court and magistrate levels, and he has also filled in on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. He said he usually goes to Boise at least a couple of days a month to hear cases in his capacity as senior judge.

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Project won't include senior housing

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUIH — A proposed housing project in Buhl will not include a section of senior housing as had been originally planned.

In 2000, the West End Development built a complex of low income apartments at the east end of town. The Florence Wilson complex was to include a senior housing section and single-home units to be added at a later date.

A public hearing was held Monday to change the final plan by eliminating the senior development because construction funding could not be obtained from U.S. Department of Housing Urban Development.

Allan Hensten of J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls said the new plan will instead include 12 more single-family homes. The revised plan features a cul-de-sac to access the homes.

Those homes are in addition to 13 new single-family dwellings that had originally been planned.

Evelyn Rice, who lives close by

What's the city's status?

Get updates on downtown Buhl's revitalization by calling Mike Pepper, project coordinator, at 734-6208.

On Sprague Street, said she was disappointed the senior complex had been canceled because the senior housing in Buhl is limited.

"Lincoln Courts and other senior housing is always full and the apartments are small," Rice said. "There are plenty of houses for sale in town. Why do we need more houses?"

Mayor Barbara Gietzen said the developer could not get the federal funding because there are current vacancies in the city's existing senior housing units.

The mayor said Mercy Housing was considering building 10 homes in the same area but plans have not been finalized.

Other City Council business included an update of the town's

revitalization:

• **Phase I** — Work on Main Street between Eighth and Broadway is complete, except for new streetlights and trees.

• **Phase II** — Sidewalks on 12th Street to Broadway and on Main Street from 12th to 11th streets have been completed.

Construction on sidewalks is under way on 11th Street to Broadway.

• **Phase III** — Broadway, from Maple Street to Main Street, is under construction for curbs, gutters and approaches on the north side only. Broadway will have two-way traffic during construction.

Four basements have been filled with one remaining.

The trees on Broadway will be removed and replaced with new varieties as the work progresses. The project is on schedule and, weather permitting, work will continue at a good pace, city officials said.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 734-5854.

Castleford water meters have been repaired, are being read

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Broken water meters have been repaired, and a startup reading for residential and commercial properties was taken earlier this month.

The meters will be read in April and residents will be billed for water currently being used.

Deputy Michael Cooper arranged for a county jail crew to help clean out some of the city's

irrigation ditches. Water deliveries by the Twin Falls Canal Company should start about April 21.

Other council business at the March meeting included:

• **City cleanup** — Plans for the city's cleanup day, set for Saturday, May 17, will be finalized at the City Council's Wednesday, April 9, meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at J&D Enterprises on Main Street. Anyone with questions about the annual event can contact the city

office at 537-6688.

• **Brightest Star Award** — Mayor Rita Ruffing announced that Black and Associates, the community's Brightest Star Award in the business division, was the winning nomination.

• **Membership drop** — Council members voted to drop membership in the Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association.

Oregon senator stands by vote against drilling despite threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith said Tuesday he has no regrets about voting against oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, even though it brought a threat of revenge from another Republican senator.

Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and a leading advocate of drilling, warned last week that senators who opposed drilling were "enemies against me, and I will not forget it."

Smith said he had no doubt Stevens meant what he said.

"I respect that (threat). I respect him," Smith told The Associated Press. "But I also answer to the people of Oregon, and barring some new information or new facts I think it's important to vote as you campaigned."

Smith, who was one of eight Republicans to vote against drilling, said he was not overly worried that Stevens might try to reduce the state's share of transportation grants or other funding.

"Those are the chances you take," he said. "In the end, my boss is the people of Oregon. In the end, I have to call them as I see them and as I promise to vote them."

While running for a second six-year term last fall, Smith campaigned as an opponent of drilling, a key part of President Bush's energy plan. He couched his position as "not now, but not never," saying he would consider changing his vote if he were convinced that drilling was vital to national security.

"But that oil isn't going anywhere," he said. "I felt it was important to keep faith with the people of Oregon."

Smith's vote — and that of the seven other Republicans drilling opponents — has led to a flurry of media speculation about possible revenge by Stevens.

A Washington Post columnist suggested that Oregon drivers "may want to make sure they have good shock absorbers in the next few years," a reference to a possible drop in funding for state highway projects, a key area of spending controlled by Stevens.

It's unclear what actions Stevens might take, if any. A spokeswoman declined to elaborate on his remarks Tuesday.

But Sen. Lincoln Chafee, a Rhode Island Republican who also opposed drilling, said he thinks the Senate debate on drilling was "an emotional moment" for Stevens, adding that he doubted Stevens would seek retribution.

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OBITUARIES

HAZELTON



Dennis Harold Seelye

Dennis Harold Seelye, 54, of Hazelton died Monday, March 24, 2003.

He was born March 22, 1949, in St. Anthony, Idaho, the son of Harold and Clolla Davis Seelye. He was raised in Ashton, Idaho, where he attended school, graduating from North Fremont High School in 1967. He married Sandra Hutton on Sept. 4, 1968, in Ashton. He worked in Pocatello for a time, later moving to Riverside, California, where he worked for a Blazer Finance Company. They moved to Hazelton, Idaho, where he managed Ida Pro Potato Co. for 20 years. He later went to work for Sun Valley Potatoes Inc. in Paul, Idaho, a position he held until the time of his death. Dennis and his wife were avid golfers and were members of Jerome County Club. He enjoyed not only golf, but also spending time with his grandchildren, and discussing politics.

He is survived by his wife Sandra of Hazelton; 11 children: Duane (Trent) Stephens of Kimberly, Paulette (Jacobs) Shobe of Hazelton, his father, Harold J. Seelye of Twin Falls; 3 sons: Aaron, brother, Richard (Susan) Seelye of St. George, Utah; 3 sisters: Kathy (Joni) Gormley of Kaysa, Idaho; Kelly (Barkley) Olson of Kaysa, Idaho; and Kaye (Bob) Latham of Twin Falls. His mother and grand parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services for Dennis Seelye will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003, at the Hazelton LDS Chapel, with Bishop Jack Cordron conducting interment will follow in Hazelton Cemetery. The family will greet friends in Friday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at the church. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. The family suggests memorials to the Dennis H. Seelye Memorial Trust Fund, % of any D.L. Evans Bank.

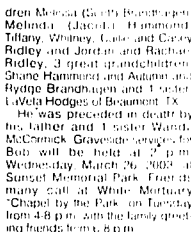
FILER

Robert 'Bob' A. Ridley

Robert 'Bob' A. Ridley, 73, of Filer passed away Sunday, March 23, 2003, at his home.

He was born September 25, 1929, in Harveyville, Kansas, the son of Frank and Ruth Sebring. Ridley moved to Idaho in 1947 from Kansas. On November 21, 1952, he married Norma Lee Olson in Glens Ferry. Bob and Norma farmed and ranched for many years in the Filer area. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He enjoyed watching football and basketball. When he was not out working on the farm,

Bob is survived by his wife Norma of Filer; his mother Ruth Ridley of Twin Falls; 2 sons: Robert (Julia) Ridley of Buhl and Steven (Lori) Ridley of Filer; 8 grandchildren;



and a great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his father and 1 sister. Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Park. Funeral services will be held at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park, on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, at 4 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 3 to 5 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be given by the Filer Church Response Unit.

TWIN FALLS



Robert 'Bob' W. Galley

Robert 'Bob' W. Galley, 73, passed away — March 24, 2003, in Twin Falls.

He was born October 31, 1929, in Vernal, California to John Moe Galley and Gertrude E. L. Traver. He attended schools in California and Utah, graduating from North Cache High School in Smithfield, Utah, in 1947. Bob then attended Long Beach City College for a brief time and then moved to Idaho and worked on the E.H. Call farm in Rigby. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950, serving as a first lieutenant and an in-flight radar observer in California, Florida, and Texas until 1955. Following an honorable discharge, he worked for Western Electric as a telephone installer in Arizona and Utah.

Bob married Linda Gay Adair on August 30, 1957, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. He received an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Idaho State University in 1961 and received a law degree from the University of Idaho in 1964. Bob served two terms as deputy prosecuting attorney and one term as prosecuting attorney in Twin Falls County from 1966-1974. Following his public service, he practiced law in the Magic Valley area for over 30 years. Bob was a high priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints, and served in many callings, one of the last being, teaching children in the nursery. Bob was a dedicated husband, father and friend. He is preceded in death by his wife, Linda, who died in 1998, and his mother, Gertrude, who died in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Linda, who died in 1998, and his mother, Gertrude, who died in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Linda, who died in 1998, and his mother, Gertrude, who died in 1998.

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BUIH

Robert Roethlisberger

Robert Roethlisberger, 75, of Quartzsite, Arizona, passed away on March 24, 2003. A lifetime resident of Arizona, CA, and Buhi, ID, he worked as a draftsman for Buhi ID after leaving from the dairy business. He lived in retirement for 7 years of Quartzsite, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife, Ferna Roethlisberger, sisters: Elaine Gray of Wenatchee, CA, and JoAnn Guntherfield of Prosser, WA. Robert is preceded in death by his wife, Ferna Roethlisberger, daughter, Linda Wright, and Cheryl Frutiger (deceased). Also survived by 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at Parker Funeral Home in Parker, Arizona. Local services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Chapel in Buhi, Idaho, with interment at Westview Cemetery, Buhi.

GLENN'S FERRY

Leyona Helen Laib

Leyona Helen Laib, 82, a resident of Glenn's Ferry, died Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Pioneer Home. Assisted Living Center in Glenn's Ferry.

Leyona was born on May 1, 1921, in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and her mother, Kathryn.

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She was also preceded in death by one son and one sister. Burial services will be held on Friday, March 28, 2003, at 1 p.m. at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenn's Ferry. Funeral services are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service in Gooding, Idaho.

Woman gets 28 years for investment scam

BOISE (AP) — A woman who swindled \$520,000 from retirement and medical expense accounts has been sentenced to up to 28 years in prison.

Former stockbroker Vivian Hagen, 60, of Boise, was accused of taking the money from nine victims, most of them elderly. She pleaded guilty to charges involving three of them and those involving the other six were dropped.

"She is one of the most convincing individuals to walk the Earth," victim Mary Crouch told 4th District Judge Thomas Neville.

Hagen would be eligible for parole in a year, but if she fails to make restitution to her victims, she will be returned to prison, Neville said.

"Your conduct was reprehensible, that is the only way to say it," Neville told Hagen as she listened impassively. "These were direct, bold and calculating actions."

Hagen admitted the theft and attempted to apologize.

"Everything you said is absolutely true," Hagen said. "I don't understand it either. I'm shocked. I had no intent to harm anybody, but it did happen. I fell under some kind of evil. I will do what I need to do to pay them back."

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SERVICES

710 Sixth St. and before the service Friday.

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

Charles 'Jack' Curtis Harrison of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 4th Ward Stake Chapel, 26 S. 100 W. (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Georgia Lee Terry, 87, of Shoshone died Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in Shoshone.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Peter Don Wakeland of Highlands Ranch, Colo., graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Cemetery, 450 N. Meridian, Rupert. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Mary Lee Pothier of Hagerman and formerly of Ketchum, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Ketchum Cemetery, 1000 Wood River Funeral Chapel, Hailey.

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McCain announcement fails to surprise

Employees say they heard rumors

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Some employees knew, or at least had a hunch, that layoffs were going to happen at McCain Foods USA Inc. "A lot of us already knew from rumors," McCain employee Christine Young said Tuesday. McCain officials announced Tuesday about 125 employees would be laid off from the Burley potato processing plant in late June. Burley Mayor Jim Anderson said he understood 103 current employees would lose their jobs. Several of the positions targeted for elimination are vacant, Anderson said. "It's hard on the people at the bottom of the totem pole, Young said. People need those jobs. Young, who has worked at the Burley plant for three years, is one of the workers who expects to receive a pink slip. She said this action makes her think plant officials are saying she's

Recent Mini-Cassia layoffs — A2

expendable. Young said things aren't as bad as they could be at her house. Her husband, Kevin, is likely to miss the round of layoffs and continue working at McCain. "I guess I get to be a stay-at-home mom for a while," Young said. McCain officials have said the employees who will be laid off in a couple of months will remain on the plant's on-call list for a year. If the market picks up, those people could be called back to work. Company officials also told employees they'll continue to receive employee benefits for six months after they lose their jobs. Young said. After those six months, the company has agreed to pay one-half of the employee benefits for an additional 12 months. Many McCain employees have been looking for other jobs since rumors of layoffs began, Young said. Some are thinking of mov-

ing out of the area. That's not what city officials want to hear. McCain officials visited with Burley city officials Tuesday morning, Anderson said, while he appreciated the visit. "You look and you say, 'Oh, no, not another one,'" City leaders have been concerned with potential layoffs for several months, Anderson said. Anderson noted Mechelle McFarland, Mini-Cassia's economic development coordinator, says she's talking with businesses who may come to Mini-Cassia, and the city of Burley has made a building available for a new business, but nothing has come to fruition yet. "Actually there's nothing very bright I see," Anderson said. It may not be very bright out in the potato fields either. There was nothing in Tuesday's announcement about potato growers, but grower Allen Tuma said he's been hearing through the grapevine that McCain might be cutting back on contracts with potato growers. He has heard no official word. "It's going to hurt us," said his

wife, Marilyn. Allen Tuma prefers to have a signed contract before planting potatoes, but it doesn't always work out that way. Often contracts are still being negotiated when it's time to plant. "You plant the spuds and then get a contract," Marilyn Tuma said. It's about this time of year that negotiations are taking place and farmers find out how many potatoes they can sell, Allen Tuma said. He may have to be cautious in planting potatoes this year. McCain used to offer contracts a year in advance, back when things were more "stable," said Allen Tuma, with a slight laugh. Some farmers can take the chance of growing potatoes and hoping for a good price on the open market, Marilyn Tuma said, but if the potatoes aren't sold the farmer must pay for storage, and that eats into profits.

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Court sets Bowcut trial for January

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Peter Bowcut

FRESNO, Calif. — A federal court trial for Leslie Peter Bowcut and nine other defendants in an Internet child pornography ring has been scheduled for Jan. 13, 2004, in Fresno. Bowcut, a Burley resident, will remain in custody of federal officials until then, Assistant U.S. Attorney John Conklin said. A motions hearing in Bowcut's case is scheduled for April 21 in U.S. District Court in Fresno. Bowcut, 29, faces a federal charge of conspiring to sexually exploit children. He was one of 20 people in the United States and Europe indicted Aug. 9, 2002, as part of an international child pornography ring following a nine-month investigation by the U.S. Customs Service. He pleaded innocent to the charge at his Dec. 16, 2002, arraignment in U.S. District Court. If convicted of the federal offense, Bowcut faces a mandatory prison sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum of 20 years in federal prison. At the time of the indictments, Commissioner of Customs Robert Bonner said the ring of pedophiles had sexually molested children and distributed child pornography via the Internet. Some 45 children were involved, Bonner said. The pornography ring was busted after the U.S. Customs Cyber-Smuggling Center began coordinating efforts with the Danish National Police. The Danish National Police received information from an Internet watchdog group about online photographs of a man sexually abusing a young girl. Customs Service officials accused Bowcut of operating a photography business in which he produced child pornography.

Bowcut is accused of receiving photos of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct and of transmitting photos of children engaged in sex acts. The Internet exchanges occurred between August 2000 and Jan. 26, 2002, according to the indictment. Bowcut was indicted on the federal charge when he was in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center pending sentencing on many sex abuse charges filed in 5th District Court in Cassia County. Bowcut has been in jail in Fresno since December. Bowcut was taken to California from the Idaho State Penitentiary in Boise, where he was serving a 30-year-to-life sentence on a Cassia County court conviction. Bowcut was sentenced to prison last October after he pleaded guilty to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16. Bowcut has appealed the sentence imposed by 5th District Judge Roger Burdick, calling it excessive. In exchange for Bowcut's guilty pleas, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Harris dismissed 11 other counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16, 13 counts of sexual abuse and two counts of sexual exploitation of children which had been filed against Bowcut.

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Boise officer injured in attack dies

BOISE (AP) — A second serviceman has died from wounds suffered when an Army sergeant allegedly tossed three grenades into a command tent of the 101st Airborne Division in Kuwait, the military said. Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone, 40, based in Boise, was pronounced dead early Tuesday at an Army field hospital in Kuwait, the Idaho Air National Guard said. Sgt. Asan Akbar is in custody in the attack. He was shipped to a military jail in Germany on Tuesday after a judge found probable cause to try him for the crime. Akbar, an American Muslim who told family members he was wary of going to war in Iraq, has not been charged. Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, of Easton, Pa., was killed and 14 other soldiers were injured in the attack. Stone, a 20-year active and reserve veteran of the Air Force, said his half brother, Frank Lenz of Portland, Ore. Stone graduated from Portland's Benson High School and Oregon State University. He enlisted in 1983, went through the ROTC program at Oregon State and was commissioned in 1988. "He was wonderful, the best son anybody could ask for," said his stepmother, Sally Stone of Riggins. Stone's mother, Betty Lenz of Ontario, Ore., said she was too upset to talk. Stone is survived by his ex-wife and two sons, who live in Boise. The Army said Akbar was taken to the Mannheim Confinement Facility from Camp Doha, Kuwait, where he will await a pretrial investigation, though it was not clear where that would take place. Akbar was taken into custody shortly after explosions rocked several tents at the headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade. "It appears that the explosions were the result of three grenades that were thrown or rolled through the front door of each of these tents," according to a statement from Fort Campbell, Ky., home of the 101st. Army investigators will complete a report and send it to Akbar's superiors, said Marc Raimondi, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Division in Virginia. He wouldn't speculate on when the investigation would be completed. Military experts said Akbar could face one charge of intentional murder and additional charges of attempted murder for the wounded.

Albion rally will honor troops

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — A "Support Our Troops" rally begins at 6 p.m. today in Albion City Park. Although the rally is planned because several community members have relatives who are in the military and are connected to the war in Iraq, all men and women in the military will be honored, organizers said. The rally is sponsored by the community relations subcommittee of the Albion Valley Planning Council with assistance from the American Legion. The rally is open to the public. The program will begin with a welcome by Albion American Legion Post Commander Don Bowden, followed by an invocation by Keith Amende, chaplain of Albion American Legion Post 124. A flag presentation will be conducted by American Legion members. Carol Amende will sing the national anthem, and Don Gunderson, adjutant of the Albion post, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Legion members will conduct a ceremony recognizing prisoners of war and military personnel who are listed as missing in action. Albion Mayor Don Danner, who is a Legion member, will speak. Families with relatives in the armed forces will be introduced. People in the audience will have an opportunity to com-



Helen and Adelma Maestas the yellow flowers to one of the two windmills they built and placed at their Albion home in honor of their son, Juan. Juan Maestas is a medical corpsman in the Marines. He is now in Iraq.

ment during the rally. The program will conclude with the song, "God Bless America," sung by Sue Keller and a benediction given by Dean Richins, a member of the community relations subcommittee.

Judge sets trial in SLC newspaper battle

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge set a November trial for the ownership battle over The Salt Lake Tribune. Before then, the case will take an April 8 detour to a New Jersey courtroom. That is where former Tribune owners are disputing

appraisals that could force the McCarthy family and former Tribune publisher Dominic Welch to pay \$352 million to recover Utah's largest newspaper. One of the appraisal firms is based in New Jersey.

In Salt Lake City on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart scheduled a three-week trial starting Nov. 3 after trying to move it up to June. "This matter is ripe for trial. We ought to move as quickly as we can," he told lawyers.

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Sludge

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Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M. INEEL already is shipping Cold War-era trash there for permanent disposal. "We are confident that the waste is not high-level and can safely be disposed of at the repository in New Mexico," Lockie said. The Energy Department's efforts to reclassify the waste is being challenged in federal court by American Indian tribes and activists. It's unknown what will happen to the Energy Department's four favored alter-

natives if it loses the lawsuit. Bliss resident Christopher Hornel, a board member of the nuclear watchdog group Snake River Alliance, suggested INEEL evaluate the pros and cons of vitrification alongside four options. "My observation is you took vitrification out of the discussion a bit prematurely," he said. That way the public can compare vitrification's risks and costs alongside the other options, Hornel said. Cost estimates for the four Energy Department options are rough and range from \$220 mil-

lion to \$250 million just to design and build the treatment plants. That compares with an estimated cost of \$700 million for vitrification. The 1995 settlement agreement then-Gov. Phil Batt reached with the Energy Department calls for removing the remaining waste from the tanks by 2012 and preparing it for shipment out of Idaho by 2035.

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Field burning legislation will be heard in committee

BOISE — Odor is out. Field burnings in.

Legislation that would have provided safe harbor from lawsuits for farmers and dairymen who produce strong agricultural odors and lots of smoke from field burning has gone by the wayside. And in its place is a new bill that would require farmers for producing field smoke on the wrong days in the state's 10 northern-most counties. Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, introduced the bill into the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday, and today he will hold a hearing on the legislation in the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. The idea is that if farmers follow regulations for field burning, they will be shielded from lawsuits. Jones said he is also working on a companion bill that would pay farmers not to burn. But he said he has to find out what the fiscal impact would be before he can go forward.

Senate committee to hear about water rights

BOISE — Five attorneys will address water rights in front of the Senate Resources and Environmental Committee at 1:30 p.m. today in the Gold Room, located on the fourth floor of the Statehouse. The attorneys will discuss local public interest, minimum stream flow water rights, application for change points of diversion, and water bank rentals.

This is an information-only meeting. Public comment won't be taken until Monday, when the subject will be opened up for a public hearing.

Woman waffles preliminary in child injury case

RUPERT — Paul resident Valerie Mulligan waived her Tuesday preliminary hearing in magistrate court in Minidoka County. Mulligan was bound over to district court on a charge of felony injury to a child. The charge stems from allegations that Mulligan used methamphetamine while pregnant. She gave birth to a son Jan. 1. The baby spent the first few days of his life in withdrawal from the drugs his mother allegedly used. Mulligan will now undergo an assessment by personnel at the Walker Center to determine whether she can participate in drug court, Minidoka County

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Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar said. She remains out of jail on her own recognizance. Mulligan, 37, was recently in a 30-day drug treatment program at Canyon View, Bollar said.

Health Net plans event next week in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County youth will celebrate their achievements in building development assets at an event April 1 hosted by the Twin Falls County Health Net Coalition.

Developmental assets are a nationally recognized tool revolving around the concept of 40 assets that are the building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible according to a news release.

"The more assets we build in our youth, the less likely they are to participate in risk-taking behaviors," said Melanie Shouse, facilitator for the coalition.

The celebration will begin with a reception at 4:30 p.m. at the Herrett Center and Faulkner Planetarium at the College of Southern Idaho. Recognition awards will be presented to youth mentors and asset builders at 5:30 p.m. The Herrett Center will present its "Mingle in the Jungle" program at 6 p.m. and a planetarium show at 7 p.m. Information about coalition's efforts will be available throughout the event. For more information, call Shouse at 423-5915.

Elko department heads will make budget requests

ELKO, Nev. — Department heads will present their budget requests to the Elko County commissioners today. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in Room 105 of the courthouse.

In addition to receiving the departmental budgets for the 2003-04 fiscal year, the commission will also review community service funding requests from the Snow Bowl in the amount of \$20,000, and the Nevada Rural Counties Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for \$3,500.

The agenda also lists a review of tax rates and a discussion of potential tax increases inclusive of the medical indigent fund.

The meeting is expected to last all day. — compiled from staff reports

Phone

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Some lawmakers, including Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said the added fee would amount to taxation without people voting on it.

But Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, argued that you fees are common. "If you don't want to pay a cell phone fee, don't buy a cell phone," Smith said.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, said his cell phone has increased his business enough that "I'm a long ways ahead. Even if they charged \$10 per cell phone, I'd still be ahead."

Finding just one lost hunter in the vast desert of Owyhee County because of cell phones and emergency dispatch would make the fees worthwhile, said Rep. Frances

Field, R-Grand View. Stevenson even alluded to House Speaker Bruce Newcomb's November accident when he was bucked off a horse, causing him to crash seven ribs. "I'll bet the good lady driving him to the hospital was talking to the doctor on her cell phone," Stevenson said, "because land line phones won't reach that far."

The only local lawmakers who voted against the legislation were Bedke and Rep. Tim Ridenour, R-Shoshone. SIRCOWM officials have said they're not certain how they would use revenues from cell phone fees, but the money might be spent for a number of purposes — not just to buy equipment to track cell phone calls.

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A LOT OF CUTTING

Slashed commerce budget heads for Kempthorne

BOISE (AP) — A budget that cuts grants for rural communities by more than 26 percent was approved by the Idaho Legislature on Tuesday and was forwarded to the governor's desk.

The 2003-2004 budget bill that cuts Commerce Department programs drew 14 opposing votes in the state Senate, the strongest opposition yet there to the plan that trims more than 26 percent of state spending across the board. That opposition was enough to sustain a veto.

"At a time when we keep talking about the importance of economic development and putting people back to work... This is a time we should be spending more money in this area, not less," said Republican Sen. Dick Compton of Coeur d'Alene.

Besides cutting the money small towns use to improve infrastructure from \$3 million to \$2.2 million, the bill slashes \$75,000 for promotional travel. However, it keeps financing for the state's trade offices in Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea, Shanghai in China, and Washington, D.C.

The cut to Gov. Dirk



Kempthorne's rural development initiative does pose some problems, Chief of Staff Brian Whipple said.

A similar trouble spot appeared in the Public Health Districts budget. And a day earlier, opponents to a drastically reduced budget for the Agriculture Department fell only six votes short in the House of Representatives.

All those bills now go to Kempthorne, who has promised to veto at least some of them in his battle with the Republican legislative majority over how to deal with the state's financial crisis.

Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron said once a tax package is agreed to, budgets like the Commerce Department's will have to be augmented to meet needs. He

How they voted

Here is the 2003-2004 rollcall vote by which the Senate on Tuesday approved a Commerce Department budget that reduces economic development grants to rural communities by more than 26 percent.

A "yes" vote was a vote for the budget and there were 21 of those.

Republicans for (21) — Brandt, Burderson, Burdeshaw, Cameron, Derrington, Davis, Gannon, Geodes, Hill, Ingram, Keough, Little, Lodge, McKenzie, Noble, Pearce, Richardson, Sorenson, Stegner, Sweet and Williams.

Democrats for (None)

Republicans against (7) — Anderson, Bailey, Compton, Goodson, McWilliams, Noh and Schroeder.

Democrats against (7) — Burkett, Calabretta, Kennedy, Malapoe, Marley, Stennett and Weir.

conceded the possibility of the current bill being vetoed.

The GOP governor wants to erase a \$160 million deficit by raising the five-cent sales tax a

penny and a half. Legislative conservatives, especially in the House, have resisted.

However, leaders say progress was made toward a compromise combining some kind of tax hike with additional, though less dramatic, spending cuts. On the overall \$2 billion budget, the governor and House are about \$60 million apart while the Senate is somewhere in the middle.

The key is funding education. House leaders say they have the votes for no more than \$920 million for the 2003-2004 school year, including \$73.6 million in property tax relief. That equals this year's amount, but property tax relief claimed only \$69 million, leaving more for actual school operations.

Compounding the problem is a reduction in earnings from the school endowment because of the bear stock market.

Together, education officials say anything less than the \$943 million Kempthorne recommended will mean less money for nearly all school districts, forcing them to ask property taxpayers to cover the difference.

Newcomb meets with tax panel in private

BOISE (AP) — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb met behind closed doors with Republican members of the tax-writing committee on Tuesday as the search continued for a compromise solution to the state's budget crisis.

Newcomb said the 15-minute secret meeting with the House Revenue and Taxation Committee was open to others. But when an Associated Press reporter moved to enter the committee room, the speaker told him that it was not an open meeting.

Democrats on the committee were also not contacted about the hastily called meeting. Minority Leader Wendy Jarquet of Ketchum said Democrat Shirley Ringo of Moscow found out about the session in the hall. Ringo went into the meeting, and it broke up within minutes.

The speaker said he closed the door to the room because he did not want any interruptions. He said he only discussed the procedural mechanics of handling a tax increase bill, something that has not been seriously considered since 1987.

Newcomb said no policy issues were discussed.

"All I was explaining was the mechanics of sending a revenue bill out," he said.

The session was reminiscent of a March 28, 1994, secret meeting then-Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg called of the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee on handling the controversial property tax relief bill.

The bill, which was a key to adjourning the 1994 session, was passed within four days but vetoed by then-Gov. Cecil Andrus as emergency.

The meeting prompted citations against members of the committee, and several paid a \$75 fine for violating the state open meetings law. But then-Chairman Jerry Thorne of Nampa and two other members fought the citations and

fines in court. A magistrate ruled that the penalty provision of the open meetings law does not apply to legislators. Magistrate Richard Grant did not rule on the legality of the meeting itself.

The House has stridently resisted raising taxes during the debate on erasing an estimated \$160 million deficit, but Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and a majority in the Senate have made it clear they will not accept the deep spending cuts required to avoid a tax increase.



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Panel looks at altering state tax code

BOISE — The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Tuesday introduced a new version of an old bill that would make Idaho tax code conform to federal regulations, except for deductions for teachers and businesses.

Dan John, state tax policy manager, said the bill essentially mirrors an earlier bill that would amend in the Senate and returned to the House.

The version would have cost the state about \$69 million over the next three years. The new version has no fiscal impact.

The Senate had added the

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extra deductions — an accelerated depreciation on business investments since the 2001 terror attacks and a deduction for teachers spending their own money on school supplies. The cost of the deductions would have worsened the state's budget deficit.

Senate, House introduce school funding bill

BOISE — The legislative package that school district leaders

say could settle the law suit demanding state financing of school construction has been introduced in the Senate and House.

The three bills and a proposed constitutional amendment already faced difficulties in the Legislature and being offered so late in the session only further limited the chance of passage.

The attorney for the school districts trying for state assistance in meeting school construction needs has warned that if lawmakers take no action he will try to intensify the legal action in court.

The proposals, recommended

by a special task force last week, call for:

• Increased state subsidies for interest paid on school construction bonds.

• A \$20 million annual state contribution to a school building maintenance fund with local districts providing another \$20 million.

• Authority for school boards to raise property taxes without a vote to deal with building safety emergencies.

• A public vote on cutting the two-thirds majority to pass school bonds to 60 percent.

— compiled from wire reports

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Signed by Governor

H19 (Newcomb) — Clarifies requirements for fee payments to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

H105 (Agricultural Affairs) — Makes the president of the Idaho Farm and Analysts Association a member of the State Seed Advisory Board.

Sent to Governor

H195 (State Affairs) — Extends to five years the time the Land Board has to use proceeds from the sale of endowments to buy new assets.

H152 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$10.8 million for 2003-2004 operations of the state Controller's office.

H154 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$7.1 million for 2003-2004 operations of the State Board of Education.

H154 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$115 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Lands Department.

H155 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$9 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Public Health Districts.

H161 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$28.8 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Commerce.

H121 (State Affairs) — Clarifies procedures for transfer of development rights.

H248 (State Affairs) — Ends exemption for real estate licenses from residential energy audits.

H111 (State Affairs) — Keeps

assumed business names in effect until canceled.

Introduced in Senate

SJR101 (State Affairs) — Amends the state constitution to reduce the two-thirds majority required to pass school district bonds to 60 percent.

SCR116 (State Affairs) — Creates a special committee to review the state system of selecting judges.

SCR124 (State Affairs) — Creates the school district building maintenance fund proposed as part of settling the school building lawsuit.

SCR174 (State Affairs) — Offers an option in calculating a district's eligibility for state subsidies on bond interest

payments.

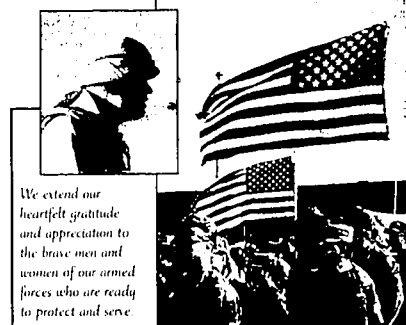
SR175 (State Affairs) — Authorizes release of student directory information to military recruiters for military purposes only.

Introduced in House

H1089 (Revenue and Tax) — Establishes a mechanism for school districts to seek a levy for unsafe schools through a judicial process.

H1090 (Revenue and Tax) — Updates Idaho tax code to conform with the IRS and provides exceptions to certain exceptions.

H1111 (State Affairs) — Urges the Idaho congressional delegation to open and support additional funding for veterans health care.



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Women allegedly give demonstrator tainted cocoa

MOSCOW (AP) — Two women are wanted for questioning after a supporter of American soldiers in Iraq became violently ill from drinking hot chocolate they offered to him.

Moscow police say it could be attempted murder.

On Sunday, Moscow resident Bobby Shores stood on a street corner, holding a handwritten sign reading, "I support my son and brother. Freedom isn't free."

The former Marine corporal's son, Robby Shores, and brother, Spokane resident Chris Callahan, are overseas with U.S. forces.

"I was probably an hour into it when two girls came up and gave me some hot chocolate," he said Monday.

"The first time I tasted it, I thought it tasted funny. It tasted bitter on the back of my tongue, like aspirin on the back of my tongue or something."

A blood taken from Shores was sent to a hospital emergency room.

At the hospital, Shores' sudden illness was suspicious enough for the doctor to call the police for a possible poisoning. Shores was treated with syrup of ipecac.

A blood taken from Shores came back negative for any toxins, but the analysis results are pending.

Police suspect teenage boys of going on BB-gun shooting spree

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Police arrested two 17-year-old boys who are suspected of a monthlong string of BB-gun vandalism.

"We have roughly 40 victims," said city detective Jason Mathewey. Damage to windows and parking lot lights has been estimated at more than \$20,000.

Police say vandalism charges are expected.

Most of the incidents, if taken separately, would be misdemeanors. However, investigators said that if the suspects can be

tied to a string of incidents, the amount of damage may boost the charge to a felony.

During the month, windows in homes and commercial buildings were hit with BBs, police said.

On March 15, a pedestrian was hit in the shoulder by a pellet provided a partial description of a pickup the shooters may have been driving. Five days later, officers pulled over a truck matching the description for a minor traffic violation.

The suspects' names were withheld because of their ages.

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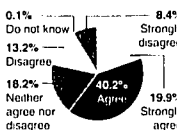
Federal workers generally satisfied

Most federal workers like their jobs, but many complain that management fails to reward good work and penalize poor employees. The findings are from a government survey of 100,655 federal workers.

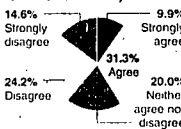
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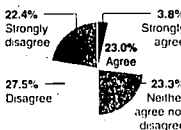
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SOURCE: Office of Personnel Management

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Federal workers like jobs, urge rewards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most federal workers like their jobs and say pay and benefits are OK, but many also complain that management fails to reward good work or penalize poor employees.

And while most workers are happy, 35 percent of those responding to a federal questionnaire are thinking about leaving their jobs. More than 100,000 federal workers answered questionnaires from the Office of Personnel Management for the survey released Tuesday, the largest such sampling ever taken.

Key Coley, James, the federal office's director, said the survey is among tools being used to find ways to attract and retain quality workers. "Our goal is for the federal government to be a world-class employer," James said. "To get there, we have to listen to our employees."

More than 200,000 surveys were sent out to workers in all areas of the government. A little more than half were returned, with 56 percent saying they were very pleased with their pay and 63 percent saying they were happy with benefits.

But fewer than half — 41 percent — said outstanding employees receive timely recognition, and only 27 percent said disciplinary steps are taken against workers who can't or won't do their jobs. As to whether agency leaders motivate workers, just 36 percent said their agencies' leaders are motivators.

The margin of error for the survey was plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Filmmaker's Oscar may garner him more work

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roman Polanski's surprise Oscar win for directing "The Pianist" has returned Hollywood's attention to a filmmaking career that includes at least two films considered cinematic classics, "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown."

"There is tremendous interest in Roman and what he's doing next," his agent, Jeff Berg, said Tuesday, although Polanski has yet to decide on a new project.

Berg refused to say who has approached him about working with Polanski, but pointed out that the filmmaker has never wanted for celebrity colleagues, even in the years since a 1977 sex crime made him flee from France.

Walter Matthau starred in Polanski's 1986 comedy "Private Practice," Harrison Ford in 1988's "Fanny," and Johnny Depp in 1999's "The Ninth Gate."

With a hit on his hands, the 69-year-old Polanski should be able to attract A-list stars more than ever. "Actors are used to traveling," Berg said.

Polanski's victory Sunday night was met with huge applause and a partial standing ovation at the Kodak Theatre.

In a brief statement issued in Paris, Polanski said that he was grateful for the recognition.

"I am deeply moved to be rewarded for the work which relates to the events so close to my own life, the events that led me to comprehend that art can transform pain," he said.

"The Pianist" drew on

Paul Light, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and professor of public service at New York University, said pay, benefits and job security attract employees to the government, especially during an economic downturn.

Private employees' complaints, on the other hand, center around salaries and benefits, experts say. A 1998-99 Office of Personnel Management survey of private companies found just 44 percent of employees were satisfied with their pay.

Diane Wiriatk, spokeswoman for the American Federation of Government Employees, said the Bush administration's interest in shifting many federal jobs to the private sector contributed to so many people saying they are considering leaving their jobs.

"Employees are leaving the federal government because it is perceived to be an employer that is determined to privatize as many services as possible, no matter the critical nature of the work or the ultimate higher costs to taxpayers," she said.

Last fall the Bush administration proposed rules to make it easier for private companies to bid on maintenance, construction, secretarial and other jobs. In addition, at the insistence of the White House, workers in the new Homeland Security Department were not given the same civil service protections as other federal employees. Officials said they needed flexibility to change assignments to respond to terror threats.

Polanski's experiences from childhood. A Polish Jew, he escaped from Krakow's ghetto and lived off the charity of strangers until reuniting with his father years later. His mother died at the Auschwitz death camp. Polanski's pregnant wife, Sharon Tate, was brutally murdered by Charles Manson's followers in 1969 in her Los Angeles home.

After pleading guilty to having sex with a 13-year-old girl, Polanski fled Los Angeles for Paris to evade sentencing, out of fear the judge would disregard a plea bargain with prosecutors and sentence him to 50 years in prison.

Polanski still faces arrest if he returns to the United States, and the Oscar is unlikely to change that. But it could make it easier for him to work around the obstacle of his criminal case.

He has since worked mainly in Paris, where he lives with his children and wife, French actress Emmanuelle Beigner.

But his Academy Award suggests that Hollywood continues to admire his talent, and Oscars for "The Pianist" lead actor Adrien Brody and screenwriter Ronald Harwood already have stoked renewed interest in working with the director.

The respect provided by the Oscar may help Polanski avoid the kind of problems that destroyed his planned 1996 drama "The Double" with John Travolta, who abandoned the production over a creative dispute.

Senator reports upheaval at academy

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Air Force leaders told senators Tuesday they will replace four top officers at the Air Force Academy, which is embroiled in a sexual assault scandal, a senator said.

The Air Force officials also said two women would be included in the new leadership, said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

Clinton spoke after Air Force Secretary James Roche and others gave a closed-door briefing to senators on the Armed Services Committee to discuss the allegations that female cadets at the academy were ostracized and reprimanded after they reported they were raped.

"No, I'm not satisfied, but I believe they are making progress," Clinton said. "I believe that changing the leadership is a serious action but it is not sufficient."

Investigation of sexual assault incidences leads to removal of four top officers

cient."

Clinton did not name the ousted officers, but The Denver Post on Tuesday identified them as Brig. Gen. S. Taco Gilbert III, the commandant of cadets and second in charge at the academy; Col. Steve Eddy, vice superintendent; Col. Bob Eskridge, vice commander; and Col. Sue Slavec, training group commander.

Lt. Gen. John R. Dallager will remain as superintendent and the top official at the 4,100-cadet institution until his scheduled retirement in June, the newspaper said.

A formal announcement was expected from the Air Force on Wednesday, when changes in

policies and procedures also were to be announced.

Sen. Wayne Allard of Colorado said after the closed-door meeting that he expects the academy to change its record-keeping process as well as the way rapes and sex assaults are reported at the academy, which is just north of Colorado Springs, Colo. He said Air Force officials were vague about when the changes would take place.

"The evidence indicates now that we need to have some changes in leadership at the top," Allard said. "I think they're moving in the right direction."

Allard and two other Republicans — Sen. John Warner

of Virginia and Rep. Tom Tancredo of Colorado — have all called for a change in leadership at the academy.

Allard said victims are unwilling to talk with Air Force investigators while the current commanders are in place.

He said Tuesday that up to 50 cases of rape or sexual assault at the academy have been reported to his office. A significant portion of those are from the last two years, he added. Allard has said that Gilbert is a "common thread" in the reports.

Gilbert, who declined to comment, was scheduled to leave the academy this summer after completing a standard two-year tour.

In late January, Gilbert said that every case of sexual assault has been thoroughly investigated and that misconduct was punished.

Teen traveling with murderer heads home

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A missing Michigan teenager found safe in California Tuesday was reunited with her mother Tuesday and was flying home.

Lindsey Diane Ryan, 14, was returning to Jones, Mich., after a 23-day cross-country odyssey with a 56-year-old convicted murderer, Terry Drake, who remains jailed in Sonoma, Calif.

Carol Ryan picked up her daughter at the Sonoma airport about 9:40 a.m., and immediately departed with her aboard a California Highway Patrol aircraft for a flight to Reno, Nev. From there they were to fly on to Michigan.

"The reunion took place right at the airport," said FBI spokeswoman Nick Kross.

Said CHP spokesman Tom Marshall, "I think they just wanted this to kind of happen out of the glare of the spotlight."

Two Cass County, Mich., deputies accompanied the mother and daughter, and he and the girl had corresponded by e-mail before she left home March 1 to meet up with Drake.

"It is a horrible situation that has a happy ending. You are looking at some very happy parents today," Lindsey's father, Patrick Ryan, said earlier.



Carol and Patrick Ryan talk Monday in Cassopolis, Mich., about receiving news that their 14-year-old daughter had been found alive in California.

along the California-Nevada line, authorities said. Police said the Ryans had met Drake and his wife at church and he and the girl had corresponded by e-mail before she left home March 1 to meet up with Drake.

"It is a horrible situation that has a happy ending. You are looking at some very happy parents today," Lindsey's father, Patrick Ryan, said earlier.

Michigan, Indiana and California issued Amber Alert warnings seeking tips on Lindsey's whereabouts. The pair were also featured recently on the "America's Most Wanted"

television program.

A delivery truck driver recognized Drake's truck in a gas station parking lot about 70 miles northwest of Reno, Nev. The white truck had been painted black but still had the same Indiana plates, California authorities said.

When police pulled over the truck, Drake put up no resistance and "told me I had the guy they were looking for," said California Highway Patrol Officer Greg Transue, who stopped the vehicle northwest of Reno.

Police said they found three guns inside and two more at the remote campsite where the pair apparently spent much of their time.

The girl and Drake told police they'd been camping out around mountains near Sonoma, about 75 miles northwest of Reno.

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 at a 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.

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The power of flour

Jerome resident Nichole Prince bakes a storm for kids, neighbors

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — "Fancy food fast" is Nichole Prince's cooking style.

Her grandmother, an old-fashioned, down-home cook who served lots of comfort food, taught Prince to cook as a child. Once Prince learned how, she loved nothing more than baking cakes and pies.

She grew up with two brothers and two sisters, and a mother who encouraged baking.

Now, Prince loves big holiday meals where she can dig in and do some serious cooking for an audience who appreciates the effort. She studied home economics in high school and catering at Ricks College. In the catering classes, she learned to do the fancy stuff — tomato and radish roses, cake decorating, beautiful food presentations.

She was raised in Genesee in Northern Idaho and moved to Magic Valley 11 years ago to live near her grandmother, who lives in Twin Falls. Husband Joel is a Wendell boy. His favorite question: "Is that for us?" Because his wife loves to give sweets away to friends or neighbors. She also takes them to church potlucks and fund-raisers.

The Princes have three children, ages 9, 5 and 10 months. Once, Prince made her grandmother a favorite chocolate cake for a special occasion. She decorated it, packed it carefully in a box and set it on top of the car while she loaded kids, diapers, bottles and toys into the car. About halfway to Twin Falls, she remembered the cake. She turned around. There in the middle of the road, was the smashed and mangled cake. She picked up what she could, dumped it back into the box and took it along to show her grandmother that she had made the effort. Then she made plans to bake another one.

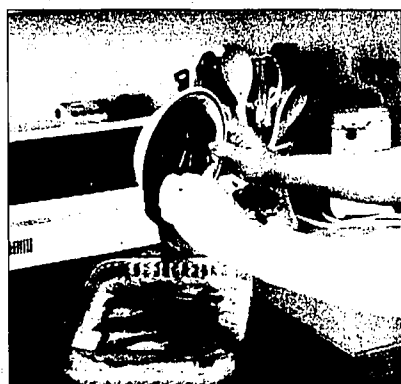
Searching for cooks

We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of Wednesday's Times-News. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and would be willing to share some recipes, please let us know. Write to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931. Ext. 243. Or e-mail to denise@magicvalley.com. Tell us a little about your self, and include your name and phone number.



Nichole Prince makes Peanut Butter Treats.

Photos by DIXIE THOMAS REALE, The Times-News



Pour the melted chocolate over the peanut butter/Rice Krispies mixture.



Press the peanut butter/Rice Krispies mixture into a 9-by-13-inch pan.

PEACH COBBLER

Serves 12
2 quarts canned peaches
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Drain peaches. Save 2 cups juice. Combine the sugar and cornstarch in pan. Blend in juice. Cook over medium heat till it boils. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Add butter and cinnamon. Add peaches. Put in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Set aside.

Meanwhile make the topping:
2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons shortening
1 cup milk
Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add milk and stir. Drop by the spoonful onto the fruit mixture. Prince usually uses 12 drops so that it will serve 12 people. Bake till golden brown, about 20 minutes.

OREO PIE

Oreo Crust (pre-made or use a mix)
Hot Fudge Sauce:
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons evaporated milk
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1/3 cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
In a pan, mix the sugar and cocoa; then blend in the evaporated milk and corn syrup. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture boils. Boil and stir for 1 minute. Remove from the heat and stir in the butter and vanilla. Let cool. Spread a layer of fudge on the crust. Place in freezer until set up. Remove from freezer and add a layer of soft vanilla ice cream to the layer of fudge. Then drizzle some hot fudge sauce over the top and sprinkle with Oreo crumbs. Place in the freezer for 2 hours.

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Add inspiration to your traditional Easter feast this year

Family Features

Ham, sweet potatoes and pecans are traditional Easter favorites. And because they are as versatile in cooking as they are wholesome, there are creative recipes abundantly available that let you serve that traditional trio prepared in deliciously unexpected ways.

- 1 (29-ounce) can yams (sweet potatoes) drained or 2 medium fresh sweet potatoes
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 cup plus 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar
 - 1/3 cup chopped pecans
 - 7 tablespoons margarine
 - 1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream cheese
 - 1 (8-ounce) container fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed and divided
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Place fresh sweet potato and water (enough to cover tops of sweet potatoes) in microwaveable dish, cover and microwave about 3 to 4 minutes until done; drain, peel and cut into chunks. Preheat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, combine flour, 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, pecans and margarine. Press into bottom of 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Bake 20 minutes. Set aside to cool. In mixing bowl, mix cream cheese and 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar until creamy. Fold in 3/4 cup whipped topping. Spread cream cheese mixture over cooled crust. In mixing bowl, beat sweet potatoes, sugar and cinnamon until smooth. Spread over cream cheese mixture. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate. Makes 16 servings.



This holiday, serve, clockwise from upper right: Mixed Green Salad With Cinnamon Pecans, Heavenly Yam Delight, Glazed Ham With Pecan Crust and Yam Pecan Biscuits

1 10-pound cooked ham, bone in
2 cups apple cider
1 cup light brown sugar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 1/2 cups finely chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 325 F. Insert meat thermometer into center of ham with end touching bone. Place ham in baking dish and pour cider over. Roast in oven, basting with cider every 30 minutes for a total cooking time of 2 to 2 1/2 hours (12 to 15 minutes per pound) or until

thermometer registers 140 F. Meanwhile, in bowl, combine brown sugar, mustard and pecans. Remove ham from oven during the last 40 minutes and firmly pat the sugar pecan mixture all over the ham. Return to oven and continue roasting until crust is brown and ham is done. Slice and serve with pan sauce. Some topping will fall into the sauce, making it the perfect accompaniment to the ham. Makes 20 to 25 servings.



Photo courtesy Georgia Pecan Commission. (Landscape Sweet Potato Commission, Natchez, Miss.)

HAM AND SWEET POTATO PIE

1 cup chopped onion
2 cups cubed sweet potatoes or 2 (15-ounce) cans sweet potatoes, drained and cubed
2 cups cubed cooked ham, divided
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup skim milk
2 cups cubed cooked ham
1 9-inch refrigerated pie crust
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1 tablespoon thyme
Preheat oven to 350 F. In large pot coated with nonstick cooking spray, sauté onion over medium high heat 5 minutes. Add fresh* sweet potatoes and 2/3 cup chicken broth. Bring mixture to boil and simmer over medium heat 10 to 15 minutes or until sweet potatoes are

tender. (If using canned yams, add them and 2/3 cup chicken broth to sautéed onions; heat thoroughly.) Add flour, stirring. Gradually add milk, stirring until well combined. Add ham. Bring to boil and transfer mixture to 7-by-11-inch baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray. If mixture is too thick, add more broth or milk. Unfold crust to round circle; sprinkle pecans on one side. Fold in half and roll with rolling pin, pressing pecans into crust. Spread pecan crust on top of mixture and bake 30 minutes or until crust is brown; sprinkle with thyme. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Find more Easter recipes on page C5.

FOOD & HOME

Time to trim those roses, but attack your task with care

The forsythia is blooming. That means that it's time to prune your roses.

This is the time of year when we hard-prune the roses back to about the third bud in this part of the country.

Before you grab your loppers and chop down everything in sight, know that we'll be talking about established roses. Those that have been in place for at least three years. If the rose is just a baby, leave it alone unless there are dead, diseased or crossing canes that really must be removed.

For most hybrid teas, you want to end up with about five strong, healthy canes. Follow good pruning practices: Start by cutting out all dead, diseased or crossing canes. Cut them all the way back to the crown. Next, look for spindly growth smaller around than a pencil. Cut that out.

Choose the strongest canes — those you will save. Cut them back to just above an outside bud. The third bud if that works. By now you should start to see a shape forming. That shape should be an open vase. Or a hand, holding a volleyball. All cuts should be made on a slant.

Slant your cuts so that about a quarter inch remains above the bud at the top, and the bottom is



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about even or a hair's breadth above the bud on the inside edge. Don't cut into the little line that circles the cane. If you've had trouble with rose borers in past years, put a dab of Elmer's glue on the end of each cut. Don't use pruning paint or anything fancy. Elmer's will do the trick for you.

Throw all rose debris in the trash. Do not compost it, and do not allow old leaves or clippings to stay on the ground. They harbor bugs that were left of last year's diseases and insect eggs.

If the roses have not sprouted leaves yet, it is still safe to use a dormant oil spray on the remaining canes. That will eliminate fungal spores and hidden eggs. When new growth is about two inches long, fertilize. Roses love alfalfa pellets, whether they be used as they come out of the bag or soaked in a tub and used as a "tea." Alfalfa pellets (get the kind without molasses) provide a lot of trace elements and amend the soil.

Roses also like about a third cup of Epsom salts sprinkled around their drip lines this time of year. Epsom salts is magnesium, which encourages new, sturdy growth and deeper green canes and leaves.

For an all-round rose food, I recommend Ortho's Rose and Flower Food. It has everything in it that roses need, as well as a systemic insecticide that keeps aphids, mites and other sucking insects from becoming pests. It is a granular that must be scratched into the mulch then watered in well. If you don't have time to apply it properly, don't do it that day. If it gets between puppy's paws and she licks it out, it can kill or make your dog very sick. Always read and follow label directions.

Remember: When pruning roses, if you aren't horrified by what you've done, you haven't done enough.

Still unsure? Write for my booklet, "Rose Pruning Made Easy." Send two bucks and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tender Communications, 3262 E. 3210 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

What's hugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cathy@put.org

Pressed for time? Hook onto this recipe

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

Baked fish can be far from boring. Here, a simple sprinkle of buttery bread crumbs appeals to kids but can also be embellished for adults. We rely on a handful of grated Parmesan cheese for salty sharpness, a pinch of lemon zest for lightness and a garnish of fresh basil for a wonderful aroma and fresh flavor that brings it all together. You may substitute any lean white fish, such as cod, haddock or orange roughy.

BAKED FLOUNDER WITH PARMESAN CRUMBS
Makes 4 servings

4 flounder fillets (1 1/2 to 2 pounds total)

Salt and freshly ground black or white pepper to taste

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/2 cup finely crumbled fresh bread crumbs

3/4 cup (3 ounces) finely grated Parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Freshly grated lemon zest or freshly squeezed lemon juice (optional)

Thinly sliced fresh basil leaves (optional)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Pat the fish dry. Place the fillets in a large baking dish or

roasting pan and season with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside. In a small skillet over low heat or in a microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter. Add the bread crumbs, cheese and oil and, using your fingers, mix until evenly combined. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the fillets. Bake the fillets until they are cooked through and the topping is golden, about 15 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes. If desired, sprinkle with lemon zest or juice and basil. Serve hot.

Per 6-ounce serving: 367 calories, 42 gm protein, 3 gm carbohydrates, 20 gm fat, 77 mg cholesterol, 8 gm saturated fat, 586 mg sodium, trace dietary fiber

Roseanne puts property on market

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Roseanne, set to star in a new ABC series this summer, has put her Lake Arrowhead ranch on the market at \$3.9 million.

The actor-comedian-TV host is selling the 11-acre property, known as Big Buck Ranch, because she wants to move on after divorcing husband and former bodyguard Ben Thomas last fall. The couple and their young son, Buck, enjoyed the ranch since May 1999. Roseanne liked its privacy.

The ranch is available with furnishings at extra cost. These include a large collection of Western memorabilia, from poker chips to collectibles in a country

Hot property

store. Behind gates, the ranch has a five-bedroom, 6,800-square-foot main house plus a two-story, two-bedroom bunkhouse and a one-bedroom guest house with a kitchen. The home, built in 1979, has three fireplaces, a 12-foot, hand-carved front door brought from a distillery in Paris and a living-room ceiling fixture dating to the Civil War.

Next to a great room, there are two gaming areas featuring billiards and space for a private casino. A large mahogany bar in the home was built in 1870. One of the guest bathrooms has vintage leaded-glass salmon doors from a bar in Virginia City, Nev. There is

an outdoor redwood dance floor with a nearby grill and spa. An eight-stall barn was converted into additional office space, storage and a large recreation room with a bathroom.

The rolling, manicured lawn dotted with ponderosa pines and oak trees is zoned for horses and fenced with numerous corrals and paddock areas. The ranch adjoins hundreds of miles of national forest land with many riding trails. Big Buck Ranch also has a boat dock on Lake Arrowhead.

Roseanne rose to fame and won a best-actress Emmy for the prime-time sitcom "Roseanne," which ran on ABC from 1988 to 1997. Her new show, designed to bring audiences into real workplaces, has been called "a show within a show."

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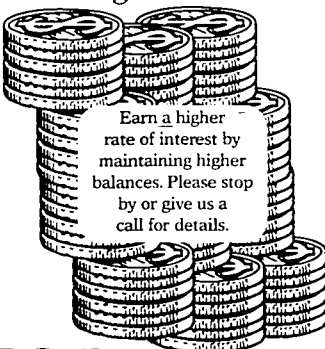
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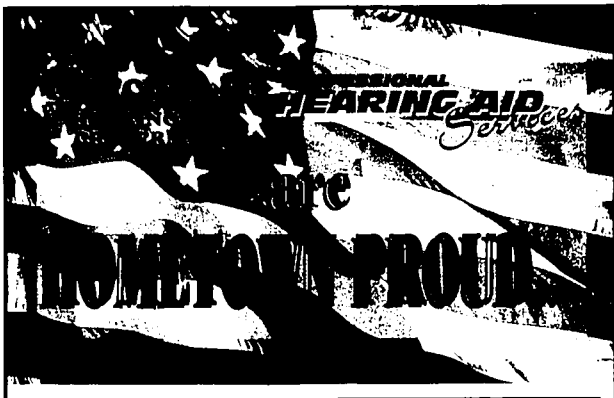


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Whip up a meal of Middle Eastern recipes

It's time for asparagus

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Magic Valley mothers, sisters and girlfriends are packing and mailing boxes of cookies, candies, cakes and other handmade goodies as a taste of home for their loved ones in harm's way. The troops welcome these treats as a break from the daily military cafeteria food or the dehydrated field rations.

But what about the native food in the area? Is a soldier, a sailor or an airman, should he make friends with a local resident and get an invitation to dinner or should go to an urban restaurant after the heavy fighting dies down, what sort food might be served?

Food from the eastern Mediterranean area is filled with nuts, honey, pomegranates, garbanzo, olive oil, eggplant and lamb.

Here are a few examples you might like to try.

KURDISH RED LENTIL SOUP WITH CARMELIZED ONIONS

Makes about 6 cups
1 cup red lentils
1 1/4 cup fine-grained bulgar
1/4 cup white rice
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 to 3 large onions, thinly sliced
1/2 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon coriander seed
Pinch of cayenne

Rinse the lentils, bulgar and rice and let drain. Place in a deep saucepan with 1 1/2 quarts water, salt and cumin. Bring to a boil, skin, reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes, stirring often. If necessary, add cold water to keep the lentils, rice and bulgar covered. Meanwhile, place the onion and oil in a 10-inch skillet and set over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring until the onions begin to turn golden brown. Reduce the heat and cook, stirring, until they turn a deep brown, but are not burned - about 35 minutes. Stir coriander and cayenne into the soup. Pour entire contents of the skillet over the soup; stir and serve at once.

TURKISH BLACK-EYED PEAS WITH SCALLIONS, WALNUTS AND PARSLEY SALAD

Makes about 3 cups
1 cup black-eyed peas
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt to taste
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup pomegranate seeds
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
Pick over beans and discard any foreign matter. Place in a deep pan, cover with fresh water and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and cook at a simmer, partially covered, until the beans are tender, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove from the heat and drain well in a colander. Place the beans in a bowl, add the lemon juice, salt and pepper; toss well and let stand 10 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

toss again. Lightly crush the beans with 2 tablespoons water. Serve cold or at room temperature.

TURKISH RICE PILAF WITH NOODLES

Serves 5 to 6
3/4 cup vermicelli, broken into 1-inch lengths
1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 cups long grain rice
3 cups boiling water or chicken broth

1 1/4 teaspoons salt
Freshly ground black pepper, ground cinnamon and ground cloves for garnish

In a 2-quart casserole, saute the vermicelli in butter and oil until golden brown, stirring constantly. Stir in rice and fry until glazed, about 1 minute. Add the boiling liquid and the salt and allow it to boil for about 1 minute. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, until the liquid is absorbed, about 18 minutes. Place a folded paper towel over the rice, cover the pot and let rest, with the heat turned off for about 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with one or more of the spices to taste and fluff with a fork.

ARABIAN STEW

Serves 6
1 cup chickpeas, soaked overnight
1 1/2 to 2 pounds large eggplants
Salt
8 tablespoons olive oil
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
2 large onions, sliced thinly
10 small cloves garlic, unpeeled

3 cup fresh or canned tomatoes, seeded and chopped (reserve juices)
1 tablespoon tomato paste
3 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed with 1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice or cinnamon
Fresh lemon juice
Sprigs of fresh dill, for garnish
Peel and halve the chickpeas, set aside. Remove and discard 3 vertical strips of skin from each eggplant, then cut the whole egg-

plant into 2 1/2-inch chunks. Salt the pieces and leave to drain in a colander for at least 1 hour.

Rinse the eggplant, squeeze gently and put dry with paper towels. Working in batches, lightly fry the chunks in 5 tablespoons hot oil until golden brown. Drain. Sprinkle the eggplant with pepper and set aside.

In a 2- or 3-quart casserole with a tight-fitting lid, warm the remaining olive oil and add the onions; sweat them over low heat 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until limp and golden. Add chickpeas and fry 2 minutes. Stir in the drained eggplant, unpeeled garlic, tomatoes and their juices, tomato paste and pepper.

Cover tightly and cook over reduced heat without stirring 40 minutes.

Carefully fold in the crushed garlic, parsley, vinegar, sugar and allspice. Cook 10 minutes longer until thickened. Up to this point, the dish can be made one day in advance.

Cool, cover and refrigerate so that the flavors will meld. To serve, return to room temperature, adjust the seasoning with

salt, pepper and allspice and sharpen the taste with a few drops of lemon juice. Garnish with the mint.

SYRIAN HALVAH

Serves 4
15 ounces ricotta cheese
1 tablespoon flour
4 1/2 tablespoons granulated sugar

Place the ricotta into a medium-sized nonstick skillet on medium heat. Crush the ricotta with a wooden spoon until the cheese starts to boil. Immediately add the flour and 4 tablespoons of sugar. Continue to cook and stir the cheese until the cheese mounts the spoon, about 12 minutes. Remove from the heat, tilt the pan to a slight angle and turn the cheese out onto a serving plate. The halvah should be oval-shaped. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 tablespoon sugar. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Use a thin-bladed knife to cut it into slices.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

You don't need to look at the calendar to know it's spring, and time for asparagus. The California Asparagus Board offers these tips on using the vegetable:

- Different sizes lend themselves to different preparations. Jumbo asparagus is best for grilling.
- Select bright green asparagus with closed, compact tips and smooth tender skin.
- Wrap the cut ends of a stack in a moist paper towel and then store upright in a sealed plastic bag.

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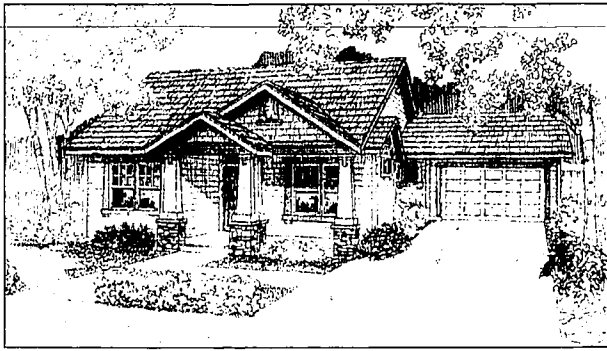
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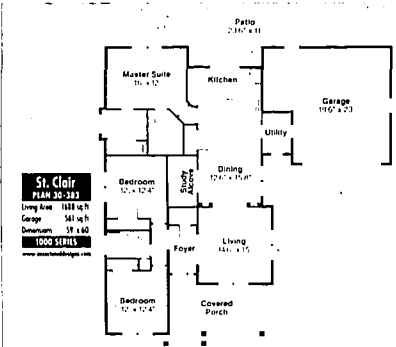
The three-bedroom St. Clair is much larger than it looks from the front. It's about twice as deep as it is wide and boasts nearly 1,700 square feet of living space plus a covered porch, patio and two-car garage.

Craftsman-style detailing gives the home a pleasantly familiar look that harkens back to the early 1900s. Examples include the windows, tapered columns atop stone veneer bases and a cross-gabled roof. Novel tapered side trim on windows and the garage door echoes the shape of the columns.

The interior floor plan is quite contemporary. Entering, you step into a foyer brightened by side-lights and a transom. Arched openings lead into the living room on the right, then two equal-sized bedrooms and a bathroom on the left. A roomy coat closet is straight ahead.

Light spills into the living room through windows on two sides. Another arch links the living room to the dining room, which in turn is totally open to the kitchen. Pocket doors on the left side of the dining room slide out of sight to reveal a large study alcove with built-in shelves and a desk.

Counters and cupboards line two sides of the large kitchen, while an island with a raised eating bar provides additional work



and storage space. Other notable kitchen features include a steppin pantry and sliding glass doors, which access a partially covered, curved patio. Laundry appliances are nearby in a pass-through that connects to the garage.

Amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet and luxurious bathroom with dual vanity, shower and graceful claw foot tub.

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and the history of the antique that inspired it.

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The collection is to be available by late August, Newman says. While most pieces will be available in oak or cherry finishes, some will be hand-painted to

replicate antique trunks or cabinets. Smaller individual pieces will range from \$500 to \$1,500; bedroom sets, including a bed, armoire and dresser, \$3,000 to \$5,000; and a dining table, chairs, sideboard and country cabinet will cost \$4,000 to \$5,000, according to Newman.

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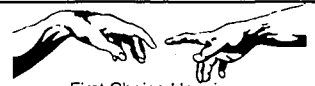
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used for small windows. Rolled aluminum (foam-filled) works well for larger windows. Extruded aluminum is more for commercial or very large windows or doors. Another option is

a horizontal folding shutter that many of the same manufacturers produce. These shutters open accordion style and are strong enough to meet hurricane-area building codes.

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Sink or swim: Make good seafood choices. Easter

By Kristin Edly
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - A year ago, Chilean sea bass was a stellar seller on Chicago restaurant menus, such as McCormick & Schmick's and Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab. In the past year, it has dropped off the entree list.

Not that the sea bass - a more palatable name for Patagonian toothfish - wasn't appealing to diners. "It was our best-selling fish," said Michael Waugh, general manager for Joe's. "But we made the decision to take it off the menu to help the fish and the environment."

That can't have been an easy decision to swallow, but these are tricky times for everyone connected with the seafood industry, and for consumers buying seafood in markets and restaurants.

Chilean sea bass has been the target of boycotts around the country, following charges that the species is overfished and subject to pirate harvesters. But Chilean sea bass is not the only fish being watched. Other species under threat include Atlantic cod, imported shrimp, rockfish, shark and that former darling, orange roughy.

Meeting the public demand for seafood has never been more of a roller coaster ride. Seafood purveyors have to deal with the decline of many wild species and, although farmed fish are an alternative, many farms stand accused of pollution, ecosystem disruption and genetic dilution of wild populations.

The greatest challenge is for consumers, who have to balance a desire for their favorite fish with admonitions to avoid them. To further muddy the waters, fish on "good" and "bad" lists change as fish populations change, sometimes for reasons no scientist or fisherman can adequately explain.

The worldwide nature of this food source can make blanket statements about a particular species inaccurate. Individual farmers or harvesters may follow sound ecological practices, yet still get trapped in a general boycott.

To help consumers make environmentally friendly choices, several conservation groups and prominent aquariums across the country have stepped in with lists and other awareness-building programs.

Chicago's Shedd Aquarium has introduced a "Right Bite" wallet-size card with a list of seafood choices ranked by sustainability. California's Monterey Bay Aquarium also offers a portable "Seafood Watch" card on the topic. The Monterey card, for example, calls farmed mussels a "best choice," suggests "caution" on mahi-mahi and wants people to "avoid" monkfish.

A classic salad Nicoise gets an update by using fresh tuna instead of canned. The tuna is cooked a day ahead, then assembled with the potatoes and olives for serving. Developed in the Tribune test kitchen.

OIL-POACHED TUNA WITH WARM POTATOES AND OLIVES

Yield: 4 servings
1 pound fresh tuna steaks
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
1/2 cup pitted mixed black and green olives
1 tablespoon minced orange zest
1/2 cups mixed baby salad greens
1/2 pound fingerling or Yukon Gold potatoes, cooked until tender, sliced
Freshly ground pepper

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Break the tuna into large pieces; place in a small saucepan. Add oil and salt. Heat oil to a simmer over medium heat; cook until tuna is just cooked through, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat; Cool tuna and oil to room temperature, about 45 minutes. Place tuna in a small storage container; pour in oil from pan to cover. Seal container tightly with lid or plastic wrap. Refrigerate 24 hours. Drain oil from tuna, reserving 1/3 cup. Set tuna aside. Place vinegar in medium skillet; whisk in reserved oil. Add olives and orange zest; cook vinaigrette over medium heat until fragrant, about 1 minute. Divide salad greens among serving plates. Place tuna and potatoes on greens; drizzle with vinaigrette. Season with salt and pepper.

This colorful recipe, developed for the Seafood Choices Alliance by New York chef Michael Lomonaco, makes a beautiful presentation for lunch or dinner.

PAN-ROASTED PACIFIC HALIBUT WITH TOMATOES AND TARRAGON

Yield: 4 servings
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 pounds Pacific halibut fillets, cut into 4 portions, 1/2-inch thick
1 teaspoon sea salt
Freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup flour
1 shallot, minced
1 cup seeded, chopped tomatoes, or 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
1/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons each: unsalted butter, chopped tarragon leaves
Tarragon leaves for garnish
Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Season fish with salt and pepper; coat with flour. Place fish in skillet; cook, turning once, until lightly golden, about 4 minutes each side. Remove fish from skillet; set aside. Add shallots to pan; cook until soft, about 2 minutes. Add tomatoes to pan; cook until heated through, about 1 minute. Add wine; simmer until reduced by half, about 2 minutes. Stir butter and tarragon into pan; cook 1 minute. Add additional salt and pepper, if desired; spoon tomato sauce over fillets.

The tangy stew of catfish, tomatoes and peppers was adapted from one in "A Gracious Plenty," edited by John T. Edge for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi.

SOUTHERN CATFISH STEW

Yield: 6 servings
1 pound catfish fillets
3 slices bacon, chopped

1 onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
2 red potatoes, peeled, diced
1 cup water
1/4 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon each: freshly ground pepper, dried thyme
Cut catfish into 1-inch pieces; set aside. Fry bacon in a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat, 2-3 minutes; add onion and bell pepper. Cook until tender, 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, potatoes, water, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and thyme.
Reduce heat to low; cook, covered, 30 minutes. Add fish; cook until fish is translucent, about 20 minutes.

This savory tart, adapted from a recipe by chef Greg Higgins of Higgins Restaurant in Portland, Ore., was a big hit with our tasters. Serve it with a tossed green salad and glass of chardonnay.

SMOKED WILD ALASKAN SALMON TART

Yield: 8 servings
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter
2 medium yellow onions, chopped
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons flour
2 eggs
1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
10 ounces smoked wild Alaskan or other salmon, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
9-inch pie shell, baked according to package instructions
Heat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; add onions. Cook until soft and translucent, about 6 minutes.
Transfer onions and butter to a mixing bowl; whisk in cream, flour and eggs. Stir in cheese, salmon, salt and pepper to taste. Pour filling into pie shell.
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YAM PECAN BISCUITS

1 medium sweet potato (yam) or 1 (15-ounce) can sweet potatoes, drained and mashed
3 cups all-purpose baking mix
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/3 cup chopped pecans
3/4 cup skim milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Place fresh sweet potato and water (enough to cover tops of sweet potatoes) in microwave-safe dish; cover and microwave about 3 to 4 minutes until done; drain, peel and mash. Preheat oven to 450 F. In large bowl, combine baking mix, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and pecans. Add yams, milk and vanilla, mixing until well combined. Roll on floured surface to 1-inch thick. Cut with 2-inch cutter or glass and place on baking sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. Makes 1 1/2 dozen biscuits. For another way to enjoy these biscuits, cut yam pecan biscuits in half, spread with honey-mustard sauce and place sliced ham inside.

MIXED GREEN SALAD WITH CINNAMON PECANS

8 cups mixed salad greens
1/3 cup crumbled goat cheese
1/3 cup Cinnamon Pecans (see recipe below)
1/3 cup dried cranberries
3 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup raspberry vinegar
3 tablespoons raspberry jam
1 tablespoon olive oil
In large bowl, toss together salad greens, goat cheese, pecans and cranberries. In small bowl, whisk together honey, raspberry vinegar, raspberry jam and oil. Toss with salad. Makes 4 to 6 servings.
Cinnamon Pecans:
1 tablespoon margarine
3 cups pecan halves
1/2 cup sugar, reserving 1 tablespoon
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
In large nonstick skillet, melt margarine and stir in pecans and sugar. Stir until sugar melts (5 to 10 minutes), watching carefully, tossing pecans so they don't burn. When sugar is melted and pecans brown, remove from heat. In small bowl, mix together the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg. Toss with pecans. Spread mixture on wax paper and cool for 20 minutes. Break up any clumps and store in zipper-lock bag.

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FOOD & HOME

Got some extra butter? Try this delicious cake

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

This is a wonderful butter cake (as it should be using an entire POUND of butter). The recipe produces more than 8 cups of batter and used most of the capacity of my large KitchenAid mixer. If using a standard mixer, you might want to cut the recipe in half. And before you ask, 4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder is correct; it helps lift all that butter and flour.

IVONNE'S PLAIN BUTTER CAKE

3 cups sugar
1 pound (4 sticks) butter, at room temperature

8 eggs
4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch pan. Beat sugar and butter at high speed with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Set aside. Sift flour with salt into a bowl. In a measuring cup, add vanilla to milk. Beat flour mixture alternately with milk mixture into sugar mixture. Add baking powder with the last of the flour mixture. Scrape batter into prepared pan. Bake for about 1 hour, until cake springs back to the touch and a tester comes out clean when inserted in the center. Frost as desired.

Variations: For a chocolate cake, stir 1 1/2 cups unsweetened cocoa powder into the flour; chocolate cake may take slightly longer to bake. Cake may be baked in two 9-inch square pans; test for doneness after 45 minutes.

If you're eating at a good restaurant and the dip is white, it's probably Monterey jack. If it's a garish yellow, chances are it was made with processed cheese product or came out of a can. To melt cheese smoothly, add liquid and use low heat — if the heat is too high the cheese will seize up.

CHILE CON QUESO

2 tablespoons oil or butter
1 small onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes

1 (4-ounce) can of diced green chilies (or 2 to 3 diced fresh chilies)
1 cup milk or cream
8 ounces shredded Monterey jack cheese
Salt, pepper, ground cumin to taste

Cook's Corner

1/4 cup minced cilantro (optional)

Heat the oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion and garlic 5 minutes. Sprinkle on flour and reduce heat to low. Cook, stirring, 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes and chiles; raise heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes, until sauce is very thick. Stir in milk. Reduce heat to low and gradually stir in cheese until melted and smooth. Season to taste with salt, pepper and cumin. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve. Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

I found this recipe in a charming new cookbook titled "The Amish Cook, Recollections and Recipes from an Old Order Amish Family" by Elizabeth Coldenst with Kevin Williams. The pie tastes like a cross between a traditional pecan pie and an oatmeal cookie and is wonderful with ice cream.

EASY OATMEAL PIE

1 unbaked 8-inch pie crust
1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, melted
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 eggs
3/4 cup light corn syrup
3/4 cup rolled oats
1/2 cup walnut pieces
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Roll out the crust and line pie pan. In a mixing bowl, beat together the margarine, sugar and eggs. Mix in the corn syrup, oats and walnuts. Pour into the pie shell and bake for 1 hour, until thickened inside and golden on top.

Feeling down? Pastina offers aid and comfort

By Linda Cicero
The Hartford Courant

In my family, one word summed up the notion of comfort food: pasta.

Microscopic egg pastina, tiny stars or the larger, almond-shaped orzo formed the basis of this family dish. The very name of the pasta, prepared it, the pasta was a vehicle for consuming copious amounts of real butter, grated Parmesan cheese and, sometimes, an egg beaten into the steamy mix for good measure.

This dish took mere minutes to make from simple ingredients that were always on hand in grandma's kitchen. It was the one exception to the al dente pasta rule. Pastina was supposed to be soft and creamy, the better to soothe the soul.

This bowl of comfort became a family favorite that moved from my grandmother's and mother's kitchens to my own. When I whip it up as a quick meal, its "feel-good" quality is a bonus.

So leave the fast-food experiences to the restaurants. Pull out the slow cooker, which doesn't require any kitchen genius, or prepare a humble casserole. Then gather the kids and some friends at the table for an evening — or a Sunday afternoon — of comfort food and talk.

PASTINA

6 cups water
2 cups salt
2 cups small pasta such as egg, pastina, orzo or stars

2 to 3 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup (or more) grated Parmesan or Asiago cheese
1 egg, optional
Bring the 6 cups water to a boil in a saucepan. Add the salt, then the pasta. Stir slowly as the water returns to a boil so that the pasta doesn't clump at the bottom of the pot. Boil over medium heat, stir-

ring occasionally, until the pasta is tender. Without draining the pasta, add the butter and the cheese, and stir until both have melted. The mixture will be creamy, almost like a thick soup. Remove from heat. If you want a thicker consistency, beat the egg in a small bowl, and add to the hot pasta, beating well until the egg has cooked. Ladle into bowls, and top each portion with a sprinkle of grated cheese. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

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2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper
4 pounds veal shanks, cut 1 1/2 inches thick

1 cup chopped onions
1/2 cup finely chopped carrot
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 cup dry white wine
1 1/4-cup Italian-seasoned tomatoes, undrained
1/2 cup chicken or beef stock
2 strips lemon peel
1 bay leaf
Gremolata:

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
2 teaspoons minced basil
2 teaspoons shredded lemon peel
1/2 teaspoon finely chopped garlic

Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat until oil is almost smoking. Season meat with salt and pepper. Add shanks to the pan, one-third at a time, and brown evenly. Remove shanks from pan, and repeat with remaining shanks. In the same pan, sauté onion, carrot and garlic until tender, about 6 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Do not allow garlic to burn.

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burn. Add wine, tomatoes and stock, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, and bay leaf, lemon peel and shanks; and cover pot. Simmer 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or until veal is tender. Meanwhile, prepare gremolata. Combine parsley, basil, lemon peel and garlic in a small bowl; set aside. When veal is ten-

der, remove from pan, and keep warm. Skim any fat from cooking liquid. Bring liquid to a boil, and cook until slightly thickened. To serve, spoon sauce over veal shanks, and sprinkle with gremolata. Serve with potatoes, saffron risotto or plain rice. Makes 6 servings.

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the honey. Taste. You may want to add the second tablespoon of oil or squeeze in the second lemon half, or add more salt. On the other hand, if you're going to

This has a very carnivorous feel

Crumble the soy-sage.
Spray a nonstick skillet with

onking spicy and place it over medium-high heat. When hot, add the soy-sauce and cook, using a wooden spoon to stir, until just browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and set aside. In a large pot over medium-high heat, heat the oil. Add the onion and sauté until it softens slightly, about 3 minutes. Then add the vegetable stock and the soy-sauce and stir well. Then lower the heat to a simmer. Toss the beef and cook until the sweet potato is tender, 12 to 15 minutes. Drain 4 to 4½ tablespoons of liquid from either the beans or the beef. Add the green onions, reserving it in a small dish. Add the beans and tomatoes and their remaining juices to the pot. Return the stew to a gentle boil. Using your fingers, smash the contents of the can of tomatoes constantly, mix into the stew, which should thicken almost immediately. Add salt and pepper to taste and the crumbled sausage and cook for another 5 minutes. Serve the stew steaming hot in large bowls, ladled over rice.

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FOOD & HOME

It still can get a bit nippy out there – warm up with chicken potpie

By Bill Dalley
and Christopher Prosperi
The Hartford Courant

Anyone who considers chicken potpies old-fashioned, homey and "cheap" need only think of how many millions Swanson makes every year. Potpies are so easy to make, there's no need to cruise the frozen-food aisle when hunger strikes.

The neat thing about potpies is that you can make any recipe your own. Use ground lamb or shellfish instead of chicken, make your own pie dough or chicken stock, use two crusts instead of one, employ whatever vegetables look best in the market – or are waiting on the shelf of your freezer.

Because the potpie is so rich and filling, go light on the accompaniments. A tossed salad, a bottle of Pinot and a pint of sorbet would work fine.

For individual pies, use six 6-inch foil pie pans. Each will be about 1 1/2-inch deep. Use the pie pan as a template when it comes to cutting out the puff pastry for the crust. Lay the pan upside down on the pastry, hold down lightly, and trace a sharp knife around the edge. You should be able to cut three pastry tops per sheet of puff pastry.

POTPIE RECIPE:
CHICKEN POTPIE
1 pound boneless chicken breast
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 pound shallots, peeled and quartered

5 tablespoons corn starch
4 tablespoons cold water
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
2 cups frozen corn
1 cup chopped shallots
2 sheets puff pastry
1 egg, lightly beaten

Peel the skin, if any from the chicken breast. Trim off any clinging fat from the meat with a sharp knife and cut the chicken into 1-inch cubes. Set aside. Bring chicken stock and cream to a simmer in a 4-quart saucepan. Add shallots and the cubed chicken to the stock and cream. Simmer for 12 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine 5 tablespoons of corn starch and 4 tablespoons cold water to make a slurry. Mix the slurry into the simmering chicken stock. Stir continuously until the stock thickens. Season the stock with salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and balsamic vinegar. Spoon in frozen corn and shallots.

Place the six individual pie tins on a small baking sheet. Divide the mixture evenly among the pans. Cut 3 6-inch rounds out of a sheet of puff pastry using one of the pie tins as a template. Cut three more rounds out of the second sheet of pastry. Top each filled pie tin with a circle of puff pastry. Crimp the pastry around

the edges to hold it in place. Brush the beaten egg white over the top of each puff pastry circle. Using the tip of a sharp knife, cut small holes in the puff pastry to allow steam to escape. Bake

the potpies in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes or until the pastry tops puff up and brown.

Serve immediately. Makes six portions.

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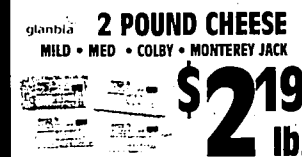


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—thurs to the 1999
Outkast song “Bombs Over Baghdad” that tennis star Jennifer Capriati requested before her most recent match at the NASDAQ-100 Open

IN BRIEF

Bruins will hold Ripken camp today

TWIN FALLS — A Cal Ripken League baseball camp will be held on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bruin Field. The Twin Falls baseball team will conduct the one-day camp for players aged 9-12. Cost is \$5.

Gooding High School hosts annual smoker

GOODING — The 11th Annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding High School gymnasium.

Tickets are available at Wells Fargo Bank in Gooding, Franklin Building Supply, Western Auto, Seifert's, or at the door. Proceeds will support the Rotary and the Fifth District rodeo scholarships. For more information, call Craig Hobday at 934-4429.

Buhl's Anthony Bartlett earns All-America honors

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Buhl High school graduate Anthony Bartlett earned All-America honors for his fifth-place finish at the NAIA National Wrestling Championships in Great Falls, Mont., March 7-8.

He is a former 1998 Idaho state champion and the son of Rocky and Joyce Bartlett of Buhl.

CSI offers tennis classes through April

TWIN FALLS — Adult and youth tennis classes will be offered through the College of Southern Idaho from April 1-24 at the CSI tennis courts.

Skills taught will include racket grip, footwork and swing techniques. Scoring, drills, and games will also take place. Students are asked to wear appropriate tennis shoes, comfortable clothing, and to bring a tennis racket. The adult class runs from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$75.

Youth classes are open to all children aged 4-14. Tennis fundamentals, coordination, drills and scoring will be taught according to skill and age level. Tiny Tots tennis, open to children ages 4-6, will be held from 2:30-3:15 p.m. and costs \$40. Junior tennis, for children aged 7-10, will run from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and cost \$50. Future Champs tennis for children ages 11-14 will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and costs \$50.

For more information or to register, call Sylvia Jensen at 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Clear Lake announces tournament winners

BUHL — The team of Arnolde and E. Quintero took the championship of the Clear Lake IGA 2-Man best ball tournament March 11. The team shot a 136 for the loss title. Kevin Kelly and Brandon Ure won the net side with a 125.

Clay Miller and Gary Belvoir took first gross with a 138, while Craig Kelly and Mike Eckert won the net with a 122.

Compiled from staff reports

Burley grad deals with Stanford's defeat



From left to right, Stanford assistant Karen Middleton, head coach Tara VanDerveer and assistant Amy Tucker watch the team lose to Minnesota in the second round of the women's NCAA tournament Monday in Stanford, Calif.

Special to The Times-News

The Stanford women's basketball team's run toward a national title ended prematurely — and Minico graduate Clare Bodensteiner's freshman season with it — when Minnesota downed the Cardinal 68-56 Monday at Maples Pavilion in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The Cardinal (27-5 and seeded third in the West Region) downed Western Michigan 82-66 Saturday in the tournament's first round.

Bodensteiner agreed to write a diary for *The Times-News* as long as Stanford was alive in the tournament. Here are some of her thoughts from the first week of the NCAA tournament:

Tuesday, March 25

Right now I have a massive headache, and haven't slept much. It's unexplainable to tell you how I feel about failing at something I've put my heart, mind, and soul into. Soon we'll focus on next year but right now I'm just reminiscing.

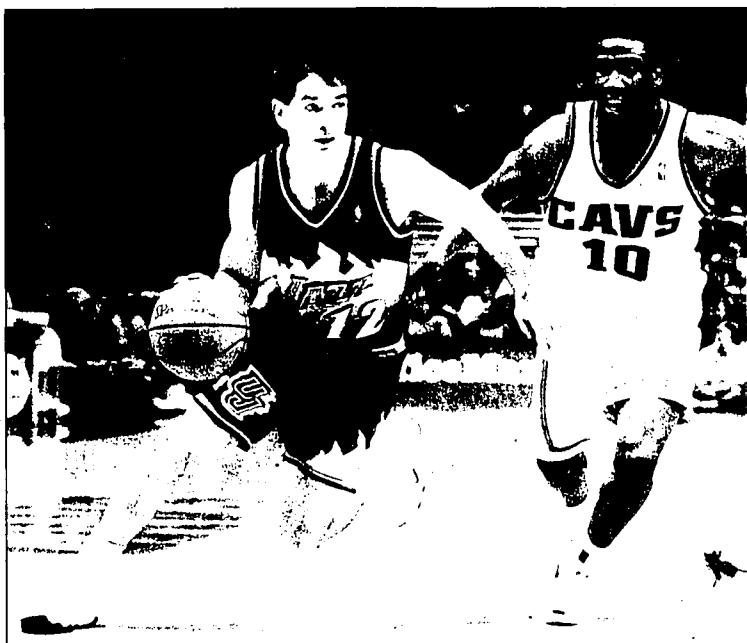
We all expect more from ourselves and each other. Stanford's athletics have a different mentality than others. Even though we won a lot of games and won the Pac-10, in my mind, this year was not as



Clare Bodensteiner

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STILL GOING STRONG



Utah's John Stockton drives around the Cavaliers' Milt Palacio March 16 in Cleveland. At age 41, Stockton continues to put up solid numbers this season.

Stockton remains productive at age 41

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — John Stockton is adding another number to his record-setting career: birthday No. 41.

Still, this middle-aged NBA phenom shows no signs of slowing down. He'll mark the occasion Wednesday the only way he knows how — by playing basketball.

His Utah Jazz host the Portland Trail Blazers that night, giving Stockton yet another chance to pad his league records for career assists and steals.

"I love to play," he said, "and if it wasn't here, it'd be on the driveway with the kids."

Just the seventh player his age in league history, Stockton hasn't decided whether he'll return for a 20th season. He said he'll make up his mind shortly after this season ends.

Stockton had 17 points and seven assists in Monday night's 96-91 win over Boston, which left the Jazz (41-29) sixth in the Western Conference. The team is assured of at least a 500 record; it never has had a losing mark since Stockton arrived.

The team isn't planning any birthday hoopla Wednesday, which suits the stoic Stockton just fine. He's content to keep dishing out assists, letting everybody else worry about his age and when his career will end.

"There's some days when nothing seems to work for us, and then you wonder. And then there's days where we seem to play really well and we feel great about it," Stockton said. "If I wasn't 41, I don't think we'd be having this discussion."

Former Knicks center Herb Williams, who retired in 1999, was the league's last 41-year-old player. Others include career

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— John Stockton

scoring leader Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who played until he was 42, and Robert Parish, who was 43 when he retired in 1997.

Stockton, a father of six, is fit

and probably could handle another year in the NBA. But his family could sway the decision.

"Our house is a madhouse, with all the activities going on. That makes it difficult to devote your whole day and concentrate strictly on the game," he said. "When you get to the game and get to the arena, that's when the preparation starts, now — as opposed to years ago."

He doesn't look very different from the kid who came out of Gonzaga in 1984. The hairstyle is about the same, albeit with touches of gray. His uniform shorts are still a few inches shorter than his teammates'.

Stockton's statistics are slightly off this season, but nothing to be ashamed of. He's fourth on the Jazz in scoring at 11.1 points per game, two below his career average. His 7.6-assist average is fifth in the league.

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T.F. track returns to front of pack

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — They took their lumps as sophomores and juniors. Now, it's Twin Falls High School's turn to pile up the points this spring in track and field.

Having already mopped up at meets at Jerome and at home, the Bruins are making it known that they are the team to beat this year in the Magic Valley.

"We should be tough," head coach Larry Lewis said. "Most of the boys and girls are back."

Those that returned are enjoying early success. Especially the girls, which return three-fourths of the state champion 4x200 relay team in seniors Lynsey Scherhag, Stephanie Davis and Kylie Boggess.

As expected, junior Orla Walsh is leading the sprinters after taking second at state in the 100-meter dash and third in the 200 as a sophomore. She swept both races at Jerome last week with times of 12.96 seconds and 27.1, respectively.

Other girls who should have an impact this year include sophomore Chelsea Irons (sixth in the triple jump as a freshman), Britney Hummel and Brittany Ward. But no other girl in District Four can match the versatility and ability of Minico senior Monica Jensen. The three-time state champion in the triple jump is a sho-in to earn her fourth straight title.

But Jensen isn't done there. She has aims at winning the long jump and 100 and 300 hurdles events. But she's aiming for even more.

She wants to set the all-class mark in the triple jump by clearing 40 feet. The nearest anyone has come to doing that is

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Duke defense delivers against Utah

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — With its high-scoring offense struggling lately, Duke relied on its defense Tuesday to advance in the NCAA tournament.

Alana Beard scored a game-high 27 points as the top-seeded Blue Devils beat Utah 65-54 in the Midwest Regional.

Beard shot 10-for-12 against the nation's top scoring defense, leading the Blue Devils (33-1) to the round of 16 for the sixth straight season. Duke will face No. 5 seed Georgia on Saturday in Albuquerque, N.M.

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Duke's Alana Beard, left, and Vicki Krapohl pressure Utah's Shona Thorburn Tuesday in Raleigh, N.C.

Eyes turn to James at McDonald's game

Knight Ridder News Service

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is the star and his family runs the show. It has been a bizarre show, too.

It has involved talk of an impending NBA contract worth millions of dollars, a shoe contract that promises to be equally lucrative, a Hummer, retro jerseys, and a court ruling about his high school eligibility. It has costared his entourage and over-the-top mother, who seems to crave the attention more than her famous son.

He is King James.

McDonald's All-American Game

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Treat him like it. Tonight, James will play in the McDonald's All-American Game at Gund Arena in Cleveland. Make no mistake, James, who is expected to be the top pick in the NBA draft, is the center of attention. It is his show in his home state with fans packing the gym just to see him.

Next stop for the 6-foot-8 Please see JAMES, Page D2

A's, Mariners light up scoreboard

The Associated Press

The Japanese fans missed quite a show when the Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners played Tuesday.

Instead of opening the season in Tokyo, the two teams slugged it out in an exhibition game in Arizona, with the A's beating the Mariners, 25-10.

Eric Chavez hit one of Oakland's seven home runs and the Athletics had 31 hits.

The teams originally were scheduled to play their season opener at the Tokyo Dome on Tuesday, but the trip was called off because of the war in Iraq. The result would likely have

been very different if this game had counted.

Instead of a matchup of aces, the A's sent Ted Lilly out to face Gil Meche.

"I think the lineups would have been a little different," A's manager Ken Macha said.

Frank Mencheco, Mark Ellis, Ramon Hernandez, Billy McMillon, Adam Piatt and David McCarty humored for the A's, who had their highest scoring game in spring training since at least 1986 — as far back as the team's records go.

"We hit some balls hard," Macha said. "It was just one of

those days. That's baseball. We've got Randy Johnson pitching tomorrow. That's baseball, too."

Elsewhere, Kenny Rogers held Cincinnati's slumping offense to two hits in five innings in his debut for Minnesota, leading the Twins to a 2-1 victory over the Reds.

Rogers signed a \$2 million, one-year contract on March 13 and had a spot in the rotation reserved. The left-hander pitched in two minor league games before appearing with the Twins for the first time Tuesday.

Rogers held Cincinnati to a pair of singles and two walks in five innings, striking out two.

"We were real excited to see what we did today," pitching coach Rick Anderson said.

Also Tuesday, Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez took a big step to returning to the Rangers lineup. Rodriguez has a small disc herniation in his neck, but reported no pain after playing seven innings at shortstop in a minor league game. He batted each inning, going 2-for-8 with a two-run homer, single and three RBIs.

"I'm right on schedule," Rodriguez said.

Avs pull out tie with Ottawa in final seconds

OTTAWA (AP) — Alex Tanguay scored with 10.2 seconds left in regulation to tie Colorado to a tie with Ottawa.

Tanguay took a pass from Peter Forsberg in front of the Senators goal and beat Patrick Lalime after Vladav Varvada's power play tally gave Ottawa the lead with less than a minute to go.

Rob Blake also scored for Colorado.

Martin Havlat had the Senators' other goal.

returned after missing six games because of a wrist injury and assisted on the winning goal.

Sergei Berezin got Washington even with 3:08 remaining in regulation after Robert Lang and Dainius Zubrus scored tying goals earlier in the period. Chad Kricher, Richard Zednik and Donald Audette scored for Montreal, which moved closer to missing the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons.

Flyers 1, Predators 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mark Eakin scored his second goal of the season with 1:24 left in regulation as Nashville salvaged a tie with Philadelphia but was still eliminated from playoff contention.

Nashville was just three points out of the eighth spot in the Western Conference on March 1, but the Predators have not won since March 7 in a winless skid that reached nine games Tuesday (0-5-1).

Islanders 9, Blackhawks 2

CHICAGO — Alexei Yashin scored four goals, and five New York teammates also scored as the Islanders routed Chicago.

Yashin had the first four-goal game of his career and has six goals and four assists in his last three games. Mark Parrish, Justin Papineau, Oleg Kvasha, Dave Scatchard and Arron Asham also scored for New York.

The Islanders lead the New York Rangers by six points for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The victory marked the first time the Islanders won at Chicago since October 7, 1990.

Making his second NHL appearance, Igor Radulov scored his first two goals for Chicago.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

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Basketball

High school, McDonald's All-American Game, ESPN, 5 p.m.

College, Georgetown at North Carolina, NFL quarterfinals, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

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Tennis

ATP World Tour Masters, NASDAQ 100, quarterfinals, ESPN, 11 a.m.

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SPORTS

Player's thoughts remain in Iraq

Marquette guard's cousin fights with Patriot missile unit

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — Every time Travis Diener sinks a 3-pointer or slings an assist, his thoughts are half a world away.

The Marquette guard's cousin Derek is an Army officer on a Patriot missile unit in the war in Iraq.

"That's life and death over there," Diener said. "And this is a meaningless game of basketball."

Derek played the sport for two years at Army before graduating in 2000. He was stationed in Saudi Arabia last year and called his family, including younger brothers who play for DePaul and Saint Louis, this month to say he was on the move. He couldn't say where.

"I think about him all the time," Diener said.

The NCAA men's basketball field was dotted with coaches and players who have personal connections to the war.

IUPUI's Matt Crenshaw served in the Navy before college, and he knows several Marines who are in Kuwait. They emailed him before the tournament, urging him to concentrate on the court not the combat. He couldn't, of course.

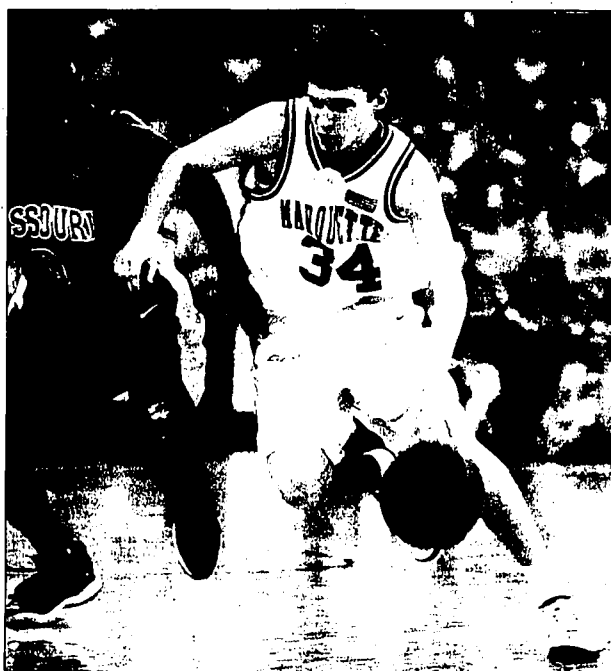
"You really can't focus in on basketball too much," he said.

Creighton forward Kyle Korver's mind was on his high school pal Jeff Mishler, serving in the Army in the Middle East.

"People talk to me about pressure. If I mess up tomorrow — so what, big deal. If he does, he could die," Korver said before the Bluejays lost to Central Michigan.

For Pittsburgh forward Donatas Zavackas, a 22-year-old senior from Lithuania, the war brings back memories of when he was 11 and watching footage of unarmed countermen facing tanks when Lithuania gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is a West Point graduate and a former Army captain. He said soldiers overseas want to know that nothing has changed back home. It makes sense that the NCAA tournament is going on uninterrupted, he says — March Madness providing a small escape from the



Marquette's Travis Diener drives on Missouri's Ricky Clemens during the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Saturday in Indianapolis.

madness of the world.

Playing and patriotism go hand-in-hand, Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said.

"The government has their obligations to protect us. Our players have athletic scholarships and are students athletes here," Ryan said. "So obligations are being fulfilled on both ends."

Thanks to Diener, Marquette is in for the second time since Al McGuire led the school to its only national championship in 1977. "Wouldn't it be something if Diener could lead the Golden Eagles all the way to the Final Four?"

"Sure," Diener said. "Our goal from Day 1 has been to win the

national championship. But what I really want is for our troops to get home safely."

Without Diener's unshakable leadership and 55 points in two games, Marquette wouldn't be preparing to face Pittsburgh in the Midwest Regional on Thursday.

The sophomore point guard never had consecutive 20-point games before putting in a career-high 29 against Holy Cross and 26 against Missouri.

While teammates Dwyane Wade, Todd Townsend, Robert Jackson and Scott Merritt have struggled at times in the first two games, Diener is tied for the tournament scoring lead.

Diener dominated the victory

over Holy Cross to his cousin in the battlefield, saying: "I hope for a few minutes that I can bring excitement to him."

He feels funny getting all the accolades for his basketball skills while troops march toward Baghdad.

"They are the heroes in our lives," he said. "They deserve more recognition."

And their loved ones merit a diversion, too, he said. Diener's family has welcomed Marquette's run as a needed respite.

"The 25 hours that I'm playing. I take their minds off that and bring enjoyment to them. That's what I'm trying to do," he said. "I think basketball as a whole is doing that for the nation."

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNEY

UConn holds off tenacious TCU

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Diana Taurasi scored a career-high 35 points to lead top-seeded Connecticut to an 81-66 win over suburban Texas Christian on Tuesday night.

The junior guard had 10 points in an 18-2 run to open the second half, erasing a two-point halftime deficit. UConn (33-1) has only trailed three times in the last 87 games and for most of the first half, the Huskies' home-winning streak of 62 games was in jeopardy.

Against the ninth-seeded Lady Frogs (20-14), UConn ran into a team just as big and fast. Its problems started in the middle against center Sandora Irvin, who led TCU with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Taurasi brought the defending national champs back with consecutive 3s to tie it at 8, but the Lady Frogs' hustle and size helped keep the Huskies on their heels, and they stretched the lead to seven twice in the half.

Taurasi took over in the second half as the Huskies went on their big run. TCU never recovered and trailed by as many as 19.

Notre Dame 59, Kansas State 53

MANHATTAN, Kan. — La'Tonia Sever scored 17 points and 11th-seeded Notre Dame made six straight free throws in the final 1:01 to pull off another upset.

Notre Dame (21-10) frustrated a team that had been averaging 75 points a game with an active zone defense and patient offense and advanced to the round of 16 for the fifth time in seven years.

Even with its potent offense, No. 3 seed Kansas State (29-5) couldn't recover after going 12-4 without a field goal and had a 22-game home winning streak broken.

Penn State 77, South Carolina 67

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

The Lady Lions (26-8) advance to the round of 16 and face top-seeded Tennessee on its home court Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn.

Fifth-seeded South Carolina (23-8) could not handle Penn State's pressure defense. Kelly Morrone hit a 3-pointer to bring the Gamecocks to 46-35 with 12:15 left, but that's as close as they would get until it

was too late.

Villanova 70, George Washington 57

NORMAN, Okla. — Katie Davis scored 24 points and Trish Juhline had 14 of her 16 in the second half as second-seeded Villanova (27-5) reached the round of 16 for the first time in seven NCAA tournament appearances.

Ugo Oha had 21 points for the seventh-seeded Colonials (25-7).

West

Texas 67, Arkansas 50

CINCINNATI — Heather Schreiner scored 20 points and Stacy Stephens added 16 points and 14 rebounds as Texas won its 15th straight game.

The second-seeded Longhorns (27-5), making their 19th appearance in the NCAA tournament, will play Minnesota in the round of 16.

Shameka Christon led seventh-seeded Arkansas (22-11) with 16 points.

Louisiana Tech 74, Ohio State 61

RUSTON, La. — Cheryl Ford had 25 points and 15 rebounds as Louisiana Tech won its 29th straight game, beating Ohio State 74-61 Tuesday night in the second round of the West Regional.

Fifth-seeded Tech (31-2) extended the longest winning streak in the nation and improved to 36-0 overall in NCAA tournament games.

The Techsters shook off their early sluggishness to end fourth-seeded Ohio State's first NCAA tournament appearance since 1999. The Buckeyes (22-10) are winless in five games against Louisiana Tech.

Midwest

Texas Tech 72, UC Santa Barbara 68

LUBBOCK, Texas — Jia Perkins scored 23 points as Texas Tech held off UC Santa Barbara 72-68 in the second round of the Midwest Regional on Tuesday night.

The second-seeded Lady Raiders (28-5) advance to the round of 16 and will play sixth-seeded New Mexico in Albuquerque on Saturday night. Tech has made it to a regional semifinal five straight years. Lindsay Taylor had 26 points, 10 above her season average, to lead the seventh-seeded Gauchos (27-5).

Temple tops Rhode Island; UAB advances

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — Brian Polk had 19 points and nine rebounds as Temple advanced to the NIT quarterfinals with a 61-53 victory over Rhode Island on Tuesday night.

The Owls (18-15) will host Minnesota on Thursday.

Temple built a late 55-45 lead but didn't hit another field goal. Brian Woodward's 3-pointer with 1:40 left pulled Rhode Island to 56-53, but the Owls sank six free throws to preserve the win.

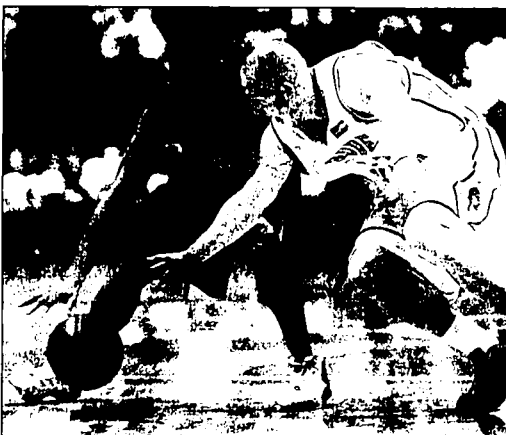
Dustin Hellenga scored 15 points to lead the Rams (19-12).

Rhode Island led 29-20 with under 4.5 minutes left in the first half, but Temple ran off 10 straight points, capped by an alley-oop dunk from Maurice Collins to Polk. That gave the Owls a one-point half-time lead.

UAB 80, Siena 71

ALBANY, N.Y. — Demario Eddins scored 19 points and Gabe Kennedy had 14 points and 12 rebounds to help UAB pull away.

After falling behind 53-44 with 15:09 left, Siena scored 11 of the next 12 points to take a 55-54 lead. UAB regained the lead when Eric Bush made two quick baskets, and the Blazers (21-12)



Rhode Island's Dustin Hellenga, right, tries to steal the ball from Temple's Brian Polk during the second round of the NIT Tuesday night in South Kingstown, R.I.

didn't trail again.

The Saints tied it at 64-64 before UAB went on a 16-7 run over the final 5:58, sparked by 3-pointers from Morris Finley and Sidney Ball.

Michael Haddix scored 16 points to lead Siena (21-11).

Bush had 15 points and two steals, establishing a new Conference USA single-season record with 101 steals.

UAB will play at St. John's on Thursday night.

The Wednesday night quarterfinal games, Georgetown is at North Carolina and Georgia Tech is at Texas Tech.

Duke

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Isaiah Tillis added 12 points and freshman Jessica Foley had 11 for Duke.

The Blue Devils shot 45 percent, marking the first time they've shot better than 40 percent in their last five games. But they converted 13 turnovers by Utah (24-7) into 22 points and held the Utes without a field goal for 7.5 minutes in the second half.

"We learned from this game we can rely upon our defense, especially when our offense wasn't clicking the way we want-

ed," Beard said. "We relied on our defense to get us through."

Kim Smith scored 20 points and went 4-for-9 from behind the 3-point arc to lead the eighth-seeded Utes, who came into the game allowing just 50 points per game.

The Utes shot 42 percent, including a 2-for-12 effort from 3-point range in the second half. They managed just five points off Duke's nine turnovers, while Duke turned 11 offensive rebounds into 15 second-chance points.

Duke outrebounded Utah 34-28.

"That's what makes the difference for them," Utah coach Elaine Elliott said. "Their defense creates points for them. Turnovers to points and second-chance points made the difference tonight."

Beard, despite being double-teamed when he got into the lane, scored 10 points in the last 13:28 of the game. With Duke leading by four, Beard scored six points in an 11-2 run that gave the Blue Devils a 51-38 lead.

Duke, which came in allowing just 54 points per game, held the Utes without a field goal for nearly eight minutes midway through the second half. By the time Utah's Kelsy Stireman hit a jumper from the right baseline, Duke had a 53-44 lead with 4:38 left.

Utah held Duke to 12-of-28 shooting in the first half and took a 29-19 lead on a layup by Sarah Webbe. But Foley hit two straight baskets and Beard followed with two 3-pointers to ignite a 12-0 run that put the Blue Devils ahead to stay.

NCAA Women's Tournament

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America at war

Report: British capture key leader

By Peter Baker
The Washington Post

WITH U.S. FORCES, Southern Iraq - British soldiers and sniper teams operating under cover of darkness stormed a local Baath Party headquarters in southeastern Iraq to capture a top official who'd been organizing resistance to the U.S.-British invasion, officers said Tuesday.

The British sneaked two companies from a 7th Armored Brigade regiment known as the Black Watch into the town center of Zubair, a vital city in southeastern Iraq that's been particularly troublesome for coalition forces trying to secure the region. Zubair, located just southwest of Basra, the regional hub, serves as home to a navy base and an important oil facility.

One of the companies stormed into the housing or headquarters section of the party headquarters, while the other secured the inner perimeter and found the target. British officials didn't identify the target but described him as a leading force behind the attacks on invading troops in recent days. U.S. intelligence indicated that the building was used as a staging area for military operations and a transfer station for any American or British prisoners of war.

At least 20 Iraqis were reported killed in the Monday night raid, which involved two to three hours of intense fighting, according to British officials. No British soldiers were reported killed.

The British commanders, operating under U.S. Marine Gen. James Conway, have taken charge of most of southeastern Iraq while the Marines charge toward Baghdad. The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit has moved out of the Umm Qasr port area to head west and north, replaced by the British.

With the responsibility of ramping down the sort of small-scale attacks that have besieged U.S. and British forces in the area, the British commanders are rapidly turning to the sorts of tactics they perfected in Northern Ireland.

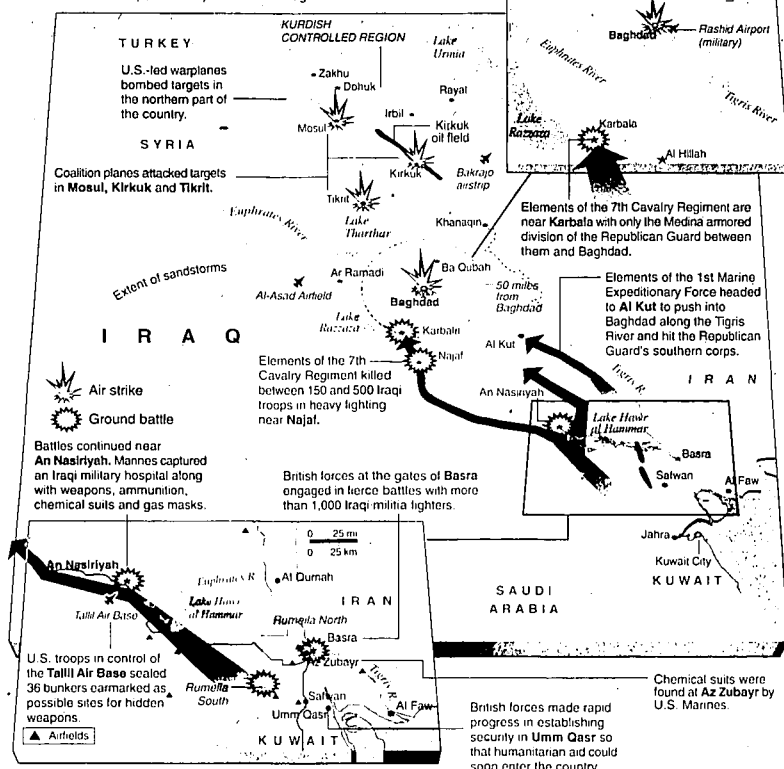
Under such a strategy, they plan to rely on unconventional operations such as the Zubair raid, as well as conventional tank battles such as those that have taken place around Basra in recent days.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY 7

Stormy day of battle

Despite howling sandstorms in southern and central Iraq, intense fighting in Basra, Najaf and Karbala brought heavy Iraqi casualties Tuesday. After losing thousands of enemy gas masks, troops prepared for the possible use of chemical weapons as they closed in on Baghdad.

Bombing continued on the outskirts of Baghdad, as smoke from fuel fires and sandstorms enveloped the city. Residents and militia dug defensive trenches.



SOURCES: Defense Mapping Agency, CIA, United Nations, ESRI National Imagery and Mapping Agency, CNN Resources, Central Command, James' Associated Press

Blair: U.N. should play major role in developing Iraq's future

The Washington Post

LONDON - Even as U.S. and British forces fought pitched battles inside Iraq, Prime Minister Tony Blair Tuesday turned his attention to the debate over the country's post-war future, saying he believed the United Nations should play a major role in all aspects of its reconstruction.

Blair told a news conference that the world organization needed to be "centrally involved both with the humanitarian crisis and in help-

ing Iraq rebuild itself" after President Saddam Hussein's government is removed. This stance pits him against members of the Bush administration who envisage no meaningful role for the world organization in Iraq's future.

Blair, who is traveling to Washington on Wednesday to hold talks with President Bush, insisted that the president agreed with him on this issue. "You must realize that one of the benefits of the relationship that I have is that I am not having to pick up the newspapers

and read what the State Department may be saying, or the Pentagon may be saying. I am actually talking to the president every day, so I know what the situation is," he told reporters. "And the situation is that it is common ground between us that the U.N. has got to be involved in the post-conflict Iraq."

Blair said his trip, which will include a stop in New York to see U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, would also focus on rebuilding ties between European nations and the United States.

War recap

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

- **U.S. Army forces killed between 150 and 500 Iraqi troops** after coming under attack near the central Iraqi city of An Najaf, a senior defense official said.
- **British forces surrounding Basra** fought with more than 1,000 Iraqi militia, trying to secure the key southern city and open the way for delivery of humanitarian aid. British officials said there appeared to be civilian resistance under way against Saddam Hussein's regime.
- **Sandstorms slowed U.S. and British forces** to a crawl and thwarted air missions Tuesday as U.S.-led forces edged closer to Baghdad. In the south, British forces captured a senior Iraqi official and killed 20 fighters.
- **Turkey will send forces up to 12 miles** into northern Iraq to stop refugees, but only if a crisis situation develops, Turkey's foreign minister said.
- **U.S. war strategists are proceeding** on the assumption Saddam Hussein is alive even though information on his fate remains inconclusive. Bush administration officials said Tuesday.
- **President Bush, seeking \$74.7 billion** as a down payment for war in Iraq, said coalition forces are "on a steady advance" but that he could not predict how long the fighting will last, but stressed "we know its outcome: We will prevail."
- **Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld** said coalition forces have taken more than 3,500 Iraqi prisoners and humanitarian assistance "food, water and medicine" is already being delivered. He also sought to minimize expectations of a swift end to the war.
- **Two British soldiers were killed** in a "friendly fire" incident with a British tank near Basra in southern Iraq, a military commander said Tuesday.
- **The United Nations Security Council** scheduled an emergency meeting for today after Arab and nonaligned nations demanded an open meeting to express their opposition to the U.S.-led war on Iraq.
- **With food dwindling** for millions of Iraqis, a U.N. aid agency will make its biggest single request for cash - more than \$1 billion to help feed the war-stricken nation for about six months.
- **The Army sergeant suspected in a deadly grenade attack in Kuwait** will be moved to Germany after a military magistrate found probable cause that the soldier committed the crime, the Army said Tuesday. The attack killed a captain and injured 15 soldiers.

In the field, a test of endurance and discipline

Sandstorm, long hours leave drivers nodding off, losing their way

By William Branigan
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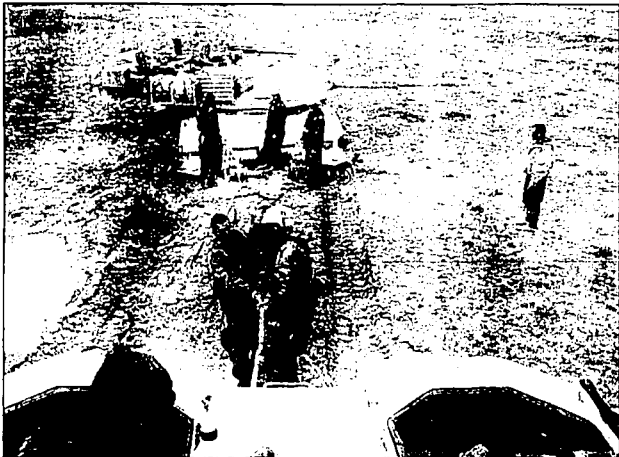
WITH U.S. FORCES IN CENTRAL IRAQ - It seemed like the convoy to nowhere.

With the combination of a severe sandstorm, unfamiliar terrain, blackout conditions and driver fatigue working against them, about 40 vehicles of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division took 10 hours to travel 27 miles Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

After setting out at 6:30 p.m. Monday from a stopping point where they were delayed by a mortar attack, a column of angry, frustrated and exhausted soldiers riding in tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, fuel trucks, medical trucks, Humvees and various other support vehicles finally joined the rest of their units at a dusty encampment southwest of Baghdad at about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"It was a test of endurance and discipline," said Capt. Steve Hommel, 41, of San Diego, the chaplain of the division's 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

Drained by an armored road march that U.S. commanders said was unprecedented in its size, speed and distance traveled, drivers kept falling asleep at the wheel and veering off their route or nodding off during pauses. When soldiers behind them would fight through a blinding sandstorm on foot to wake a sleeping driver and get him moving again, another driver else-



Staff Sgt. David Fields, right, and Pfc. Damon Winneslok tug on a winch cable with a tank crew member to try to rescue a tank stuck in mud as Pfc. David Turner, left foreground, operates controls.

where in the convoy would fall asleep, and the whole ordeal would start over.

Traveling part of the route off-road, drivers would also lose sight of the vehicle in front of them in the sandstorm and veer off in another direction.

Weighing on commanders' minds, amid the confusion, was the fate of a Sunday convoy whose drivers got lost in southern Iraq; seven were killed and five were captured. As Monday

night's convoy moved in fits and starts, with long pauses while those in charge tried to get everyone moving at once, the frustration built to a boiling point. Angry exchanges, curses and threats of physical harm crackled across radio headsets in the darkness.

"This is not the way to project military power," one sergeant snapped as he tried to get his soldiers moving together.

"This is what you get when you go three days with catnaps and

don't let soldiers get their rest," another complained.

The difficulties stood in sharp contrast to what commanders said was, overall, a highly successful road march from Kuwait north into central Iraq.

The U.S. task force consisting of the 3rd ID and elements of V Corps moved more than 7,000 vehicles 240 miles in two days, according to Capt. Anthony Butler, 32, of Helena, Mont., the commander of the 3rd Battalion's

headquarters company.

"It's the largest armored convoy in history," said Hommel, a Gulf War combat veteran who has since given up arms to become a chaplain.

Driving with no headlights through the sandstorm over open desert, "you couldn't see anything," said Capt. William Marm, the 3rd Battalion maintenance officer in charge of the convoy. "When guys can't see anything, they stop." Making matters worse, some of the vehicles did not have radios, making it hard to tell who was awake and who was holding up the convoy. "I can't keep my eyes open," a bleary-eyed Pfc. David Turner, driver of an M88 recovery vehicle, told his sergeant at one point on the radio. "I'm falling asleep while driving standing up," said Turner, 21, of Binghamton, N.Y.

The commander of an M1A1 Abrams tank radioed that he was lost, couldn't see anybody and was almost out of fuel. It turned out he was only a few hundred yards from the perimeter of the encampment at that point.

Upon arrival at the destination, officers called a meeting to ream out drivers who had delayed the convoy.

Given the sleep deprivation taking a toll on the troops, commanders decided Tuesday would be a day to "refit, refuel and rearm," Butler said.

But even as soldiers worked to get their equipment in order, there were continued efforts to, in the current military parlance, "shape the battlefield" for an upcoming offensive aimed at toppling President Saddam Hussein.

Through the early morning and into the afternoon, the booms of U.S. artillery could be heard echoing across the arid plains.

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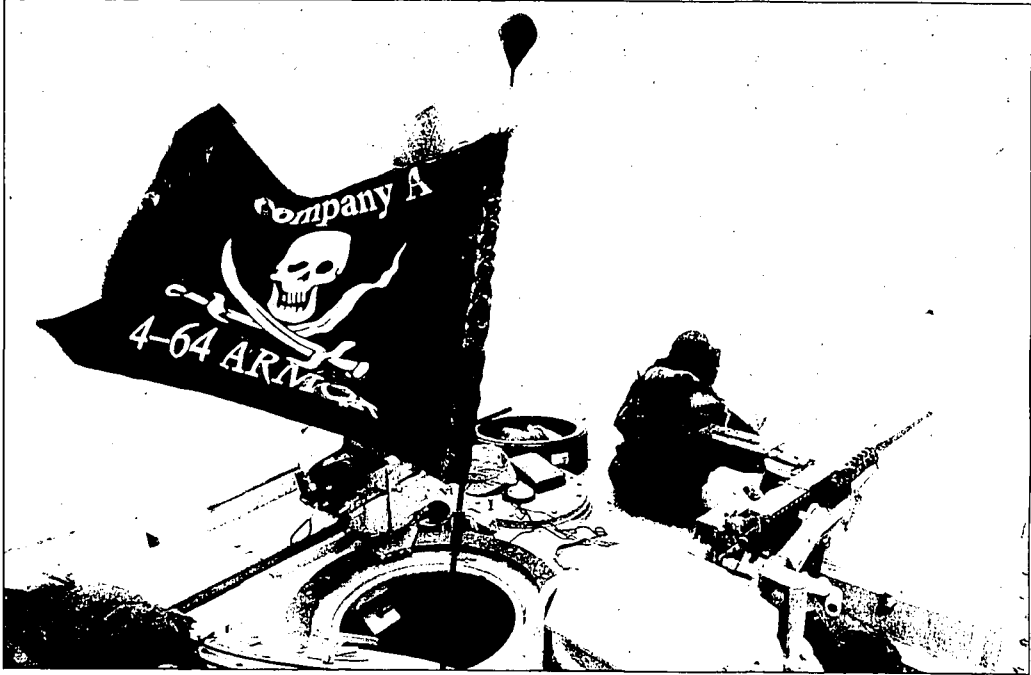
Military messages

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America at war

Images of the campaign



M1A1 tank gunner Sgt. Terrance Johnson from the 4th Battalion 64th Armor Regiment, part of the 3rd Infantry Division, sits idle during an intense sandstorm which slowed U.S. military progress in the area near Karbala, Iraq, Tuesday.



First Combat Engineer Company PFC Albert Reyna of Laredo, Texas, secures the area as the battalion makes a rest stop in the desert Monday on the way toward Baghdad from southern Iraq.



A group of Iraqi Kurds take shelter inside a cave about 10 kms (6 miles) south of Dohuk, in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, Tuesday. Coalition warplanes landed in Kurdish territory Monday and launched airstrikes against barracks in northern Iraq, prompting frightened residents to flee the area.

An Iraqi man checks the damages on a building after a missile reportedly exploded, in Baghdad, Tuesday. Several explosions rocked Baghdad's outskirts Tuesday, as U.S.-led coalition forces attacked elite Republican Guards defending the approaches to the city.



British 'Desert Rats' Royal Fusiliers, Zulu Company, stand with a portrait of Saddam Hussein taken from local Baath Party buildings Monday in Basra, Southern Iraq.

Photos by
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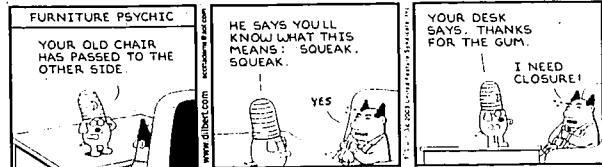
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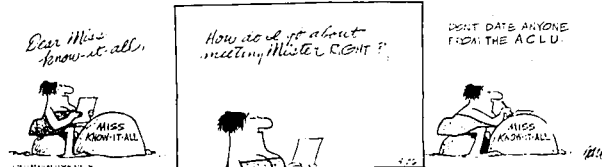
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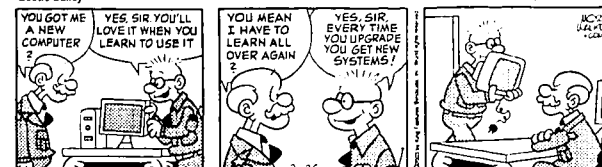
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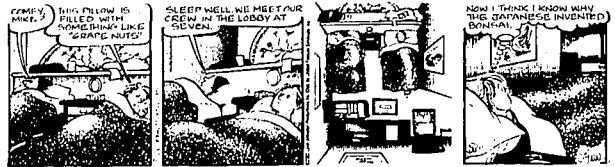
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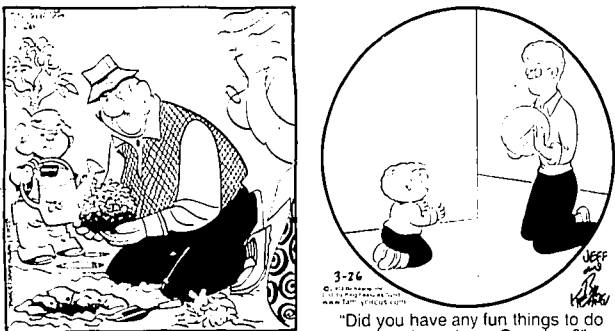
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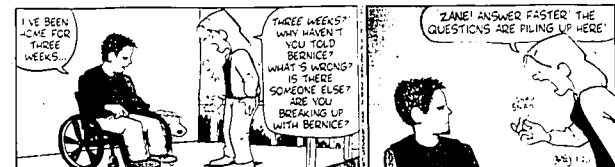
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

GOVERNOR GETS A LETTER

District 4H horse judging contest takes place in Filer

FILER — The District 4-H horse judging contest will be held April 5 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Teams must be made up of three to four 4-H members, and register by Friday.

The top teams will attend the state judging contest, which will be held July 8 in Sandpoint.

The cost for the district competition is \$20 per team. Entry forms are available at any University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office.

For more information, call 878-9461.

Jerome girl is tabbed as homecoming queen finalist

JEROME — Jaime Lynn Palmer, daughter of Larry and ReNae Palmer of Jerome, is a finalist for Idaho's 23rd annual Homecoming Queen selection scheduled April 26-27 at the Salt Lake City Airport Hilton in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Palmer is the Jerome High School homecoming queen.

Idaho's 2003 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the national finals to compete with queens from the other states for the America's Homecoming Queen title.

America's Homecoming Queen says it is a nonprofit organization that promotes education, educational travel and community service in schools in all 50 states.

M.V. New Neighbors hears from English teacher

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hear its luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jade Restaurant, 607 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Ibrahim Faye, who was born in Senegal, West Africa, will speak about his native country and Islam in Senegal. Faye has taught English at Twin Falls High School and currently teaches English at Shoshone High School.

For luncheon reservations, call 735-5215. Newcomers to the area are welcome.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its winners for March 21.

Northbound: first, Riley Barton and Max Thompson; second, Carroll Bennett and Susan Faulkner and third, Howard and Mary Tucker.

Eastbound: first, Barbara Burke and Mary McGonigal; second, Marie Pierson and Loraine Morrison and third, Ceryl and Carma Davidson. Refreshments were served.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave.

For a partner, call 934-8371.

AARP offers 55 and Alive class at Gooding center

GOODING — The AARP will offer 55 and Alive classes at the driving class April 14 at the

Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.

The class entails eight hours of classroom instruction to refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$10. Students must attend both sessions to receive their certificate of completion. There may be some insurance savings by completing the course, organizers say.

To register, call the center at 934-5304.

West End Writer's Group meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The West End Writer's Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the upstairs of the Paris building, 124 Main Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Members are asked to bring several copies of their work in progress to share with the group.

For more information, call 537-0676.

Craft store hosts free Easter event Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Michaels Arts & Crafts Store will host a free family event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the store, 1988 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The event will promote National Craft Month and will be in general with a family-oriented activity. Families will make "Pencil Pals" using a modeling compound. Materials and instruction will be supplied to each participant at no cost.

For more information, call the store at 735-8306.



Greg Gutierrez, 17, a Venturing Scout from Buhl, gives Gov. Dirk Kempthorne a letterman's jacket with a Scout emblem on the back on behalf of the Snake River Council. Kempthorne received a report from three of Idaho's Boy Scouts of America councils last month in his office at the Statehouse. Gutierrez was joined by three of his brothers, all of whom belong to scouting organizations.

Brothers need a committed, loving family

Christian Age: 8

"I want a mom and a dad who will love me a lot and will help me with my homework, but don't do it for me. I would like to have grandparents. I would like my own bedroom, but I could share one. I'd like a home where I can ride my bike and skateboard and shoot basketball hoops."

"We need a family that will let us send letters and pictures to my other brothers and sisters and my real mom and understand when I miss them."

Chris has a pretty good idea of what he needs — a committed parent who will supply attention, activity and love. He is a mature 8-year-old who is eager to please. Chris would prefer to spend his days with adults, though he enjoys friends who share his interests, especially video games.

Needs: Christian, a healthy early life, and is involved in individual therapy on a weekly basis. He will need ongoing support as he deals with grief and loss. He needs parents who will stimulate

Wednesday's Children



Israel, left, and Christian

interest in academic achievement through praise and rewards to short-term goals.

Israel Age: 2

Isaac is happy and always on the go. He is a sensitive child who likes to be held and reassured. He has reached many developmental

milestones. Because he has received quality care, stability, and consistency, it is hoped he will continue to blossom developmentally.

Christian feels close to Israel, and is showing a protective, but brotherly attitude as they are together. This is an important bond for both children and must be maintained. Both brothers need a family that will be equally devoted and able to meet their individual needs.

Family needs: Chris and Israel need a structured environment with consistent rules and consequences. Home studies should reflect experience or training related to future challenges from non-nuclear exposure, or the need to alcohol or drugs. Until neurological impairment, developmental delays or total alcohol effects are ruled out, parents must have a plan for addressing these very real possibilities.

Christian and Israel are available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho Careline, 1-800-262-2588.

CSI Blaine Center offers computer courses

HAILEY — The College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center is offering credit classes starting this week.

For more information, call 788-2033 or visit 115 S. Main in Hailey.

"Quickbooks" — Students will create and track payable and receivable accounts and invoices, gather aging information, and

create their own budgets and reports on data using a set of customized business transactions. The one-credit course costs \$102.50. The class meets from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 27 to April 10 at the Fox Building, 1000 N. Main.

Students will gain hands-on training to create letters, business documents, newsletters and pre-

sentation materials, learn to create and edit documents that include multiple tables, headers, footers and embedded tables, and become proficient with the spell checker, outline and other tools. Previous Windows experience is required. The one-credit course costs \$102.50. The class meets from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs

- Blue Lakes — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Westmont in Twin Falls, call 764-0451.
- Burley — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Burley Civic Center, call 828-2500.
- Gooding — 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Community Center, call 537-0676.
- Jerome — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Jerome High School, call 878-9461.
- Jersey — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Jersey High School, call 878-9461.
- Shoshone — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Shoshone High School, call 878-9461.
- Twin Falls — 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Civic Center, call 735-5215.

Lions Clubs

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Atkins is named candidate in scholars program

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

The candidates were selected for their performance on the College Board SAT or the ACT assessment. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, description of activities, school recommendations and several transcripts. A panel of educators will review the submission and select 500 semi-finalists in early April.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars will then select one man and one woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and from among U.S. students living abroad; 15 students at large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts. The scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for several days in June to receive a medalion and participate in events and activities with representatives and educators.

Atkins is the daughter of Scott and Marjorie Atkins.

Twin Falls student earns spot on dean's list

Caroline Jelovich of Twin Falls was named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va.

Founded in 1891, the college is a highly selective undergraduate liberal arts college of 780 women.

Twin Falls student makes dean's list at university

Nicholas Waters of Twin Falls

was listed on the 2002 fall semester dean's list at the University of Portland in Portland, Ore.

Waters is a freshman and is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA to make the dean's list.

M.V. Christian High School student receives award

United Dairymen of Idaho has announced the Distinguished Student Award, which recognizes excellence in academics, citizenship and the role of education in Idaho, goes to Delena Wills for the week of March 10. Wills attends Magic Valley Christian School, has a 3.7 grade-point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, on the honor roll, and received the Diligent Student Award.

Her extracurricular activities include basketball and volleyball. She also is a youth leader in her church, volunteered for the Adopt a Highway program, served at the Crisis Pregnancy banquet and worked at a bike safety demonstration. She plans to attend college and study sports nutrition.

United Dairymen and CBS television affiliates in Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Lewiston/Moscow sponsor the Distinguished Student Awards. At the end of each school year, one weekly student winner from each of the four market areas will be selected based on overall achievement, and a \$5,000 award will be presented to the winner's school.

Jerome student is state ag essay contest winner

Jamie Lancaster of Jerome is

one of two Idaho winners in a national agriculture essay contest.

The winners and their families visited the University of Idaho's Moscow campus Jan. 25 for a VIP day in their honor.

She met with top university leaders, including President Bob Hoover, Provost Brian Pitcher and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Dean Larry Brannen. They also toured scientific facilities, and met researchers.

Jamie, 12, is a sixth-grader at Canyonside Christian School and the daughter of Mike and Laurie Lancaster.

Her essay was entitled, "Eat Safe with Irradiated Meat." She will represent Idaho in the next round of the national competition.

She also received a medal and personal congratulatory letter from her congressmen, Rep. Mike Simpson of the Second District.

In addition to advancing to the national competition, Jamie Lancaster received a plaque and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

The contest was sponsored by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and open to students in sixth to eighth grades.

One national winner will receive a \$3,000 savings bond and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. this month.

Gooding Middle School announces honor roll

GOODING - Gooding Middle School announced its honor roll.

Sixth grade

4.0 GPA

Jessica Thatcher
Marilla Taylor
Jasper Peterson
Justin Parke
Lara Nelson
Jessica McHan
Mekala Koyle
Colton Knapp
Katie Hobbley
Quinn Hall
Elisabeth Halfhill
Cy Eames
Kendra Cockerham
Hailey Byrne
Christine Anderson
Joe Allen

Seventh grade

4.0 GPA

Danielle Shubert
Cheyanna Robinson
Alisa Reed
Megan Pierson
Melissa Lockwood
Gentry Koyle
Blair Gerratt
Zachary Childs
Jacob Bow

3.5-3.9 GPA

Cassandra Rivera
Chloressa Qualls
Renee Howells
Kecan Cassidy
Chance Amundson
Curtis Frampton
Rance Wolfe
Zulema Juarez
April Campos
Tiffany Jackson
Cambria Bigler
Mary Arkosch
Nicole Vincent
Brittany Fuqua
Maurio Zarate
Justin Postma
Eric Hernandez
Breann Durfee

Heather Barth
Kristian McDougal
Magdalena Martinez
Kristy Kolsen

3.0-3.49 GPA

Millicent Zarate
Evan Turner
Tyson Strickland
Celeste Olmos-Ortiz
KayDee Newman
Veronica Gonzalez
Jeremy Kuhn
Samuel Rodriguez
Malan Metcalfe
Karley Branan
Jordan Braga
David Bauman
Grace White
Logan Scott
Kimberly Newman
Misti Jessop
Justin Ovejuna/Dains
Hillary Stewart
Rolando Gutierrez
Jessica Burnett
Ashley Burnett
Rusty Gill
Destiny Pauls
Emme Kaylor
Benjamin James
Sheena Jacobson
Kaden Cook

3.0-3.49 GPA

Casey Nelson
Blanca Gonzalez
Joshua LaCroix
Katrina Randall
Sean Kunz
Erica Figueroa
Jeffery Carpenter
Cristina Garcia
Nekane Demarary
Alex Sims
Isabias Maciel
Tyler Braga
Sarah Arndt
Mark Uecker
Jackson Scott
Daniel Rippee
Chelsea Nicholas
Melissa Koger
Mario Galvan
Lawrence Bento

Eighth grade

4.0 GPA

Zachary Sabala
Lucas Carnohan

3.5-3.9 GPA

Justin Rogers

NOTED SPEAKER



Kevin Glenn receives his advanced Toastmasters ATM Bronze degree certificate from president Donna Erickson recently at Magic Valley Toastmasters. He earned the award by presenting 10 speeches from the "Speaking to Inform" and "Speeches by Management" advanced manuals. The club, which develops speaking and leadership skills, has a variety of manuals to learn from, including "Storytelling" and "Persuasive Speaking." The club will meet from noon to 1:10 p.m. April 8 at Creekside Restaurant in Twin Falls. First-time visitors receive a free lunch. Call 734-6935 for more information.

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2600-2650 9th Ave E
200-1100 Trotter Dr
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Wednesday, March 26, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"I see but one rule to be clear. If I am not clear, all my world crumbles to nothing."

Stendhal

The difference in approach between rubber and duplicate players can be easily detected in a hand like today's.

West should lead a club against three-no-trump, and South should win the rubber, letting East win the club queen and continue the suit. Declarer will hold up until the third round, and then he will do next, and how should he go after the extra tricks?

One possibility is to take an immediate spade finesse, relying on a 3-3 spade split if it fails. But a better line is to test diamonds by playing the ace and king at once. When the suit splits, you have right winners, so need only one extra trick from the spades. The right way to go about getting that extra trick is to cash both top spades, and then cross back to hand with a top diamond to lead a third spade up toward dummy's jack if the queen hasn't dropped. Since this produces three tricks from spades whenever the queen is outside, or when East has the spade queen and fewer than four cards in the suit, this is a far better way to develop a third spade trick. Had diamonds not split, the immediate spade finesse would have been the best chance to take four spade tricks for the contract.

Of course, finessing the spade jack at once might have produced an overtrick on a different day so the matchpoint players will be ready with their excuses for going down!

NORTH
 ♠ A K J 4
 ♥ J 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 4
 ♣ A 7 2

EAST
 ♠ Q R
 ♥ Q 9 8 6 4
 ♦ J 8 7
 ♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH
 ♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ A 10 3
 ♦ A K Q 3
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Vulnerable: Neither
 Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: Club four

HID WITH THE ACES

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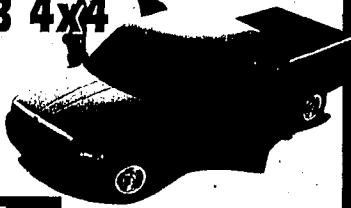
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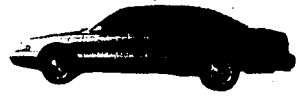
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\$0 DOWN \$119 MO.

Stock #R10S, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1993 CHEVY 2500

• Automatic Transmission
• AM/FM

RETAIL PRICE **\$7124**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2331**

\$4988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$119 MO.

Stock #110P, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1988 FORD F-150

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• AM/FM Cassette CD

RETAIL PRICE **\$7354**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2489**

\$4988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$119 MO.

Stock #192A, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$8075**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2087**

\$5988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.

Stock #136S, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



2000 CHEVY CAVALIER

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• AM/FM CD

RETAIL PRICE **\$9088**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2088**

\$5988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.

Stock #480S, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1997 NISSAN ALTIMA

• 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE **\$7973**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$1985**

\$5988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.

Stock #559N, 48 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1993 LEXUS ES300

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Loaded

RETAIL PRICE **\$8063**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2368**

\$5988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$129 MO.

Stock #R104, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



2001 FORD ESCORT

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$8073**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2085**

\$6988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #50AP, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1988 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM CD • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE **\$9444**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2445**

\$6988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #111J, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1994 TOYOTA 4RUNNER 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$9103**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2778**

\$6988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #112A, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1995 FORD F250 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM • Cruise • 3' Seat

RETAIL PRICE **\$8766**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2556**

\$6988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$139 MO.

Stock #113A, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1995 DODGE 1500 4x4

• 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning • Cruise
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$12101**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2447**

\$9988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$199 MO.

Stock #B87P, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE **\$13342**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2354**

\$10988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$209 MO.

Stock #544S, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1998 FORD EXPLORER 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Cruise • Sunroof

RETAIL PRICE **\$13435**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2684**

\$10988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$209 MO.

Stock #111J, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



2001 CHEVY MALIBU

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows/Locks • AM/FM CD • Cruise

RETAIL PRICE **\$14444**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2354**

\$10988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$209 MO.

Stock #211S, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1996 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4

• Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Cruise • 3' Seat

RETAIL PRICE **\$15852**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2988**

\$12988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$239 MO.

Stock #R11S, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.



1999 VW PASSAT

• 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning
• Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM Cassette

RETAIL PRICE **\$18978**

LATHAM DISCOUNT **\$2369**

\$13988 OR
\$0 DOWN \$259 MO.

Stock #B54P, 60 months at 5.50% APR, OAC.

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