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Troops target Karbala Gap

Taking strip of land southwest of Baghdad could ease way to Iraqi capital

By Drew Brown, S. Thome Harper and Steven Thomas
Knight Ridder News Service

A map of the area - A8

SOUTH OF KARBALA, Iraq - The first decisive battle of the war in Iraq may be coming in a place called the Karbala Gap.
After days of pounding the Medina Division of Iraq's Republican Guard with airpower and artillery, the U.S. 3rd

Infantry Division is preparing to launch the war's first major ground attack against Saddam Hussein's best soldiers.
If the 3rd Infantry can punch through the Gap, a 20- to 25-mile wide sliver of land about 50 miles south of Baghdad between the

Euphrates River and Lake Razzaan, that would open the southern and western approaches to the capital.
But if the 3rd Infantry can't rapidly outflank the Medina Division or push the Iraqis out of the earthen defenses, palm groves and built-up areas where they've put their tanks and artillery, U.S. forces may return to pounding the Republican

Guard from the air while waiting for the U.S. Marines to the east to start their push toward Baghdad.
U.S. officials said Monday the Guard's Nebuchadnezzar Division had been moved from near Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, south to reinforce the Medina Division near Karbala.
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FIGHTING FIRES



Don Sattler, a dispatcher with the Bureau of Land Management, shows off the capabilities of a new computer-aided dispatch system in Shoshone on Monday. For the first time, the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service for this region will combine their fire dispatch services under one roof this year.

BLM, Forest Service join forces

Agencies look for better communication, response times from new dispatch center

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Federal land agencies will begin the 2003 wild-fire season in a jointly operated, high-tech fire dispatch center.
The South Central Idaho Intermountain Dispatch Center operated by the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone will now be a shared dispatch headquarters with the Sawtooth National Forest. Foreseen improvements include better communication, response time, efficiencies and ultimately public and firefighter safety.

If you see a fire
Report wildland fires to the South Central Idaho Intermountain Dispatch Center at 1-800-974-2273 or from a cellular phone at #FIRE.

- Quick fire facts**
- 9.1 million acres are within the South Central Idaho Intermountain Dispatch Center jurisdiction.
 - 105,084 acres of wildfires annually occur in the region, over a 10-year average.
 - 205 firefighters.

- 49 fire engines.
 - 2 helicopters.
 - 3 water tenders.
 - 2 bulldozers.
 - 2 single-engine air tankers
 - 1 air attack aircraft.
- Cooperating agencies include the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Source: South Central Idaho Intermountain Dispatch Center

with the Forest Service, and Don Sattler, with the BLM, no longer will need to place phone calls to deduce which agency has resources nearest the site of a fire. Each dispatcher will have the resources of both agencies at his fingertips.
"I will not have to call Don to

see where his closest resources are. I'll be able to look at his computer," Newnham said.
One of the biggest immediate benefits will be air coordination, Newnham said. One dispatcher will coordinate BLM and Forest Service air response teams, a boon in keeping track of air posi-

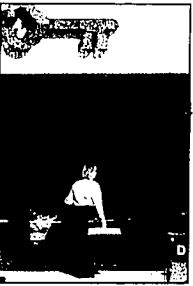
tions and supporting air crew safety.
Joint operations will begin at the center today, said Ruth Monahan, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor. Forest Service dispatchers who have been based in Twin Falls will join the BLM office in Shoshone. Plans are in the works to move the multi-agency dispatch center to Twin Falls in a new building within the next couple of years, she said.
The central dispatch center is another step in a long-term effort to send the nearest resources to fires and to reduce duplication among agencies, said Randy Richter, fire management officer for the Sawtooth National Forest. Over the past 10 years, agencies and local fire districts have developed reciprocity agreements that allow the closest resources to initially attack fires, regardless of who has jurisdiction.
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Board rejects schedule change

But tells school officials to try again next year

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Slow down and give it another year.
Saying they felt largely bypassed in the process, parent after parent pleaded with Twin Falls School Board members Monday night to postpone a proposal for the high school to change to a "4-by-4" schedule.
If you don't have parent support, the program just isn't going to fly, most concluded.
"I feel like, as a parent, I'm getting dragged kicking and screaming," said parent Todd Harris, expressing sentiment voiced by most of the 40 parents who spoke on the issue - from among more than 100 people present at the Verca O'Leary Junior High School auditorium.
Following more than three hours of comment and discussion, board members Bryan Matsuoka, Chad Hafer and Del Traveller voted down the proposal.
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An evidence technician walks into the Key Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls after it was robbed Monday afternoon.

Robber with gun robs bank in Twin Falls

The Times-News

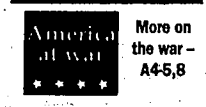
TWIN FALLS - A lone man brandishing a gun late Monday robbed a branch of Key Bank near the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road, according to police reports.
Witnesses said the man walked into the bank at about 3:30 p.m. and demanded money, said Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith. The man then left

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Battling for a bridge, troops risk their lives to rescue elderly woman

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press Writer

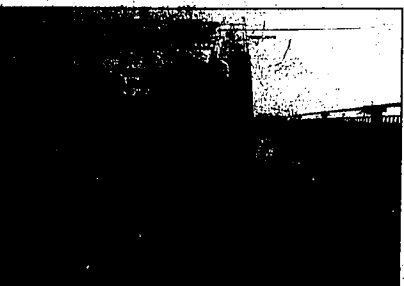
"HINDIYAH, Iraq - "We've got to get her off that bridge," he said.
Capt. Chris Carter winced at the risk his men would have to take. Engaged in a lightning-fast raid for this Euphrates River town, they were battling for a bridge when - through the smoke - they saw the elderly woman. She had tried to race across the bridge when the Americans arrived, but was caught in the crossfire.
As first, peering through their rifle scopes, they thought she was



dead, like the man sprawled in the dust nearby. But then, during breaks in the gunfire that whizzed over her head, she sat up and waved for help.
Carter, a 32-year-old Army Ranger, ordered his Bradley armored vehicle to pull forward while he and two men ran behind

it. They took cover behind the bridge's iron beam.
Carter tossed a smoke grenade for more cover and approached the woman, who was crying and pointing toward a wound on her hip. She wore the black chador, common among older women in the countryside. The blood soaked through the fabric, streaking the pavement around her.
Medics placed the woman on a stretcher and into an ambulance. Carter stood by, providing cover with his M16A4 rifle. Then she was gone, and Monday's battle, for this town of 80,000, 50 miles

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U.S. Army soldiers from A Company 2nd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment approach an injured woman who was caught in the crossfire with Iraqi forces on a bridge over the Euphrates River Monday in Al Hindiyah, Iraq.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy skies, breezy southwest winds and periods of light rain. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Rain showers likely with rain changing or mixing with wet snow late. Lows near 32.
Tomorrow: Scattered rain and snow showers likely and a little cooler. Highs middle 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy skies, breezy and scattered light rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s.
Tonight: Rain showers likely with rain changing or mixing with wet snow very late. Lows lower to middle 30s.
Tomorrow: Scattered rain and snow showers likely and breezy. Highs middle to upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers likely for today and tomorrow. Snow could be heavy at times in the high country with rain and snow showers during the daytime hours in the valleys.

Today Highs 34 to 51. Tonight's Lows 17 to 27.
BOISE Rain showers likely for today with periods of light rain also expected through tonight and Wednesday. The surrounding foothills will be cold enough at night for a wet snow or rain and snow mix.

Today Highs 36 to 51 / 34 to 50.
NORTHERN UTAH Rain showers at times for today and Wednesday in the lower elevations while the high country will experience periods of wet, heavy snow.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 75 at Malta. Low: 23 at Stanley.
Weather key: s-sunny, p-partially cloudy, m-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furflurms, w-wind, m-mist/sog

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Yesterday's Weather. Each column contains weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for April 1st (New Moon), April 9th (First Cr.), April 16th (Full Moon), and April 23rd (Last Cr.).

REGIONAL FORECAST

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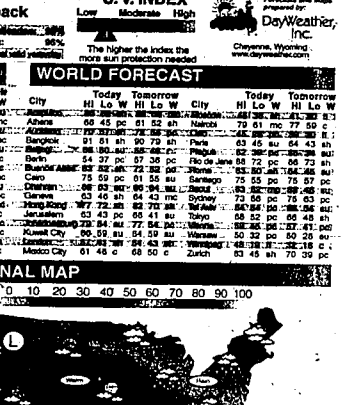
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for Randy Hansen Chevrolet-Cadillac Poleline at Blue Lakes North.

Administration drops fight to drill off California coast

The Bush administration on Monday announced it will drop its legal fight with California over offshore oil leases and said it will try to buy back the leases, significantly reducing the chances of new drilling off the state's coastline.

people of California. We believe our efforts will be better spent in negotiation rather than in continued litigation with the state."
Norton's message was dramatically different from the one she delivered last June rejecting California Gov. Gray Davis' request that the administration extend its generosity to California and buy back its offshore leases as it had in Florida.

Robbery

with an undisclosed amount of cash, Smith said.
Police later recovered an older-model white Jeep Cherokee - thought to be the vehicle the robber used to flee the bank - in the Magic Valley Mall parking lot between Sears and Shopko, according to 6 news release. But police were still looking for the suspect late Monday, Smith said.

280 to 300 pounds with dark, curly hair and a full black beard. He was wearing a dark jacket with a camouflage hood over his head, a dark handkerchief over his face and sunglasses.
Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-4357 or the FBI at 733-5720. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for anyone who has information that leads to the arrest of the suspect.

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Financially strapped cities, states beg for aid to guard against terror

The Washington Post
In the port of Philadelphia yesterday, President Bush touted his quest for homeland security as part of a grand struggle for freedom, alongside the war in Iraq. But in financially strapped states and cities where much of the battle is being waged, mayors and governors are resorting to begging and borrowing to pull it off.

\$100,000 a week more to cut elsewhere.
"Things had to be done for safety," said Bill Fujikita, Los Angeles' chief administrative officer. "But we don't have many options left."
Land is being carried out and financed increasingly by levels of government least able to pay for it: states, now facing their worst fiscal crises since World War II, and cities, which rely heavily on state funds for aid.

Fires

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With a new high-tech computer-aided dispatch system, employed last year by the BLM in Shoshone, the 11 dispatchers at the center will be able to instantly see which crews are stationed closest to wildfires and which crews already are busy with other fires.

The new system also will allow dispatchers to zoom in on computerized maps and determine what land use restrictions are in place in certain areas near fires, including archaeological resources, water sources and other information.
A computer projected onto a large screen will allow the dispatchers to watch the latest weather activity, including the movement of lightning strikes.

Schedule

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all in a rare split vote. Voting in favor were Vera Redman and Mike McIntyre.
"I want to see change succeed. To do that, though, we have to have support of the customers," Traveller said.
The board did later vote unanimously to discontinue the tradition to bring back another block schedule proposal next year, but one with parental support.
As a result, the high school will remain with its current six-period schedule for the 2003-04 school year.

WTC beams rest in church bell tower

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Two rusty, jagged beams salvaged from the ruins of the World Trade Center were joined together and placed in the bell tower of a Roman Catholic church near the Rio Grande.
One 30-foot-long beam was set horizontally on a corner of the church's entry area, to be placed in a chapel where people will be able to touch it. The other beam, 20 feet long and sheared off at a sharp angle, is set vertically in concrete.

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parents in developing the plan that was the unifying cry Monday. Most said they felt the proposal was reasonable.
Even Allen was disappointed with the level of support in the several months of development.
"It hasn't been what we'd like to be heard," he said.
The lone supporter to speak out Monday, Shawna Obenchain, disagreed that there was lack of opportunity for parent input. After all, she said, the parent teacher organization at the high school which regularly features a low parent turnout at its monthly meetings.
"This is your forum to find out and have a voice," she said.

WTC beams

As for how hot the wildfire season might shape up to be, the dry weather is somewhat of a mixed blessing. The latest information from the National Interagency Fire National Center in Boise says the weather outlook includes warmer-than-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation in the spring, followed by a near-normal summer. That would mean the potential for a normal fire season on the Snake-River Plain. The drought has kept rain from - grasses and shrubs - from thriving and increasing the fire danger.
But the potential for an above-normal fire season exists in the Snake-River Plain. The drought has sapped forests of moisture and caused dead fuel build-up.

NATION

Report: U.S. will take on Iran nuke program

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - When war ends in Iraq, the Bush administration will give "extremely high priority" to halting a secret nuclear weapons program in neighboring Iran, a senior administration official said Monday.

John Bolton, the under secretary for arms control, joined National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice in warning that the White House sees nuclear weapons programs in Iran and North Korea as imminent threats.

Agenda set for after Iraq war, official says

"The estimate we have of how close the Iranians are to production of nuclear weapons grows closer each day," said Bolton, a leading hawk within the administration.

Both Bolton and Rice, in separate speeches to the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, suggested that the Bush administration views the toppling of Saddam Hussein in Iraq as an initial response to a series of threats. However, neither of them suggested that Washington is pondering military action elsewhere.

President Bush last year tagged Iraq, Iran and North Korea as an "axis of evil" that threatens world order, and the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq has unnerved Iran and North Korea.

Rice defended the Bush administration's constant waggings that

rogue regimes are acquiring ever-more lethal weapons.

"Sometimes people think we're a little bit 'the-sky-is-falling, the-sky-is-falling' on these regimes that the president called the axis of evil," Rice said. She added, however, that recent evidence shows that "they certainly belong" on the list.

Bolton said U.S. officials now view Iran and North Korea as equivalent threats, even amid evidence that North Korea may be only months from production of nuclear material for weapons.

U.S.: Firms with ties to Iran won't be part of Iraq oil work

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - The Defense Department is drafting a plan that would bar major international oil companies from helping reconstruct Iraq's oil fields if they already do business in neighboring Iran, according to U.S. officials and Middle East analysts.

The plan - should it become President Bush's formal policy - appears certain to further anger European nations that already are upset that their companies have been frozen out of other major reconstruction contracts in favor of U.S. firms.

Ironically, it could alienate the very European nations that have most ardently backed the war in Iraq, including Great Britain, Italy and Spain.

The Pentagon effort is an attempt to extend U.S. sanctions on the government in Iran, which Bush has named as one member of the "axis of evil." Conservatives inside and outside the government have talked of encouraging the overthrow of Tehran's

theocracy. The plan was confirmed by a defense official who said it, and by two analysts who were informed about it.

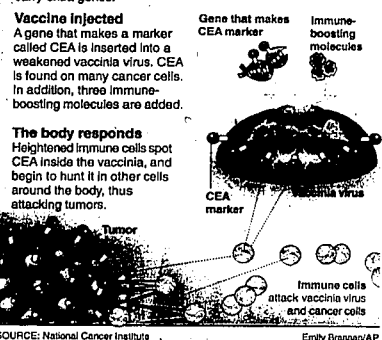
A 1996 U.S. law, the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act, or ILSA, threatens sanctions on foreign companies that make \$40 million or more in new investments in Iran. Those companies could be barred from U.S.-awarded contracts in Iraq.

The law, which Bush renewed in 2001 for five years, has outraged members of the European Union. They reject it as an illegal attempt to impose U.S. foreign policy goals on others.

Major corporations that have energy projects under way in Iran include the French company TotalFinarex, Japan's state-owned oil company and Britain's Shell group.

In addition to protests from those countries, the plan could face a challenge under World Trade Organization rules, said James Placke, a senior associate at Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

The body's immune system doesn't always spot cancer because tumors are made of the body's own cells, not foreign germs. Now scientists are using the smallpox vaccine in a treatment that causes the immune system to better recognize and attack cancer. Smallpox vaccine is made from the vaccinia virus, which is big enough to carry extra genes.



SOURCE: National Cancer Institute Emily Brannan/AP

Scientists alter smallpox vaccine to fight cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The smallpox vaccine may be reborn - as a cancer treatment.

Scientists are rigging up the vaccine to carry an extra load, genes that signal the immune system to start fighting advanced tumors.

Why use such a risky vaccine to do that job? The same super-protective characteristics that make smallpox inoculation prone to some bad, occasionally deadly, side effects are, as the altered shot's creator puts it, "an immunologist's dream." They may rev up an immune system that too often misses cancer.

Although still in very early stages of research, the smallpox-turned-cancer shots look promising. They're the latest in a long quest to create immune-harnessing vaccines to attack cancer.

"We're not there yet," cautions Jeffrey Schlom of the National Cancer Institute, a specialist on cancer-treating vaccines who created the smallpox vaccine-based approach. "But we're getting there."

Despite the name, most so-called cancer vaccines don't aim to prevent tumors. These are not classic inoculations like the flu shot or even regular smallpox vaccine, which teach the body to recognize and subdue an invading virus or germ, preventing illness.

The immune system doesn't always recognize cancer as something to attack, because tumors are made up of your own cells gone bad, not foreign germs. The hope with therapeutic cancer vaccines is to train powerful immune-system T cells to more easily spot and attack malignant cells.

Probe: Shuttle heated up earlier

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - A tape recorder from the shattered Columbia shows temperatures surging inside the left wing three minutes earlier - and hundreds of degrees higher - than previously detected during the final portion of the shuttle's doomed flight, the chief investigator said Monday.

The preliminary finding is

based on "just two little data points out of the hundreds that we're going to get here," said Harold Gehman Jr., chairman of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board. Nonetheless, it indicates "the orbiter probably had this problem before she ever started her entry" and that this problem was on or very near the leading edge of the left wing.

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America at war

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Praying to survive: Iraqi deserter tells of desperation across lines

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press Writer

KALAK, Iraq — The soldier covered his face and wept.
It was a deep, sudden sobbing he couldn't control. His shoulders heaved. Tears wet the frayed cuffs of his green Iraqi military sweater.
He cried because he was alive. He cried because his family may think he's dead. He cried for his country. He cried because — for him — the war was over.
"I'm so sorry, excuse me. I just can't stop," wept the soldier who fled Saddam Hussein's army and was taken Monday into the hands of U.S.-allied Iraqi Kurdish fighters. "Could this terrible time be over soon? Please, tell me."

The soldier — part of a front-line unit — was among at least 18 Iraqi deserters who staggered into the Kurdish town of Kalak as U.S. warplanes stepped up airstrikes on Iraqi positions near the Kurds' autonomous region. He agreed to share his story, but with conditions: no details about him or his military service could be revealed. Call him Ali.
He feared Saddam loyalists could retaliate against his family. They may have already, he said.
"The army knows I ran away. They could come and take revenge," he said in the central police barracks in Kalak, about 20 miles northwest of the Kurdish administrative center Irbil. "My only hope is that I'm not alone. There are so many deserters and those who want to

“ I don't see Saddam as a hero anymore.”

— Ali, Iraqi soldier

run. They cannot attack all these families with a war going on.”
War for this foot soldier was one of desperation. "We only prayed we'd stay alive long enough to get a chance to escape," Ali said through an interpreter.
His unit — about 30 men — slept in muddy burrows on a hillside, he said. Breakfast was tea and crusty bread. At midday, rice and a single cucumber to share between two soldiers. There was no dinner.
His commanders described the war as an American grab for Iraqi oil. He couldn't contradict them — there were no radios or chances to call home. Occasionally they would receive copies of the Iraqi military newspaper. One issue featured a poem with the lines: "The enemy will tire, and Saddam will remain."
"We knew nothing. We were told only that America was trying to take over Iraq," Ali said. "But we are not so stupid. We know how Saddam rules the

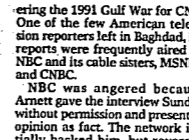
country. We know in our hearts we'd be better off without him."
Ali was drafted just after the 1991 Gulf War.
He remained in the military because his family depended on the small military pay. Anyway, there were few choices for ex-soldiers whose formal education ended in the fourth grade. There were no jobs at home. Ali claimed he would never seek the favors of Saddam's ruling Baath party.
"I don't see Saddam as a hero anymore," Ali said.
U.S. bombs killed at least five members of his unit. About the same number were wounded, he said. "There is no medical help," he added. "They are left to die."

NBC fires reporter Arnett after Iraqi interview

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC fired journalist Peter Arnett on Monday, angered that he had given an unauthorized interview with state-run Iraqi TV saying the American-led war effort initially failed because of Iraq's resistance.
Arnett apologized for his "misjudgment," but added: "I said over the weekend what we all know about this war."
Meanwhile, the Pentagon was investigating whether Fox News Channel reporter Geraldo Rivera endangered troops by revealing the plans of a military unit in Iraq in advance. Rivera denied reports



Peter Arnett



Geraldo Rivera

that he had been expelled from the country.
Arnett, who won a Pulitzer Prize reporting in Vietnam for The Associated Press, gained much of his prominence from covering the 1991 Gulf War for CNN. One of the few American television reporters left in Baghdad, his reports were frequently aired on NBC and its cable sisters, MSNBC and CNBC.
NBC was angered because Arnett gave the interview Sunday without permission and presented opinion as fact. The network initially backed him, but reversed field after watching a tape of his remarks. The network said it got "thousands" of e-mails and phone calls protesting Arnett's remarks — a thousand e-mails to MSNBC President Erik Sorenson alone.
"When I heard he had given an

interview to Iraqi TV, I immediately thought it was about as bad a judgment that a reporter in the field could make," Sorenson said. "I held out hope initially that maybe he had given the interview at a juncture or there was some extenuating circumstance."
In the interview, shown by Iraq's satellite television, Arnett said the United States was reappraising the battlefield and delaying the war, maybe for a week, "and rewriting the war plan. The first war plan has failed because of Iraqi resistance. Now they are trying to write another war plan."
Arnett said it was clear that,

within the United States, opposition to the war was growing, along with a challenge to President Bush about the war's conduct.
A British tabloid said Tuesday it has hired Arnett as a reporter. "Fired by America for telling the truth," the Daily Mirror said in a Page 1 headline.
"I am still in shock and awe at being fired," Arnett wrote for the newspaper, which is vehemently opposed to the war.
Mike Fissel of East Berlin, Penn., whose son is a Marine serving in the Middle East, called Arnett's comments in The Iraqi TV interview "a disgrace."

War recap

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

- U.S.-led troops fought pitched battles with the Republican Guard in Hadiyah, within 50 miles of Baghdad, and at least 35 Iraqis were killed and several dozen others captured. Coalition warplanes pounded Baghdad and dozens of other Iraqi positions in advance of the battle for the capital.
- U.S. troops shot and killed at least seven Iraqi civilians — some of them children — in a van at a checkpoint in southern Iraq when the driver did not stop as ordered. U.S. Central Command said. It said initial reports indicated the soldiers followed the rules of engagement to protect themselves.
- Huge explosions rocked central Baghdad late Monday. Earlier, an armada of B-1, B-2 and B-52 bombers struck communication and command centers in the capital. The first such simultaneous attacks on the same location.
- Iraq's foreign minister, Naji Sabri, said Iraq forces would defeat American and British forces, and only surrender would save coalition troops from the "holocaust."
- Iraqi television aired footage of Saddam Hussein with sons Quds and Qasbi at a meeting of top military commanders. There was no way of determining what the video was shot.
- The Pentagon said U.S. and British strikes have destroyed a very significant section of Iraqi forces, and Iraq commanders are moving Republican Guard troops around to shore up their strength.
- The 82nd Airborne Division killed about 100 "regime terror squad members" and captured about 50 prisoners at the Shiite holy city of Najaf and another town, according to U.S. Central Command.
- Coalition commanders said a U.S.-led assault on a compound controlled by an extremist Islamic group turned up a list of names of suspected militants living in the United States and what may be the strongest evidence yet linking the group to Osama bin Laden.
- In northern Iraq, U.S. aircraft pounded Iraqi positions near — Kalak, aiding Kurdish fighters as they seized territory from Saddam Hussein's fleeing troops.
- British commands destroyed Iraqi tanks and seized equipment in a suburb of Basra. A British Marine was killed and the Iraqis suffered a "large number of casualties," the British said.
- Arab and Islamic nations issued a statement saying they would push for adoption of a resolution in the U.N. General Assembly against the U.S.-led war in Iraq. The statement came from the Organization of the Islamic Conference Group, which has 57 member nations.
- President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt warned that a draw-out war in Iraq will lead to an increase in Islamic militancy throughout the world.
- The first U.N. humanitarian aid, a few truckloads of food and water, trickled across Iraq's borders from Turkey and Kuwait. U.N. agencies reported Monday.

Coalition offers jobs to Iraqis

By Richard Lelby
The Washington Post

UMM QASR, Iraq — People here are thirsty. For water, for work — and maybe even for friendship with the invaders.
Swarming in dusty, sun-blasted streets, Iraqi children tip empty plastic bottles toward their lips as troop-guarded relief transports groan past. "Water, mister, water," they shout. The twofold fling arms upward in a universal pantomime, fists curled, thumbs jutting toward their mouths: "Give, give. Drink, drink."
Suddenly those thumbs thrust skyward in delight as everyone realizes: They've brought water today. It's pouring into this port town of a few thousand on the Persian Gulf. The tractor-trailers Sunday are loaded with more than 100,000 1.5-liter bottles — a gift from Kuwait, the former enemy just across the border.

Something else, just as sustaining, has come with the water: the courtesy of the military coalition at war with Iraq. The British army is handing out jobs, and they're paying with American dollars.
Fronted by a green canvas tent, anxious Iraqi men line up, applying to be cooks, kitchen helpers and cleaners — jobs that will support large-scale humanitarian relief efforts. These positions will pay slightly more than the prevailing \$35 or \$40 a month. They're the first wave of a plan to restore operations at the huge deep-water port, which employed 1,000 people but shut down when war began.

"It's enough," one 18-year-old Iraqi says when informed of the wage he's standing in line to secure. He sips from a water jug. "We haven't had any work."
These scenes unfold at a well-secured coalition base at the port, part of an operation the Brits call CIMIC, for Civilian Military Cooperation. By using warehouse distribution, it's meant to provide an orderly relief delivery instead of the riotous food tosses that occurred in the nearby village of Salfwan in recent days.

This is a microscopic glimpse of Operation Iraqi Freedom as it lurches into the hearts-and-minds phase.
Do these men really support the U.S.-led invasion? "We don't care who is going to rule. I, as a man, shout explaining, as most do, that they never backed Saddam Hussein's Sunni-led Baath Party; they are part of the north's Shiite Muslim majority. "We just want to feed our families."

"I only have rotten tomatoes," laments a man in his early twenties. Because of the fighting, "my whole house is gone."
Grudging Iraqi support is being bought with food, water and jobs: Stick with me and I'll set you free. It's democracy at work, right here at the Albuqor Marine Terminal, whose entrance features a massive concrete statue of the Baath Party eagle, pocked with evidence of firefights involving high-caliber weapons. Over the terminal entrance, somebody on the winning side has spray-painted "Welcome to the New Iraq U.S. Marines Terminal."

British officers say they've cleared 150 locals for jobs so far, taking medical histories and conducting background checks.
In Sunday's job queue, most applicants are in their early twenties or late teens — kids with acne and wispy mustaches, wearing dingy T-shirts, sweat pants and ratty sandals. They voice a litany of needs in Arabic: "Electricity. Electricity. Bread. Soup. Potatoes. Water. Cigarettes."
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EDITORIAL

Kemphorne should warm up to 'choice' tax increases

The closer Idaho legislators come to a budget solution, the more aggravation they get. Lawmakers are trudging toward the end of this year's session, burdened by the weight of a \$100 million budget deficit.

Last week, legislative leaders unveiled a plan to boost taxes on "choice" products, such as tobacco, alcohol, soda pop and bottled water. Their proposals would:

- Increase the cigarette tax by \$1.5 a pack, raising \$53.5 million in revenue.
- Raise the tobacco tax to 80 percent of the wholesale price, from the current 40 percent, producing an additional \$4.8 million.
- Raise the beer tax increase from 1.4 cents per can to 5 cents, generating \$10.3 million.
- Increase the wine tax from 8.9 cents per bottle to 17.8 cents per bottle, raising \$2 million.
- Tax soda pop at 5 cents per can, raising \$34.2 million.
- Tax bottled water at 5 cents per 12-ounce bottle, raising \$12.5 million.

Together, all those measures would deliver approximately \$117.3 million to the general fund. Copying Utah's new cable and satellite TV tax could produce an additional \$8.8 million in revenue - for a total of \$126.1 million. That sum may eliminate any need for a general sales tax increase.

Yet at the same time, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is still lobbying for his penny-and-a-half sales tax increase. Last week the governor pleaded with business and industrial leaders to support his plan for a three-year, 6.5-percent sales tax rate.

The response? Conspicuous silence. Over the weekend, published reports also indicated Kempthorne may veto a bill that approves only \$920 million to \$930 million for public

schools next year. The governor wants at least \$943 million.

He also isn't thrilled with the idea of relying on so-called "sin taxes." Thus, his continuing push for a "broad-based tax" - which means a general sales tax increase.

The governor has been steadfast in his second-term conversion to higher taxes, but maybe now's the time to compromise. Taxes on selected non-essential products are a less painful alternative to a drastic 1.5-cent increase on all products.

As a governor who takes pride in his record of defending the state's budget, Kempthorne need not push for any more sales tax than absolutely necessary. At the end of the day, if the state still has a revenue deficit, political leaders should consider a two-year, half-cent sales tax increase. But nothing bigger than that - not while most of the state struggles in a recession.

Such a measure would provide more than enough revenue to keep Idaho's budget stable through the next year. Kempthorne should accept that.

And another thing ...

Once this difficult legislative session ends, the budget decisions should be signed, sealed and delivered. Talk of putting tax increases on the ballot as a referendum for public approval is ill-advised.

Tax policy is a key responsibility for our elected representatives, and they shouldn't abdicate it. Passing the buck to voters could set an unwise political precedent, inviting future fiscal mischief by opportunistic initiative organizers. Witness Oregon's chaotic experience with taxation initiatives.

For better or worse, legislators were elected to make the difficult decisions about taxing and spending. That's the job they campaigned for, and they need to finish it.

Congress catches tax-cut fever

I am about to conduct class warfare - not because it's my ideological preference but because the facts compel it. While America and the world focus rightly on the battles in Iraq, House and Senate negotiators this week will try to put the finishing touches on a budget that will set priorities for the federal government.

Neither the House nor the Senate budget truly addresses the needs of the nation. Either one has the degree of fiscal discipline needed in a country at war and mired in a struggling economy. Either one would add close to \$2 trillion to the national debt over the next 10 years.

But there is a big difference between the two versions. The House budget provides twice as big a tax cut, principally for affluent Americans, as does the Senate. And the House version would deal low-income Americans, particularly children, a much heavier blow. If the House version prevails, expect dire consequences for many Americans.

The House budget, passed by a three-vote margin on a virtually straight party-line roll call, would require Congress to cut entitlement programs by \$265 billion over the next decade. (Cuts are measured against the current service levels, adjusted for inflation.)

But because the House budget assumes no cuts are allowed in Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance and veterans retirement benefits, the private Center on Budget and Policy Priorities calculates that at least \$165 billion would have to come out of low-income programs.

The biggest hit would be in the Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income families and nursing home care for many of the elderly. Other targets would be child care and children's health insurance programs.

Medicaid is a shared responsibility of federal and state governments, and the states have been asking Washington for more help for the past two years. With drug prices rising and the slow economy making private health insurance unaffordable for more and more families, state Medicaid spending has been running out of control.

As they face their own budget crises this year, almost every state is being forced to drop people from Medicaid, to cut their services, or do both, in a desperate bid to trim-spending to match declining revenues.

The National Association of State Budget Officers says the states have to close a \$29 billion gap in their current-year budgets and fill an \$82 billion hole for next year. The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid says



every state but one has made cuts or announced plans to trim Medicaid.

In an article last week for Stateline.org, journalist Pamela Frah wrote, "Because of the cuts, nearly a half-million older people in Massachusetts are no longer eligible for eyeglasses or false teeth from the state. More than 100,000 poor people in Oregon lost dental, outpatient and other Medicaid services. And the Illinois Medicaid program has started requiring patients on Zolof to buy stronger-dose pills and split the pills in half."

Rather than throw a lifeline to the states and these people, the House budget would cut federal funding for Medicaid by \$92 billion and also reduce other vital programs. Veterans benefits are slated to take a \$14 billion hit. A similar cut is required for the Earned Income Tax Credit, a subsidy for the working poor. Food stamps would be reduced by \$13 billion, school lunch and other child nutrition programs

by \$6 billion. There are also multimillion-dollar reductions in store for such programs as foster care and adoption assistance and child support enforcement."

And what is driving all this? Room must be made, the House Republicans insist, for the full \$726 billion tax cut that President Bush wants to add this year to the massive cut he pushed through Congress - in a time of supposed surpluses - in 2001. The Senate voted to limit the new tax cut to \$350 billion, still an extravagance but not so large as to force these reductions in low-income programs. The trade-off involves Bush's proposal to eliminate taxes on most dividends - an additional benefit which, it is estimated, will help bring the promised tax cuts for millionaires to the nice round sum of \$90,000 a year.

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LETTERS

President Bush put the military in harm's way

Despite the rhetoric of right-wing propagandists, being opposed to yet another "Bush for oil and corporate profit" war does not mean that you don't support the troops. Quite the opposite is true. Our troops are in harm's way, risking life and limb because of flawed government foreign policy and we, the taxpayers, are paying the bill. The profits all roll into the hands of the Bush junta. Being opposed to the war means not only opposing the policies that got us into it but also opposing putting our young men and women in harm's way for questionable ends.

War is not a sporting event. People's lives on both sides are at risk. One wonders what Saddam Hussein has on the Bushes that they have now twice gone to war against him. Bin Laden and most of the 9/11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia; why isn't that where attention is focused? The Bushes put our military personnel in harm's way and then use them as hostages to garner support for their war.

There is little doubt who will win this war, but at what cost? Costs not only in terms of lives and dollars but in social and moral terms as well - both home and abroad.

The right-wingers are chanting, "Get out of the U.N.!" In truth, the greatest danger to our security and sovereignty come from the World Trade Organization and the so-called

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ards, state and federal laws, and themselves to become the best-educated educator possible. To be marginalized for getting a salary increase for post-graduate credits earned and longevity on the job is an unfair criticism of the state salary system but also of teachers themselves. Students benefit from teachers who continually work on their skills through higher education. It's a valid way for a teacher to receive remuneration for being a highly qualified educator.

The reality is that any given day for whatever reasons, a student can bomb a test. A whole population of kids might not have the skills to reach a milepost or benchmark because, developmentally, they aren't ready. The performance-based pay structure is not the best way to retain Idaho's best teachers. Physical education, art, drama, music, tech and elective teachers would be left out of the formula. How do they earn bonus money when their students aren't Idaho Student Achievement Test takers? It is difficult to compare teachers' test score successes objectively when classroom populations are so diverse. Too many unknowns and exclusiveness in a performance-based pay structure will not entice Idaho's best teachers. Their worth goes far beyond test scores.

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(Editor's note: Julie Slocum is a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Wood River Middle School in Halley.)

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Time for war protests has ended

One may or may not believe that the United States' military action against the regime in Iraq is proper, but that debate is now behind us. The time for protest marches is over.

The fact is that women and men of our armed forces are daily laying their lives on the line for our freedom to be able to dissent and to live our lives in relative safety from terrorism. Some have already made that ultimate sacrifice for me and for you. Some have been captured by the Iraqis. Some have been injured. And there are many families at home deeply distressed by all this.

So let's rally behind our brave women and men, let's fly our national ensign, let's show our support for them in other ways. Prayers, too, are needed for them and their families. And, media, let's publicize these efforts to support our armed forces who have taken the oath to support and defend us so that they can see that the great majority of citizens are behind them.

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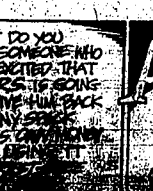
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Serb police seek arrest of Milosevic's wife in killing; she denies involvement

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Police sought an international arrest warrant Monday for Slobodan Milosevic's wife, alleging her involvement in the killing of a political rival, but she denounced the warrant from Russia as a political ploy.



Mirjana Markovic

Mirjana Markovic, believed to be hiding in Russia, wrote a letter denying she had any part in the 2000 slaying of Ivan Stambolic, whose body was found in a lime-covered grave in northern Serbia last week. On Sunday, her daughter said Markovic would not heed an earlier request that she return for questioning.

Officials began the process of getting the warrant Monday, and it appeared Markovic would not obey.

"These are untrue, heinous accusations," Markovic said in the letter, which was read out Monday by members of her neo-communist Yugoslav Left Party. "I have no connection to any criminal act."

Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Zarko Korac said the warrant was part of an effort by authorities "to find the organizers and those who ordered" the abduction and killing of Stambolic.

Authorities said there were "credible suspicions" of her involvement. "We hope that those who have ordered Stambolic's monstrous murder will soon face justice," Korac said.

Markovic is a highly unpopular figure here and became known as the "red witch" for the influence she wielded over Milosevic and his leftist Socialist Party.

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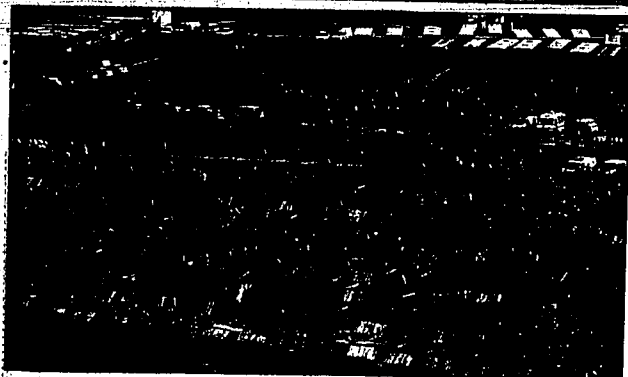


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Friends and relatives of 600 Muslim men and boys slaughtered in 1995 by Bosnian Serbs gather Monday at a memorial center in Potocari, Bosnia-Herzegovina. They are the first victims of the estimated 8,000 victims identified by DNA.

Massacre victims laid to rest

POTOCARI, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The first identified victims of the 1995 Srebrenica slaughter — Europe's worst civil war since World War II — were buried Monday at the site where their relatives last saw them alive.

Monday's mass burial brought peace only to the families of 600 Muslim men and boys whose remains have been identified. As many as 8,000 Muslims were slaughtered by the Bosnian Serbs in the nearby eastern enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995.

About 15,000 people arrived by bus or car from around Bosnia and abroad to attend the funeral in Potocari, where the victims were separated from their wives

and mothers, taken away and executed.

Muslim women usually do not attend funerals but Bosnia's Islamic community made an exception for Srebrenica. Many women collapsed, weeping uncontrollably, next to the caskets of their children and husbands.

Many of the perpetrators of the massacre remain at large, including former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime military chief, Gen. Ratko Mladic, who led the Serb forces who overran the U.N. "safe haven" and the lightly armed Dutch U.N. peacekeepers charged with protecting it.

Both have been indicted for genocide by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, where former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is being tried for the atrocities at Srebrenica and other war crimes. Milosevic has denied involvement.

The head of Bosnia's Islamic community, Reis Mustafa Ceric, led the ceremony and called for justice for those responsible. But he urged the victims' families not to seek revenge.

"The one who gives up his right for revenge will be rewarded with the forgiveness of all of his sins," Ceric said. "May our sorrow turn into hope. May revenge be replaced with justice. May Srebrenica never happen again."



Mountain slide buries residences

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — A landslide buried hundreds of homes in a mountain town in northern Bolivia Monday, and officials say a large number of residents are missing.

The landslide in the town of Chimo buried about 400 houses, La Paz Gov. Mateo Laura told the television network Unitel.

Jose Plata, an official of the local mining cooperatives, told Radio Fides of La Paz that many Chimo residents are missing. He said hundreds of people may be affected but government officials did not give an exact figure.

"We have suffered a tragedy this morning. The losses are impossible to calculate," Plata told the station.

Government officials say the disaster may have been caused by gold-mining operations that weakened a nearby mountain.

Plata said the landslide also buried almost all the equipment and machinery used by miners in the town 125 miles north of La Paz. The town is located in a tropical area where landslides are common.

The government said rescue personnel, equipment and food were being sent to the area, but that could take many hours because of bad roads.

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AMERICAN WAR

Soldiers on edge, fog of war bring tragedy on Iraqi road

By William Branigan
The Washington Post

NEAR KARBALA, Iraq — As an unidentified four-wheel drive vehicle came barreling toward an intersection held by troops of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, Capt. Ronny Johnson grew increasingly alarmed. From his position at the intersection, he was heard radioing to one of his forward platoons of M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles to alert it to what he described as a potential threat.

"Fire a warning shot," he ordered as the vehicle kept coming. Then, with increasing urgency, he told the platoon to shoot a 7.62mm machine gun round into its radiator. "Stop (messing) around!" Johnson yelled into the company radio when he still saw no action being taken. Finally, he shouted at the top of his voice, "Stop him, Red 1, stop him!"

That order was immediately followed by the loud reports of 25mm cannon fire from one or more of the platoon's Bradleys. About half a dozen shots were heard in all.

"Cease fire!" Johnson yelled over the radio. Then, as he peered into his binoculars from the intersection of Highway 9, he roared at the platoon leader, "You just

(expletive) killed a family because you didn't fire a warning shot soon enough!"

So it was that on a warm, hazy day in central Iraq, the fog of war descended on Bravo Company. Fifteen Iraqi civilians were packed inside the Toyota, it turned out, along with as many of their possessions as the jammed vehicle could hold. Ten of them, including five children who appeared to be under 5 years old, were killed on the spot when the high-explosive rounds slammed into their target, Johnson's company reported. Of the five others, one man was so severely injured that medics said he was not expected to live.

"It was the most horrible thing I've ever seen, and I hope I never see it again," Sgt. Mario Marzano, 26, an Army medic with Bravo Company of the division's 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, said later in an interview. He said one of the wounded women sat in the vehicle holding the mangled bodies of two of her children. "She didn't want to get out of the car," he said.

The tragedy cast a pall over the company as it sat in positions it occupied Sunday on this key stretch of Highway 9 at the intersection of a road leading to the town of Hillia, about 14 miles to

the east, near the Euphrates River. The Toyota was coming from that direction when it was fired on.

Dealing with the gruesome scene was a new experience for many of the U.S. soldiers deployed here, and they debated how the tragedy could have been avoided. Several said they accepted the platoon leader's explanation to Johnson on the military radio that he had, in fact, fired two warning shots, but that the driver failed to stop. And everybody was edgy, they realized, since four U.S. soldiers were blown up by a suicide bomber Saturday at a checkpoint much like theirs, only 20 miles to the south.

After the shooting, U.S. medics evacuated survivors to U.S. lines south of here.

Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, the 3rd Battalion commander, gave permission for three of the survivors to return to the vehicle and recover the bodies of their loved ones. Medics gave the group 10 body bags. U.S. officials offered an unspecified amount of money to compensate them.

To try to prevent a recurrence, Johnson ordered that signs be posted in Arabic to warn people to stop well short of the Bradleys guarding the eastern approach to the intersection.

Karbala

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will fall to another U.S. division, the 101st Airborne from Fort Campbell, Ky., to leapfrog northward and block another 8,000-man Republican Guard division, the Hammurabi, from moving south to reinforce the other two or withdrawing to make a last stand in Baghdad.

The Army's 82nd Airborne Division, which was supposed to join the 3rd Infantry at Karbala, remained more than 100 miles behind, trying to secure the U.S. supply line through Samawa on the Euphrates.

"A hell of a fight," said one Army commander, surveying the hours ahead.

If the Iraqis repulse an American attack by using Russian-made anti-tank missiles or chemical weapons, or by destroying the dams that contain Lake Razza and flooding the gap, the U.S. commander, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, may keep the pressure on while the U.S. 4th Infantry Division moves up to reinforce the 3rd.

The lead elements of the 4th Infantry, from Fort Hood, Texas, begin arriving in Kuwait on Tuesday, but it will take them 10 days or so to get into position.

American planes and helicopters have been preparing the battlefield for the 3rd Infantry near Karbala for several days. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps

jets flew around-the-clock raids near the city of 300,000 Monday, including several thunderous bombing raids that could be felt 30 miles away.

Senior U.S. officials said on Monday that they think the air attacks have destroyed about half

masks and protective suits at many locations in Iraq, and commanders believe that if the Iraqis plan to use the weapons, the gap would be a likely place to do so because U.S. forces would find themselves in a relatively narrow corridor.

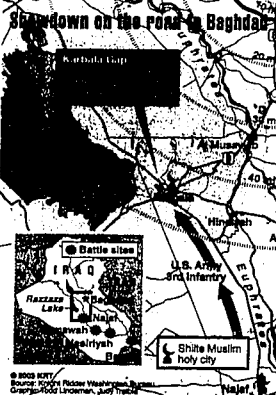
An advance through the gap also could present a unique problem. U.S. troops would have to advance along a narrow plain beside huge Lake Razza.

Commanders said Monday that U.S. special operations forces are guarding the lake's dams to prevent Iraqi forces from opening or destroying them to flood the gap, but the Iraqis also could attack the dams with artillery.

Avoiding the Gap by driving through the city of Karbala is not an attractive alternative.

U.S. forces believe the Iraqis have positioned several dozen tanks in or near the city.

Moreover, attacking and securing the city would risk further inflaming anti-American sentiment because it is the site of the tomb of the Shiite Muslim leader, Imam Hussein, who was killed there in the year 680.



SOURCES: Defense Mapping Agency, CIA, United Nations, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, NASA, Associated Press, AP

Battle

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south of Baghdad, raged on. By the end of this day, the Army would fight street to street, capture and kill scores of Saddam Hussein's troops, blow up a ruling party headquarters and destroy heaps of ammunition and mortars — and rescue one elderly woman from a firefight.

It was a brief incursion, one of many probing attacks into territory controlled by the Republican Guard — deft strikes, seeking to determine the strength and positioning of opposing forces, while doing out punishment.

They lost no men, but it wasn't easy. From the very beginning officers in the 4th Battalion, 56th Armor Regiment described the mission as "heavy."

They rolled in the early morning, and by 7 a.m. had reached Hindiyah — Arabic for "Indian," an apparent reference to Indian soldiers who once served the British in Iraq.

Iraqi forces began shooting at Americans as soon as they reached the outskirts. Tanks shot every military vehicle they saw, setting them on fire. One vehicle sparked and popped as hundreds of rounds of ammunition inside burned and exploded.

Fighters in civilian clothes, checkered Arab scarves pulled over their heads and faces, clutched Kalashnikov rifles as they weaved down alleyways and around shop fronts.

"There's a guy on the left, I think he's got an RPG," Sgt. Robert Compton of Oklahoma City shouted into the intercom of the commanding officer's Bradley, looking through a periscope at what he believed was a rocket-propelled grenade.

"Where? Where?" asked Staff Sgt. Bryce Iwings, the Bradley's gunner.

"Scan left," barked Carter, the commanding officer. "Open fire!" The 25 mm cannon shook the Bradley and the smell of gunpowder filled the passenger compartment. No one stopped to see if the man was killed or wounded.

U.S. troops soon took over the center of the town and the western bridgehead. But Iraqi forces, on the eastern side of the river repeatedly fired on infantrymen as they took up positions on rooftops and behind sandbagged bunkers that the Iraqis had set up on the streets to defend the city.

While the tanks blocked key intersections, it was Attack Company's job to seize the western side of the bridge and the police station. Two tanks blocked the road running parallel to the river and another barricaded the main road leading to the bridge.

The troops stopped at the river, at a bridge that would have attracted little notice if it was crossing a narrow river at home. On the west side, 10 Bradleys and four tanks. On the east side, 200 yards away: Iraqi defenders, firing machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

Engineers inspected the bridge for explosives, while infantrymen scrambled to cover them. Soldiers reported that some Iraqi fighters were using women as human shields; others saw civilian pickup trucks loaded with weapons and

children riding alongside the fighters.

Suddenly, a dark blue car came racing over the rise of the bridge. A tank fired at the car, blowing it up at mid-span.

A U.S. officer was wounded in the leg when a bullet ricocheted through the open, rear door of his armored vehicle. He was evacuated, along with the Iraqi woman.

"Guys are shooting RPGs from across the river, in all those reeds," said Col. David Perkins, commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade.

"Let's put some artillery in there," he said, pointing across the dark green river. Soon 155 mm artillery shells were whistling through the sky, setting off huge explosions. Spotters had identified a building that the fighters were apparently using to resupply. It was hit by four artillery rounds, and the Iraqi resistance seemed to slow.

As the American ended their mission, hundreds of Iraqi civilians began to fill the streets, waving white flags over their heads. The U.S. troops returned to the desert to clean their weapons and prepare for their next mission.

"That was cool, even though they didn't have anything big that could (hurt) us," said Iwings, the gunner. "It was like we walked into their living room and said, 'Bring it on!'"

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Panel faces vote on 'local public interest'

BOISE - The Senate Natural Resources Committee took public testimony Monday on the subject of "local public interest" in Idaho water law.

Rupert water attorney Roger Ling said he has found the language too broad because it was implemented in 1978. The language was never meant to apply to anything other than water use to begin with, but it has always been worded ambiguously, he said.

Sen. Fred Kennedy, R-Mountain Home, who sits on the committee and is a former deputy attorney general and judge, disputed that. He said a 1985 Idaho Supreme Court decision was clear in explaining that the Idaho Department of Water Resources should, when evaluating a water right transfer request, consider any locally important issue that could have an effect on the public.

Last week, Scott Reed, an attorney who had helped craft the local public interest language in 1976 at the 1978, said the intention originally was to include in water transfers "an evaluation of the beneficial and adverse economic, environmental and social impacts."

The committee will vote on the issue on Wednesday, said Chairman Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

The bill has a companion piece, which would require a public hearing in any county considering the siting of a confined animal feeding operation.

Sunday accident kills two, injures another

BURLEY - Two people were killed in a Sunday evening accident on the Elba-Almo highway, according to a report from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. A third person was injured in the one-vehicle crash.

Ashley S. Nester, 18, of Kearns, Utah, and Kevin E. Radabaugh, 29, of Somerset, Ky., were dead at the scene of the crash, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said. Brian R. Radabaugh, 26, of Burley was injured.

Kevin Radabaugh and Nester were both ejected from the 1992 Mercury Taurus which was registered to Bob Radabaugh of Burley, the report states. Brian Radabaugh was in the back seat of the car when emergency workers arrived at the scene. However, Higgins said, police officers haven't been able to determine who was driving the passenger car, nor who was sitting where at the time of the wreck. None of the three were wearing seat belts.

Brian Radabaugh was taken by helicopter to Pocatello Regional Medical Center, the report states. Higgins said he will be interviewed as soon as he's able to meet with an officer.

According to the report, the driver ran off the road, overcorrected, drove back onto the highway and lost control of the car before it rolled. The car was traveling at 6 p.m.

Attorneys say Twin Falls doctor's trial is on track

TWIN FALLS - The trial for a doctor charged in connection with allegations in a shooting last summer outside a Twin Falls bar is on schedule, attorneys said Monday.

Jury selection for the trial of Dr. James Retmier, 52, will begin April 8 in Boise. If the selection goes smoothly, the trial will likely start the same day, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Greg Loebs. Loebs and Retmier's defense attorneys met behind closed doors with 5th District Judge Nathan Higer for a pretrial conference Monday.

Higer in November ruled that Retmier's trial should be moved to Boise because of the amount of publicity the case had gotten here.

Retmier faces an aggravated assault charge stemming from allegations that he fired a shot next to the left ear of Robert Shawn Simons, 29, during confrontation outside a Twin Falls bar in August. Retmier claimed he fired a warning shot after men tried to rob him, according to reports. He has a valid concealed weapon permit, according to records from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

The trial will probably last at least until August, and possibly into the following week, said Keith Roark, Retmier's lead attorney.

Budget writers demand openness

Lawmaker says committee doesn't plan to cut dollars to Planned Parenthood

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, said Monday she and her fellow budget writers aren't planning to cut federal dollars that go to Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

The remark came in response to plans of the co-chairmen of the Legislature's health and welfare committees to change the intent language of some \$1.4 million that comes to Idaho for family planning services. The health and welfare committee chairmen said they want to send \$136,000 of that money, which was des-



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tined for Planned Parenthood, to the state's health districts.

Rep. Bill Sali, R-Kuna, chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, had said he doesn't want the state distributing money to an organization with an abortion agenda - despite the fact the group doesn't perform abortions in Idaho.

But Bell - who co-chairs the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee - as well as Idaho Falls Republican Rep. Lee Gagner - who handles health and welfare issues in the budget committee - said they will not accept any policy changes



Rep. Maxine Bell

unless the health and welfare committee chairmen send those changes past their own committee members.

"We're absolutely unanimous about that," Bell said.

Sali said Monday that unless JFAC asks him specifically to air the issue in committee, he doesn't plan to. Sen. Skip Brandt, R-Kooskia, however, said he wants his Senate Health and Welfare Committee to consider the issue next week. And if the Legislature is still in session at that time, Brandt said he intends to hold a public hearing during which he'll take testimony.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, made it clear on Monday he wants



Bruce Newcomb

everything out in the open - no matter what the issue is.

"I don't need any people causing problems - even me," Newcomb said, referring to his own run-in last week with an Associated Press reporter whom he kept out of a meeting with Republican members of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. With the Legislature having completed its 85th day and well on the way to possibly surpassing the 1983 record of 95 days, Newcomb said no one is in the mood for shenanigans.

"People are on the edge and pretty. Please see PARENTHOOD, Page B3



Arant Matthews takes advantage of Monday's spring weather to trim the English ivy on the side of her house in Twin Falls. She said she and her husband planted the ivy to match their Tudor-style house, but the ivy is now 'out of control.'

Standoff suspect faces 30 years in prison

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After hearing he could spend the next three decades in prison, Tommy Gene Fite displayed a grim smile and belligerent attitude as he was led from a Twin Falls courtroom Monday.

"Get that f---ing camera off me," Fite said as he walked past a television news reporter.

District Judge Nathan Higer sentenced Fite, 26, to 15 to 30 years in prison for charges stemming from a standoff last summer at the Motel III in Twin Falls.

He initially pleaded innocent to two charges of assaulting officers and illegal possession of a destructive device, and was to stand trial. But he later changed his plea to guilty on one of the assault charges and the bomb possession charge.

Higer sentenced on those charges will run consecutively with a 4 1/2- to 6-year sentence Judge John Hohnhorst recently handed down in a separate fraud case against Fite, Higer said.

Fite still faces a trial on a charge of being an inmate in possession of a weapon - stemming from a Nov. 17 incident at the Twin Falls County Jail. That trial had been set to begin today, but has been delayed indefinitely, according to court records.

He also faces an escape charge based on allegations that he tried to break out of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center last year.

Fite's criminal history stretches back to 1994 and includes a dozen felony convictions - mostly for theft or fraud - Twin Falls Deputy Prosecutor Jill Sweesy said during her statements at Monday's sentencing.

He had recently been released from prison when his latest sentence was handed down. Please see PRISON, Page B3

District and teachers begin negotiations

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The amount of state money coming to the Twin Falls School District for 2003-04 remains a mystery, yet contract negotiations begin today between the district and its staff.

Already delayed two weeks, both sides are eager to begin bargaining, even if it means simply focusing on non-monetary items for the first few weeks while lawmakers continue to wrangle with the state budget.

Both sides say they're taking a realistic and tempered approach given Idaho's grim economy. Different numbers are thrown about, but all agree that a flat state education budget remains the best-case scenario when considering cuts being made to other state agencies.

"I think we're both discouraged with what's coming down the

pike," Superintendent Terrell Donich said. "We don't have any very rose-colored glasses."

Certainly that's the case for Brady Dickinson, president of Twin Falls Education Association, representing the district's teachers.

"Most teachers will be satisfied if they just get their increments," he said.

Public teachers automatically receive salary increases for each year of experience and for additional college credits taken during their tenure.

However, as the state budget continues to be shaped, lawmakers are dabbling with the idea of freezing teacher salaries altogether right along with all other state employees.

But as teachers face certain health insurance rates increases, a salary freeze would amount to a step backward - less take-home pay.

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Engineer to council: Second Avenues will likely stay same

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Though some think the Second Avenue thoroughfares in Twin Falls are bad for downtown business, the streets probably won't change anytime soon, a traffic engineer told the City Council Monday.

The Greater Twin Falls Area Traffic Commission recently decided the streets should stay under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Department of Transportation, said Devin Rigby, a member of the commission and an engineer with ITD.

It was recently suggested that the avenues be turned over to the city, so the speed limits could be lowered and other changes made. The one-way configuration of the avenues makes it difficult to get into the downtown business district, said Councilman Chris Taldington.

"What we have now are one-way speedways that isolate downtown into an inaccessible island," he said.

Even so, the Second Avenues are now the only feasible route for traffic from State Highway 30 to get through Twin Falls between Kimberly Road and Addison Avenue West, Rigby said.

Although it's not likely the streets will see lower speed limits or two-way traffic, ITD might be

open to some other business-friendly changes - such as improved landscaping and better crosswalks, he said. State or federal grants might cover such improvements.

In other business, the council heard from Twin Falls Airport Manager Bill Carberry about efforts to boost water conservation in Twin Falls. A water conservation committee that Carberry sits on recently made a public service announcement encouraging water conservation that will soon air on local television, he said.

And by May, Twin Falls residents should start getting more informative water bills, he said. The current postcard-style bills

will be replaced with larger bills that will include tips on saving water and graphs tracking the customers' water consumption from month to month, Carberry said.

The council also:

- Approved a lease-purchase agreement for new sprinkler system at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The system will cost a total of \$156,000. A payment of \$36,000 will be made this year, and the rest will be paid off over the next few years, said city business manager Gary Evans.

- Passed a resolution confirming the city's support of the federal fair housing law.

America at war

Serving their country
Profiles of servicemen and women with local ties who are deployed to Iraq and the Middle East. Information supplied by their families.



- Name: Matthew Murphy.
- Age: 27.
- Hometown: Kimberly.
- Local family: Parents, Phillip and Pam Murphy of Hansen.
- Service/date of enlistment: Air Force, May 1995.
- Rank, assignment: Staff sergeant, weapon specialist, Qatar.
- Task: Makes sure everything is working correctly on F-15 fighter jets before they take off.
- Additional information: Matthew has reported via e-mail that he works 15 to 18-hour days. He misses his wife and 4-year-old son, Gage, terribly, but writes that he knows what he is doing is "right and just."



- Name: Jason Brahosky.
- Age: 23.
- Hometown: Burley.
- Local family: Parents, Grant and Regina Koyle.
- Service/date of enlistment: Marines, January 2000.
- Rank, assignment: Lance corporal, India Company 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine, in weapons platoon, Iraq.
- Task: Infantryman.

He was interviewed by Fox News March 22 and was shown getting out of a vehicle and running to the trenches.

- Compiled by Amie Thompson

For a list of all people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News reporter Jennifer Sandmann at 735-3237, or e-mail jnsandmann@magicvalley.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

Compiled from staff reports

MAGIC VALLEY

Jerome seeks to clarify irrigation duties

By Dede Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The city of Jerome is trying to clarify responsibilities between the city and homeowners whose irrigation water is concerned.

An ordinance delineating roles will be considered tonight by the City Council.

According to the proposed ordinance, the city will deliver irrigation water to residents. The residents will be responsible for the initial cost of irrigation delivery devices to their property, and the city will be responsible for installation of the devices, as well as future repair and upkeep of the system.

Once the city has installed a headgate, delivery box or other delivery device, the resident is billed for the device. If the resident fails to pay, the city will withhold irrigation water from that resident.

In the event that a property owner fails to pay for the repair of a delivery device, the city can assess a lien against the real prop-

Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

erty of the individual. The city will refuse delivery of irrigation water until the cost of the delivery device has been paid in full by the delinquent property owner.

City Administrator Travis Rothwell said once the homeowner has paid for the initial installation of the delivery device, the city will make all repairs to the system.

"If a homeowner requests his ditch to be piped in, the homeowner pays for the pipe. The city does the work of installing the pipe. Then the city performs upkeep and repairs to the normal wear and tear on pipe," Rothwell said.

If there is intentional destruction of a headgate, box, pipe or other irrigation system device, the resident will be billed for the replacement of the damaged device, Rothwell said.

In other business tonight, the council will consider a request from Public Works Director Bob Culver and senior public works technician Walt Appell to attend the National Rural Water Association Water Rally in Washington, D.C., Saturday through Tuesday at a total cost of \$1,250.

The city recently received an award for having the best drinking water in Idaho, and now Culver and Appell want to take a gallon of Jerome's drinking water to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

The costs for the trip break down to flight and hotel accommodations to the nation's capital, \$977; two-night hotel stay in Salt Lake City, \$136; and meals for two people for four days, \$240.

Registration at the conference is covered by the Idaho Rural Water Association.

In addition, staff members from the public works department are requesting approval to attend state utility property auctions in Rigby, Fossil and Boise to buy equipment not to exceed \$22,000.

The public works staff is most interested in getting six wheel dump trucks, a weed spray truck and a water truck.

The council will consider hiring Rick Bohling as patrol officer in the police department at a rate of \$1,948 per month or \$23,376 per year. Bohling has passed all the entrance tests and background checks. His position will be funded through a federal grant.

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SERVICES

Tressa Terry Hyde of Hagerman, service at 2 p.m. today at the Hagerman LDS Church; burial will follow at Hagerman Cemetery; viewing one hour before the service Tuesday at the church (Demary Chapel, Gooding).

Margery Geogerson of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service Tuesday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lorraine "Blanche" Ostermiller of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Eliza Mae Riddle of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Cheryl Anne Cofer of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Lillian Katherine Schwarz Schutte of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; burial at Sunset Memorial Park.

Deel Leland Patterson of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Falls LDS 2nd Ward, 400 S. 160 W.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church; graveside service at

11 a.m. Thursday at the Ogden City Cemetery, 1875 Monroe Blvd., Ogden, Utah.

Eugene Monroe Humphries of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert 6th Ward building of The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th, Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 E. 18th, Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

LeRoy Elvin Tadlock TWIN FALLS - LeRoy Elvin Tadlock, 83, of Twin Falls died Saturday, March 29, 2003, at the Veterans Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Burial will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Nina Smith JEROME - Nina Smith, 75, of Jerome died Monday, March 31, 2003, at her home.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome Church Christ Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel.

William C. Jackson GLENNS FERRY - William C. Jackson, 97, of Glens Ferry died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at a Gooding Care Center.

Inurnment will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel.

Harvey E. "Pete" Austin KIMBERLY - Harvey E. "Pete" Austin, 82, of Kimberly died Monday, March 31, 2003, at the University Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Kenneth A. Haberman JEROME - Kenneth A. Haberman, 43, of Jerome died Sunday, March 30, 2003.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2003, at Jerome LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 26 N. Tiger Drive, with Bishop Andy Lott officiating. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln. Jerome and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Shirley L. Wood GOODING - Shirley L. Wood, 87, of Gooding died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

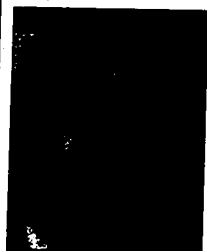
Arrangements will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Kevin Eugene Radavaugh BURLEY - Kevin Eugene Radavaugh, 29, of Burley died Sunday, March 30, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

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tions to auto sales. His ready smile and affinity for people made him successful in all these endeavors. He also used his creativity, talent and energy in making constant improvements and adding special touches to the home he shared with his wife, Sue and his special "fuzzy buddy," Nobbs the cat. He took special pride in their yard and garden and was looking forward to the coming spring and summer months to implement his new plans and ideas.

When Don married Sue Tweldt in September of 2000, he became part of a family that includes her son, his wife, Sonja, and grandchildren, Tiffany and Brandon, as well as Sue's brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Don's sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Don Gilgoly of Caldwell, and sister Fay McNitt of Las Vegas, along with her children, are among those closest to him who will miss him greatly.

Don leaves his family and wide circle of good friends with so many wonderful memories. He shared his love of God and the Gille he given with all whose lives he touched. His exceptional wit and intelligence, his special sense of humor - often irreverent, but always on target - his big warm heart and the love and care he's shown throughout the years have made so many lives richer for his having been part of their lives. His need of this unique and wonderful man will have been urgent for him to leave us so soon. But he will live on - here on earth - in all of our hearts and minds.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an older brother, Terry.

Friends may call Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

TWIN FALLS Jean Olmstead Woodbury

Twin Falls native Jean Olmstead Woodbury has died March 18 at the age of 83. Her parents, Edgar and Mary Olmstead, were pioneer farmers in the Magic Valley, and Jean was the eldest of five children.

After graduating from the University of Idaho at Moscow in 1941, she married Malcolm "Red" Woodbury, a commercial artist, architect, illustrator and writer. They lived most of their life together in the Sacramento, California area. Jean went to work in the 1960s as a preschool teacher.

She lived a happy, pleasant life, devoted to her family, home and garden until being stricken with Alzheimer's in 1996. Her sister, Rachael, and three brothers, Tom, Ralph and Neil preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband and the children Ruth Jager of Reno, Nevada, Marjorie of Orangeville, California, and Eric Woodbury of Santa Barbara, California, along with four grand-children.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Don McNitt

Don McNitt, 50, of Caldwell, died Saturday, March 29, 2003, of a heart attack at his home.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2003, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Don was born in Santa Monica, California, on December 22, 1952, to Ida and John Keller McNitt. He grew up and attended school in Twin Falls, Idaho, graduating in 1971. He lived and worked in Victorville, California, from 1988 through 1994, when he returned to Idaho, settling in Caldwell.

He was a born salesman and used his skills in several fields from real estate to public relations and fund raising for non-profit organiza-

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Craig wants migrant labor reform

Elko gets funds for terrorism response

By Nita Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Magic Valley dairy farmers, sheep ranchers and farmers with non-union irrigation systems depend heavily on migrant laborers from other countries.

The Magic Valley is an anomaly, out of step with the rest of the nation, many of those laborers are illegal aliens. Both authorized and illegal foreign workers are more vulnerable to abuses by employers, advocates say.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has drafted a bill to allow farm workers to legally enter the United States, because he says migrant workers are necessary for the area's economic health.

"If there were no foreign nationals, there wouldn't be any landscaping in Sun Valley," Craig said. "The Magic Valley would not be the productive agricultural region it is today without foreign nationals. They are a part of our economy."

According to the General Accounting Office report on foreign agricultural workers in the United States, more than 52 percent of the 1998 agricultural labor force lacked legal authorization to work.

An average of 9,500 farm workers are employed each year in the Magic Valley, according to Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist in Twin Falls. About 1,425 are migrant workers, and about 130 come from other countries under the federal government's guest worker programs. "The Department of Labor has no way to count illegal aliens, Rogers said.

If Craig's bill becomes law, it could curb employer abuses and legalize many of the people crossing the border, while providing workers for farms, Craig said.

Gov. Villanueva, Idaho Migrant Worker Registry manager, agrees that reform is needed. Until he sees the bill, he's holding off on support or comment.

"We think it's an issue we can get passed this year," he said at an interview before the start of the war in Iraq.

Others are more skeptical.

"The president isn't talking about immigration reform," said John Travsina, who worked with immigration issues as counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary committee from 1987 to 1993. "If anyone's going to pass it, it's the president."

Part of Craig's plan is to form a national computer registry for all U.S. citizens able and willing to work in agriculture. U.S. citizens would list their skills at job sites.

Though there is no computer registry now, employers are supposed to give willing, qualified and able U.S. workers jobs before employing foreigners. The definition of "qualified" can be ridiculous, said Eric Johnson, a lawyer who has represented migrant farm workers. People should not have to have two letters of reference documenting their experience to move wheel lines, he said.

Some farmers prefer migrant workers because they are more

Worker's case shows what can go wrong

By Nita Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Serapio Flores is either a soft-spoken victim of employers who tried to take advantage of his unfamiliarity with U.S. law, or a lazy scam artist.

It depends on who's talking about him.

Flores' complaint was one of the more recent cases Donna Burnham, farm worker advocate for the Idaho Department of Labor, has handled. Burnham runs across four or five labor violations in southern Idaho each year. Usually the problems are not serious.

"A lot of times employers will fix the problem after a phone call," Burnham said.

But Burnham suspects other cases go unreported because migrant workers often do not know who to ask for help and are afraid of reprisals if they complain. Flores went to the Department of Labor for help.

Flores traveled to the United States from Peru in the summer of 2001 to work as a shepherd for Jerry Arthur in Paul.

Though he was earning only a low shepherd's wage of \$700 per month, Flores told Linda Serapio at Mini-Cassia Job Service that Arthur was having him move 10 wheel lines for irrigation each day.

"I had him moving a few pipes, which is perfectly legal," Arthur said. Everyone on a farm needs to pitch in with chores, he said.

Flores' lawyer, Eric Johnson, disagrees.

"Shepherding is shepherding and shepherding only," he said.

Flores left Arthur's farm after complaining to the Department of Labor.

Arthur was obligated to pay for Flores' transportation as long as Flores worked for half the time he had agreed to in their contract. Arthur deducted money from Flores' paychecks to pay for

the airplane ticket, he said. After a U.S. Department of Labor investigator determined Flores did not meet the condition, Arthur agreed to pay Flores the money he had deducted.

Flores was nothing but bad luck, Arthur said. Arthur said Flores was irresponsible, and Arthur wouldn't risk leaving him in charge of a sheep camp.

"You had to get him up in the morning," Arthur said. "Johnson doesn't buy that argument. Transferring blame to the worker is a standard excuse, he said.

"Serapio is about as mild-mannered a guy as you'll ever find," he said. "I've been working with farm workers for 10 years, and I can't tell you how many times employers have said, 'I'm not paying this guy, he's lazy, he steals things.' The net is angry when someone complains and enlists the help of the government."

Despite his experience with Flores, Arthur brings workers from other countries.

"Some of my best men I've ever had came from Mexico," he said.

Flores next went to work for John Anchustegui in Mountain Home. Flores started work on July 18, 2001. In a letter to the Idaho Department of Labor, Anchustegui wrote he picked Flores up from the bus station on July 18.

Flores' Greyhound ticket shows he left Burley on July 10.

Anchustegui declined to comment on the date discrepancy.

On July 28, while getting on a horse, Flores fell and broke several bones in his foot and leg. Other employees took him to the hospital, and a doctor performed surgery Aug. 4. Ricardo Barrera of the Idaho Department of Labor found that Anchustegui had canceled his workers' compensation insurance, Johnson said.

Dependable. Migrant laborers are not likely to complain or quit, Johnson said.

"It's not a question of preference. It's a question of necessity," said Mini-Cassia sheep rancher Jerry Arthur. It is simply impossible to find enough U.S. citizens willing to herd sheep for \$700 a month. Even workers from other countries eventually move to other jobs, he said.

"What would you rather do, walk through the mud and fight mosquitoes or mow lawns?" Arthur asked.

Under Craig's bill, workers from other countries could register and immediately enter the United States. They would

receive visas and could move in and out of the country legally. People now in the country illegally could also register to work in agriculture and get visas, Craig said.

Workers wouldn't have to live in the shadows, in constant fear of being discovered and deported," he said.

Foreign laborers would have to work on farms for 150 days to qualify for the program. Government officials could more easily regulate and track authorized workers, and they would be able to receive driver's licenses, open bank accounts and go to the police without fear, Craig said.

Anchustegui denied that Flores was his employee.

"I never signed a contract to hire this fellow, nor to my way of thinking did I ever hire him," Anchustegui wrote. "He did not perform chores around the ranch during his convalescence or anything else."

Flores had stayed at the bunkhouse, doing no work, until the day he broke his leg, Anchustegui wrote. July 28 was a try-out, not a day of work, he wrote.

Anchustegui took Flores back to his bunkhouse and kept him there, providing him meals. Flores told officials he thought Anchustegui might have been holding him there until he could decide what to do with him.

"He disconnected the phone in my quarters so I could not contact anyone or ask for help," Flores wrote in a letter to Idaho Unidos, a bilingual newspaper. "All the time that I had been in his employ, he was withholding my salary."

"One day, in desperation, I began to hop, on my good leg to a nearby road. I asked for a ride from the first vehicle that went by. A cowboy, who happened to be from Spain, gave me a ride. I explained my situation and asked him to take me to the State Department of Labor offices in Boise," Flores wrote.

The U.S. Department of Labor found that Anchustegui should pay Flores for working July 19-28. Department of Labor Appeals Examiner Joyce Martin determined Flores had worked, cleaning sheds, irrigating and doing other chores for Anchustegui. Martin chose July 19 as the start date because there was no dispute that the claimant was at the respondent's ranch on July 18, 2001.

Anchustegui's attorney convinced the State Insurance Fund to extend his coverage for Flores, Johnson said.

Flores has returned to Peru.

Jerome traffic stop ends in T.F. man's arrest

Jerome — A Twin Falls man was arrested Monday after drugs were discovered in a car after a traffic stop, according to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

A deputy that morning pulled a car over for erratic driving. A subsequent search of the car

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Elko County's Local Emergency Planning Commission has received word that \$104,000 in federal Homeland Security Administration funds will be available for the purchase of air packs for first responders.

Jackpot Fire Chief Vern Jarvie said Monday the money is the latest in a series of grants the LEPC has received since 2001. Previous grants totaling \$57,000 have been used for training, the purchase of disposable chemical protective suits, and respirators for emergency personnel. The grants are non-matching, with the federal government paying the full cost of the purchased items.

LEPC was formed in 1988 to deal with the problems of hazardous materials. Jarvie explained. Mandated by the federal government to establish emergency planning, Nevada passed the responsibility on to the counties for administration of any money available as well as training. About two dozen representatives from law enforcement, governmental entities, business and the general public serve on the commission which Jarvie has chaired for several years.

He said if a coordinator is hired, that person will train others to educate the public on what course of action to follow in case of a terror attack. He stressed the job will only exist as long as grant money is available and the county will not be responsible for any funding.

Webb was not able to give a timeline for the grant process.

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turned up 8.7 grams of methamphetamine, a loaded handgun and some drug paraphernalia, according to the sheriff's office.

Brian Keith Blackman, 39, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of a firearm, according to the sheriff's office.

State recommends smallpox vaccinations be suspended

BOISE (AP) — The state Department of Health and Welfare advised public health districts on Monday to suspend smallpox vaccinations until they can receive better materials to screen recipients for adverse heart conditions.

While the health districts are responsible for the vaccination program, Health and Welfare spokesman Bill Walker said they typically follow the state's recommendations.

He said new screening materi-

als should be received in a few days that will include information on heart disease, and vaccinations could resume before the end of the month.

Idaho ordered about 400 doses of the vaccine and began in late February inoculating health workers and others who would deal with the virus before there was a smallpox outbreak.

So far about 170 people have been vaccinated, Walker said. There have been only two adverse reactions, he said, and neither was related to heart disease.

Tax committee members agree on little

BOISE (AP) — The House Revenue and Tax Committee failed to reach significant consensus on Monday as the Legislature began its 85th day with no solution in sight to the state's fiscal crisis.

The 19-member committee could not even reach full agreement to the \$120 million target to be raised from the state's natural resources.

House Speaker Bruce Henthorn asked the committee last Thursday to start the process of raising millions to cover an estimated \$160 million budget shortfall in 2003-2004.

But on Monday, the committee failed to reach an agreement for an informal show-of-hands support to a number of options, there did not appear to be a majority of support for any plan. There was, however, an abundance of anti-tax rhetoric.

Crow took the initiative to criticize Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan. "We're all being held hostage by one person," Crow said, referring to Kempthorne's vetoes of a number of budget bills.

Conservative Lenore Barrett of Challis asked why the committee

is being asked to give in to any tax increases at all.

"Where is it written that we have to compromise?" Barrett said. Kempthorne may have dug in his heels, but "we have heels, too," she added.

Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moyle of St. Anthony's said the Legislature does not have the political will to override the governor's vetoes.

"If we had the votes to override on both sides, we could just say this is how it's going to be. But we don't have those votes, especially in the Senate. It's kind of like being in a fight — it's two against one."

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Court rules buried waste is included in cleanup deal

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge late Monday handed Idaho a major victory in its campaign to clean up radioactive waste on the Hanford reservation.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled that that the state's unprecedented 1995 cleanup agreement with the federal government requires removal of an estimated 62,000 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated material buried at the Idaho National

Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

There was no immediate indication whether the government would appeal the ruling.

The Energy Department had argued that the cleanup deal covered only 65,000 cubic meters of so-called transuranic waste currently stored above ground.

It based that claim on its interpretation of the definition of

transuranic waste, an attempt to differentiate between stored solid waste and a provision of the agreement that estimated the amount of waste to be removed at only 65,000 cubic meters.

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Parenthood

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thin-skinned at this point," Newcomb said. And that means publishing committee agendas at least a day in advance, he said.

"As for Planned Parenthood officials, Rebecca Poody, president of the Idaho group, said it would be cut out of its own grant money, with a good chance of losing the health districts out of the federal money."

"These grants are done on a competitive basis," she said. "In many states, Planned Parenthood writes and manages the grants. We serve and the amount of money we get, we are much more fiscally responsible than these states."

The funding agency says the money for family planning services can't be used for abortion services. It also says it can be used either by state agencies or

by nonprofit, private entities. Planned Parenthood brought the grants to Idaho in 1973 and later turned the grant-writing and the administration over to the state.

Planned Parenthood of Idaho has two offices — one in Boise and one in Twin Falls. It serves 7,000 people statewide, and since it opened up in Twin Falls about nine months ago, Crow said she figures about 1,000 women have received reproductive services there.

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inside drew back the curtain, displayed what appeared to be a pipe bomb and told the officers to get back, according to police reports. After a lengthy standoff, Fite surrendered peacefully.

Investigators later found the components of a pipe bomb in the motel room, according to reports.

Even so, only traces of explosive powder were found in the

Negotiations

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for teachers, Dickinson said.

"It's kind of scary when you think about it," he said.

As such, the negotiations start a week before spring break. But with both sides wanting to have negotiations finish by the end of the school year — bargaining usually takes between one and two months — the meetings had to begin this week.

"Already the Legislature is way behind," Donchit said.

As such, the parties will start out with rough agendas. Neither side offered specifics, but such topics as contract wording, teacher evaluations and student discipline were said to be likely topics for discussion.

Still, if the state budget isn't completed soon, a pause in negotiations will probably ensue.

Negotiations used to take place during the summer. However, for staff peace of mind, the meetings were moved to the spring.

"You leave the school year knowing you had a contract ratified," he said.

The TFEA represents a little more than half, 227, of the district's teachers.

That can be perceived in either two ways: Either union-member

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teachers are dictating the working conditions for the entire district staff, or non-union teachers are gaining a free ride from the contribution of the 227 dues-paying teachers.

"The contract is going to benefit everyone," Dickinson said.

"We really have a strong desire for everybody to join, and we encourage everybody to join each year. We want everybody to be part of the process."

There are 550 a month to belong to the teacher union at all three levels: local, state and national.

Local membership has been steady, Dickinson said, hovering around 53 percent of teachers during the last several years. It's down a touch this year with the retirement of a handful of teachers and not enough new teachers signed up as replacements.

Around a decade ago, membership was much higher, he said, but so, too, was tension between the district and its employees.

Now that relations are mostly harmonious, the number of teachers seeing the need for representation has dwindled.

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In addition, with meetings every year, concerns can be resolved before they fester into larger problems, Dickinson said.

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Governor rejects slashed budgets

BOISE (AP) — As a tax package guided lawmakers on Monday, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne vetoed more pieces of a Republican legislative plan to erase a \$160 million deficit with budget cuts alone.

The Republican governor rejected 2003-2004 budgets that proposed reductions of more than 9 percent in general tax support for blind services and vocational rehabilitation.

Those cuts amounting to less than \$600,000 in all would have little impact on resolving the budget crisis, Kempthorne wrote in his veto messages to lawmakers, but they would significantly affect critical services for residents.

Every effort should be made to insulate these vital services from potential budget reductions," the governor said.

Neither bill passed both houses with the two-thirds majority needed to override the vetoes, and an override attempt was not likely.

Earlier in the day, the Senate simply filed the governor's veto last Friday of the budget for senior citizen programs without making any effort to override it.

The two latest vetoes bear out Kempthorne's promise to reject budgets he believes were put



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

together simply to avoid facing a tax increase that he has insisted is required to maintain a balanced budget.

The \$95,000 stripped from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired would deny 40 individuals without health insurance medical assistance to prevent blindness or restore sight.

A large percentage of the individuals accessing these services are working Idahoans," the governor said. "The inability to obtain this service puts them in danger of not only losing their employment, but also becoming dependent upon state and federal resources for their income."

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vocational rehabilitation programs would have taken with it another \$236,000 in matching federal money. Without that cash services would have been denied to almost 3,600 injured and disabled workers and full rehabilitation to nearly 200 people. Kempthorne said 18 people would be cut from the kidney dialysis program and no new clients could be accepted.

In these current economic times, it is not prudent to cut services that put people to work," Kempthorne said.

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The Associated Press

Vetoed by Governor

H244 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$172 million for 2003-2004 operations of vocational rehabilitation programs.
H332 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$3.5 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Signed by Governor

H1120 (Judiciary and Rules) — Deletes law requiring Health and Welfare Department to supervise sanitation of barber shops, hairdressing establishments and public bathing places.
H303 (Ways and Means) — Doubles the fine for failing to wear a seat belt.
H345 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$4.5 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Public Utilities Commission.
H348 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$13 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Industrial Commission.
H349 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$440,100 for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Labor.
H206 (State Affairs) — Regulates the payday loan industry.
H1237 (Health and Welfare) — Revises the state's controlled substance list.

Killed in House

H2022 (Health and Welfare) — Extends Children's Health Insurance Plan to unborn children.

Killed in Senate

H177 (Business) — Permitted mobile home parks to be essentially converted to subdivisions and the pads sold to inhabitants.

Sent to Governor

H1336 (State Affairs) — Holds National Guard members in custody when called to active service with regard to child custody arrangements.
H167 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires all state buildings to conform to building and other codes.
H149 (Environmental Affairs) — Revises the duties of the Board of Commissioners of the Basin Project Commission.
H339 (Ways and Means) — Authorizes sewer and water district boards to remove snow to maintain access to

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Facilities

H1317 (Revenue and Taxation) — Precludes increases taxes on mutual insurance holding companies.
H337 (State Affairs) — Imposes requirement for notification of age and tax requirements for delivery sales of cigarettes.

Introduced in House

H0394 (Ways and Means) — Sets standards for voluntary compliance agreement schedules for the Department of Environmental Quality.
H0395 (Ways and Means) — Establishes pilot program for truck weight limits up to 120,000 pounds.
H0396 (State Affairs) — Allows financing by the state Building Authority for community colleges.
H0397 (State Affairs) — Limits the

state's authorization of bonded indebtedness

H84 (State Affairs) — Urges lawmakers to support families of military members serving in the Iraq war.
H280 (State Affairs) — Authorizes the Department of Administration to contract with the Idaho State Building Authority for financing of college and university buildings. Introduced in Senate.
H1176 (State Affairs) — Permits union dues money to finance legislative lobbying activity.
H1177 (State Affairs) — Exempts from the gift prohibition law expenses paid by a private interest for a public official to a charitable, cultural, instructional or educational event.
H1178 (State Affairs) — Extends the emergency telecommunications act to 911 service areas.

Fetus health coverage fails to pass House

BOISE (AP) — One of the most controversial bills to be considered by the Legislature this year failed to pass the House on Monday, killing a measure that would have provided some prenatal care to unborn children and legally recognized the fetus as a human being.

House Bill 202 was sponsored by Republican Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Bill Ring and backed by the anti-abortion group Idaho Chooses Life. The measure failed 33-37, with 22 Republicans joining 15 Democrats against it.

The measure would have used a funding strategy made available by executive order from President Bush. It would have used the Children's Health Insurance Program to pay for some limited prenatal care to pregnant women over 19 years old whose income falls between 133 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

By extending the definition of who is a child, it extends CHIP benefits to preborn children," Sali said in his opening debate.

Women's rights groups opposed Sali's bill, which was twice amended, saying it would have the effect of giving legal recognition to an unborn child. That could pave the way for eroding a woman's right to choose to have an abortion, they contended.

They supported a competing bill with bipartisan backing that would have accomplished essentially the same objective but was aimed at covering the mother, not the fetus. Republicans killed that proposal early on.

Since Sali's bill was introduced Feb. 7, the debate has turned to whether it accomplishes medical goals.

Rep. Bob Ring, of Caldwell, a retired obstetrician, said during Monday's floor debate that he personally had surveyed 60 doctors

Roll call vote

Here is the roll call vote for House Bill 202, which failed 33-37 and would have provided limited prenatal care to unborn children:

Republicans for (32)
Barnaby, Barnett, Bauer, Bedke, Block, Bradford, Cannon, Eubank, Collins, Crow, Denney, Eberle, Ellsworth, Field (23), Gagner, Hanwood, Kellogg, Kulczyk, Lake, Langford, McSechin, McKnight, Moyle, Nielsen, Roberts, Rodych, Sali, Schaefer, Shirley, Snodgrass, Willis, Wood.

Democrats for (1) Cuddy.
Republicans against (22) Bell, Block, Bot, Campbell, Deal, Edmondson, Field (18), Garrett, Jones, Moyer, Miller, Raybold, Ring, Ring, Shippen, Smith (24), Srinivas, Stevenson, Tinsan, Trail, Newcomb.

Democrats against (15): Anderson, Blietzer, Boe, Douglas, Homest, Inouet, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccarato, Ringo, Robison, Saylor, Shophard, Smith (30).

who said they would not accept patients with CHIP insurance. The coverage provided so little

care that it would leave them open to medical abandonment lawsuits.

"This bill purports to provide care. Idea is wonderful, but it is completely unworkable," the Republican freshman said.

Sali disputed Ring's contention, reading from a letter from one doctor who said he would accept such patients.

Democratic leaders Margaret Henbest of Boise and Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum said the bill would cost more than was indicated on the legislation. Sali said the bill would cost about \$1.3 million a year initially but that longer-term net savings would be realized as fewer newborns need intensive care services.

Absent from the relatively quiet debate were any comments from Republican leadership, which was split on the issue.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb voted against it, while his supporting floor leaders and caucus chairmen voted for it.

Rep. Chuck Cuddy of Orfino was the sole Democrat who joined the 32 Republicans to vote for the bill.

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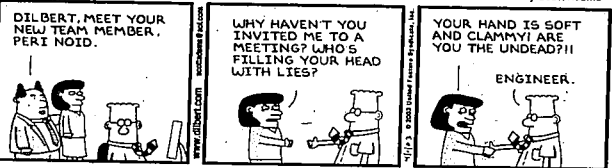
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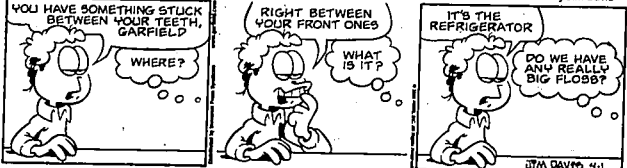
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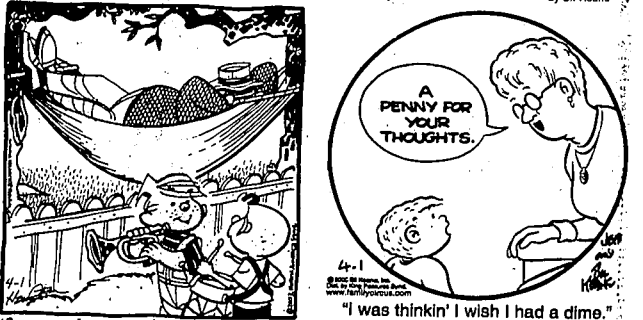


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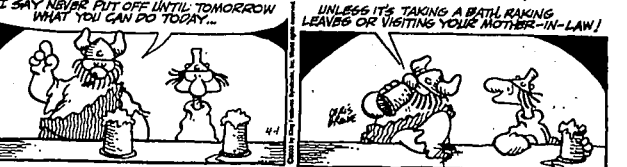
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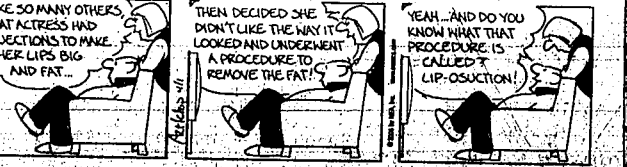
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Heavy metal

An old craft becomes new in course

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — One skill from the days of yore that hasn't been replaced by computer technology is blacksmithing.

For three weeks, the sounds of pounding iron could be heard from the Buhl High School Vo-Ag building on Wednesdays as the Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association Inc. sponsored a beginner's blacksmithing class taught by Dave Klug, controller manager at Langdon's in Buhl.

Davis Tyrrell, 15, who attends Magic Valley Christian High

Want more information?
For more details on upcoming classes, as offered by the Buhl Community Education and Recreation, call Connie Glahder at 543-6553.

School, said he wanted to learn everything about the craft. "The work is fun, and I probably will use it as a hobby," Davis said.

The class learned the basics of the craft, which included heating metal, drawing and splitting shapes, moving the hot metal the way you planned and spiking the metal on the anvil. Klug had the five students

learning how to make camping utensils that included "S" hooks, oven hangers and lanterns.

Darren Butler, 12, said he liked practicing the craft among the noise, smell, dirt and spark. It was fun.

"I just wanted to work with metal," Darren said.

Davis Tyrrell shapes a piece of hot metal in a beginning blacksmith course in Buhl.

MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News



A BRIGHT STAR

Cecilia Griffith of Kimberly was named a finalist in Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Brightest Star program, and recognized March 5 in Boise. Griffith is one of the founding members of the East End Providers, and has donated hundreds of hours to the efforts of the group to give the underprivileged much needed help, stated Dave Overacre, Kimberly City Council member. From left are State Rep. Sharon Block, Griffith, Idaho First Lady Patricia Kempthorne and Overacre. The governor and the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children established the awards to recognize 'unsung heroes' who work on behalf of families and children. This year, 68 individuals, groups and businesses were recognized.



Photo courtesy of DAVID OVERACRE

Twin Falls Library celebrates Library Week with activities

TWIN FALLS — "Get a Head Start @ your Library" and "Prepare to Celebrate" are the themes for National Library Week, April 7-12 at the Twin Falls Public Library, 434 Second St. E. and there will be displays, hand outs, contests and special events.

Contests in children's and young adult services are "I Read it" for younger patrons, "Blow Up Titles" for older readers and "Guess the Number" for all children and young adults. Patrons who check out materials at the circulation desk also can have their name entered in a drawing for gifts.

The "Get a Head Start @ your Library" display will feature books, materials and Web sites to help parents nurture a love of reading.

"Prepare to Celebrate" displays will highlight books, authors and photographers of Twin Falls as the city prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2004.

Also on display will be a preview of the next Magic Valley Reads! event, "Meet the

Photographers of Early Twin Falls."

The week activities include:
On April 7 - Volunteers will be honored at an appreciation tea from 1-2 p.m. in the program room.

Call Mareda Wright, technical services supervisor, at 733-2964 for more information or about volunteering.

April 8 - Kindergartners through third-graders are invited for a reading of "The Red Balloon," followed with balloon crafts.

From 7-8:30 p.m., everyone is invited to attend "Seeking Out a Writer's Workshop and Resource Session for anyone interested in researching local topics. Twin Falls authors James Gentry, James Varley and Julie Fanselow will lead the workshop.

Tours of the library also will be available.

April 9 - Story times for ages 2-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Kiva in children's services.

From 7-7:30 p.m., families are invited to the "Nothing but

Trouble" puppet show with guest presenter Heather Waymont.

From 7-8:30 p.m., the library will host an open house featuring the Clarence Bisbee photograph database. Bisbee was an early photographer of Twin Falls and his historical photographs are currently being entered and indexed in a database.

Other presentations will focus on the library's history, the Bisbee Glass Plate Negatives Collection, the New Photos - the New General Collection, Minidoka Relocation Center resources at the library and early Twin Falls history. Light refreshments will be served.

April 11 - Interactive preschool and toddlers story times will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the big window area in children's services.

The Library Foundation's Used Book Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 11 and April 12, with a half-price sale from 3-5 p.m. April 12. There also will be a silent auction of items.

For more information, call Susan Ash 733-2964, ext. 118.

U.S. agency recognizes hero

HAGERMAN — Bryan Kenworthy, manager of the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery, presented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Exemplary Act Award to Gordon Gates in appreciation and recognition for his actions while fishing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service land at Oster Lakes No. 1. The presentation was made at Hagerman Fire Station on March 12.

The presentation came nearly one year after Gates-risked his own safety in an attempt to save another person, Kenworthy reported.

On May 12, 2002, Shirley Peterson and her family experienced the loss of her son, Adam Huffman in a drowning accident. They were fishing at Oster Lake with her friend, Steve Smith and her son, Glenn. Smith and Glenn made gallant attempts to save Adam, but they were unable to rescue him, and Adam drowned, Kenworthy reported.

While fishing, Gates observed the incident. Realizing that Steve and Glenn may be having difficulty, he immediately came to their aid, Kenworthy reported. Gordon helped Steve from the Gordon helped Steve from the water, then entered the water to rescue Glenn. Gordon and his family remained until the sheriff and rescue units arrived to provide additional support and comfort to the family, and assistance



From left are Rich Johnson, Region 1 Fisheries supervisor from Portland, Ore.; Gordon Gates and Bryan Kenworthy, manager of the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery. Gates received the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Exemplary Act Award for pulling two people from a lake.

to the rescue personnel. On behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Kenworthy also expressed appreciation to Tim Peterson and the volunteers of the Hagerman Rural Fire District and Quick Response Unit.

He extended special thanks and recognition to Krista Merrill and her staff at the Gooding County ambulance, and Gooding County Sheriff Shawn Good, Deputy Aaron Stolzman and all the deputies.

Kenworthy recognized Rich Holman, Bill Stutz and all the Idaho Department of Fish and Game staff members who manage most of the outlying service lands at the hatchery as part of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area. Kenworthy also praised the volunteers and paid public servants involved in these organizations and agencies for what he called the valuable service they provide to the Hagerman community.

GIVING BLOOD



Larry Schwarz, left, of Hazelton has been donating blood for 40 years, and has given approximately 90 pints. Troy Hempel of Jerome has been donating blood for the last three years. The men donated blood at the most recent American Red Cross drawing in Jerome.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ashlan Page Knefel, daughter of Randi K. Bingham of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Nataly Abigail Flores, daughter of Veronica Ibarra of Twin Falls, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Carlos Villagomez Jr., son of Anacelia Tapia and Carlos Villagomez of Wendell, was born Friday, March 14, 2003.

Chloe Marie Perez, daughter of Karen Louise and Stanley Jay Sheppard of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 24, 2003.

Madison Kay Beale, Boring, daughter of Buffy Michelle and Matthew Mark Boring of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 24, 2003.

Colby Nicholas Smith, son of Robin Ruthan and Jason Christopher Smith of Kimberly, was born Monday, March 24, 2003. Houston Todd Ostrom, son

of Kimberly Ann, was born Monday, March 24, 2003.

Remaih Klapp Leppert and Rachel Kix Leppert, twin daughters of Kix Remyaye and Jacob Amos Leppert of Kimberly, were born Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Eli Tiberto Azevedo, son of Kala Jean and David Jorge Azevedo of Buhl, was born Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Madison Lucille Kirkland, daughter of Christina Marie and Lane Heber Kirkland of Carey, was born Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Christa Shalae Salazar, daughter of Ellen M. and Erasmo A. Salazar of Burley, was born Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Xander Arvin Lohness, son of Jessica Lynn Lohness of Edna, was born Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Bryan Malakal Torwan, son of Desiree Ann Fitzgerald and

Justice Paul Torwan of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Gabrielle Anthony Bonetti, son of Heather Ann Hanesh and Raymond Odell Bonatti of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

David Britt Bogges, son of Heather and Mark V. Bogges of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

Robert Howard Barnes, son of

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Send a copy of the birth certifi-
cates to:
Melissa Morgan
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538.
Deadline: noon Tuesday for
Sunday's paper; and noon Friday
for Tuesday's paper.
More information?
Call Melissa at 735-3278

Brandi Lynn and William Howard Barnes of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Declan Patrick Teague, son of Michelle Lynn and Steven Patrick Teague of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Kristen Michelle Pugh, daughter of Randi Jean and Bryan Thomas Pugh of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Maddison Dale, daughter of Eddy and Kim Dale of Shoshone, was born Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

Elise Marijke Klompen, daughter of David and Angles Klompen of Jerome, was born Friday, March 28, 2003.

Alexander Jacob Wardell, son of Matthew Jacob and Penny Rae Wardell of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, March 29, 2003.

Kathleen Dennis Rojas, daughter of Reynalda Rojas Tapia of Wendell, was born Sunday, March 30, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Caleb James Crafts, son of Rebekah Bessie and James Todd Crafts of Burley, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Austin Carlton Laugen, son of Kimberly Jo and Tad William Laugen of Burley, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Logan Robert Buck, son of Lindsay and Shayne Buck of

Burley, was born Thursday, March 20, 2003.

Tate Jordan Nevarez, son of Rodie Nevarez of Burley, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Chloe Marie Perez, daughter of Joann Pena and Carlos Martinez of Burley, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Alexandrea Michelle Anderson, daughter of Andrea and Christopher Anderson of Burley, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Antonio Otsegui Jr., son of Vanessa Maria Mejia and Antonio Otsegui of Burley, was born Saturday, March 22, 2003.

Vivika Precious Morales, daughter of Sonja Morales of Burley, was born Sunday, March 23, 2003.

Amie Luella Walquist, daughter of Jessica and Christopher Walquist of Burley, was born Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

HARRISON MATH MEDALISTS

Following are students who earned 50-to-one-minute math medals for the second quarter at Harrison Elementary in Twin Falls. Kindergartners are, from left to right; front row: Troy Brown, Andy Fleming, Abraxas Lewis, Timmy Denton and Macie Diehl; back row: Jamie Ferguson, Santisha Meads, Brad Thompson, Jacob Beck and Bailey Wilcox. Not pictured is Shyanne Gibbs.



Photos courtesy of Harrison Elementary



First-grade medal winners are, left to right; front row: Lance Teske, Emily Weener, Samira Alic, Cassandra Hernandez, Cesar Loza, Brandon Nelson and Lexia Terry; middle row: Aysia Alvas, Branna Browne, Gill Cook, Cecilia Estrada, Haile Gentry, Alamy Jones, Shanna Madsen-Stowman and Lexy Navarrete; back row: Carlos Gutierrez, Ivan Kranjic, Fahira Kramic, Kade Lindback, Zachary Mencil, Alexander Millward, Natasha Owens, Abraham Ramirez and Ivan Skahill. Not pictured is Steven Dry.



Second and third-grade medal winners are, from left to right; front row: Makenzil baker, Sara Besham, Chelsea Bonnett, Kaitlyn Hager, Zafina Melnic, Korin Murtic, Tyler Anderson, Armin Kadric and Kaleib Price; middle row: Alexandra Leonard, Igor Jozelic, Nicholas Kyle, Alonna Medina, Jose Santos, Alexis Crawford and Blanca Estrada; back row: Ashley Hollister, Anthony Hassle and Conser Subtlefeld.



Fourth grade medal winners are, left to right; front row: Alyssa Beck, Whitney Bell, Kayla Boomhower, Tyson Hoffman, Anna Nolsen and Joshua Lopez; middle row: Erika Blay, Brandon Collins, Jayna Johnson, Zachary Sharp, Emalie Beltran, Igor Jozelic, Nicholas Kyle, Alonna Medina, Jose Santos, Alexis Crawford and Blanca Estrada; back row: Sean Smith, Alicia Weekes, Kyle Wickham Ryan Condon and Taylor Richardson. Not pictured is Rusmina Lillo.



Fifth and sixth-grade medal winners are, left to right; front row: Lane Eddenhagen, Adam Eicheverry, Cassandra Miller, JD Winter, Andrea Payne, Jennifer Sherman and Braden Casperston; middle row: Kandra Florence, Justin Lathin, Courtney Rose, Hailey Wall, Patricia Arvalo, Jacob Coats, Karen Arata, Dakota Barton and Ian Birch; back row: Mikala Bege, Chelsea Brown, Kris Estrada, Ashley Glegorich, Grace Hall, Paige Hinton, Joshua Laskay, Nicholas McKeel and Melissa Nkolio. Not pictured are Paige Moore and Alicia Milla.

SAWTOOTH SUPER STARS

Playground Super Stars
Six February at Sawtooth Elementary School
Twin Falls are, from left, front row: Riley Brownson, JD Stephenson, Nathan Cranston, Brady Barton, Austin Andressen, Austin Dobbs and Fernando Sanchez; middle row: Joanna Ibarra, Amalia Rethamone, Shaya Shener, Natalie White, Bailey Stewart, Whitney Smith, Kathryn Maccari, Taryn Graves and Sarah Dodde; back row: Stephanie Paine, Sydney Storms, Nicholas Cosentino, Camille Flournoy, Katy Kahla, Joseph Jeffers, Mary Toft and Jacob Hanchey.

THINGS TO DO

Music
Snake River Flute Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 221 E. St. Rupert. Men of all ages invited. call 436-6047.
Magic Valley Magicians Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. Men of all ages invited. Call 736-637.

Dance
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 234-6440. Couples welcome.

Bingo
Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7:00-9:30 p.m. at 203 Wilson, Edna, Doors and snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-4642.
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 423-8328.
Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Ages 18 and older, call 878-8646.
Hinsdale County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 700 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 436-9107.
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Fridays 447 Costrum St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1720.
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. In Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m., every day at 6:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 324-5644.
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 510 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-6642.
Twin Falls Senior Center - 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday, call 734-5084.
Stretches of Foreign Vets Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays, Call Alton at 878-9841.
Snake River Elks 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 606 E. 200 S. Jerome. Call 324-6203.

West End Senior Center - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday at the center in Burley.
Burley Elks Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.
Magic Valley Bingo - doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 801 Second Ave. N. call 736-1895.
Mason Lodge 612 - 7:20 p.m. Wednesdays and 2:00 p.m. Sundays at 635 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 733-6637.
Western States Collage - 9-9 p.m. Wednesdays at the Gooding Cinema, call 733-7856.
Singles
Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Fellowship Center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-6255.
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - For activities, call 735-9044.
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 510 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-6642.
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To add a listing, please send a notice with:
Name of the organization or club;
Address and place of the activity;
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Send to:
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Twin Falls 83303.
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For more information, call Pat

Twin Falls
Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinocchio Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. in Twin Falls, 733-5531.
Pinocchio club - 1 p.m. Tuesday Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E., anyone invited, call Erica at 734-4993.
Snake River Elks Pinocchio Club - 6:30 p.m. Sundays at Elks Lodge, 402 E. 200 S., Jerome, open to 53 Golf Ranch. Everyone welcome.

Other
Magic Valley Irish Club - meet for luncheon and meeting, Call Glenda at 733-0040 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome.
Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.
Florence Burleson Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5525.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in First room at Herrick Center on CSI campus, call 736-2447.
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rim, moderate steel caliber, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 733-4211.
Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.
Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrick Center, call Nick Petersen at 423-5525.
Widows' Night Fellowship - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 653 Rose St. N., No. 36 at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Doris at 410-2899.
The Knitting with Paul Guilds - 5:30-7 p.m. first Thursday, Shree to Shawi, 638 Main Ave. N., call Conroy at 736-8425.
Bingo - Magic Valley Elks Lodge - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 733-6637.
Snake River Region Chapter of Gold Prospectors of America - meets last Saturday, Call 670-0119 or 536-6325.

Vet service officer provides aid

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Job Service veterans' consultant Johnny Moreno will be available to assist veterans around the Magic Valley in the following locations:
Twin Falls - 1-3 p.m. Thursdays in Room 220 in the Meyerhoeffer Building at the College of Southern Idaho.
Buhl - 2-4 p.m. the third Thursday at the Buhl Public Library, 216 Broadway Ave.
Moreno's services include job referrals; information on veterans education, training and other programs; vocational guidance; and referrals to community-based organizations.
For more information, call 735-2500, ext. 3643 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road in Twin Falls.

CSI Equine Day offers info, scholarships

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Equine Club is inviting students interested in equine studies to attend the Equine Day and scholarship competition from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.
The event is open to all high school students at no cost. Several short sessions will be held to show how CSI's Equine Studies Program operates. Presidential Scholarships worth \$400 per year and renewable each year will be given to the two students who win an essay contest that will be judged by Equine Club members and instructor Jim Knight.
For more information, call CSI Student Information Coordinator Eric Studebaker at 732-5224 or e-mail him estudebaker@csi.edu.

Filer Rose Society holds pruning demo

FILER - The Filer Rose Society will hold a rose pruning demonstration and workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Memorial Rose Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.
Anyone interested in the demonstration is encouraged to bring pruners and gloves.
There is room in the Memorial Rose Garden for more roses, the society reported. Anyone who wants to commemorate someone by having a rose planted should contact the society.
For more information, call Barbara Urlic at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

Jerome Rec offers tennis, hip pop classes

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District announced the following upcoming classes:
Indoor tennis will be offered to children ages 5-12 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Mondays and Fridays, beginning April 7 for three weeks. Students will learn basic racket grips, racket, ball control and how to improve hand-eye coordination. The cost is \$15.
A hip hop dancing clinic will be held at 4 a.m. Saturday. Participants must age at least 12 years-old. The cost is \$12, and pre-registration is required.
Registration is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the office, 2032 S. Lincoln.
For more information, call 324-3389.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI Vet Tech students plan dog wash on Saturday
TWIN FALLS - Students in the College of Southern Idaho Veterinary Technology program will hold their annual dog wash fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.
Dog owners are welcome to show up any time during the event at the CSI Veterinary Technology lab, formerly "A Pet's Place," at 260 Second Ave. in Twin Falls.
Bath and nail trims cost \$10 with all proceeds helping the Veterinary Technology Club with purchases and activities.
Veterinary technology is a two-year associate of applied science program at CSI that trains students for entry level veterinary jobs.
For more information, call at 732-6401.
Art Guild accepts applications for festival
TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley is accepting applications for its 44th annual Summer Fine Arts Festival, formally named Art in the Park, on July 26-27 in the Twin Falls City Park.
Any medium may be used. All entries will be screened for artistic merit and originality. No work will be accepted that is copied or based on commercial patterns, kits, molds or casts.
The Art Guild holds this annual show to help promote participation and interest in the arts throughout the Magic Valley, organizers say. All artists are welcome to apply.
For more information, call Diane VanDaele at 733-8484.

People for Pets holds public meeting Wednesday
TWIN FALLS - The People for Pets Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the "Habitat" at the Department Office, 601 Polo Line Road in Twin Falls.
The public is encouraged to attend.
DAV Auxiliary holds dance Friday at home in Twin Falls
TWIN FALLS - The Disabled

American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.
Archie Turler will provide the music.
There is a \$2 suggested donation.
Lianna is Wednesday's child. Tomorrow in Community

Modems: 56k is still a hot number

Many people seem content to go slow

By Jonathan Lanier
The Orange County Register

The slow lane on the Information Superhighway is a data crowded space. Forget the hoopla surrounding high-speed Internet access. Ignore financial headlines at the likes of America Online and Earthlink, two major providers of older and slower telephone-line links to the Web.

Relatively ancient communications science, known in the tech trade as "56k," is still surprisingly robust business.

Six years have passed since modern electronics ran up against the laws of physics when it came to basic copper telephone lines. Back then, seemingly in another era, the analog modem — what ties 80 percent of users to the Web through a dial-up connection — reached its speed limit: 56,000 bits per second, or "56k."

"For a large portion of the population, all they do is e-mail, and that still works fine for that," says Brian Panchang, owner of Orange County Online, which sells Internet hookups from Anaheim, Calif. "It's sort of funny, but 56k is not going away soon."

How modems compare

Home Internet hookups vary widely in speed, price and features, as this comparison shows:

	Dial-up	DSL	Cable
Speed of downloads, or page views (in kilobits per second, or kbps)	56	32 to 8,000	500 to 37,000
Speed of sending e-mail, other uploads	34 kbps	32 to 896 kbps	128 to 4,000 kbps
Time to download a 10-megabyte file (at typical speed)	28 minutes (at 48 kbps)	1.8 minutes (at 768 kbps)	1.4 minutes (at 1,000 kbps)
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Advantages	Cheapest Internet, widely available and portable hookups	Speed and price often can be tailored to your budget	Fast download speeds
Disadvantages	Slow, can hog a phone line (new V92 standard briefly shares a line)	Availability and speed based on distance from phone-company gear	Limited upload speed; numerous users on a block can degrade performance
Want to know more?	www.v92.com	www.dslforum.org	www.cablemodem.com

Source: Comcast, Zoom, PC World Graphic: The Orange County Register

Zippy, broadband connections may be styled for this millennium, but simple and more affordable 56k links are tailored to this current era. Confusion about installation, service and security with faster technologies — plus a recession — give the elder science a peculiar edge.

New broadband links to the Web are at least 10 times faster

than 56k. Still, global shipments of old-style modem chips — 75 million in 2002 — are nearly four times greater than the high-speed silicon that ties broadband users to the Internet. Even by 2005, industry estimates show 56k modem chips shipping 2.5 times the volume of the faster gizmos.

It's largely because most

humans can do what they want to do online at the typical dial-up speed. Plus, those who haven't yet hooked up aren't likely to jump online straight to high-speed broadband links, either.

The simplicity of 56k modems — only requiring regular telephone service to operate — will help place it in the bulk of new setups around the globe.

E-mail eases tensions for troops

Chicago Tribune

In the 12 years between the last Iraq conflict and this one, Internet technology has profoundly transformed the experience of Americans going to war.

Perhaps at the top of the list is that fretful parents of soldiers now can scan their e-mail inboxes for proof that just moments before the message arrived, their children were able to tap out a few words on a keyboard halfway around the world.

That kind of comfort was a long time coming. From the trenches of World War I to the terrors of World War II and right up through Vietnam and the first

gulf war, the only reliable way parents and wives and husbands had to contact their loved ones overseas was by the agonizingly slow U.S. Postal Service.

Telegrams were feared because they mostly brought news of death. During Vietnam there were some exchanges over a patched-together radio/telephone network, but most folks just licked a stamp.

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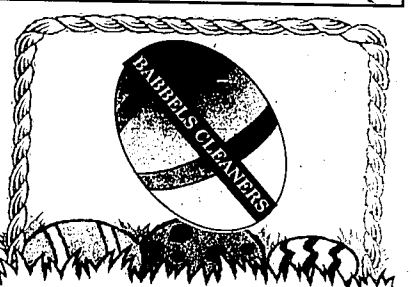
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Cell phones evolve into do-everything gadgets

By Vikas Bajaj
The Dallas Morning News

NEW ORLEANS — It was as if color screens, built-in cameras and always-on data were the price of admission for cell phone makers exhibiting at the industry's annual trade show last week.

There was nary a monochrome screen on the show floor at the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association's Wireless Show. Also rare were phones that didn't do much more than place calls. Many could take pictures, display Web pages, keep your calendar, serve as game consoles and stream music.

Many of the devices aren't yet available — and may not be for several months as manufacturers and phone companies hash out prices, marketing plans and distribution.

Here is a smattering of devices introduced at the show.

Samsung I700
After producing a couple of devices with the Palm operating system, Samsung Electronics unveils what is promised as the first in a series of phones that will use Microsoft's Pocket PC software.

The I700 comes with a built-in camera, a large color screen and the suite of standard Microsoft applications such as Outlook, Word and Excel. It has 64 megabytes of memory and an expansion slot for more memory. The phone works on high-speed, always-on networks introduced by Verizon Wireless and Sprint PCS last year.

Sprint has said it will carry the device. No word yet on price but expect to pay a pretty penny for

it. Comparable devices range from \$400 to \$600.

Nokia 3300
In another indication of how important the teen market has become to the wireless industry, Nokia is launching a phone that looks very little like, well, a phone.

The 3300 is a music player, FM radio and game console all lumped into one. And, yes, it can make phone calls and even be tied up to your ear. Its screen is nestled in between two halves of a complete keyboard designed for the other big teen pursuit — messaging.

The 3300 may remind gamers of Nokia's N-Gage game console phone. But it's meant to appeal to a broader audience of teens than gamers.

The device works on GSM and GPRS technology used by T-Mobile USA, AT&T Wireless Services Inc. and Cingular Wireless (the company doesn't have GSM in Dallas yet but will later this year). Nokia hasn't said when and which phone companies will offer it and how much the 3300 will cost.

Siemens SX1
The days of the standard telephone keypad — four rows of numbers — is under attack. First, Nokia put the digits in a circle on its 3650 phone, and now Siemens has lined them up on either side of the screen.

Siemens says the design allows it to make the screen bigger and easier to navigate. For gaming and some other uses, the phone can be turned on its side so users can have a wide-screen display.

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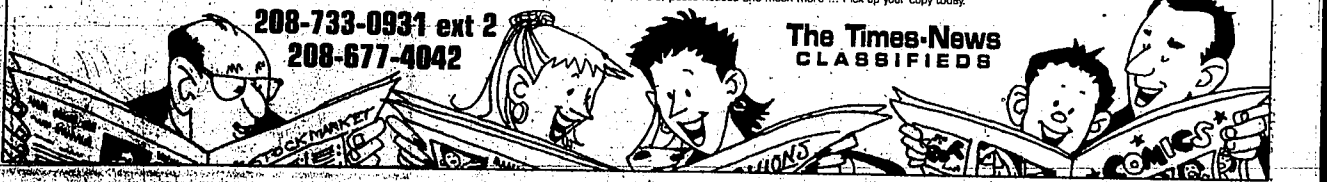
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HAGERMAN A-170 River front, newer 2 bdrm, 2 bath, outside storage, 6000 in house, \$7,000. 734-1401.

HANSEN 2 bdrm, mobile home, appl. AC, stove, \$800 dep. Call for more info. \$500 includes water + \$550 dep. No smoking/pets. Call 645-9022.

HAZELTON Great 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Partially finished. \$395+dep. 1 year lease. 423-0714 or 733-2107.

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile home. No pets. \$450 to \$475. Long term lease. 324-9803 or 434-8342.

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, Avon 1984. \$645 + \$300 dep. 736-0054.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, \$975 mo. \$800 dep. Call for more info. \$275. No pet. 312-2111.

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, appls., no smoking, ref. \$550 + dep. 1932A Madison Ave. 734-9891.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, w/bsmt., close to CSI, appls./W/D included. \$750. Call 734-1401.

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 4 bath, near library, \$1300 or sale. Call 733-1359.

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TWIN FALLS Hampton Village Townhouse, near canyon, w/ walking paths, great neighborhood. Lease or lease w/ buying option. Call 734-9587.

TWIN FALLS Luxury 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 400 sq. ft. fenced. \$750. 733-1359.

TWIN FALLS New 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 400 sq. ft. fenced. \$1150/mo. + \$750/dep. Call Kent 733-5336.

TWIN FALLS 5m all 1 bdrm, 400 sq. ft. fenced. \$345/mo. 324-3317.

TWIN FALLS small 1 bdrm, lg. appls. included. \$400. 400 sq. ft. fenced. 733-0016.

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WENDELL 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 400 sq. ft. fenced. \$475 + \$300 dep. No smoking/pets. Call 733-1804.

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TWIN FALLS 1822 Shoup Ave. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, carpet & stone area. 733-1359.

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PIPE, 10" x 10' x 10'...

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STOCK RACK 8' foot bed...

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WANTED a Yamaha Big...

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MF TRACTOR 70-20, perfect...

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A look at Annika Sorenstam's chances at the Colonial

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Sports Editor: Kevin Hall, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

At my age, every game feels historic.

Golden State coach Eric Musselman, the league's youngest head coach, on Michael Jordan's last appearance in Oakland

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball
Twin Falls at Jerome, 4 p.m.
Ottnans Ferry at Mountain Home, 4 p.m.
Century at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Wood River JV at Wendell, 4 p.m.
High school softball
Burley at Jerome, 4 p.m.
Ottnans Ferry at Mountain Home, 4 p.m.
High school golf
at Gooding CC, 2 p.m.
at Carmela Vineyards GC, 2 p.m.
at Burley GC, 2 p.m.
High school tennis
Century at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
Highland at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI cheerleading tryouts are Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho cheerleading tryouts will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in the CSI gym. Also, the Golden Girls dance team will hold its tryouts at 9 a.m. April 26.

Raffle tickets available for CSI athletic banquet

TWIN FALLS - Raffle tickets are available for the annual College of Southern Idaho athletics banquet on Thursday, April 24 at the Radio Rondevo Events Center in Twin Falls.

One of the raffle packages include two reserve seat tickets to men's and women's basketball games along with two all-sport passes for volleyball, baseball and rodeo. The package is worth \$550.

The raffle tickets cost \$10. To purchase, call Christi at 732-6486 or Ginger at 732-6475 during normal business hours. You need not be present to win.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Signed memorabilia from past CSI athletes along with other prizes will be auctioned off.

The Outback Steakhouse will cater the banquet.

KYA gathers spring sports sign-ups today

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Youth Association is holding sign-ups for baseball, softball and T-ball for ages 5-15 on tonight at the Kimberly High School Commons Area from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in coaching are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call Jamie at 423-6173.

Wendell Recreation holds registration today

WENDELL - The Wendell Recreation District will hold registration for all summer baseball and softball programs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight and Thursday at the high school gym. For more information, call 536-6409 during the evening.

Boys and Girls Club fund-raiser set for Friday

TWIN FALLS - A basketball tournament fund-raiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley will be held this Friday and Saturday for kids ages Grade 5 through high school.

The tournament has the three game guarantee with the top two teams in each age division garnering T-shirts and plaques. For more information, call 736-7011.

Boys of Winter?

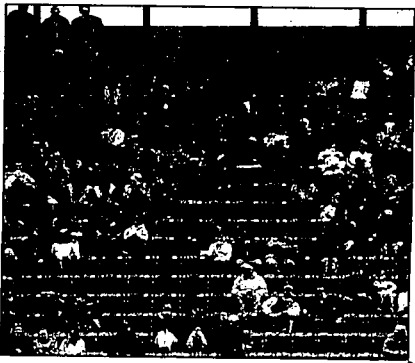
Patriotism and snow highlight 2003 Opening Day

The Associated Press
Wearing parkas, ski caps and gloves, baseball fans huddled together under blankets. They drank coffee and hot chocolate instead of beer and soda. This year, the special tingle that usually comes on opening day was a shiver down the spine.



Some cities did get excited. A sellout crowd turned out in Cincinnati for the first game at Great American Ball Park. Former President Bush wore a black Reds jacket as he threw out the first pitch, a strike to Barry Larkin.

The team invited his son to do the honor, but he declined. The elder Bush told the crowd it was an honor "to be off the bench substituting for another guy you know, the president of the United States of America." Dozens of red, white and blue streamers were shot from the roof and swirled in the wind as the crowd chanted "USA! USA! USA!" Ken Griffey Jr. doubled for the first hit at the new stadium, and Pittsburgh's Reggie Sanders hit



Fans endure a heavy snowfall during the season opener for the Baltimore Orioles Monday at Camden Yards.

Tennessee advances to 14th NCAA Women's Final Four

The Associated Press
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee can finally pack its bags. The Lady Vols are headed to the Final Four again.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Vols whip Wildcats



Tennessee forward Gwen Jackson shoots over Villanova's Jana Reddiger and Trish Juline (11) during the first half of the Women's NCAA Midwest Regional championship game in Knoxville, Tenn., on Monday.

"This is a big win for this team," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said. "But we don't want to celebrate too much. After having a day off, we'll get back at it." Villanova (28-6) completed one of the best seasons in school history by playing the same way it had all year, and it worked well in the first half.

The Wildcats trailed the entire game but cut the lead to one with 1:50 to go before halftime as they controlled the tempo. Tennessee looked frustrated but figured it out at halftime. The Lady Vols began the second half with a 23-3 run and held Villanova scoreless for a span of 7:15.

made five 3-pointers in the first half, went cold after halftime. They finished 20-of-50 (40 percent) and were outrebounded 39-17. Trish Juline hit a 3-pointer with 18:32 to go, but Villanova missed its next nine shots before Courtney Mix ended the drought with 11:17 remaining. By then it was too late for a rally.

Serena swears to work harder

The Associated Press
KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. - Now that Serena Williams is off to a 17-0 start this year, she has decided to buckle down and shape up. A victory over Jennifer Capriati in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open made it three titles in as many tournaments this year for Williams. She wore down Capriati in a two-hour slugfest but said she needs to get into better condition.



Serena Williams has vowed to practice harder despite a 17-0 start. Williams is dominating the other players on the women's tour. For them, the prospect of a fitter,

faster Williams is frightening. Big strokes are the most intimidating aspect of her game, but her foot speed is also remarkable. Because she chases down almost every shot, Capriati totaled only 12 winners, and Kim Clijsters just six against Williams in the semifinals. "She's probably the best mover in the game," Clijsters said. Williams lost only one set and 33 games in six matches at Key Biscayne, and the lopsided results raised anew the question of whether she has become the Tiger Woods of tennis. She is the reigning champion of all four Grand Slam tournaments, and no one appears capable of ending her 39-week stay atop the rankings.

Anger remains for former DDR athletes

The Associated Press
BERLIN - When Andreas Krieger won the European shot put title in 1986 he was named Heidi. He says he needed a sex-change operation because of all the hormones he was fed while training. The pride he once had in his gold medal has vanished. "I thought I won it because of all the hard work I put in," Krieger said. "Now it doesn't mean much of anything." Krieger was one of 197 people - far fewer than expected - who filed claims before Monday's deadline to get the government

to pay some of their medical bills. Krieger also is among the former East German athletes who are angry after learning just what sort of pills they had been given by coaches and officials. Many of these athletes, who helped turn East Germany into a sports power in the 1970s and '80s, have trouble confronting the fact that they were dragged against their will. "Many remain silent out of shame," said Birgit Boese, who runs a center called Doping-Victim-Help. "You have to overcome inhibitions and admit to

Compiled from staff reports

SPORTS

Royals win home opener

Major League Baseball

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Winner Raul Ibanez... allowed two hits in six innings and rookied Angel Berroa drove in the go-ahead run as Kansas City won on opening day for the first time in five years, beating the Chicago White Sox 3-0.

Hernandez combined with two relievers on a three-hitter - and the first opening-day shutout in Royals' history. Mike MacDougal pitched the ninth for his first career save.

Loser Mark Buehrle gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings.

Devil Rays 6, Red Sox 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Carl Crawford hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday, giving new manager Lou Piniella and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 6-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

The Devil Rays rallied for five runs in the ninth, ruining another strong opening-day start by Pedro Martinez, who struck out six in seven innings, allowing three hits and leaving with a 4-1 lead.

Pinch-hitter Terry Shumpert had a two-run homer off Alan Embree, and Crawford connected off loser Chad Fox.

Rookie Seth McClung pitched two scoreless innings for his first major league win as the Devil Rays snapped an 11-game home losing streak against the Red Sox.



Orioles 6, Indians 5

BALTIMORE - Gary Matthews Jr. singled home the winning run off loser Jake Westbrook with two outs in the 13th inning - when just a few thousand fans remained from a crowd announced at 46,257. The game had been interrupted by snow for 13 minutes in the third.

Jeter, to the first pitch, a video tribute and a moment of silence were held for former Orioles pitcher Dave McNally, who died over the winter, and pitching prospect Steve Bechler, who died of a heartstroke at spring training in February.

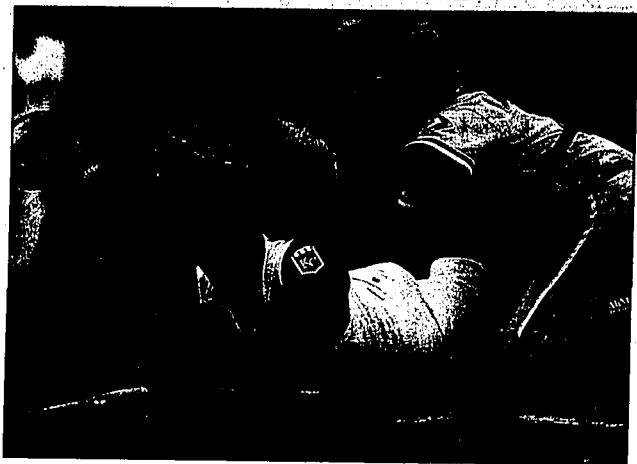
Cleveland scored three runs in the third inning with the aid of a routine fly ball that right fielder Jay Gibbons lost between the huge snowflakes that swirled around the stadium.

Winner B.J. Ryan pitched the 13th.

Twins 3, Tigers 1

DETROIT - Brad Radke got 19 consecutive outs after a leadoff bunt single, and Dustan Mohr hit a two-run homer over Comerica Park's shortened left-field fence in Alan Trammell's debut as Detroit's manager.

It was the third straight opening win for the Twins, who survived a baseball attempt to fold them after the 2001 season and



Chicago White Sox catcher Sandy Alomar tags out Kansas City's Ken Harvey during the sixth inning Monday.

won the AL Central last year. Radke, who got the win, struck out three and walked one over 6 2/3 innings. Eddie Guardado pitched a perfect ninth for the save, completing a four-hitter.

Loser Mike Maroth gave up two runs on five hits in seven innings.

knocked out Roy Halladay. That was more than enough for Clemens, starting what is likely his final season. He allowed three hits in six scoreless innings, moving within six wins of 300.

National League Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 0

PHOENIX - Hideo Nomo pitched a four-hitter and the Los Angeles Dodgers handed Randy Johnson his first opening-day loss, beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-0 Monday.

Brian Jordan improved his career average against Johnson to .333 by going 2-for-3 against him with a home run and three RBIs.

Pirates 10, Reds 1

CINCINNATI - Former-Red Reggie Sanders, Kenny Lofton and Jason Kendall hit consecutive homers in the second inning off Jimmy Haynes in the official opener of Great American Ball Park.

After former-President Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch, Ken Griffey Jr. doubled for the first hit.

Expos 10, Braves 2

ATLANTA - Greg Maddux, 6-0 with a 1.66 ERA in seven previous opening-day starts, gave up four runs in the first inning.

The four-time NL Cy Young Award winner lasted just seven innings, giving up five runs - four earned - and nine hits.

Jeff Lierle had four RBIs and Orlando Cabrera hit a two-run homer for the Expos - who play just 59 games in Montreal this year - with 22 "home" games shifted to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Creighton got no closer. Finch led Creighton with 20 points, while Laura Spanheimer had 16.

Baylor 78, Colorado St. 69

WACO, Texas - Sophia Young and Ebony Jackson each scored 19 points to lead Baylor. The Lady Bears (24-10) took a

37-35 lead less than two minutes into the second half, on two free throws by Jessica Stratton after a technical foul on the Rams' bench.

After Baylor pushed the lead to 15 with seven minutes left, CSU cut it to seven with 2.5 minutes to go. But Jackson's layup and eight free throws in the final two minutes secured the victory.

Phillies 8, Marlins 5

MIAMI - Jim Thome doubled on the first pitch he saw, David Bell singled in his first at-bat and Kevin Millwood took a shutout into the sixth inning, as Philadelphia built an 8-0 lead.

Thome, whose \$85 million, six-year contract was the largest of the offseason, went 3-for-4 with a walk in his first game after leaving Cleveland. Bell went 2-for-4 with a walk and scored three times, and Millwood won by allowing three runs - two earned - and four hits in six-plus innings.

Cardinals 11, Brewers 9

ST. LOUIS - Scott Rolen capped a six-run, eighth-inning rally from a 7-5 deficit with a three-run homer. Milwaukee, in its first game under manager Ned Yost, led 4-0.

Kerry Robinson hit a go-ahead single in the eighth on a drag bunt off loser Mike DeJean.

Giants 5, Padres 2

SAN DIEGO - Benito Santiago and J.T. Snow homered on consecutive pitches in the ninth off loser Clay Condrey for the defending NL champions as Felipe Alou won his first game as San Francisco's manager.

Barry Bonds, who won a record fifth MVP last year, was 0-for-3 with two intentional walks and two strikeouts. Felix Rodriguez pitched a perfect eighth for the win.

Cubs 15, Mets 2

NEW YORK - Corey Patterson had two homers and seven RBIs in the most-lopsided opener in the major leagues since the Chicago White Sox beat the St. Louis Browns 7-3 on April 17, 1951. Tom Glavine gave up five runs, eight hits and four walks.

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American League Sunday's Games

Minnesota 3, Detroit 1; Baltimore 6, Cleveland 5, 13 innings; Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 0; Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 4.

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Montreal 10, Atlanta 2; Chicago Cubs 15, N.Y. Mets 2; Philadelphia 9, Florida 5; St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 9; Pittsburgh 10, Cincinnati 1; Los Angeles 6, Arizona 0; San Francisco 5, San Diego 2.

Opening Day

Continued from D1. The first home run. Dave Rose wasn't allowed to participate in the ceremonies because of his lifetime ban for gambling.

Commissioner Bud Selig, highly unpopular in Cincinnati, stayed off the field for pregame festivities. Around the country, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens were on the mound, highlighting 12 games. Barry Bonds was back in the batter's box, hoping to begin another record-setting season.

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Auburn, Baylor advance to WNIT final

AUBURN, Alabama (AP) - Natasha Brackett scored 26 points to lead Auburn into the championship game of the Women's National Invitation Tournament with a 73-62 victory Monday night.

Auburn (22-11) will play at Baylor for the WNIT title on Friday night. Baylor beat Colorado State in the other semi-

final. The Tigers shot 61.3 percent in the first half and led throughout. Brackett scored eight of her 18 first-half points in a 17-6 run that gave Auburn a 25-10 lead. Caleigh Creighton (24-9) couldn't recover.

The Bluejays made a couple of runs. Dayna Finch drilled a 3-pointer to cap a 10-0 burst that cut the deficit to 65-58, but

before losing. But Williams rubbed the Belgian 64, 62 last week, which suggests the gap between them is growing.

And now Williams plans to start working harder. "I'm going to actually practice for once," she said. "I don't think

I've been doing enough practicing. I can't keep doing it like that. There are people out there who are working hard."

Williams has eight weeks to prepare for her next major event - the French Open beginning May 26.

Serena

Her sister, Venus, is a four-time Grand Slam winner and ranked No. 2. But Venus has lost five matches in a row to Serena and was upset at Key Biscayne by

Meghann Shaughnessy. The third-ranked Ciljaters handed Williams her most recent defeat at the WTA Championships last November, and led Williams 5-1 in the third set of their semifinal match at this year's Australian Open

willing to confirm that their ailments stem from the pills they received 15 to 20 years ago. Many athletes' records vanished in 1989 when East Germany collapsed and last year when heavy floods struck the country - in 1974, the East German government developed "State Plan 14.25" in which promising athletes would systematically receive "doping" substances. Two years later, West Germany beat the powerful

American women in swimming by sweeping 11 of 13 gold medals at the Montreal Olympics. East German scientists had discovered oral turinabol, a powerful undetectable steroid. Ross, a junior national champion in the 500-meter freestyle, said "doping pills" was on her table every day. "I can remember getting 10 pills at a time 30 a day," recalls Christa Himmelsbach, who broke the 500-meter freestyle world record. West German trainer Hans-Joachim

struggling to find a doctor who will testify that his once powerful body is wasting away because of the drugs he took. In 1976, the super heavyweight broke the world record for the clean-and-jerk - hoisting 557 pounds - then broke his clavicle, dislocated his elbow and his hand, and sprained his knee, among a host of other ailing body parts. "Many of the athletes are now unwilling to talk about their

Anger

yourself what happened. Others don't want to risk their careers." Government officials have refused to extend the deadline. Each athlete will get less than \$10,000.

Biologist Werner Franke, a major figure in the fight to help the athletes, says many of them have not been given full access to the information they need.

The government estimates about 5,000 of the 10,000 East

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Best Buy seeks buyer for Musicland

TWIN FALLS — Minnesota-based Best Buy Co. Inc. said Monday it has been marketing its interest in its Musicland subsidiary and has hired an investment banking firm to assist with the sale process.

Musicland operations include the Spin Goody stores in Twin Falls and Bigley.

"Over the last year, Musicland has suffered from further declines in CD and DVD sales, a continued slowdown in traffic in traditional shopping centers nationwide," Best Buy Chief Executive Officer Brad Anderson said. "In addition, it has been less successful than we had hoped in selling consumer electronics in its mall stores. As a result of a strategic study that commenced a few months ago, it was determined that Musicland would not be capable of meeting our original expectations."

Anderson said sales talks are proceeding and Best Buy expects to provide an update on Musicland's status in June.

"We are working diligently to complete a sale of Musicland," Anderson said. "However, Musicland's management team and store employees remain committed to serving Musicland customers during this transition period."

Directors of Musicland Stores Corp. promoted Connie Fuhrman to president. She was executive vice president of Musicland.

Magic Valley company wins federal contract

WASHINGTON — The federal government on Monday announced the award of a contract to a Magic Valley company.

Eye Safety Systems Inc. of Ketchum won a \$164,125 contract from the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia for land operations goggles.

Idaho taxpayers can still report offshore finances

BOISE — Idaho taxpayers have until April 15 to report offshore finances and face limited penalties from the state and the Internal Revenue Service.

"People can participate in the Voluntary Compliance Initiative for Offshore Tax Shelters by filing a federal return reporting their correct tax amounts. Participants must also pay any tax, interest and penalties owed and disclose all aspects of offshore financial dealings."

The IRS is offering a chance to avoid federal civil fraud penalties and criminal prosecution by correcting their tax returns.

State authorities agreed to similar terms after some people expressed a reluctance to participate in the federal program without knowing how the state would react.

"Idaho will offer similar treatment to taxpayers who qualify for and participate in the IRS program and make payments without the state," Deputy Attorney General Ted Spangler said. "This is a chance for taxpayers to avoid penalties and make a fresh start."

Fears of prolonged war stall U.S. retail sales

NEW YORK — Several of the nation's retailers suffering from a sluggish economy, saw sales hurt again last week as fears of prolonged fighting in Iraq mount.

Another factor complicating results is the timing of Easter, which this year falls on March 31, depressing results for last week. Easter this year falls on April 20.

Walmart Inc. warned Monday that first-quarter earnings would be short of forecasts, while J.C. Penney Co. Inc. and Federated Department Stores Inc. (parent of The Bon Marche) said sales were weak last week, and are trending below projections for the month.

Dow drops more than 150 points, Nasdaq gains some

NEW YORK — Capping a dreary first quarter, Wall Street suffered another sharp drop Monday amid fears of prolonged fighting in Iraq, and a disappointing report on manufacturing in the Midwest. The Dow Jones industrials slid more than 150 points in the market's fourth straight decline.

The Dow and Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the first three months of 2003 with substantial losses as while the Nasdaq composite index, which has been the most in the bear market, eked out a modest gain. The month of March, however, dipped out to be positive for all three indexes.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An expansion-minded Oregon company bought a pair of Twin Falls automobile dealerships from a former state legislator Monday.

Lithia Motors Inc., a publicly traded company, immediately changed the name of Randy Hansen Autolex to Chevrolet-Cadillac of Twin Falls. The Randy Hansen Import Center became Lithia Suzuki of Twin Falls.

"Lithia gave us an incredible offer, a very fair offer. I had no intentions of selling, but the offer was very fair," Randy Hansen said Monday.

Neither he nor Dan Retzlaff, Lithia's director of investor relations, would divulge the purchase price. They also did not disclose the size of the dealerships' revenue or payroll.

Randy Hansen Autolex, on Blue Lakes



Randy Hansen

Boulevard North, sold 462 new vehicles and 844 used ones in 2002, the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association said.

The adjacent Randy Hansen Import Center, on Pole Line Road, sold 59 new vehicles last year. The association did not have the center's used-sales total available Monday.

"They're extremely profitable dealerships," Hansen said.

Retzlaff said a well-run store was one reason for the acquisition. Bob Allen will remain as general manager, and Lithia intends to retain all of the almost 70 full-time employees, Retzlaff said.

The dealerships were closed Monday for the transition and inventory will reopen Wednesday morning, Retzlaff said.

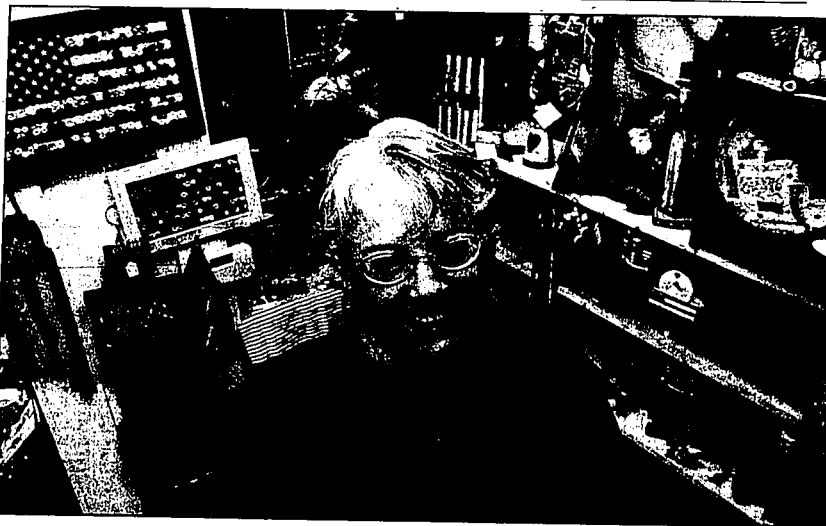
About Lithia Motors Inc.

- Headquarters: Medford, Ore.
- Stock: Publicly traded as ticker symbol LAD on the New York Stock Exchange. Went public in December 1996. (The Times-News will add Lithia's stock to the daily market report as soon as possible.)
- Annual earnings: Net earnings rose 49 percent to \$32.3 million for 2002. Earnings per share rose 15 percent to \$1.84, on 29 percent more diluted shares outstanding than in 2001.
- Annual sales: Revenue grew 27 percent to \$2.38 billion in 2002. New vehicle sales rose 29 percent; used vehicle sales grew 26 percent; parts and service sales increased 23 percent; and finance and insurance sales rose 23 percent.
- Lithia sold 41,974 used retail vehicles and 49,504

- new vehicles. Finance and insurance income per unit was \$686, up from \$577 in 2001.
- Operations: Before the Twin Falls acquisition, Lithia owned 132 franchises in 10 states and sold 24 brands of new vehicles at 72 stores and over the Internet. Lithia also sells used vehicles; arranges finance, warranty and credit insurance contracts; and provides vehicle parts, maintenance and repair at all locations.
- Existing Idaho stores: Chevrolet of Boise, Chevrolet of Caldwell, Honda of Pocatello, Lithia Chrysler Dodge of Pocatello, Lithia Ford of Boise, Lithia Honda of Pocatello and Lithia Lincoln Mercury of Boise.
- Online: At www.lithia.com.
- Source: company documents/online

in Boise and Caldwell, he said. "The changes are going to be subtle," he said. Please see HANSEN, Page D6

WARTIME ADVERTISING



Cindy Runowski stands in the patriotic corner of her antique shop in Springfield, Mo., on Friday, where she displays flag craft items. Her shop is stocked with patriotic merchandise that's not selling. She'd like to advertise but doesn't want to seem like she's trying to profit off the war with Iraq.

Businesses re-evaluate marketing campaigns

The Associated Press

Cindy Runowski is faced with a quandary: Her small shop in Missouri's Ozarks is stocked with patriotic merchandise that's not selling. She'd like to advertise, but doesn't want to seem like she's trying to profit off the war with Iraq.

"I don't really want to push it," said Runowski, who lost a brother in Vietnam and has a daughter in the Army Reserves at Fort

Bragg, N.C. "It bothers my conscience to try to make a buck when young men are dying overseas. I support our troops, but we're not being rah-rah about (selling items)."

Many business owners like Runowski are questioning to what extent, if any, they should use patriotism as they try to bring in sales, or how much support they should show for U.S. soldiers fighting in Iraq. They're worried about appearing dis-

ingenuous and alienating rather than attracting customers. "There appears to be genuine angst as people wrestle with this issue," said Hoag Levins, editor of Advertising Age magazine's Web site, AdAge.com. "It's a rare time of thoughtful debate in this industry, which normally is focused on nothing but money."

"I think there's actually a watershed event happening," Levins and other observers say many marketers are re-evaluat-

ing the content and tone of their wartime advertising. Those who have gone with patriotic themes are doing so more softly than they did in the days following the 2001 terrorist attacks. "After Sept. 11, everyone was using flags (in marketing). This time, I don't see it so blatantly," Levins said. "It's the beginning of a balancing act that's going to get increasingly tricky" for advertisers as the war continues.

The Times-News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Jose Avila Hernandez, also known as Jose Avila, Jesus Avila and Lynn Avila Hernandez, and Amber Lynn Avila, 319 Walnut St., Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40461.

Debra Deanne Johnson, also known as Debi DeAnne Johnson, 218 W. 4th St., No. 56, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40462.

Terica Maxwell, 2364 E. 1600 E., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40463.

Jeffery Homer Richmond and Mona Marie Richmond, 3387 N. 3600 E., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40466.

Tracy Lynn Tolman, 244 E. Idaho Highways, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under

\$50,000. Case no. 03-40465.

Arthur A. Thronberg and Patricia Anne Thronberg, 1140 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40486.

Marcia May Thompson, 146 Second St., Glens Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-1089.

William P. Pendleton and Landis L. Pendleton, 170 Eakin, Eden, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40492.

Oliver Rico Mejia, also known as Oliver Rico, and Angela Judy Tally, also known as Angelina J. Tally, 225 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40500.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Wanda K. Rawson, also known as Wanda E. Rawson, 1850 Elba Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40464.

James D. Smith and Gladys A. Smith, 218 Borah Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40462.

Callie Motter, 111 Tenth Ave. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness,

Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40468.

Harry D. Beem and Mary Oa Beem, 574 N. St., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40463.

Harold Ernest Read and Roberta Louise Read, 125 E. 330 St., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40502.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Michael Devers and Tammy Devers, also known as Tamara Devers, 531 Burton, No. 15, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 30-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40461.

Dennda Wayne Beravacca, doing business as Eddy Lubi, and Julie Dee Beravacca, also known as Julie Dee North, 1466 Atlantic St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40462.

Hector M. Tarason and Hilda Tarason, 14 N. 200 W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40461.

Joseph P. Trum and Donna S. Trum, 308 S. 100 E., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 2-15 creditors,

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Kmart will cut 660 jobs

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Kmart Corp. announced the elimination of 660 jobs as part of the bankrupt retailer's efforts to cut costs.

Some 400 jobs will be cut at headquarters in suburban Troy, Mich., 123 corporate positions will be cut around the country and an additional 137 positions currently open will be eliminated.

The announcement of the job cuts comes about a month before Kmart plans to exit Chapter 11 protection. The company said if January it would cut jobs at headquarters, but did not at the time, disclose the extent of the cuts.

Kmart filed for bankruptcy on Jan. 22, 2002. Last year, it closed 283 of its 2,114 stores across the nation — including 100 in Burley — affecting more than 22,000 workers. Earlier this year, Kmart shuttered an additional 316 stores, affecting more than 34,000 employees. The Twin Falls store remains open.

"We continue to take the necessary actions to create a financially healthy, cost-effective organization that is positioned to compete in the discount sector," said Julian Day, Kmart's president and chief executive, said in a statement.

Day said the cuts will save the company \$150 million a year. It is trying to focus on a longer-term goal of differentiating itself from competitors like Wal-Mart and Target by tailoring its stores to the neighborhoods where they are located. Kmart had suffered as Wal-Mart offered lower prices and Target established a more stylish image.

A week ago, Kmart reported that it lost \$3.22 billion for fiscal 2002. For its fiscal fourth quarter ending Jan. 29, it had a net loss of \$2.13 per share, compared with a loss of \$1.65 per share, or \$3.31 per share, a year ago.

Spud growers battle imports

The Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Potato growers have launched an effort to win back big customers in the fast food industry who have turned to cheaper, smaller Canadian spuds.

But since consumers probably cannot taste the difference between domestic and imported potatoes, United States producers are basing their argument on economics and health.

"We certainly don't want to get into 'Hey, our potato is better than your potato,'" Mac Johnson of the United States Potato Board said.

A University of Oregon study financed by the board found that French fries made with shorter potatoes may contribute more to obesity because they soak up more oil during cooking.

Potatoes grown in the Northwest are bigger than the average Canadian potato, mainly because of differences in growing conditions, said Keith Espino, executive director of Potato Growers of Idaho.

"There is an economic factor as well. It takes fewer longer fries to fill a fast food serving cup

than it does shorter fries. Just 20 percent of foreign french fries meet the long or extra long criteria," Espino said.

Canadian potatoes are surging into the market because a weak Canadian dollar has made them less expensive, he said.

Montana's potato growers, as well as commercial producers, said Steve McCullough, chairman of the Montana Potato Advisory Committee.

McCullough said U.S. growers, faced with a shrinking market, are planting fewer acres so there is less demand for Montana seed stock.

J.R. Simplot, one of the world's biggest potato processors, started shutting down its southern Idaho plant in Heyburn last year and is building a new plant in Canada. It has begun moving 20,000 acres of production north of the border, Simplot spokesman Reed Zerna said.

Idaho, the nation's leading potato producer, harvested 13.3 million pounds of potatoes last year, a 1.6 percent increase. The crop was down 12.5 percent from the 2000 crop that was planted on 30,000 more acres.

