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# On Baghdad's doorstep

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## Army column passes Karbala, aims for capital

By William Branigan  
The Washington Post

**NEAR KARBALA, Iraq** — Lead elements of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division snaked along Karbala's western edge Wednesday and then turned sharply east, crossed the Euphrates River and pointed toward Baghdad with surprising little resistance from disintegrating Republican Guard forces on the approaches to the Iraqi capital.

The miles-long column of armored vehicles and supply trucks, whose tip reached to within 40 miles of Baghdad and its sprawling southern suburbs, met only light opposition from small groups of President Saddam Hussein's loyalist militiamen and Republican Guard teams equipped with small arms, commanders said. The heavy Iraqi equipment expected to mount the main defense of Baghdad — battle tanks, artillery, multiple rocket launchers and anti-tank missiles — was, they said, nowhere to be seen.

"We're moving through light contact with a few ambush positions on the way," said Maj. Roger Shuck, operations officer of the division's 3rd Battalion, 15th Regiment. U.S. commanders had expected to meet stiff resistance from the Medina Division of the elite Republican Guard. But a relentless pounding in recent days by Air Force planes, including B-52 bombers, rendered at least two of the division's key brigades "combat ineffective," meaning they could muster only a company's worth of vehicles, officers said.

"The Air Force has done wonders for us," said Shuck, who'd survived a rocket-propelled grenade attack on his M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle south of Karbala two days earlier. With a brigade serving as a blocking force to the southeast and southwest of Karbala to bottle up any attackers from the rear, other units of M1 Abrams tanks, Bradleys and hundreds of other tracked and wheeled vehicles plunched through what the U.S. military has taken to calling the Karbala Gap, a narrow slice of land between the western edge of the city and Lake Razzaan.

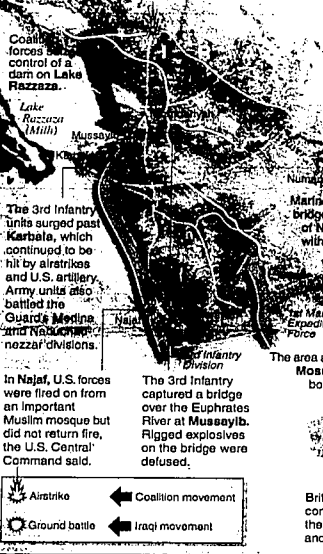
Sometimes inching along at a few miles an hour and at other times stalling completely, the

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### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, DAY 15

## Zeroing in on Baghdad

Allied forces closed in on Baghdad Wednesday, coming to within 25 miles of the capital. Troops captured several strategic bridges and largely eliminated the fighting capability of an ordinary Republican Guard unit.



Source: Defense Mapping Agency; CIA; United Nations; National Imagery and Mapping Agency; NASA; Associated Press

### The 'red zone'

Coalition troops have entered the "red zone" area around Baghdad where officials say the threat of chemical attack is high. The zone is based on the range of chemical-capable weapons Iraq has.

Baghdad again came under intense bombardment.

Baghdad Division of the Republican Guard was destroyed by Marines fighting near the city of Kut. The Marines also captured an important bridge over the Tigris River.

U.S. troops set up a large airstrip in nearby Irbil.

Iraqi forces shelled Kirkay in the Kurdish autonomous region.

British troops still surround Basra.

British forces continue to secure the Faw peninsula and Rumaila oil fields.



Capt. Andy MacClean, of Task Force 2-69 Armor, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga., rests Wednesday, after a night of heavy fighting in Karbala.

## In Baghdad, residents talk cost of war

By Hamza Hendawi  
Associated Press Writer

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — The passengers on the upper deck of bus No. 4 turned their heads in unison to look at the carnage left by the missile attack on the Bab al-Moazzam telephone exchange. Many shook their heads in disbelief, and some stared with their mouths agape. But no one said a word.

The air campaign on Baghdad and the advance of U.S. troops toward the Iraqi capital have left

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# Rescued POW fought hard before capture, U.S. says

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Pfc. Jessica Lynch, rescued Tuesday from an Iraqi hospital, fought fiercely and shot several enemy soldiers after Iraqi forces ambushed the Army's 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company, firing her weapon until she ran out of ammunition, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

Lynch, a 19-year-old supply clerk, continued firing at the Iraqi seven after she sustained a leg wound. She was the only woman among several other soldiers in the unit. A 22-year-old soldier said the ambush happened after a 20th-century tank was hit by the

## Supply clerk kept firing at Iraqis as comrades died, one officials said

advancing 3rd Infantry Division, took a wrong turn near the southern city of Nasiriyah. "She was fighting to the death," the official said. "She did not want to be taken alive." Lynch was also stabbed when Iraqi forces closed in on her position, the official said, noting that initial intelligence reports indicated she had been stabbed to

death. No official gave any indication Wednesday, however, that Lynch's wounds had been life-threatening.

Several officials cautioned that the precise sequence of events is still being determined, and further information would emerge as Lynch is debriefed. Reports thus far are based on battlefield intelligence, they say, which comes from monitored communications and from Iraqi sources in Nasiriyah whose reliability has yet to be assessed. Pentagon officials said they had heard "rumors" of Lynch's heroics but had no confirmation.

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This image from video shows Wednesday at the Central Command Center, Doha, Qatar, where the rescuee, Tuesday of Jessica Lynch.

## Sales tax hike heads to House

Valley lawmaker says it's needed; 'sin' taxes rise on agenda too

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Twin Falls Republican Rep. Leon Smith, an attorney in his private life, is practicing an important speech.

Early next week he will present an unpopular — but necessary, in the opinion of many — argument to convince a decidedly conservative House to approve a half-cent sales tax increase.

Smith has been sitting on the proposal for weeks, but he relented Wednesday on the political weight of the speaker of the House, Rep. Bruce Newcomb. R-Burley, to push the bill through the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, which has stewed in anger for the past two days about having to raise taxes.

But a sales tax increase wasn't all that lawmakers were considering. The panel agreed to begin the process of raising taxes by a

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## Spate of robberies hits area

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Twin Falls saw an unprecedented spate of bank robberies last year — and two already this year — but it's difficult to say exactly why, police and federal agents said.

"Every once in a while, we get a spike like that in some of the towns," said Dominic Venturi, an FBI agent in the Boise office. "I don't think there's any particular pattern."

Even so, investigators are taking seriously the possibility that at least some of Twin Falls robberies were done by the same person or people.

"We're looking into that," said Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith, the lead investigator on the latest robbery case earlier this week at the Key Bank branch at 1665 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

There was no new information on that case Wednesday, he said. And it might be that Twin

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance for an isolated shower. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Gradually decreasing clouds. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Cool with scattered showers possible, otherwise partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with a chance for a scattered shower. Highs in the mid 40s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Continued chance for showers. Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

As most unsettled Pacific air continues to stream in from the coast, light precipitation will continue for the next couple of days along with near-average temperatures.

Today Highs 25 to 39. Tonight's Lows 8 to 19. BOISE: There could be enough moisture in the atmosphere for a widely scattered shower over the next few days.

NORTHERN UTAH

Cool, damp air will bring scattered showers to the region and perhaps bring late season snow to the higher elevations.



Yesterday's State Extreme - High: 56 at Hagerman. Low: 28 at Stanley. Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, mt, sn-snow, R-rain, W-wind, m-missing

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TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast grid for Twin Falls, Idaho, showing Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday with icons and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section for Twin Falls, Idaho, including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and Pollen Count.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing regional weather forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

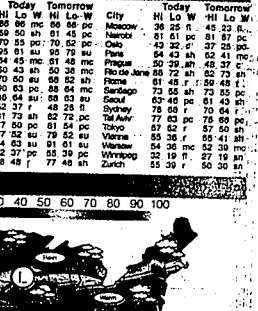
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Table showing national weather forecasts for various states including Oregon, California, and Nevada.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing world weather forecasts for various international locations.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian weather forecasts for various cities in Canada.

Robberies

Falls is seeing some of the darker aspects of growth, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAtee. In a large city, these things happen every day. We'd just been fortunate that it hadn't caught up to us," he said.

were motivated by addictions—especially to heroine or methamphetamine, Dougherty said. Ventura said his city's bank robbery rate hasn't risen significantly. But he agreed that addiction is often a motive.

Robberies revisited

Jan 2, 2002 - Branches of the U.S. Bank and the Wells Fargo Bank are robbed - apparently by the same suspect. July 30, 2002 - A single suspect robs the Lymond branch of the Wells Fargo Bank at 1320 River Ave. Nov. 19, 2002 - A man robs the Bank of America branch at the corner of Elmerth Avenue East and Shoshone.

Taxes

total of \$137 million annually, including the sales tax hike, along with other increases in cigarette, beer and wine taxes. During the tax committee hearing, conservative members expressed frustration over the measures and the political process that has taken place since January, when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne first said he would not cut core services such as education and health care.

Tax hike proposals

A half-penny sales tax increase would raise the state's general sales tax from 5 cents to 5.5 cents and provide about \$80 million in increased revenue. It would be on July 1 and end June 30, 2004. Another move to kill the bill failed 13-8 in committee by a 7-6 vote.

Circulation information for the newspaper, including contact details for Daniel Walock, circulation director.

Mail information section providing details about the newspaper's mailing schedule and subscription rates.

Idaho Lottery advertisement showing winning numbers for various games like Powerball, Mega Millions, and Wild Cards.

Advertisement for a car, featuring a photograph of a vehicle and promotional text.

Advertisement for a business or service, including contact information and a brief description.

Advertisement for a business or service, including contact information and a brief description.

Large advertisement for QwestDex, featuring the slogan 'ONE FOR ALL' and information about finding information in books and online.

# Dems seek more funds for security

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats launched a drive Wednesday to double President Bush's request for homeland security funds as part of a nearly \$80 billion measure to finance the war in Iraq, combat terrorism and help the nation's financially troubled airlines.

In an initial showdown, the Senate voted 52-47 largely along party lines, to reject a proposal from Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., to add \$1 billion to strengthen port security, including grants for security operations, radiation detection equipment and more resources for the Coast Guard.

Key Republicans said they favor providing more funds for port security but not in this bill.

The Senate, with support from leaders of both parties, is pushing to pass the \$78.7 billion measure by late Thursday as a demonstration of financial backing for U.S. troops as they close in on Baghdad. The House plans to take up and pass its \$77.9 billion version of the legislation Thursday.

The bills, approved Tuesday by House and Senate appropriations committees, include Bush's request of roughly \$4 billion for homeland security. Senate Democrats are trying to reconfigure and raise that amount to \$9 billion, largely to increase spending for police, firefighters and other first responders and for high-risk areas such as New York and Washington.

# Alzheimer's drug shows promise, researchers say

The Associated Press

A drug long used in Germany slowed memory loss and physical decline in advanced Alzheimer's patients, according to a study of what could be the first effective treatment for late stages of the mind-robbing ailment.

There is no cure or known prevention for Alzheimer's, which affects about 4 million Americans, and only medications are approved for earlier stages of the disease.

But a six-month test of the drug memantine in patients with moderate-to-severe Alzheimer's showed it slowed deterioration from the disease, researchers report in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

# Court: States may force HMOs to expand network

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that states can pass laws forcing HMOs to open their networks to more health care providers, giving patients broader choices of doctors and hospitals but potentially boosting costs.

The unanimous ruling was a setback for the managed care industry, which argued that closed networks lower health care costs because providers agree to accept lower fees in return for a guaranteed stream of patients.

The decision also gives states more freedom to regulate insurance companies, another in a line of decisions from the court expanding states' rights.

# JUST THE BEGINNING?



Candy Guerrero waits in line for an appointment at the El Monte Comprehensive Health Center March 12 in El Monte, Calif.

# Some see L.A. health crisis as harbinger for elsewhere

EL MONTE, Calif. (AP) — On her second trip to the El Monte Comprehensive Health Center, Candy Guerrero spent nearly an hour waiting for an appointment.

The first time, she waited in vain for two hours.

"I went home crying," said Guerrero, 61, who suffers from diabetes and a heart condition. "I could not make an appointment. I could not see the doctor."

The mother of nine, who can't afford health insurance on her pay as a part-time nurse's assistant, used to go to a clinic closer to home. But it was among 16 closed by Los Angeles County last fall in a bid to keep the nation's second-largest public health system from collapsing.

Health officials across the state and throughout the nation say a larger problem is reflected in Los Angeles County.

Many of the 3,000 local public health departments around the country are hurting financially, said Patrick Libbey, executive director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials. More than 75 percent of about 500 departments surveyed by the group earlier this year said they had made cuts or expected to have them.

"Large immigrant populations, increasing unemployment ... the burden of preparing for terrorism. All these are weighing heavily on the system," said Skip Moskey of the National Association of Public Hospitals.

The New York Hospital and Health Corp., a quasi-governmental agency in charge of New York City's public hospitals and health clinics, has cut 13,000 jobs and dropped 2,871 hospital beds out of service since 1994.

In California, where an estimated 6 million people are uninsured

— about 17 percent of the state's population — the public health systems in Alameda County and Contra Costa County in the San Francisco Bay area have made multimillion-dollar cuts.

"Many of our members refer to themselves as L.A. counties in waiting," said Karen Butler of the California Association of Public Health.

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The Los Angeles County system has teetered on the edge of collapse for a decade only to be rescued by more than \$2 billion in state and federal bailouts. A water-approved property-tax increase passed last fall will help keep emergency and trauma rooms open for now.

A big part of the problem here is the sheer enormity of the system. It is a safety net for the largest reservoir of uninsured patients in the nation, 2.5 million people, many of whom are poor immigrants. It serves an estimated 800,000 a year, more than the population of South Dakota.

As a condition of receiving the

federal money, the county has been required to reform the system to make it more financially stable.

Some progress has been made. Since 1995, the system has slashed 321 hospital beds and reduced the number of hospital admissions by 30 percent. Costly emergency room visits are down more than 40 percent. Outpatient clinics now handle flu cases and other minor complaints.

But the increasing emphasis on outpatient care has had the unintended consequence of raising costs. Doctors handling more patients discovered many with untreated, chronic problems such as hypertension or diabetes, increasing overall costs.

"It's really a balancing act," said John Wallace, director of external relations for the county Department of Health Services.

After last fall's closures, the county was left with nine primary clinics and six comprehensive centers, which are larger and provide specialty care and extended hours. The county also cut services at dozens of private outpatient clinics with county contracts. Overall, the changes cut annual patient visits by nearly 500,000.

But the results can be measured in longer waits and potentially sicker patients.

At the El Monte clinic, patient visits are up 15 percent to 20 percent per month since the closures, and a hiring freeze has hurt, said Hugo Almeida, the center's administrator.

"It is busier, the waits are longer and staff are doing the best they can," he said. The center relies on staff working overtime and on temporary help to serve some 450 patients a day.

"It is really a cut-and-paste-type solution," Almeida said.

# Official's ties extend to oil, gas leasing

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department's No. 2 official, a former energy lobbyist, participated in meetings on oil and gas leases off Florida and California in which his former lobbying firm's clients had huge financial stakes.

Some of the meetings involving Deputy Secretary J. Steven Griles figured in a dispute that ended with the Bush administration paying \$46 million to Chevron USA Inc. to abandon a natural gas drilling project in the Gulf of Mexico just 30 miles from Florida beaches.

Before the Senate confirmed Griles in 2001, he promised to refrain for a year from involvement in any issue in which one of his former clients or employers had a financial interest.

Though Griles is listed as a lobbyist for Chevron in reports filed with Congress by his firm, he says he did no personal lobbying for his company.

While Griles' nomination was pending before the Senate, Chevron was paying Griles' firm \$80,000 to lobby the Interior Department, according to reports filed with Congress.

In September 2001, two months after he was confirmed, Griles participated in the first of at least four meetings with Interior Department colleagues about the Chevron project, according to Griles' appointment calendars, which were obtained by news organizations and environmental groups under the Freedom of Information Act.

Interior spokesman Mark Pfeifle defended Griles' actions, saying he acted ethically.

Pfeifle said Griles participated in discussions about the dispute involving Chevron's leases, but made no decisions. The Justice Department negotiated a settlement with the company.

"Steve Griles made as many decisions for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to win the Super Bowl as he did on the Destin Dome buyout," said Pfeifle. Destin Dome is the name of the area of the Gulf where Chevron's leases were located.

Pfeifle said the Chevron settlement was negotiated by career employees who saved taxpayers more than \$285 million because Chevron and other oil companies had sued the federal government for far more than they collected.

After inquiries by The Associated Press, Griles' former lobbying partner Marc Himmelstein said the firm plans to change each of three lobbying reports it filed with Congress to remove Griles' name.

One of the lobbying firm's principals, John Northington, said he performed all the work for Chevron. Northington said his work focused exclusively on the proposed merger of Chevron

# Interior's No. 2 man

J. Steven Griles: Deputy interior secretary since 2001. 1995-2001, principal with National Environmental Strategies Inc., founded by former Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour, and president of J. Steven Griles & Associates LLC. 1989-1995, senior vice president, United Co., Bristol, Va., interests in coal, oil and gas development and gas mining. 1984-1989, worked with Interior Secretary Gale Norton during the Reagan administration under then-interior Secretary James Watt.

# Among his energy lobbying clients:

- A.R.J. Oil
- Imperial Petroleum
- Reform Commission
- American Petroleum Institute
- West Coast Oil
- ARCH Coal Inc.
- California Energy LLC
- Cal Resources
- Carbon Petroleum Co.
- Chevron USA
- Coalition Coal Co.
- Devon Energy Corp.
- Edison Electric Institute
- National Mining Association
- Occidental International Corp.
- Oxy USA Inc.
- Pennsylvania Power and Light Co.
- Pittston Coal Co.
- Russco Energy Co.
- Shenandoah Energy
- Sunoco
- United Gas Resources
- West Petroleum Co.

and Texaco which the federal government was reviewing.

Griles worked in the Interior Department during the Reagan administration and later worked at the lobbying firm, National Environmental Strategies Inc. It was co-founded by former Republican National Committee chairman Haley Barbour.

In 2001, President Bush nominated Griles as deputy to Interior Secretary Gale Norton. As a condition of his Senate confirmation, Griles promised, in writing, to "recuse myself for one year from becoming involved in official matters dealing with my former employers and clients."

At the time, Florida was fighting a proposal by Chevron to drill up to 21 gas production gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico. Last spring, Bush announced plans to provide over \$230 million to protect Florida's Everglades and Gulf coast areas from oil and gas development. That provided a boost to the re-election campaign of his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, for whom offshore drilling was a thorny political issue.

Griles also participated in at least 10 meetings regarding 36 oil and gas leases off the California coast. California has blocked development of the leases, and leaseholders are seeking \$1.2 billion in compensation.

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# White House signals tax-cut compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House gave the clearest signal yet Wednesday that President Bush may be willing to bend to political reality and accept less than the \$726 billion in new tax cuts he has requested.

Prominent Republicans are among those predicting the tax cuts lawmakers finally approve will be less than the president

wants, but the White House has lobbied for the full amount and continued to do so Wednesday.

"We understand that there will be a give-and-take process in the Congress between the House and the Senate," Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "We understand that the president proposes, Congress disposes."

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# Marines cross Tigris, meet little opposition south of Baghdad

### Push puts troops in 'Saddam's backyard'

By Jonathan Finer  
The Washington Post

ALONG THE TIGRIS RIVER, Iraq - Moving along a road lined with sand berms and waving Iraqi men, U.S. Marines sent thousands of troops across the Tigris River Wednesday and pushed northward to within striking distance of Baghdad.

A vast column of tanks, Amtracs amphibious assault vehicles and Humvees churned more than 70 miles through Iraq's central desert in a northeasterly advance that met little opposition. Along the way, they seized an airfield that could be useful for attacking the Iraqi capital and reached a bridge that allowed Marines and their armored equipment to cross the Tigris - the last major geographic obstacle before the flat, spreading suburbs south of Baghdad.

Once on the other side of the river, lead elements veered to the northwest and joined another column of Marines in an advance that moved to within 60 miles of the capital, according to reports



U.S. Marines with India Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, secure an Iraqi army outpost and training center near the town of Huma, Iraq, on Wednesday.

from the scene. "This was the big push," said Lt. Col. Christopher Conlin, commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "The biggest day will come when we reach the outskirts of Baghdad, but if you're Saddam, now we're in your backyard."

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Fears of chemical attack rose as the U.S. forces moved nearer to Baghdad. Marines, already in suits designed to protect against chemical or biological weapons, were ordered to sleep Wednesday night with protective boots on as well - the first time the precaution was obligatory since the invasion began March 20 - and to keep their protective gloves in their right-hand trouser pockets and their gas masks attached to their hips and ready to pull on.

Conlin's battalion seized the airfield, less than 10 miles south of the Tigris, which he said, Marines or other U.S. forces could use to re-supply front-line units or establish an air base to attack Iraqi units farther north. When the Marines reached the airfield around 4 p.m., it was largely abandoned. The fleeing Iraqi army had left the two paved runways littered with destroyed armored personnel carriers and other military vehicles.

They were trying to draw us into bombing the runway so we couldn't use it," Conlin said, standing on the tarmac while Marines scrambled to the back of their Amtracs to perform a cursory inspection of the vehi-

cles. "Once we clear the runway, it will open up another staging ground for us."

The airport was secured in a matter of minutes, as a dozen Amtracs rolled onto the runway and unloaded Marines to provide security. Combat engineers and explosive-ordnance disposal teams, EODs in Marine jargon, were called in to inspect the vehicles for booby traps and clear away the abandoned vehicles.

As they made their way north, the Marines encountered only light resistance. They began Tuesday in the Fawar region, east of the city of Najaf, and drove along the paved main highway. The bleak desert landscape slowly gave way to fertile fields and stands of palm trees.

For the first time since they left Safwan, on the Kuwait border, the Marines saw towns large enough to boast two-story buildings. Most were sprayed with the words "EOD cleared" and a date from the last few days, indicating the explosives disposal teams had been through.

A large mural of President Saddam Hussein was seen in Najaf, with the same "EOD cleared" and a large "R.L.P." sprayed on at the bottom.

# With holy city almost secure, residents cheer troops

By David Zucchino  
Los Angeles Times

NAJAF, Iraq - They've destroyed the local Baath Party headquarters. They're gathering up crates of captured weapons. Now, U.S. forces in this southern Iraqi city revered by the world's Shiite Muslims have secured the gold-domed Al-Mosque, still pristine and whole after three days of furious combat.

Residents here seemed to sense Wednesday that something fundamental had shifted in their lives and that a grave threat to their religious heritage had fallen away. Thousands poured into the streets, cheering a Humvee convoy carrying an American colonel who had just completed a delicate duet with the city's leading Shiite imam. Offering religious chants and salutes, 2,000 people greeted Lt. Col. Chris Hughes and his men in a scene he likened to "the liberation of Paris."

Although soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division have yet to fully seize Najaf, the city was secure enough Wednesday for the division commander, Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, to blow through the southern districts in an armored convoy - his third visit in as many days.

Iraqi paramilitary fighters who had harassed nearby U.S. supply lines last week were being pounded by Apache gunships and A-10

Warthogs as the general visited American positions.

"I think it's fair to say they're on the run," Petraeus said, dressed in a two-star helmet, flak vest and chemical suit. "They're

“ We've gone from no civilians outside their homes to thousands of civilians in the streets. ”

— Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, 101st Airborne Division commander

either dead or on the run." Residents who had been wary of an uprising against Saddam Hussein's Sunni Muslim regime in 1991 had been brutally repressed after expected U.S. support did not materialize - on Wednesday were pointing out minefields to U.S. soldiers, commanders said.

"We've made progress every day for the last three or four days," Petraeus said. "We've gone from no civilians outside their homes to thousands of civilians on the streets."

Najaf is one of the holiest cities

for Shiite Muslims. It is home to the tomb and shrine of Imam Ali bin Abi Talib, son-in-law of the prophet Muhammad. American commanders said that before U.S. forces secured the Al-Mosque, they were fired at from the structure by Iraqi forces but did not return fire.

Through an elaborate series of intermediaries, Hughes was able to pay his respects Wednesday outside the mosque to the city's senior cleric, Said Ali al-Sistani. The U.S. incursion essentially freed Sistani from more than 15 years of house arrest imposed by Saddam's regime, Hughes indicated.

The colonel said he assured Sistani that the Americans did not intend to harm Shiites or their religious sites. Sistani was overwhelmed by his abrupt change of circumstance, Hughes said.

"He's kind of in shock as to really how to handle the responsibility of everybody looking up to him, asking him advice," Hughes said.

Speaking at a battalion headquarters in the city, Hughes seemed to consider the experience in Najaf a primer for the much larger struggle ahead for Baghdad, 100 miles to the north.

"This is a great scenario for us, to work out lessons before we get to Baghdad," he said.

"All the lessons we're learning ... are going to be golden nuggets ... when we get to Baghdad."



A U.S. soldier from the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division passes by an Iraqi civilian in Najaf, Iraq, Wednesday.

# Iraqis shoot down copter near Karbala

WASHINGTON (AP) - A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter was shot down south of Baghdad Wednesday, military officials said. There were conflicting reports on the number of casualties.

Pentagon officials said seven soldiers aboard the helicopter were killed and four were wounded and rescued. U.S. Central Command headquarters in Qatar released a statement saying six were believed to have been aboard and "casualties" had not been confirmed at this point.

The helicopter was downed by small-arms fire near Karbala, Pentagon officials said. The Euphrates River city was the site of fierce fighting between the Army's 3rd Infantry Division and Iraqi troops, including Republican Guard forces.

The Black Hawk was the second U.S. helicopter to go down in combat. An Army Apache assault helicopter went down March 24 during an assault on Republican Guard forces; two pilots were captured by Iraqis.

The UH-60 Black Hawk is one of the Army's main utility and lift transport helicopters. Each is flown by a crew of four and can carry up to 13 soldiers.

# Marines become U.S. citizens posthumously

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (AP) - Marine Cpl. Jose Angel Garibay and Sgt. Cpl. Jose Gutierrez gave their lives in Iraq while they were for the United States, a land they loved and believed in. No matter that it wasn't their official homeland, they were determined that one day it would be.

That day came Wednesday. With the help of their families and fellow Marines, Garibay and Gutierrez became American citizens posthumously. The acting director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services signed the papers without families or the media to watch.

An executive order signed by President Bush last year allows families of troops killed in war to apply for posthumous citizenship. The certificates will be presented to the families if that's their wish, according to the bureau.

Gutierrez, 22, of Lomita, Calif., died March 21 at the port city of Umm Qasr, one of the first casualties of the war.

When he was 14, Gutierrez crossed into California after taking trains from Guatemala through Mexico. The orphan found a foster family, attended high school in Southern California, and then joined the Marine Corps. He was assigned as an infantry rifleman with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“ He probably thought he was more an American than a Mexican. ”

— Crystal Garibay, sister of Cpl. Jose Angel Garibay

"We're proud as a family that he was able to become a citizen because that's one of the things he wanted to do. And we are honored," Lillian Cardenas, his foster sister, told The Associated Press.

Garibay, 21, of Costa Mesa, Calif., died March 23 in Nasiriyah, south of Baghdad. He was a native of Jalisco, Mexico, whose family moved to the United States when he was a baby. Garibay joined the Marines three years ago and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"He thought he was an American. He probably thought he was more an American than a Mexican," said Garibay's sister Crystal.

Garibay's family was awaiting the return of his remains. Once returned, the family will hold a memorial service in Costa Mesa.

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There was no immediate indication whether Lynch's fellow soldiers killed in the ambush were among 11 bodies found by Special Operations forces who rescued Lynch at Saddam Hussein Hospital in Nasiriyah. U.S. officials said that some of the bodies are believed to be those of U.S. servicemen. Two of the bodies were found in the hospital's morgue and nine were found in shallow graves on the grounds outside.

Seven soldiers from the 507th are still listed as missing in action following the ambush. Five others, four men and a woman, were taken captive following the attack. Video footage of the five has been shown on Iraqi television, along with grisly pictures of at least four soldiers killed in the battle.

Lynch, of Palestine, W. Va., arrived Wednesday at a U.S. military hospital in Germany. She was in "stable" condition, suffering from broken arms and a broken leg, in addition to the gunshot stab wounds. A Pentagon spokesman, who declined to give her name, said she was in good spirits and being treated for injuries.

But one military officer briefed on her condition said that while Lynch was conscious and able to communicate with the U.S. commandos who rescued her, she was very weak. She was spoken to by telephone with her parents Wednesday night, who said she was in good spirits, but hungry and needed more food.

One Army officer said she could be some time before she is

reunited with her family, since experience with those taken prisoner since the Vietnam War indicates that soldiers held in captivity need time to "decompress" and reflect on their ordeal with the help of medical professionals.

At Central Command headquarters in Qatar, Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks showed a brief, night-vision video clip of commandos rushing Lynch on a stretcher to a waiting Blackhawk helicopter.

One intriguing account of Lynch's 10 days in captivity came from an unidentified Iraqi pharmacist at Saddam Hussein Hospital who told Sky News, a British network, that he had cared for her and frequently heard her crying about wanting to be reunited with her family.

"She said every time, about wanting to go home," said the pharmacist, who was filmed at the hospital wearing a white medical coat over a black T-shirt. "She knew that the American Army (will) come and get me." The only injuries the pharmacist said he was aware of were to Lynch's leg, but there was no way of evaluating his statement.

Lynch's rescue at midnight local time Tuesday was a classic Special Operations raid, with U.S. commandos in Blackhawk helicopters engaging Iraqi forces on their way in and out of the medical compound, defense officials said.

Acting on information from CIA operatives, they said, a Special Operations force of Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and Air Force commandos snatched Lynch down in

black-out conditions. An AC-130 gunship, able to fire 1,800 rounds a minute from its 25mm cannon, circled overhead, as did a reconnaissance aircraft providing real-time overhead video imagery of the operation as it unfolded.

"There was shooting going in, there was some shooting going out," said one military officer familiar with the operation. "It was not intensive. There was no shooting in the building, but it was hairy, because no one knew what to expect. When they got inside, I don't think there was any resistance. It was fairly abandoned."

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines advanced in Nasiriyah as a diversionary tactic to preoccupy whatever Iraqi forces might still have been in the area.

The officer said that Special Operations forces found what looked like a "prototype" Iraqi torture chamber in the hospital's basement, with batteries and metal prods.

Briefing reporters at Central Command headquarters, Brooks said the hospital apparently was being used as a military command post. Commandos whisked Lynch to safety on a stretcher to a waiting Black Hawk helicopter that had landed inside the hospital compound, he said. While others remained behind to clear the hospital building.

The announcement of the successful raid was delayed for more than an hour because some U.S. troops had remained on the ground in Nasiriyah longer than anticipated to finish searching the hospital and retrieving the bodies.

Brooks said that while the raid was planned to be a surprise, it was not a secret.

# CIA finds no evidence of Syria claim

Newday

WASHINGTON - The CIA has no credible evidence that the government of Syria has had a role in the shipment of night-vision goggles and other military equipment to Iraq, according to an administration official familiar with U.S. intelligence in the region.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld last Friday suggested that Syria was responsible for the shipment to Iraq of defense equipment, including the goggles, and warned that the United States considered "such trafficking as hostile acts and would hold the Syrian government accountable." Syria quickly denied the accusation.

The administration official Wednesday said that while military goods, including goggles, have been smuggled through Syria into Iraq for many years, "it's not necessarily with the knowledge, consent or approval of the Syrian government."

At the same time, he said, military goods also have been shipped into Iraq, in violation of United Nations sanctions, from other countries much more aligned with the Syrian government, including Turkey and Jordan.

A spokesman in Rumsfeld's office said Wednesday, "I'm not going to say we can't stand where they are."



America at war

# Pilots describe parachuting into Iraq

F-14 goes down after mechanical problems

By Roban Sullivan  
Associated Press Writer

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK - The two Americans bailed out of a falling F-14 Tomcat fighter jet in the Iraqi desert, and when rescuers asked if they could walk, they didn't hesitate.

"I can run, just point me in the right direction," replied one crew member, a lieutenant commander nicknamed Gordo.

Gordo, the plane's radar intercept operator, and his pilot, a lieutenant who goes by Vinny, returned to their base on the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk on Wednesday after a frightening night behind enemy lines and a dramatic rescue.

Their F-14A Tomcat strike fighter - a versatile supersonic plane that dates from the late 1960s and is among the Navy's oldest - crashed into the desert in southern Iraq during a bombing mission at 150 mph, after mechanical failures left one engine dead and the other slowly starving of fuel.

It was the first confirmed report of a U.S. fighter going down in Iraq during the war, but it was the third Navy plane to be lost to accidents or mechanical problems in 10 hours. Pilots ejected safely from the other two planes as well.

Rear Adm. Matthew G. Moffit, commander of the Kitty Hawk battle group, said extra stress on pilots of the plane during the intensive U.S. bombing campaign was unlikely to have caused Wednesday's crash. Unless an investigation points to a problem that may occur on other planes, he said, the F-14s will keep flying strike missions over Iraq.

Vinny and Gordo - who asked that they be identified by their radio call signs instead of their names because they fear being



F-14A Tomcat radar intercept officer, Gordo, of Georgia, right, and pilot Vinny, of Virginia, talk about their experience of ejecting from their jet over Iraq.

identified from media reports if they are ever captured - were on a mission that has become routine for commanders to assign targets - usually dug-in Republican Guard artillery, equipment or command posts just south of Baghdad - then attack them with laser-guided bombs.

Having dropped their bombs, Vinny and Gordo were preparing to rendezvous with a tanker plane that would give them the fuel they needed to return to base. Vinny noticed a problem with the left-side engine.

Like rebooting a computer, the pilot shut down the engine, then tried to fire it up again, but it wouldn't restart.

So the pair began making adjustments to equipment on board to reroute the fuel from a

tank feeding the left engine to the right engine, which would let them fly safely to meet the tanker and, eventually, into friendly territory.

But the transfer system failed as well, setting in motion an ominous countdown. The men watched the right engine's fuel gauge tick down to empty as they rocketed south.

"We pretty much knew it was coming," said Vinny, 32, from Virginia. Sitting in the pilot's front seat, Vinny read out the dwindling numbers on the fuel gauge to Gordo, sitting in the radio and radar controller's seat immediately behind.

"I was just counting down, letting him know the fuel remaining," he said. "At the point we got down to about 200 pounds (of fuel), the right engine started to come down, the starter kind of

hiccupped." That's when they knew: "It's time to go," Vinny said. "Gordo called 'Eject, eject, eject!' and pulled the handle."

The cockpit canopy exploded off and the two men were flung violently into the air.

"It was a surreal experience, changing the warmth and comfort of the cockpit to a violent wind blast ... then hanging off a parachute and floating down over Iraq," said Gordo, 39, from Georgia.

Hanging beneath their parachutes, they saw their multimillion-dollar fighter crash to earth and explode. There were few other lights and, thankfully, none of the flashes in the sky that meant anti-aircraft fire, which they had seen earlier in the mission.

Gordo said his initial feelings about having to eject were anger and disbelief - "You can't believe it's happening to you" - which quickly turned to fear.

"Once I was on the ground, I started shaking," he said. "It was not a very friendly place to be."

The Tomcats routinely travel in pairs or with F/A-18 Hornets, and other main carrier-based strike planes. On Wednesday, another Tomcat was alongside the aviators in trouble, watched them go down and quickly radioed their position to helicopter teams on standby in Kuwait.

The second Tomcat then patrolled overhead, talking to the downed aviators via radio gear they carried with them when they ejected, reassuring them that help was on the way.

Moffit, the battle group commander on the Kitty Hawk, said the rescue team reached the downed pilots "fairly quickly." For Gordo, it couldn't have been fast enough.

Asked how long they spent on the ground in Iraq, he said, "I don't know. It seemed like forever, I know that."



More than 60 oil trench fires burn in the city of Baghdad in this aerial photograph presented Wednesday during a Central Command press briefing at Camp As Sayliyah, in Doha, Qatar.

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the city's 5 million people torn between resignation, indignation and fear.

"What does Bush want from us?" screamed an Iraqi woman in a black chador, standing next to the ruins of the Baghdad telephone exchange. "Saddam is our choice, and even if he will have us survive on just bread, we still want him."

"Would Bush do this to his people or his family?"

The daily air raids on Baghdad, carried out by Tomahawk cruise missiles as well as bombers, have hit a range of targets. Some, like residential areas and phone exchanges, touched the lives of ordinary people.

Others targeted Saddam Hussein's regime - presidential palaces, intelligence and security complexes - or military targets like camps of the Republic Guard to the south of the capital.

Many of Baghdad's residents like to say that, after two wars and countless bombings over the past two decades, they are used to bombs and missiles raining on their city. But two weeks into the U.S.-led air campaign on Baghdad, this bravado has all but disappeared.

The old black-and-white photographs that once decorated the walls of the state-owned Shabbandar cafe on al-Motabani street are gone - stashed away in case of bombing. A picture of Saddam remains - depicting him in mili-

tary uniform, sipping tea.

Airstrikes on two crowded Baghdad markets last week - which Iraq said killed more than 70 people and injured scores - brought the reality of war ever closer.

"There were people being burned alive in their cars, headless bodies, human parts on the street and people screaming and running," said Hussein Rasheed al-Biari, whose brother Faris was among 14 civilians killed March 26.

"Even men who are known to be brave were running away in panic. Hell must be like that," he said.

Faris al-Biari was under a Toyota and fixing its exhaust pipe when what the Iraqi regime says was a cruise missile hit, according to his brother Hussein. "The car caught fire and he remained under until we put out the fire. By the time we got him out, the upper part of his body was completely burned."

The same blast also injured one of Faris al-Biari's three children, 10-year-old Saif, who had been working with his father at the auto repair shop.

Despite the fear and destruction, Baghdad's resilience remains evident. After the initial shock of the war's opening days, life in Baghdad has steadily crept back to normalcy, albeit after a fashion.

There are traffic jams in many parts of the city. Markets are crowded and shoppers are out in the thousands.

At the passing tanks, trucks and Humvees, but kept their distance. Children ran out to receive candy thrown to them by the drivers and gunners aboard Bradley's and M113 armored personnel carriers.

On one stretch of road through a wooded area, scene of small-arms ambushes aimed at the head of the column earlier Wednesday, the roar of the huge convoy went through without incident as night fell.

Farther north, drivers reported on their radios having seen the impact of a suspected mortar round about 500 yards from the column. Later, rockets from a multiple rocket launcher streaked through the night sky as U.S. gunners used radar to locate the origin of enemy artillery and drop counter-battery fire on it.

Lt. Col. Stephen Twitty, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 15th Regiment, said in an interview Tuesday that the Medina Division had been reduced to 65 percent of its strength by U.S. airstrikes. He said U.S. and British forces flew 300 sorties against the mortar, many of them directed at the Republican Guard divisions arrayed on Baghdad's southern approaches.

Twitty said, he was telling his troops to be prepared for a fight.

"I'm not talking to my soldiers about capitulation" of Republican Guard forces, the 39-year-old officer from Chesnee, S.C., said. "They must be prepared to engage the enemy."

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convoy moved around to the west of the city, defying expectations that it would take a route east. Then, after reaching the northern end of Karbala, it veered east and drove toward a bridge over the Euphrates at a town called Objective Peach by the 3rd Infantry Division commanders and Mutasayib by Iraqis.

Because of the reduction of the Medina Division by countless U.S. bombing and artillery barrages, U.S. commanders were reviewing their plans Wednesday and picking alternative targets and stopping points for their forces. "This has been a very fluid plan based on the fact that we've done well," Shuck said.

By short, after 6 p.m., the 3rd Division's 1st Brigade was reported by commanders to have crossed the bridge over the Euphrates at Objective Peach, with the long tail of the armored column stretching miles behind.

At the rest of the column pushed through the Karbala Gap, the lights of the city twinkled in the distance to the east. Karbala, a city of 350,000 about 50 miles south of Baghdad, is sacred to the 60 percent of Iraq's 24 million residents who are Shiite Muslims. A traditional destination for Shiite pilgrims from Iraq and the region, Karbala is the burial place of Hussein, a revered Shiite martyr who was the son of Ali, the prophet Muhammad's son-in-law.

At the start of the division's advance south of Karbala, the U.S. force passed burned-out civilian pickup trucks and four-wheel-drive vehicles, the ride of choice for Iraqi irregulars trying to resist the U.S. drive toward Baghdad.

Within a short span, the bodies of five of these fighters, killed when they tried to target Bradley's in recent days, lay by the side of the road. On both sides of the route, numerous fighting positions were dug into the sandy earth, some topped with sandbags.

But farther along, there was little sign of resistance by the ground force. The U.S. brigades' lead unit passed civilians who waved

# Hospital ship treats friend, foe and inbetween

It's often unclear status of injured

By Stephanie McCrummen  
Newswatch

ABOARD THE USNS COMFORT - This big white hospital ship in the Persian Gulf is slowly filling with ambiguly.

Wounded Iraqi soldiers are flown here to be treated, and their status is clear: They are prisoners of war. Wounded U.S. soldiers are brought in almost daily for medical care. A little boy wandering the hallways, his head shaved where a 6-inch gash was sewn up, is obviously a civilian casualty.

But increasingly, helicopters returning from the battlefields bring wounded Iraqis whose status is less certain. They are labeled "detainees" - a term applied to civilians who may or may not have taken up arms against coalition forces.

"We don't know who's who ..." said Byron Adams, a naval aviator here. "We cannot ascertain."

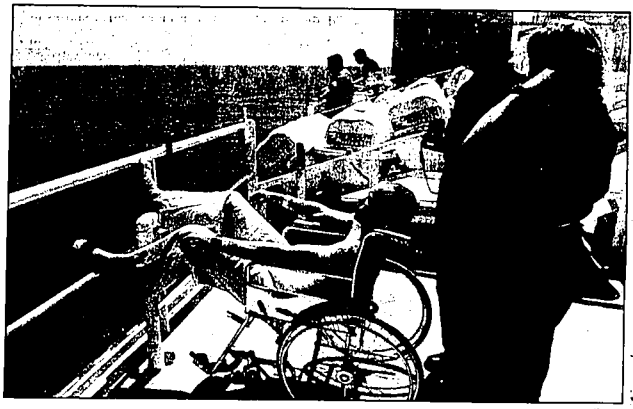
In the scrappy, urban fire-fights - and now, suicide bombings - that may define this war, it is often unclear whether those found wounded and wearing civilian clothing were unarmed innocent bystanders, whether they were innocent bystanders defending themselves with guns, or whether they were aggressively taking part in the conflict as part of some local militia.

The situation, like that in the conflict in Afghanistan, raises the significant question of how the United States intends to handle fighters who may not abide by internationally recognized rules of war.

More immediately, aboard this ship, the situation has been somewhat disconcerting to workers who did not expect such an influx of Iraqis. For security reasons, nurses and doctors are told not to wear stethoscopes around their necks or belts while providing medical care to Iraqis. They are told to cover up necklaces and the last name stitching on their uniforms. None of the patients are handcuffed.

"At first, I was apprehensive," said Kimberlee Flannery, 23, a nurse on board from Chillicothe, Ohio. "But then you see the injuries, they're in pain, and they need help, too."

In an early indication of how



Marine Cpl. Michael Moad from Newberry, Mich., sits in a wheelchair aboard the hospital ship USNS Comfort Wednesday after he was wounded in southern Iraq.

the United States will handle detainees in this war, Adams said that here, the Geneva Conventions standards for treatment of prisoners of war are being applied uniformly both to Iraqi soldiers and detainees alike. None are being interrogated, and all are under guard in wards separate from U.S. soldiers.

Once they are well, he said,

the detainees will be transferred back to shore, and their status - whether they are civilians or combatants - determined by a tribunal as required by Article 5 of the conventions.

The conventions are essentially several hundred pages of guidelines for war established by the Red Cross in 1949. They cast an almost sacred aura around prisoners of war, requiring that

they receive medical help if they are wounded, and that they are otherwise protected from harm and treated with dignity.

Adams has a worn copy on his desk, with paragraphs underlined and pages dog-eared. He said the military is highly sensitive to treatment of prisoners if only because of the expectation that U.S. prisoners taken by Iraq should be treated similarly.

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Our view: A property-tax-relief bill aimed to help Blaine County farmers should offer broader assistance statewide.

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

Arnett's firing hands Iraq propaganda victory

NBC News has shown the world that it can take out a target in Baghdad with the same precision as a B-2 bomber.

JONATHAN TURLEY

What sin by Arnett warranted such swift retribution? On the same thing that every major American journalist has been doing for weeks: giving analysis of the progress of the war in Iraq.



Consider his specific statements: Arnett observed that the United States appeared to be 'rewriting the war plan'...

The network fourth said the interview on Iraqi television was nothing more than 'professional censorship.'

Coverage has been distinctly not critical. NBC management, however, is consumed by the outcome of a different war...

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Kentucky, proposed a bill to cap the assessed value of an acre with a farm home at \$30,000.

Last week, the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ barred reporters from the Al-Jazeera satellite TV network...

Stennett told the House Revenue and Taxation Committee last week that zoning regulations commonly prevent farmers and ranchers from selling part of their land.

Through Arnett was many fans for his coverage in Vietnam and the first Gulf War, I have never been one of them.

The tax break could help them keep their farms - to

Perhaps the legislation is worth another try in next year's session. But Stennett needs to broaden its benefits beyond the hills of Blaine County.

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Lessons in history show a similarity between Iraq, WWII

Just as the hangerman's nose tends to focus the attention of the intended victim, Hitler tends to reveal the true sentiment of his protagonists.

HERBERT LONDON

Lindbergh variety made common cause with the American Communists in attempting to rationalize the 1939 Hitler-Stalin pact, and rallied against U.S. participation in the European war.

of Manhattan vehement peaceniks call President Bush 'a cowboy,' the same slur invoked by Adolf Hitler when referring to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This matter, Pearl Harbor offered a wake-up call. One might have assumed that Sept. 11 would have been a wake-up call for this generation...

In most respects, this history taught few lessons. While it is axiomatic - based on events in the 1930s - that the path to peace is found in the preparation for war, Europeans seem immobilized, seemingly trapped by utopian vision and fear.

Clearly history doesn't repeat itself exactly, albeit the parallels in this instance are eerie. While the world dithered, Hitler prepared his war machine for invasion; while the U.N. engaged in extended debate, Saddam Hussein worked feverishly to enhance his stockpile of weapons of mass destruction.

It is unquestionably true that a free society should permit dissent. Opposition to the war was dismissed as the 'war-morant of the uninformed. However, the history of the recent past cannot be easily dismissed as a guide to the present.

For those who believe peace can be achieved by willing it, history has already passed them by. The march to the future is littered with the corpses of well-meaning people who refuse to consider the constraints of reality.

At a recent meeting in New York a vigorous opponent of the war challenged my contention that the war is necessary. When I asked what he would do, he said, 'We should reconceptualize.'

No sensible person wants war. Yet were it not for Patton's troops in Europe, liberating those in concentration camps might never have occurred. Arguably the greatest liberation force in American history was the Union Army that freed the slaves. It is facile to assert that war doesn't resolve anything. At times it resolves everything.

LETTERS

Forces aiding Saddam have little to fight for. Sent the following to the White House; thought your readers should read it also.

we can get them all. Have also heard about Saddam giving money to these 'suicide bombers.'

Support at home lifts the spirits of armed forces. Freedom has always been born on the service and sacrifice of our noble soldiers and sailors fighting

opposition wherever it occurs. Protesters to this cause only dishonor past and present sacrifices - some ultimate - voluntarily given.

cal fatigue and loneliness for-home while deployed. I will never forget hearing the first discernible words of my son saying a poem while his mother on a battery-operated tape player she mailed me.

purpose for being there. In this time of uncertainty, urge everyone to communicate often with deployed friends and family to help them survive the carnage of war.

Doonesbury flashback



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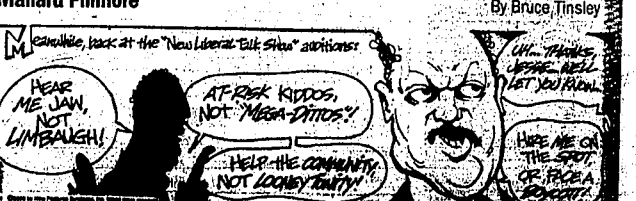
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Mallard Fillmore



Memorable, look at the 'New Liberal Talk Show' additions. Mear the jaw, not limping!

At-risk kiddos, not mega-ditto! Help the community, not looney truth!

Um, thanks. Um, well, let you know. We're on the spot. We're on the spot.

LETTERS

Saddam's brutal history must come to an end

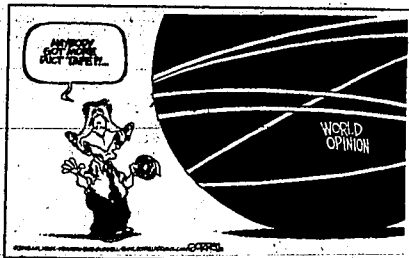
If Saddam Hussein is a sufficient leader and we should not interfere, why are southern Iraqis so happy to see U.S. Marines occupying their streets? Many people oppose this war because they say it will cause civilians to be killed. But how many civilians, women and children of his own country has Saddam killed?

In 1981-82, he executed 3,000 Iraqis. In 1988, he gassed a town called Halabja for siding with Iran during the Iran-Iraq war, killing 5,000 Kurds. Today, the inhabitants of this city suffer respiratory problems, skin diseases, cancer, miscarriages and birth defects.

Saddam is not concerned with promoting the welfare of his people; his only objective is to stay in power. He is a textbook paranoid dictator, killing anyone he suspects does not totally support him. The Iraqis call him "Great Uncle" out of fear, not admiration. Do we really want to leave him in power so he can continue to terrorize his own people, stockpile biological weapons and develop nuclear weapons he could use against other countries?

This is a man who led a brutal and costly war with Iran; who foolishly sent his troops into Kuwait, believing against all reason that no one would stop him; and who dreams of a "mother of all battles" with the United States. Should we simply let him be, let him build up his arsenal and ego? If we do, he may later strike another country in his hunger for power - this time with more success.

If we free Iraq from his tyranny and the world from his threats now, we can circumvent much bloodshed in the future. Among Iraqis (and U.S. embassies), much bloodshed has already



been caused by their "Great Uncle." If you listen to nothing else, listen to the southern Iraqis cheering us, their "invaders," in the streets.

MARLA DEKLOTZ  
Eber

Families with longevity in U.S. deserve citizenship

As I understand, before a person can get a driver's license, they have to have a legal Social Security number.

As I read the Twin Falls newspaper recently, "Couple facing deportation struggles with decision to split up family," I see a couple who has been in the United States for 14 years. They own a home and also a time share in another state. Their children are citizens.

These people belong here much more than we do and should be given citizenship. They are no different than the German family I met in Tacoma, Wash., who not only the parents but the son were German citizens owning a house and property, working and living in the United States without even trying to get citizenship, much less wanting to.

I don't say it's OK for every

Mexican to become legal, but I think when they have proven themselves as this family has, they should be part of the United States.

I don't approve of them retiring and moving back to Mexico, but then I don't approve of U.S. citizens born and raised here moving there either to live out their retirement. Those of you who want to move there upon retirement, give up your citizenship now and move there now when you are young and live out your life there so you don't have to burden our economy now.

BEULAH M. SMITH  
Hagerman

Think outside the box to stop a rush to war

My hero is Copernicus, the 16th century scholar who made the first workable model of our universe with the sun, not the earth, being in the center.

People were furious that he dared to think and say such thoughts. But he thought outside of the box and held strong to his beliefs. Turns out he was right. I realize it is not such a popular idea in the Magic Valley these days to voice opposition to

the current war in Iraq, but I think it is time we think outside of the box. I keep hearing how we have to fight this war, but nobody can tell me exactly why. All I ever hear is "sometimes war is necessary." Yes, when you are defending your country. They say that Saddam is a threat and it is our responsibility to stop him. By that logic, we should be in North Korea by now; they're the ones who admittedly are working on nuclear weapons. And what about India or Pakistan? They've actually tested their nuclear weapons. Then I hear how we had to go to Iraq because of the way Saddam treats his own people. So why have we not been to China? Or North Korea? Ever seen their human rights record? I just don't see how this will be a winning situation for anybody.

I find it ironic that the people who are opposed to the war and don't want to see our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers get killed are the ones who are the bad guys. People who oppose the war and violence are called anti-American. I love my country and support the people in our military, but it is not OK that our president put our men and women in harm's way because he has a score to settle.

I hold my breath every time I hear of casualties and wonder if it will be one of my former students or my nephew. Then I immediately become furious that our president couldn't figure out how to think outside the box and find a better solution to this problem. Going to war is really going to lower the threat of terrorism to Americans? Seems to me it has made it worse. I'll tell you when all of this is going to end: When we learn to think outside of the box.

LESLIE HOLLISTER  
Twin Falls

Russia's 'weapons for oil' program kills allied soldiers

From Russia, with treachery.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States has poured billions of dollars in aid into Russia along with huge numbers of government and academic experts - all in an effort to help it become a peaceful and prosperous democracy.

So how does the government of President Vladimir Putin repay us? It seemed inexplicable to many Americans as well as those in the foreign policy establishment, when Russia joined France in strenuously opposing American, British and Australian efforts to liberate 200 million Iraqis from the terrorist grip of Saddam Hussein.

After all, hadn't the ties between the United States and Russia grown immeasurably stronger and friendlier since Putin was elected Russia's president in May 2000? Hadn't Russia suffered terribly from its own Islamic acts of terror by suicidal Chechnyas?

What possible reason could Russia have for opposing the removal of a megalomaniac - especially one poised on its soft underbelly and seeking to develop a vast array of nuclear and chemical weapons and long-distance missiles to deliver them?

Now, we know. Russian arms dealers, working with some of its giant petroleum conglomerates, have been providing illegal weapons and other assistance to Saddam's military.

Documented evidence has sur-

KATHY READ

posed that one Russian company helped the Iraqi military deploy electronic jamming equipment against U.S. planes and smart bombs, while two others have sold Iraq and tank missiles and thousands of night-vision goggles.

All of the sales blatantly violate U.N. sanctions. One of the Russian anti-tank missiles already has killed four U.S. Marines after Iraqi soldiers fired it into a U.S. tank south of Najaf. A U.S. light-armored vehicle also was hit, injured several more Marines.

American commanders on the scene said they had no idea that Iraqi troops were equipped with the sophisticated missiles, which can penetrate the armored plating of U.S. tanks that are spearheading the advance of 20,000 Marines toward Baghdad.

Bush and Clinton administration officials long have been frustrated by Russia's failure to stop sales of weapons and technology to nations clearly identified as state sponsors of terrorism, including Iraq, Iran and Syria.

"None of these weapons could have been sold to Russia without the connivance and blessing of top government officials," a veteran State Department official said. "Not supporting the U.S. and the United Kingdom in a just cause

is one thing, but contributing to the deaths of young Americans is beyond the pale."

U.S. State Department officials repeatedly have given their Russian counterparts in both Washington and Moscow sheaths of detailed information on Russian companies violating the U.N. export bans, including shipping dates and ports of exit.

The official response from Russia was that it considers the exports legal and would not stop them.

The shipment of night-vision goggles shipped from Russia to Republican Guard members last month gives Iraqi snipers an extraordinary advantage in hitting soldiers of the allied coalition during night combat.

Shipments of the tank-penetrating Kornet missiles have continued despite near daily protests from high-ranking U.S. officials.

The reason, of course, is that Russian oil firms are competing with TotalFinaElf and other French companies for Iraq's vast and largely untapped pool of oil - an estimated 300 billion barrels that surpasses Saudi Arabia's 240 billion barrel reserve.

Of course, one should expect such cutthroat cynicism from Putin, a man who spent 21 years as spymaster and chief of the Soviet Union's dreaded KGB state security agency. It is no accident that Saddam Hussein modeled his own secret police agency after the KGB, whose

record of human rights abuses would fill the shelves of a major library.

Put up with it we may have to, but America should never subsidize the killing of its own troops and that of its allies.

The United States should take immediate steps to shut off all aid to Russia, including loans and grants from the World Bank and other global relief agencies. While not abrogating existing contracts, the United States should put a moratorium on any new deals between U.S. and Russian firms until Putin provides verifiable evidence that no arms are flowing out of Russia to rogue terror-states.

If the Bush administration refuses to take these moderate steps toward quelling the illegal weapons traffic, Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress should introduce legislation on a fast-track basis.

In the future, no brave young American or Briton or Australian should ever have to die in combat because of Russian treachery.

Kathy Read is former publisher of *The Wilson Quarterly*, the official journal of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Rebuilding Iraq will require U.N. assistance!

Even as the war continues in Iraq, a broader and ultimately more important political struggle is under way in Washington over the future government of that country - and of America's relations with the world.

This is the big one," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, told me. And there are many other serious students of international relations who share that view and are taking up positions in the battle.

Two things are clear. When Saddam Hussein's regime is defeated - and everyone hopes that will be soon - the American and American-dominated military forces will have the responsibility for security in Iraq for some indefinite time - months, if not years.

And the United Nations must have an equally important role in supervising the delivery of food, medicine and other humanitarian assistance to the battered people of Iraq.

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously last week to prepare for that responsibility. What remains in doubt is the character of the civil administration that will manage the transition to an eventual post-Saddam government that will be representative of the Iraqi people.

Democratic Rep. Ron Kind of Wisconsin and Republican Rep. Doug Berea of Nebraska, both well-regarded if not widely known voices on international affairs, last week quickly collected the signatures of 42 colleagues on a bipartisan letter urging the Bush administration to seek U.N. involvement in creating a new Iraqi government.

Their move parallels the unanimous passage last week by the Senate of a resolution, written by Biden and Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar of Indiana, welcoming the participation of "other nations and key international organizations that will manage the reconstruction and administration of Iraq."

The messages from Capitol Hill are aimed at influencing what is kind of a raging debate inside the Bush administration.

The immediate question is whether postwar Iraq will be run by an American viceroy or a U.N. official.

But the larger question is whether superpower America will seek to heal the breach with longtime allies that blocked U.N. action against Saddam Hussein, or walk away from the world body and seek to manage future conflicts with its own "coalition of the willing."

The Pentagon, which holds the upper hand in that debate because it is calling the shots in the war, already has designated a general to take over at last temporarily in Baghdad.



DAVID S. BRODER

Biden, who is blunt in his appraisal of the stakes, told me that he thinks Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney are "seeking a twofor."

They want to get rid of Saddam Hussein and break the grip of the United Nations." Kind is slightly more tactful in his description, but said that judging from his sources in the State Department, "This is the issue of the day."

It will affect our relations with the Arab nations and the rest of the world for decades to come. And it has a direct bearing on our security.

As powerful as our military is, if we see as the occupying power in a Moslem country, it makes us more vulnerable to terrorism."

Biden, in a Senate floor speech, said an international structure is needed in Iraq, not just to reduce the threat of retaliatory attacks on the United States, but to spread the huge financial burden of rebuilding that country and "to repair the damage that has been done to the U.N., to our alliances and international cooperation" by the decision to launch this war over the opposition of France, Germany, Russia and many other countries.

Any new government in Iraq, Biden said, needs "the imprimatur of the international community. The last thing we need to do is look through yet another puppet government."

As is often the case, no one is quite certain where President Bush stands in this debate.

The hard-liners inside and outside the administration - the same people who pressed for taking on Saddam Hussein - are arguing that the U.N. showed its true colors when it has been done to enforce its own ultimatum to Iraq - so the hell with it.

But Bush's staunchest ally, Britain's Tony Blair, the State Department and now a significant group of internationalists in Congress who supported the resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq all are pressing Bush to invite the U.N. and other nations to share the post-war duties in Iraq.

Looking ahead are the global war on terrorism, challenges from nuclear threats in North Korea and Iran, and the bloody impasse of the Palestinian-Israeli struggle. For the United States to get it alone would be a fateful decision.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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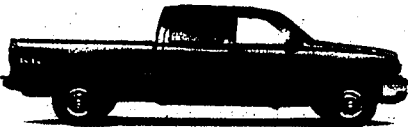
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SPORTSQUOTE



Montreal pitcher Orlando Hernandez, El Duque, will go into his motion and tie himself into such a complicated knot he will be given a Boy Scout merit badge.

-Bernie Lincome of the Rocky Mountain News

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who holds the record for minutes played in an NBA playoff game without committing a foul?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball: Bishop Kelly at Jerome, 4 p.m.
High school softball: Wood River at Twin Falls JV (2), 4 p.m.
High school tennis: Jerome at Pocatello (2), 4 p.m.
High school track: Minico at Century, 3:30 p.m.
High school falls: ISDB Invitational, 2 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Declo's title teams square off Friday

DECLO - In the battle to be considered the best-ever, Declo's rub state championship boys basketball teams are going to decide it on the court. Both the 1998 and 2003 state title teams will play Friday in a fund-raiser game at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 at the door, with money going to the athletic department at Declo.

Burley grad named MWC athlete of week

SALT LAKE CITY - University of Utah junior runner Jeff Davidson has been named Mountain West Conference athlete of week after setting a personal record of 9 minutes, 13.4 seconds in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The Burley High School graduate's time is the seventh fastest ever at Utah.

CSI plans cheerleading tryouts for Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will hold tryouts for cheerleaders on Saturday at 9 a.m. in the CSI gym. Also, the Golden Girls dance team will hold tryouts at 9 a.m. on April 25.

Gooding High School hosts annual smoker

GOODING - The 11th Annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be held on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gooding High School gymnasium. Tickets are available at Wells Fargo Bank in Gooding, Franklin Building Supply, Western Auto, Safeway, or at the door. Proceeds will support the Rotary and the Fifth District rodeo scholarships.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Dan Majerle, of Phoenix against Chicago, 59 minutes, three overtimes on June 13.

STAR POWER AND TRADITION

UConn, Tennessee, Duke make repeat appearance in Final Four

By Chuck Schotmer Associated Press writer

Diana Taurasi and Alana Beard will be there. So will "Rocky Top" and "Rock 'em, horns!" The women's Final Four will feature two of the game's top stars, a ton of tradition and plenty of orange. Tennessee will lead defending champion Connecticut against Texas in one semifinal at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Sunday. Duke, which looks to rebound for leadership at both ends of the floor, faces six-time champion Tennessee.

year's Final Four. Texas is bringing the burnt orange to the sport's showcase event for the first time since 1987, the year after the Longhorns won the national championship. Texas coach Jody Conradt has 817 victories, second only to Tennessee's Pat Summitt, who has 820. Connecticut (35-1) made it the national semifinals for the fourth straight year despite losing four starters from last season's unbeaten team. Coach Geno Auriemma has no seniors and his new starters include two freshmen. A third freshman plays major minutes. "I don't think people really understand what we went through and what Coach has gone through with us," forward Jessica Moore said. "For us to be here is just amazing, and it's like a sense of relief, a real blessing for me. I just feel so proud to be a part of our team."

Tennessee's orange-clad faithful will follow the Lady Vols (32-4) to their 14th Final Four and clap with gusto every time the band strikes up "Rocky Top." This is the last chance for Kara Lawson and the other Tennessee seniors to win a title. The Lady Vols lost to UConn in the semifinals last year and haven't won a title since 1998. Please see WOMEN, Page B2

NCAA FINAL FOUR

'Horns can play hoops, too

Texas men, women reach respective Final Fours

By Jim Vertuno Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas - So much for big ol' Texas being Football U. The Longhorns just might turn this place into - gulp - a hoops hotbed. The men's and women's basketball teams both are in the Final Four, only the fourth time a school has done that. And it's no small feat at a university where the running joke is that there are two sports on campus: football and spring football.



Saturday's semifinals All Times MST: Marquette (27-5) vs. Kansas (29-7), 4:07 p.m.; Syracuse (28-5) vs. Texas (26-6), 6:47 p.m. Monday's Championship Semifinal winners, 7:22 p.m.

Indeed, this is the program that produced Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams, and a state that's home to the Dallas Cowboys, long known as America's Team. "Football has been here as long as the university has. Football will probably always be the sport, but this place is buzzing about basketball," said Texas state Mike Bove, standing by the football stadium trophy case Wednesday. "We do this every year, and we'll be a basketball school." After all, these 'Horns can play hoops, too. Texas' men will play Syracuse on Saturday in New Orleans, while the women face defending champion Connecticut on Sunday in Atlanta. Campus is buzzing, of course. Please see TEXAS, Page B2

Principal Wiseman resigns as Castleford coach, sort of

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

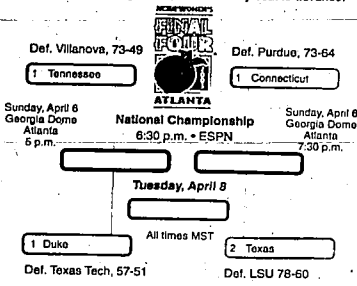
CASTLEFORD - Andy Wiseman has stepped down as boys basketball coach at Castleford fresh off leading the Wolves to the Class 1A state championship last month. However, the veteran coach, and the school's principal, would still like to be at the reins of the team next season. Wiseman said he has heard concern both from the community and from members of the school board that the principal should not be coaching. In a formal letter to the Castleford School Board dated March 18, Wiseman said that he would give up the position in other orders for the board to explore other options. In the letter, which was faxed to The Times-News this week, Wiseman wrote: "I also think some of you would like to consider your options regarding the coach for next year." And he echoed that in a phone interview Wednesday. "In a sense, you can say that I resigned, but if they want to come back and ask me to coach the team, we can talk," Wiseman said. Castleford athletics director Laurie Howard said she hasn't seen Wiseman's coaching responsibilities affect his ability to oversee the school. "He always is looking out for what's best for the kids. You hate to see it come to that," she said. "But you support his decision. And what better way to go out?" Wiseman admitted that he would like the opportunity to coach his own children, the oldest. Please see COACH, Page B2



Texas guard T.J. Ford works the ball around Michigan State guard Delvin Torbert in the first half of their NCAA South Regional championship game in San Antonio on Sunday.

The road to Atlanta

The field is set for the final four teams which begin play on Sunday. The remaining teams, and who they beat to advance.



St. John's looks to add sixth NIT title

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A simple message is posted in the locker room: "Know your ring size. St. John's goes for No. 6." The hometown Red Storm play Big East rival Georgetown on Thursday in the National Invitation Tournament championship game at Madison Square Garden.

St. John's already has an NIT-record five titles - the last in 1989 - and the most wins in the tournament's history (44).

"We had a lot of games that could have been our last, but this is a grand finale," senior guard Marcus Hatten said. "We look forward to doing something special."

The way St. John's has turned around its season has been special to coach Mike Jarvis. A 64-63 victory over Texas Tech in the semifinals Tuesday gave the Red Storm (20-13) the 37th 20-win season in school history.

It wasn't easy to reach that mark. St. John's entered its game against Duke on March 2 at 12-12. But the Red Storm upset the Blue Devils 72-71 on Hatten's free throw with no time left, starting a string of eight wins in nine games. "After we beat Duke, we realized we could play with anybody in the country," said junior guard Willie Shaw, who bruised his shoulder against the Red Raiders but expects to play against Georgetown. "The world thought we were going to get turned out, but that has been the turning point of the season."

Hatten leads the Red Storm in scoring (22.2 per game), assists (4.1) and steals (2.9), and is tied for the team lead in rebounding (5.6).

Georgetown coach Craig Esherick said Hatten brings to mind a certain former Hoyas guard.

"Marcus is a threat to score whenever he has the ball in his hands," Esherick said. "He reminds me of Allen Iverson because Allen can create offense with his quickness and his ability on defense."

Please see NIT, Page B2

From stoppers to starters

Kim, Graves try to make seldom-seen switch

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Byung-Hyun Kim is making the move out of choice. Danny Graves is doing it out of necessity.

The reasons differ, but the paths are the same. The two pitchers are trying to make the seldom-seen switch from closer to starter, trading in that late-inning pressure for the rigors of the rotation.

Since the save became an official statistic in 1969, only a dozen pitchers have saved 15 games in a season, then made 15 starts in the next year. Derek Lowe was the most recent, winning 21 games last season - including a no-hitter - after he lost his job as Boston's closer in 2001.



Cincinnati Reds pitcher Danny Graves throws in the first inning against the Chicago Cubs in Chicago, in this Sept. 26, 2002, photo. Danny Graves and Byung-Hyun Kim are trying to make the switch from closer to starter.

SPORTS

Artest returns to usual antics in Pacers win Sabres net four goals in third to top Thrashers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Al Harrington scored 24 points, and Ron Artest was up to his usual antics while leading Indiana.

Artest, fined and suspended several times this season for bad behavior, kept things lively during the fourth quarter. He shoved Ricky Davis out of bounds and was assessed a technical foul by referee Tim Donaghy for arguing. Artest continued to protest, even when teammate Austin Croshere stepped in to stop him. Artest pushed him and then jabbed away Indiana coach Isiah Thomas' arm on Indiana's next possession. Cavs forward Jurneanne Jones was given a technical and ejected. As Jones was leaving the floor, Artest, apparently upset that someone had thrown something at him, directed an obscene gesture toward the crowd.

76ers 108, Bulls 101

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson had 24 points and a season-high 12 assists, leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 108-101 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night. Kenny Thomas added 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Sixers, 20-5 since the All-Star break. Jay Williams scored 23 points and Donyell Marshall had 18 points and 11 rebounds for Chicago, which has lost four in a row.

Celtics 90, Heat 62

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored



28 points and the Boston Celtics coasted as the Heat tied their lowest-scoring game of the season.

The Celtics were trailed, and it was the Celtics' third straight victory after a six-game losing streak. The Heat, the NBA's second-lowest scoring team, had fewer than 70 points for the eighth time this season.

Raptors 89, Pistons 78

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —

short of his career high of 34. Kings 105, Wizards 99

WASHINGTON — Chris Webber torched his old team again for 28 points, nine rebounds and six assists as the Kings took control in the second quarter. Sacramento reduced its magic number to one to clinch the Pacific Division.

Bucks 106, Rockets 99

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 31 points as the Bucks erased a 13-point deficit. The victory moved Milwaukee (37-39) two games ahead of Washington in the race for the Eastern Conference eighth playoff spot. The Wizards lost to Sacramento.

Spurs 105, Grizzlies 87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tim Duncan scored 33 points and grabbed 19 rebounds, leading an inside dominance by San Antonio. Duncan connected on 13 of 16 shots from the field as the Spurs won their seventh straight game. Memphis, meanwhile, is in a tail-spin, losing seven of its last eight.

Hornets 106, Nets 97

NEW ORLEANS — The Hornets clinched their fourth straight playoff spot. Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points, Baron Davis and George Lynch each added 19. The victory, along with Sacramento's win at Washington, advanced the Hornets to the playoffs.

Timberwolves 91, SuperSonics 86

MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Hudson scored 31 points and Kevin Garnett added 20.

Hudson, Minnesota's streaky point guard, fell three points

third place. Bret Wardle shot 46 and Jordan Bagwell had 47 to lead the Hornets. Mike Schmalz shot a 49 for the Filer jaycees, who finished at 203.

Declo's Venessa Buckley was the low girl scorer with her 55 as the Heat's fired a 259. Lisa Feldhusen was the Hawks' lone representative with a 60.

Results

Baseball: 1. Erie 13, Woodstock 7; 2. Dora 14, Elm 27; 3. ...

Tennis

Burley beats Highland 7-5 BURLEY — Dominating with five of a possible six wins in singles matches and wins in girls and mixed doubles, the Burley tennis team downed Highland and Pocatello, 7-5 in Burley on Wednesday.

The Bobcat girls swept their singles matches, which all needed three sets. Mollie Stoddard

up, a small lineup or a combination. Moore has become a key player after averaging only 3.8 points in last year's NCAA tournament. Freshmen Barbara Turner, Ann Smith and Wilbert Crockett still all have had big moments — and some sour ones, too. But Taurasi usually has been there to bail them out.

Texas could give the Huskies trouble with its inside duo of Heather Schreiber and Stacey Stephens. The Longhorns also have a heady point guard in Jamie Carey, a good shooter who left Stanford after a series of concussions and was cleared to play at Texas.

The victory that sent Texas to the Final Four, 78-60 over top-seeded LSU, came on Stanford's floor. "Since I was in the seventh grade, I dreamed of cutting down the nets at Stanford to go to the Final Four," Carey said.

Duke did it three years ago, and Georgia did it in 1983. None came away with a title. At the Longhorn Ltd souvenir shop at the football stadium, fans bought Final Four shirts, hats, golf balls and basketballs.

Edd Fish, who graduated in 1972, walked out of the store with a full bag of orange shirts and hats. "When I was here," he said, "nobody paid attention to basketball."

Still, any traditionalists worried that the Longhorns are boosting basketball at football's expense can take some solace from this attendance figure: On the day that Brown was with the 30,000 fans watching basketball in San Antonio, 35,000 people turned up for the football team's intraday scrimmage.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson drives between Chicago's Lonny Baxter (38) and Donyell Marshall during their game Wednesday in Philadelphia. Iverson had a season-high 12 assists.

Vince Carter scored 18 assists and Jerome Williams had 11 points and 16 rebounds as Toronto ended a seven-game road losing streak.

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Spurs 105, Grizzlies 87 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tim Duncan scored 33 points and grabbed 19 rebounds, leading an inside dominance by San Antonio. Duncan connected on 13 of 16 shots from the field as the Spurs won their seventh straight game. Memphis, meanwhile, is in a tail-spin, losing seven of its last eight.

Hornets 106, Nets 97 NEW ORLEANS — The Hornets clinched their fourth straight playoff spot. Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points, Baron Davis and George Lynch each added 19. The victory, along with Sacramento's win at Washington, advanced the Hornets to the playoffs.

Timberwolves 91, SuperSonics 86 MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Hudson scored 31 points and Kevin Garnett added 20.

Hudson, Minnesota's streaky point guard, fell three points

third place. Bret Wardle shot 46 and Jordan Bagwell had 47 to lead the Hornets. Mike Schmalz shot a 49 for the Filer jaycees, who finished at 203.

Declo's Venessa Buckley was the low girl scorer with her 55 as the Heat's fired a 259. Lisa Feldhusen was the Hawks' lone representative with a 60.

Results Baseball: 1. Erie 13, Woodstock 7; 2. Dora 14, Elm 27; 3. ...

Tennis Burley beats Highland 7-5 BURLEY — Dominating with five of a possible six wins in singles matches and wins in girls and mixed doubles, the Burley tennis team downed Highland and Pocatello, 7-5 in Burley on Wednesday.

The Bobcat girls swept their singles matches, which all needed three sets. Mollie Stoddard

Moore has become a key player after averaging only 3.8 points in last year's NCAA tournament. Freshmen Barbara Turner, Ann Smith and Wilbert Crockett still all have had big moments — and some sour ones, too. But Taurasi usually has been there to bail them out.

Texas could give the Huskies trouble with its inside duo of Heather Schreiber and Stacey Stephens. The Longhorns also have a heady point guard in Jamie Carey, a good shooter who left Stanford after a series of concussions and was cleared to play at Texas.

The victory that sent Texas to the Final Four, 78-60 over top-seeded LSU, came on Stanford's floor. "Since I was in the seventh grade, I dreamed of cutting down the nets at Stanford to go to the Final Four," Carey said.

Duke did it three years ago, and Georgia did it in 1983. None came away with a title. At the Longhorn Ltd souvenir shop at the football stadium, fans bought Final Four shirts, hats, golf balls and basketballs.

Edd Fish, who graduated in 1972, walked out of the store with a full bag of orange shirts and hats. "When I was here," he said, "nobody paid attention to basketball."

Still, any traditionalists worried that the Longhorns are boosting basketball at football's expense can take some solace from this attendance figure: On the day that Brown was with the 30,000 fans watching basketball in San Antonio, 35,000 people turned up for the football team's intraday scrimmage.

Sabres net four goals in third to top Thrashers

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Daniel Briere and Tim Connolly scored power-play goals in the final 1:59 and Buffalo rallied for a victory over Atlanta.

Dmitri Kalitain and Alex Kotliik also scored, and Mika Noronen made 20 saves for Buffalo. Lubos Bardecko, Yannick Tremblay, and David Hentley scored for the Thrashers, and Marc Savard and Slava Kozlov each had two assists.

Sharks 2, Flames 2

CALGARY, Alberta — Chris Drury scored the tying goal at 14:39 of the third period to lead the Calgary Flames to a 2-2 tie with the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night. Martin Gelinas also scored for Calgary.

Penguins 3, Hurricanes 2

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux had two assists in what may have been his final NHL game and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied for two goals in the closing minutes to beat the Carolina Hurricanes 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Lemieux has said for weeks he isn't sure if he will play again next season, especially with the Penguins locked into a multiyear rebuilding mode.

Lightning 2, Canadiens 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Nikolai Khabibulin made 26 saves and extended his career-best unbeaten streak to 16 games as Tampa Bay beat Montreal. Cory Sarich scored the go-ahead goal in the second, and Yanny Prospal tied a career high with his 22nd goal for the Lightning. Jan Bulis scored for Montreal.

Canucks 3, Coyotes 3

PHOENIX — Teppo Numminen scored with 2:01 remaining as the Phoenix Coyotes rallied from a two-goal deficit in the third period and tied the Vancouver Canucks

Baseball

Continued from B1 It seemed simple to him. "It's not a big deal," said Lowe, who went 21-18 with a 2.58 ERA in 32 starts. "It'd be harder if you did it in the middle of a season. If you have all of the offseason to prepare, it's not that big of a deal.

"If you told me that Mariano Rivera or Trevor Hoffman was becoming a starter, yeah, that's a big issue. But you're talking about guys that have pitched 100 innings a closer.

Starters often find themselves trying to extend careers out of the bullpen, but the switch rarely goes the other way. Once entrenched in the bullpen, a setup man or closer is hard to get out.

"The degree of difficulty isn't what keeps closers out of the rotation. The job of finishing off a game is considered so important that teams are reluctant to do anything that would disturb the back end of the bullpen.

In Kim's case, the Arizona Diamondbacks are granting a favor. Kim wanted to be a starter when he came from South Korea, where the best pitchers are in the rotation. The Diamondbacks decided to give him a chance this spring and he did well enough to win the No. 4 spot in the rotation.

In order to move a closer into the rotation, a team must have a replacement. The Diamondbacks have Matt Marshall, the closer before reconstructive elbow surgery two years ago. Kim's whip-like delivery should help him handle the toughest part of the season: increase in innings.

NIT

Continued from B1 Georgetown (19-14) had its own problems this season. Hatten scored 14 of his game-high 34 points in the final 3:17 to help St. John's erase a 16-point deficit in the seventh minute and beat the Hoyas 77-72 on Jan. 18.

Things got worse. The Hoyas were 10-10 on Feb. 11 after six straight losses. They couldn't pull out any close victories, losing three of those games in the slide by one point.

Just as Hatten has helped St. John's, Michael Sweetney has been Georgetown's best player.

Coach

Continued from B1 of whom will be a freshman in the fall. "But I can do that in the backyard," Gues said. "The Wolves won two state titles and I was in six state games, and finished second at state returns to a 172-66 record in 11 seasons under Wiseman. Castelford also owns seven conference championships." Wiseman hopes the school board will decide on the coaching

33 on Wednesday night. Markus Naslund scored his league-leading 48th goal, and Trevor Linden and Sam Salo also scored for the Canucks, who moved three points in front of Colorado for the Northwest Division lead.

Dean Hawkey scored his first goal since Dec. 11 and Paul Mira had a goal for the Coyotes, who are 0-5-1 in their last seven.

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Patrick Marleau and Mark Smith scored for San Jose, which is 0-6-1 in its last eight road games.

Blue Jackets 3, Wild 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Marc Denis stopped 27 shots for his fifth shutout of the season, and Mike Sullivan had a goal and an assist as Columbus beat the Minnesota Wild 3-0 on Wednesday night. Geoff Sanderson and Rick Nash also scored. Ray Whitney had three assists for the Blue Jackets.

Stars 2, Mighty Ducks 1

DALLAS — With Mike Modano injured and out of the game, Jason Arnott and Derian Hatcher scored in the period goals to lead the Dallas Stars past the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 2-1 in a potential first-round playoff preview Wednesday night.

Baseball

"He can throw a lot of pitches," Moeller said. "He's a perfect candidate for a closer because he can throw every day. As a starter, he can go out and throw and throw and it doesn't seem to affect his arm."

It's more of a question for Graves, who is moving into the rotation because the Cincinnati Reds are desperate for starters. Scott Williamson, the 1999 NL Rookie of the Year, takes over as closer.

"The main challenge for a closer-turned-starter is handling a lot more innings that come in bunches. Williamson, who done both in the majors, would rather be starting.

"I believe relieving is harder," Williamson said. "People think that relieving is easier because you're in for one inning. I think it's harder because you're in there and the game's on the line and you've got to get an out.

"As a reliever, you've got to try to be on your game every day." That doesn't mean it's easy to be a starter. Graves is finding out that the routine is a lot different and more than a little unerving.

Teammates think Graves has a chance to be one of the few to make the successful switch. "Love was a reliever and went into the rotation, but you don't see that often," Williamson said. "With the way Danny pitches, he might be the exception to the rule. He might have an easy time because he doesn't throw many pitches."

If it doesn't work? "There's always a place in the bullpen."

Kimberly, Filer boys show early dominance

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Results

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Kimberly junior Zach Abels shot an even round 35 for medalist honors followed a stroke back by runner-up Matt Taylor with a 36. Ryan Fisher of Kimberly tied Gooding's Mike Bauscher for third at 3-over 38. In fifth was Joe Poppelwilt of Buhl with a 39 and brother Nick Poppelwilt took sixth with a 41.

Anthony Nelson, finished second with a team score of 179. Buhl was a stroke back in third at 180 with host Gooding fourth with a 187.

The Buhl girls shot 203 to beat Kimberly (214), Valley (216) and Gooding. Medalist was Ashley Smith of Kimberly with a 45. Brenton Black of Valley took second with a 46 and Jessica Brown of Buhl placed third with a 47. Fourth

Women

Concluded from B1 "This is a confident group. We believe in each other," Lovess said. "We want to go a couple of steps further this year."

Duke (35-1), which has lost only to Connecticut, is in the Final Four for the third time in five years. The Blue Devils are the only team in the field without a national championship, but they've won 15 straight games and had been playing outstanding defense.

Texas (29-5), winner its last 17 games, was the No. 2 seed in the West Regional. The other semifinals winners seeded No. 1. The Longhorns' men's team also reached the Final Four. The matchups:

Duke-Tennessee

Duke's 76-55 victory over Tennessee on Nov. 24 was so long ago that it's hard to draw any

Texas

Continued from B1 and there's burnt orange everywhere, all thanks to a sport that once merely helped pass the time between arguments over who should start at quarterback.

"We're establishing this program at a whole new level. People I haven't heard from in eight years are asking for tickets," said junior center James Thomas, who averages 21.1 points and 11.1 rebounds. "We made people in Austin turn their heads."

Hey, even UT football coach Mack Brown took notice. He was one of 30,000 fans cheering for the women's basketball team in San Antonio last weekend as the Longhorns beat Michigan State to advance to the national semifinals.

And star wide receiver Roy Williams has been spotted wearing a replica of point guard T.J. Ford's No. 1 jersey to class. "You hear about T.J. all the time," Bove said. "People are really pumped up."

Ford is a celebrity around Austin, an autograph machine who signs programs, hats and scraps of paper wherever he goes. His popularity only became greater when he was given the number 1 jersey last month as the country's best player.

Local sports

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A-Rod hits historic HR

Astros rally with five-run ninth

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez became the youngest player to hit 300 homers, but the Anaheim Angels beat the Rangers 11-5 Wednesday behind home runs from Troy Glaus, Brad Fullmer and Darin Erstad.

Rodriguez, 27 years, 249 days old, hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning off Ramon Ortiz (1-0), his second of the season. The fastest to reach 300 was Famer Jimmie Foxx at 27 years, 328 days.

Yankees 9, Blue Jays 7
TORONTO — Erick Almonte homered and had three RBIs in his first game as Derek Jeter's replacement, and New York finished a three-game sweep.

Twins 8, Tigers 1
DETROIT — Jacques Jones hit a two-run homer and had four RBIs, and Joe Mays (1-0) gave up just two hits in five innings, improving to 8-0 in his last 10 starts at 27 years, 328 days.

Royals 9, White Sox 4
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Randa broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run homer in the seventh off Rick White (0-1) and Kansas City improved to 2-0 for the first time in 24 years.

Indians 4, Orioles 2
BALTIMORE — Cleveland won its first game under new manager Eric Wedge as Ellis Burks drove in two runs.

Red Sox 7, Devil Rays 5
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jason Varitek hit a three-run homer and Derek Lowe (1-0), who no-hit the Devil Rays last April, shrouged off a shaky start and allowed five runs and six hits in six innings. Tampa Bay won a 3-0 lead.

National League
Astros 8, Rockies 7
HOUSTON — Craig Biggio's two-run single capped a rally from a

four-run deficit in the ninth inning Wednesday night, giving the Houston Astros an 8-7 win over the Colorado Rockies.

Mets 4, Cubs 1
NEW YORK — Sammy Sosa took a big swing and sent a fly ball arcing to left field. Sure it was home run No. 500, he immediately threw his arms up, took a signaturne homer and clapped his hands.

Phillies 8, Marlins 2
MIAMI — Randy Wolf took a one-hitter in the seventh inning. Jim Thome had two more hits and Mike Lieberthal added a bases-loaded triple to lead the Philadelphia Phillies over the Florida Marlins 8-2 Wednesday night.

Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 0
PHOENIX — Kevin Brown, in a performance that bodes well for the Los Angeles Dodgers, shut down the Arizona Diamondbacks on three hits in six-plus innings of a 5-0 victory Wednesday night.

Pirates 7, Reds 4
CINCINNATI — Kevin Young and Jason Kendall hit two-run homers in the eighth inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates kept the Cincinnati Reds off-balance on three hits in six-plus innings of a 7-4 victory.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 0
ST. LOUIS — Woody Williams' fourth-inning home run capped an inning and Mike Matheny had three hits and two RBIs as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-0 Wednesday night.

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## ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES



Britt-Cam Boxing Team members, from left to right, are: Back row, Jorl Tate, Nick Ruzic and Lilly Moran. Front row are Jesse Carmel and Joyce Carmel. The team competed in its eighth card of the season in Pocatello March 15. Joyce Carmel lost to James Allen of Helena, Mont., in the 60-pound weight class. Jesse Carmel defeated William Barnes of Helena, Mont., in the 75-pound division. Heavyweight Ruzic, lost to Terrance Thomas of Helena, Mont. The team next fights Saturday in Boise.

## NOT JUST A BUNCH OF HOOP-LA



The 23rd annual Idaho Youth Ranch boys basketball tournament was held recently for fifth- and sixth-graders in Rupert.

Top, tournament champions from Twin Falls were sponsored by Land View Fertilizer. Pictured, from left to right: Back row, coach Brent Dams, Eric Stradley, Jake Hanchev, Eric Marvin, Isaac Makings and coach Marvin Mumm. Front row, Russell Crane, Nick Dame, MVP Logan Parker and A.J. Schroeder.

Left center, Cornerstone Construction sponsored the runner-up team from Rupert. Shown, from left to right, are: Back row, coach Craig Hepworth and Quinn Hawperth; Center row, Tyson Crane, Eric Vaz, MVP Kyle Hopwood, Joey Chavez and Shalon Fenstermaker. Front row: Bantick Frank, Karch Hinkley, Chris Joyce and Alex Moon.

Bottom left, winners of the 3-point Shootout, from left to right, were: Ous Callen from Jarome (second place), Ming Li from American Falls (first place), and Logan Parker from Twin Falls, (third place).

## City tournaments offer a good show

City tournaments for area Young American Bowling Alliance groups are happening around the valley. If you've never attended one, you should. Those kids are wonderful to watch. But so is the audience. Mom, Dad, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles all come to watch them perform.



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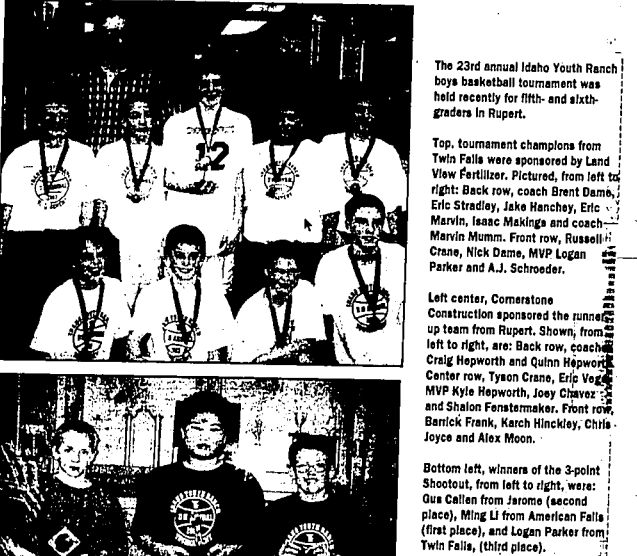
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## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for Bowling, Magic Bowl, Twin Falls, and various bowling scores and statistics for different teams and individuals.



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Advertisement for a local sporting event, mentioning 'D' and 'How do you do in the party? You do!' and providing contact information for 'Marty Magalyo'.

Advertisement for 'SAV-MOR DRUG of Buhl Spring Sale In Progress!' featuring RadioShack products and store hours.

Advertisement for 'HONDA Lawn & Garden' featuring a '3-in-1 Bag, Mulch, and Side Discharge 21 in. 5.5 hp. 3 speed. Self propelled.' mower for \$399.

Advertisement for 'PIONEER FLOORS CARPET ONE' featuring '3-in-1 Bag, Mulch, and Side Discharge 21 in. 5.5 hp. 3 speed. Self propelled.' mower for \$469.



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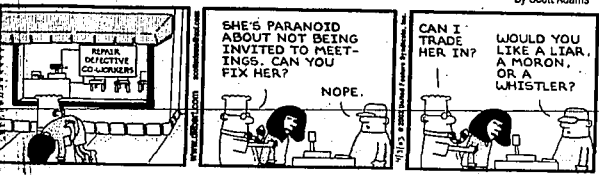


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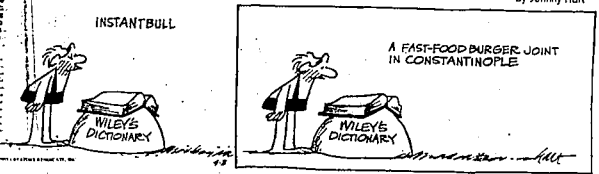


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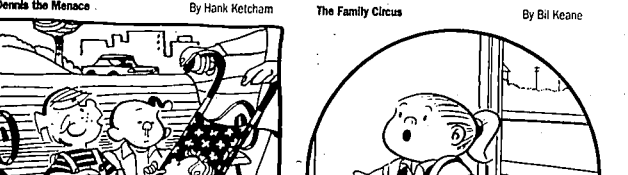
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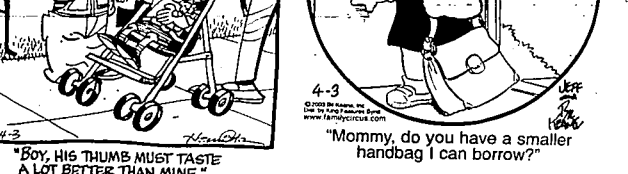


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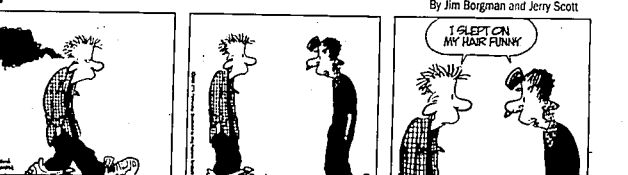
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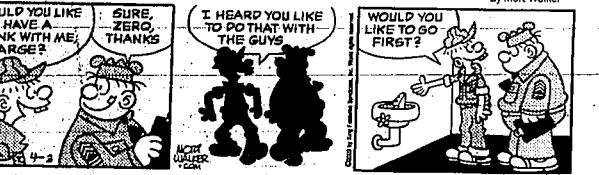
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# IMAGES OF WAR

## About this page

Hayne Palmour is a photojournalist with the North County Times, a sister newspaper of *The Times-News*, in Oceanside, Calif. He is embedded with the Marines of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, and has been with them since before the invasion began. The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force is part of a two-pronged attack on Baghdad and is driving up the eastern side of the Euphrates River. The unit Palmour is with has been involved in a number of battles near the city of Nasiriyah. This is his troops-eye view of the war in Iraq.

Above, Marines shoot down a small street as they provide protection for a convoy of military trucks in the town of Nasiriyah, Iraq, on Tuesday.

At left, an Iraqi man gestures while standing in a doorway as Marines with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, do a house-to-house search for weapons in the town of Al Shatra in central Iraq on Monday.



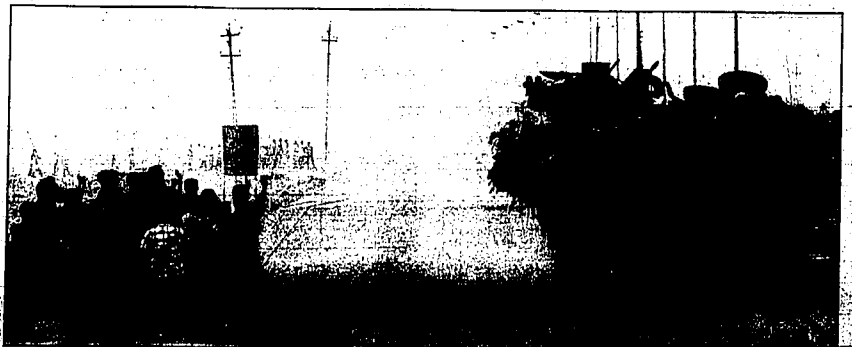
Above, a young Iraqi girl, approximately 4 years old, screams as U.S. Navy corpsmen treat her gunshot wounds after she and her family were caught in a crossfire between U.S. Marines and Iraqi soldiers just outside of a Marine encampment in central Iraq on Saturday. The child's mother was killed in the gun battle.

At right, a woman tries to hold back an Iraqi man when he tries to kiss the cheek of a Marine as he pleads to Marines not to shoot at the building he and the woman came out of in Qal'at Sukkar in central Iraq on March 26. Marines had fired at the building thinking a sniper had taken shots at them from the roof.



Above, Marine Staff Sgt. Roy Whitener, 36, lights a cigarette for a handcuffed Iraqi soldier who voluntarily surrendered to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines on Saturday.

At right, people wave as Marines of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, drive past the town of Qal'at Sukkar in a column amphibious assault vehicles on Sunday.



Cut off? Jerome looks at a possible way to deal with non-payers.

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Section C

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Wreck on Highway 30 claims T.F. girl's life

**KIMBERLY** - A 16-year-old Twin Falls girl died early Wednesday from injuries she suffered in a car crash late Tuesday, according to the Idaho State Police.

Lucey Rice was pronounced dead at 2:36 a.m. Wednesday at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. She suffered internal injuries and head trauma in a crash at about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of 3400 East and U.S. Highway 30 near Kimberly, according to the ISP.

Vanita Jones, 48, of Murtaugh offered chest and a shoulder injuries in the wreck. The injuries listed in fair condition at Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Rice was driving north on 3400 East in a 1987 Prelude and failed to yield the right of way at Highway 30, according to the ISP. Her car was struck on the driver's side by a 1990 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Jones. Both victims were wearing seat belts, and the airbags in Jones' vehicle deployed, according to the ISP.

Jones was taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional. Rice was taken by air ambulance to Magic Valley Regional and then to St. Alphonsus.

### Legislation to prevent tire build-up gets OK

**BOISE** - Legislation that would prevent a couple of million old tires from piling up in one place ever again passed the Senate on Wednesday with a 27-5 vote.

It is headed back to the House for approval of an amendment that would allow dairymen to have up to 1,500 tires on their silage piles.

The legislation is in response to the behemoth pile of tires in Lincoln County that is currently estimated to have divided into about 1.6 million tires as the owner disposes of them.

If the bill becomes law, it will require tire collectors to obtain bonding for each tire for \$250, and it requires counties and/or cities to issue conditional permits to tire collectors.

It sets limits on how many tires farmers can have on their property, and it allows penalties of up to \$500 per tire if collectors go over their allotments. It also allows the permit to dispose of tires that have been cut into halves to be disposed of in landfills.

The owner of the Lincoln County tire pile has two years, however, before he is required to bond.

"There is an exemption for Shoshone because the owner is cleaning it up," Stennett said. "We shouldn't stop forward progress."

The only senator to vote against it was Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who said the bonding requirement makes it almost impossible for Idaho tire collectors to compete against those in other states.

### Public may comment on Supreme Court candidates

**BOISE** - The Idaho State Judicial Council has sent questionnaires for the public to fill out regarding applicants for Supreme Court justice.

Questionnaires are available at all county clerk's offices. The questionnaires must be back in the hands of the executive director of the Judicial Council no later than April 18 to be considered.

The applicants need to be applied to fill a vacancy on the state Supreme Court when Justice Jesse R. Walters, 64, retires at the end of July.

The applicants include four district judges: Richard E. Blair, 4th District Judge; Roger Burdick of Twin Falls, 4th District Judge; Joel Horton and Kathryn Sticklen, both of Boise, and 7th District Judge Richard E. Blair of Idaho Falls; Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, and attorneys Richard Greenwood of Twin Falls, Ronald Bussard of Pocatello, Kenzie Hovick of Coeur d'Alene, William Schiller, Jr. of Engle, Gordon S. Thatcher of Rexburg, and Michael Henderson, Kurt Holzer, Wrayren Jones and Gordon Schmitt.

The seven-member Judicial Council, led by Chief Justice C. Copple Trout, will recommend two to be nominated to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He in turn will make the appointment.

The Idaho Judicial Council will meet at 9 a.m. June 19 in the Second Floor Ball Room of the Idaho State Supreme Court Building in Boise to interview the applicants.

Compiled from staff reports

## Firefighters end shuttle search

### Workers pick up debris during three weeks' work

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Shining in the dirt of a Texas cotton field was a fist-sized, orange-shaded piece of titanium, its edges scorched.

The NASA representative confirmed Bureau of Land Management firefighter James Sparrow's find. It was indeed part of the structure of the space shuttle Columbia.

Sparrow was one of 20 firefighters from Burley and Shoshone who returned Saturday after three weeks of searching for shuttle parts in the farmland

and swamps near Corsicana, Texas. Firefighters were recruited for the search because of their training and experience working long hours hiking in rough terrain, their mapping skills and their ability to withstand harsh outdoor conditions.

"Besides the critters and thorny bushes, it was an honor to be there," said Sparrow, a 10-year veteran firefighter stationed at the Burley BLM office.

Besides the NASA representative, two representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency accompanied each 20-person crew on 12-hour shifts

searching for shuttle parts. In the evenings, shuttle astronauts visited the camps, thanking the firefighters for helping with the search and answering questions about what it's really like in space.

"NASA made us feel like part of their extended family," Sparrow said.

Sparrow said everyone in the crew found pieces of the shuttle during the 21-day search. He found five pieces himself.

"Most of the pieces we found were pieces of tile, from the size of a dime to whole panels," he said. The tile panels work as the

shuttle's heat shield. A tile panel measures 8 by 8 inches, Sparrow said.

Katrina Renner, a firefighter in the Shoshone office, also participated in the search.

"When we found our first piece, we were really excited and eager to find more," Renner said. "We were extremely honored to get to go - to be a part of history."

It's been a little more than two months since the shuttle Columbia - the oldest shuttle in NASA's fleet and the orbiter that made shuttle program's maiden voyage into space in 1981 - broken

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## Panel OKs 'local public interest' water bill

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - A Senate committee Wednesday approved a bill that would greatly narrow people's ability to protest water right transfers based upon "local public interest."

The Senate Resources and Environment Committee passed House Bill 284 to the Senate floor with a 7-3 vote. Local senators who voted for it included Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. Against it were Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Fred Kennedy, D-Mountain Home.

Before the measure passed, Clive Strong of the attorney general's office gave resource com-

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## NOTHING BUT NET



Mark Goodman, coach of the under-11 boys Twin Falls Rapids soccer team, puts up a net on a goal at Ascension Field on Wednesday. For most of the teams in the league, this weekend marks the beginning of the season.

## Wendell City Hall project moves ahead

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** - The city is getting a new City Hall as part of an land-transfer agreement that is saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Mayor Paul Isaacson and Wendell School Board Chairman John W. Wright met on the front steps of the old middle school building Wednesday to sign an agreement transferring the middle school property to the city.

The exchange for demolishing the old middle school, the city will gain ownership of the middle school property, which houses a usable annex and gym.

According to the proposal, the

city could adapt the annex for a City Hall with only minor remodeling, and the gym could be converted into a community center with grant money.

The school had budgeted \$217,000 for the demolition of the old middle school building. With the city performing demolition, the school will be able to save around \$194,000 of that. Part of the money has been spent on asbestos removal.

"We are still removing asbestos from the ceiling and will not know how much the total cost will be till it is finished," said Larry Manley, Wendell school superintendent.

It all started in January 2002, when the School Board approached the city with a plan.

The city needed a new City Hall because the current one, built around 1937, was not handicapped accessible and the mortar in the brick walls was deteriorating. The school district was building a new middle school, and the old middle school building had been condemned and needed to be demolished.

There was also a 6,000-square-foot annex which was handicapped accessible and an old gymnasium. Both the annex and gym were in good shape and did not need to be removed.

Demolition should start in July. "The brick will be removed in July and the building will be knocked down in August," Isaacson said.

Joe Runner, a Wendell resi-

dent, will be doing the demolition work. He will volunteer his time. City and Wendell Highway District crews will haul away the trash from the site.

The area where the building now stands will be leveled off and grass planted. The alumni of the school want to place some sort of monument there commemorating the school, and the American Legion wants to erect a war memorial on the lawn, said Councilman John Irwin.

The school rock which has been decorated with dates and initials hundreds of times over the years is still on the property and will probably be moved to the new middle school grounds, Wright said.

## Former S.V. resort employee alleges discrimination

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - A former employee of the Sun Valley Co. is suing the resort, alleging illegal hiring practices and discrimination against employees who are female and are not French.

Kim Hayes filed suit this week against Sinclair Oil Company, Sun Valley Co., Sun Valley General Manager Wally Huffman, Sun Valley Food and

Beverage Manager Claude Guigon, Leticia Arizpe, Elizabeth Leary and 50 others for defamation, wrongful termination, discrimination and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The 16-page lawsuit, filed by the Rorick Law Firm in Hailey in 5th District Court in Blaine County, demands a jury trial and asks for damages of at least \$100,000.

Hannah Bowman, a spokes-

woman for Sinclair Oil's legal department in Salt Lake City, said attorney Lynn Hart had not yet received a copy of the lawsuit and therefore could not comment.

Both Huffman and Guigon were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Hayes, 35, was fired in July 2002 after two years at the helm of the company's human resources department. Hayes said she was fired after she hired

an attorney and after she filed discrimination charges against Sun Valley Co.

Her attorney, Cynthia Woolley, said the trouble began when Hayes complained about the disparity in income between female directors and male directors. The difference was significant - in the tens of thousands of dollars, Woolley said.

Relations between Hayes and

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## Legislator: Closed meetings violate law

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - An Elmore County legislator walked out of a Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee meeting that was closed to the public Wednesday.

Sen. Fred Kennedy, D-Boise, had wanted to keep the meeting public, citing state law that clearly prohibits closed legislative committee sessions.

It was the second day that a Senate committee has held a secret session in the waning days of the 2003 legislative session.

Another closed meeting was held Tuesday by the Health and Welfare Committee.

Republican Floor Leader Bart

Davis of Idaho Falls said Senate committees can legally meet in secret as long as the meetings are announced publicly, the justification for secrecy specified and that two-thirds of the committee members support closing the meetings.

Davis said both committee chairmen consulted in advance with attorneys, who advised them they could meet in secret. But he said the lack of any public notice for the Health and

Welfare meeting and failure to specify the reason for closing the Agricultural Affairs meeting raised questions about their legitimacy.

Because of the controversy over the meetings, Davis said all Senate committee chairmen were told to consult with leaders before any plans are made to close future meetings to the public.

This week's closed meetings followed an incident in the House last week in which Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, admitted he made a "big mistake" when he barred reporters from a session on procedural issues with most of the

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Upper Snake River	93%	90%
Salmon Falls	90%	85%
Salmon	90%	85%
Oakley	90%	85%
Big Wood	91%	80%
Henry Fork/Teton	80%	78%
Big Lost	88%	83%
Little Lost	72%	87%

As of April 2.  
\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

## 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.

### Wade Allred

Age 27.  
Hometown: Twin Falls.  
Local family: Parents, Craig and Alta Allred.

### Service/date of enlistment: Navy, November 1994.

Rank, assignment: Petty Officer 1st Class, Sealbee, Kuwait.

Task: Constructs bases in Kuwait.

Additional information: He was deployed in January, and missed the birth of his third child in March. His wife and children live in Washington.

### Shawn Manning

Age 27.  
Hometown: Wendell.

Local family: Parents, Mike and the and Shari Strerett of Wendell.

### Service/date of enlistment: Army, February 2000.

Rank, assignment: Spec. psych. tech with the 47th Combat Support Hospital in Kuwait.

Task: Psychological help for soldiers.

Additional information: Deployed from Fort Lewis, Wash., in March. He's a member of Disaster Assistance Relief Team and is trained to decontaminate victims of chemical warfare before they enter hospital.

Compiled by Arnie Thompson

For a list of other 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 Enduring Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharrisa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharrisabarnes@hotmail.com. Please

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BUHL



Raymond Harding Puschel

Raymond Harding Puschel, 81, of Buhl, Idaho passed away Monday, March 17, 2003. ... He is survived by his wife and daughter, Cheryl Lynn Sample. ...

family cabin at Ramey Creek, near Stanley. Marvin is survived by his sister, Colleen (Norman) Vollmer; two nieces, Shawna Vollmer and Stacy (Tom) Young; his stepchildren, ...

A celebration of Marvin's life will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome.

KIMBERLY



Harvey E. 'Pete' Austin

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

Pete was born on April 7, 1920, at home near Rock Creek, Idaho, the son of William and Emma Kincaid Austin. ...

RUPERT



Marjorie E. Gale

Marjorie Emma Gale, 87, of Rupert, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly. ...

They lived in Tacoma, Washington from 1944 to 1946. They moved to Rupert in 1955. After moving to Rupert, Marjorie lived in a nursing home, the old hospital, and spent years caring for the elderly patients in their homes. ...

She is survived by her five children, Marvin (Foxman) Gale, and Margaret (Gale) of Roy, Utah, Floyd H. Gale of Vancouver, Washington, and Joyce Truhibition of Washington. ...

In addition to her husband, Floyd, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary and Dorothy; and five brothers, John, Albert, Glenn, Clifford, and a baby brother, and three brothers-in-law. ...

BUHL



Anita M. Clark

Anita Marie Hatfield Clark, 53, of Twin Falls, died March 31, 2003, at the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. ...

She was born December 14, 1949, at Provo, Utah to Rev. Roy Hatfield and Norma Marie Daley Hatfield. ...

LAKE HAVASU CITY, CALIF.

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Transient jailed in slaying; faces charges in another murder case

BOISE (AP) — A transient jailed in the recent slaying of a woman in the Boise foothills has been charged with killing Lynn Hennessy, whose body was found in the river in 2000. ...

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Twin Falls; second service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Lambert Funeral Home in Roseville, Calif.; burial to follow at the Rocklin Cemetery in Rocklin, Calif.

Shirley McCrory Ahnstedt Wood of Gooding, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial at 3 p.m. Friday at the Farnsworth Cemetery in New Plymouth; friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel in Gooding.

LeRoy Elvin "Roy" Tudlock of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Don McNitt of Caldwell, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Kevin Eugene Radubagh of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home; burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Thelma Elizabeth Wheeler of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Marlin Van Whitesell RICHFIELD — Marlin Van Whitesell, 62, of Richfield died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at his home. ...

Lacie Jay Rice — TWIN FALLS — Lacie Jay Rice, 16, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. ...

Charles Thomas Hoffman BURLEY — Charles Thomas Hoffman, 43, of Burley died Sunday, March 30, 2003, in Santa Monica, Calif. ...

Verne Johnson RUPERT — Verne Johnson, 73, of Rupert died Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. ...

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# Water users who don't pay may be shut-off

## Jerome council considers proposal

By Dale Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - The city can shut off irrigation water to property owners who fail to pay the city for the installation of head gates, weirs, boxes, pipe or other delivery devices if a proposed ordinance passes.

The ordinance, which defines responsibilities concerning irrigation water between property owners and the city, was read before the City Council for the first time Tuesday.

According to the proposed ordinance, property owners are no longer required to install and repair their own water delivery devices. The city will do the installation and repair work.

If a property owner intentionally or negligently damages irrigation head gates, weirs, boxes, pipe or other delivery devices, the city will make the repairs and seek reimbursement from the offending property owner.

If the property owner fails to

reimburse the city for the repair work, the city can place a lien against the real property and refuse water to that owner until the costs have been paid, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler explained.

If a resident causes damage to a head gate and several neighbors share the same head gate, the city will make the repairs to the head gate so the neighbors can have their irrigation water. The city will then seek damages from the offending resident.

The ordinance will be read twice more before the council meeting on March 10.

Other council business included:

- **Washington rally** - The council approved the request of public works director Bob Culver and some employees to attend the National Rural Water Association Rally in Washington, D.C. Sunday through Tuesday at a cost of \$1,352.
- **Water awards** - The city recently won the title Best

Drinking Water in the State of Idaho. Culver and Appel went to the gala ceremony for Jerome's prizewinning water to the national competition.

Culver also took home the Manager of the Year Award, and Appel took home the Operator of the Year Award. Appel was also named Jerome's employee of the month for March.

- **State auctions** - Two public works employees will travel to state surplus auctions in Rigby, Pocatello, Shoshone and Boise to purchase up to \$22,000 in equipment.
- **New officer** - Rick Bohling was hired and sworn in as Jerome's new patrol officer. Bohling will earn \$23,376 per year.
- **Bohling said he has eight years' experience as a fish and game warden**, and just prior to being hired by the city was employed as a jailer by Jerome County.
- **Heritage festival** - The council approved payment of \$3,500 to the Jerome Chamber of Commerce to be used for the combined Joe Mama's Car Show and the community Heritage Days Festival in August.

This is the festival's second year and Rothweiler said he hoped to make it as big as the Eastern Days in Lewiston or Sagebrush Days in Burley.

- **Cultural diversity workshop** - Rothweiler said the Mayor's Committee of Minority Relations is planning an all-day workshop on June 26 for business owners and other interested people to work on cultural diversity. Then in the evening will be a celebration of Jerome's diversity with refreshments, a speaker and other activities.
- **Rothweiler said he is working with the Association of Idaho Cities to see if grant funds might be available to make it a free conference for Jerome residents.**
- **Sewer plant** - City Engineer Scott Bybee said the wastewater treatment plant staff is planning an open house so residents can tour the facility and see the progress of the plant upgrade.
- **Bybee said representatives from the Idaho Department of Environment and Conservation will be on hand to help explain what is happening.**
- **The date of the open house will be announced later.**

## Meeting

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members of the tax committee. Wednesday's closed-door meeting of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee was recommended by Council Bogert, the attorney for Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Bogert said the private meeting on field burning included some legal issues covered by a court order requiring confidentiality.

Bogert said there is no attorney general's legal opinion justifying his recommendation to bar the public but "it has been custom and practice to do so in cases involving sensitive legal matters."

Bogert admitted that similar secret sessions have been held with special legislative committees in the past. Kempthorne has been governor.

"I don't understand," Kennedy replied, "why we're talking about customs and practices in the face of a specific law."

That law requires that "all meetings of any standing, special or select committee of either house of the legislature of the state of Idaho shall be open to the public at all times."

The Senate rules mirror that law but also include an exception allowing closed sessions for personnel matters, labor negotiations, property purchases, competitive trade or commerce negotiations, pending or probable litigation or disclosure of any record not open to the public under state law. Davis said Senate rules trump state law on procedural issues.

Supporters of the closed session argued that the public's representatives need to be informed on key legal issues. Without the

secret session they would be denied that information because of court orders requiring its secrecy, they said.

But Sen. Laird Noh, a moderate Republican from Kimbally, acknowledged that "maybe we need to work on the law" requiring all committee meetings to be public.

The time of the Agricultural Affairs Committee meeting was publicized on the Legislature's Web site, unlike either last week's meeting between Newcomb and the tax committee or Tuesday's meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

Kennedy and Sen. Cecil Ingram of Boise both said that Health and Welfare Committee session involved a briefing by state Environmental Quality Director Stephen Allred on steps the agency is taking to keep drinking water systems around the state safe in the face of possible contamination by terrorists.

Allred said there were no threats to any system in the state, Kennedy said, but he wanted the meeting kept secret because he discussed what were described as vulnerabilities of water systems that could provide blueprints for attack by terrorists.

It was that incident that prompted Kennedy to research the open meetings law as it applies to the Legislature.

On March 17, the Senate announced a secret session of both Democrats and Republicans for a security briefing following the burning of the water in Iraq. The meeting was finally questioned by leaders could not cite a legal justification for barring the public.

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**- Sen. Fred Kennedy**

# Burley irrigation system testing will start next week

By Shelley Ridner  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Testing of the low-pressure irrigation system that serves a portion of Burley is scheduled to begin April 10, Burley Water Superintendent Jesse Mabry said.

If weather allows, the system will be turned on April 10, 11 and 14 for testing. Water will be turned on only during the day three days, not in the evening.

If all necessary repairs can be made and temperatures are warm

enough, the system will be turned on for the season April 15, he said. The system is usually turned on in mid-April, Mabry said.

People who have access to the system should close their hose bibs or faucets, check their systems and make repairs before the test period, Mabry said.

If any employees will spend the first couple of days after the water is turned on checking the system for leaks or problems.

The irrigation system is the old city drinking system. Generally, the system is in place to most residential properties in

Burley north of the railroad tracks. South of the tracks it extends to about 21st Street. It runs from Parke Avenue to the east side of Burley between the railroad tracks and 16th Street. Between 16th and 22nd streets, the system runs from Almo Avenue to Parke Avenue. It is not in place in downtown Burley.

It's a low-pressure system, city officials remind users, and sometimes doesn't offer adequate pressure to operate a sprinkler system.

Users connected to the low-pressure system pay a flat fee

each year for the irrigation water. The fee varies, depending on lot size.

Although the water comes from wells, it's not treated as the drinking water in the city.

Irrigation water users are required to follow a watering schedule. Those on the east side of an alley use it two days and those on the west side of the alley use it for two days. People connected to the system are sent schedules by the city or can pick them up at the city water department. The system remains on all summer.

# Johnny Horizon planning gets under way in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - The 34th year of Johnny Horizon Day is just a week away.

The annual cleanup of Twin Falls County's roads and byways will be held May 3. The event is sponsored by Twin Falls County, Southern Idaho Solid Waste and the Twin Falls Lions Club.

Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in the cleanup project by calling the geographic area in their area to be cleaned. With everyone's help, practically every road within the county will be cleaned of litter and debris in four hours, said Darrell Heider, a Twin Falls area coordinator.

The Twin Falls County commissioners and the Lion's Club will provide lunch when the routes are finished. Food, drink and dessert will be served beginning at 11 a.m. at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Field, Red Barrel Restaurant in Castletown, Neo-Soo-Pah Hot Springs, and the Murchaugha LDS Church grounds.

People may call the following area coordinators to

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reserve a route:

- Buhl - Steve Kaatz, 543-8576
- Castro - Lori Beaman, 543-2352; Tracy Coit, 537-6833
- Filer - Joe Buratt, 326-5001
- Hansen - Doug Gee, 423-5813 or 423-5158
- Hollister - Ron Hunnicutt, 655-4225
- Kimberly - Wendal Neckabe, 423-4717; Leigh Mackley, 423-4479
- Murchaugha - Verla Tipton, 432-5561
- Rogerson - Sherry Satterwhite, 655-4322
- Clover - Yvonne Rienke, 326-5198
- Twin Falls - Mark Holmstead, 734-2077; Linda Billingsley, 734-9491 (Twin Falls County Parks); Darrell Heider, 423-6177.

**Hospital holds day for moms and daughters**

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's

Women's Health and Zonta Club of Magic Valley will co-host a special workshop designed to help mothers and daughters learn more about real life, according to a hospital news release.

The Girlfriend's Guide to Real Life is intended for young women who are graduating high school and their mothers. Topics to be discussed include safety, finances, health, travel, taking care of yourself and real life on your own.

Speakers will include Magic Valley women from all walks of life who will share their personal and professional experiences to help others make the right life decisions during this critical time. Mothers are encouraged to attend with their daughters.

Girlfriend's Guide to Real Life will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 26 at the Monastery of the Ascension on Priory Road in Jerome. The cost is \$20 per mother-daughter team. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is

required. For more information or to sign up, call 737-2908.

**Feedlot is topic of tonight's public hearing in Burley**

**BURLEY** - A public hearing to discuss an application by Alliance Land and Livestock for a conditional use permit to construct a confined animal feeding operation near Declo is scheduled during tonight's Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at Burley City Hall. It is open to the public.

Alliance Land and Livestock officials have applied again to operate a 9,999-head feedlot in the county.

The planning commission approved an application for the feedlot last year, but the owners did not follow through. The request after changing their plans and some conditions attached to the permit and after neighbors complained about the plan.

- compiled from staff report

## Water

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mittee members his interpretation of what the remodeling of language added in 1978 to Idaho water law would do.

The new language would tie public interest to only the "effects of the resource on a water resource." Previously, the 5th District Court has ruled, the language would apply to all locally important issues to the public whether the right might be established or transferred. And that would include dairy odor, 5th District Judge Barry Wood said in June.

If the bill becomes law, protests based upon the local public interest would only be valid if the water that is used by a private entity is returned to the public. The resource - such things as fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetic beauty, transportation and water quality, Strong said.

For example, if a dairy lagoon could potentially cause strong odors, the new language would not allow the public to protest the odors the lagoon water produces. The reason is that the water is not going to be returned to the public water resource, Strong said.

However, if a factory were polluting water that ran through the facility and returned to a stream, then a protest would be justified, he said.

"What you're doing is creating some sidebars," he said.

Environmentalist Bill Chisholm, who has aggravated certain agricultural groups in recent years by grabbing onto the language to protect water rights transfers for large dairies, was clearly unhappy. Residents of the Thousand Springs area of Twin Falls say it will have a large impact on the quality of life and property values, he said. Because the dairies are located on the bluff above their valley in Godwin, Jerome counties, they have no protection from what Strong referred to as the "secondary issues" of odor and flies.

Rohr and Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, who drafted the new local public interest legislation, put together a companion piece that would require all counties to hold public hearings before siting confined animal feeding operations. But Chisholm said that with that, Twin Falls County residents would be cut out of the hearing process because they don't live in the county where the CAFOs are being sited.

Stennett noted that besides the expensive real estate of Thousand Springs, there are ponds in the area for which the state has paid over \$20 million.

**Practical effects**

According to Senior Attorney General Clive Strong, the "local public interest" legislation would require the State Court decision in Chisholm vs. Idaho Department of Water Resources and K & W Dairy.

Under the bill, elements must be shown to have an effect on the "public water resource," Strong said.

It would not, however, take away the right of the public to protest and sue to force the state to protect Idaho's water resources, such as a recent effort by the city of Denver to buy water rights from the city of Pocatello.

**The West and 'local public interest'**

Every state except Colorado that belongs to the Western States Water Council has some statutory public interest provisions in its water law. Here are three examples:

- **Utah:** Requires the state engineer to determine whether approval of an application for a new water use will adversely affect the "natural stream environment" or if it would "unreasonably affect public recreation."
- **Nevada:** Requires the state engineer to consider the availability of unappropriated water, the effect on existing rights, and a broad interpretation of protecting the public welfare.
- **Arizona:** Requires several state agencies to use public interest criteria in relations to such things as public values and effect on other water resources.

Source: Western States Water Council

## Lawsuit

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the company allegedly worsened when Hayes protested the company's practice of hiring foreign workers before they had obtained Social Security numbers as required by federal law.

Hayes contacted the Social Security Administration about the matter and said she refused to cooperate with Sun Valley. She ordered that she let employment without Social Security numbers.

What followed was "months of months of mind games," Woolley said.

The lawsuit also alleges that French-born employees receive preferential treatment. Guigon,

for instance, received many benefits denied Hayes, Woolley said. For instance, if something he did was called into question, he was given an opportunity to defend himself. Hayes was never given that same chance, Woolley said.

"Sun Valley employs quite a few French workers and Claude Guigon goes to France to recruit there. He does not recruit from America," Woolley said.

Sun Valley's Marketing Director Jack Sibbach said there are an unspecified number of French workers among the approximately 4,500 employees. Many Sun Valley hires workers from other countries. Other workers come from such countries as

Russia, Australia, Peru and Costa Rica.

Sun Valley recruits at a variety of colleges and other places in the United States, as well as overseas, he said. But the company can't attract enough U.S.-born workers to operate its ski operation and lodges, he said.

Regardless, Sibbach said, he knows of no preferential treatment given to French workers.

Hayes, who lives in Hailey, recently started her own firm - Internationally Owned Employee Solutions. The firm recruits overseas workers for U.S. businesses.

But she contends in the lawsuit that her firm made her unable to find comparable employment

in Blaine County. She was making \$48,000 a year when she was fired.

The lawsuit alleges that Sun Valley employees conveyed to the general public that Hayes was fired because she was insubordinate, disrespectful, incompetent, dishonest and unproductive. Woolley said the fact that the Idaho Department of Labor ruled that Hayes was entitled to unemployment compensation was unjustified. "It's an important case, particularly in this day and age," she said.

Woolley estimated it would take at least a year for the case to go to court if it is not settled before.

## Shuttle

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up during re-entry into Earth's atmosphere after a 16-day mission and just 16 minutes away from the landing strip at the Kennedy Space Center. Sensors aboard Columbia reported a sudden spike of intense heat, an indication that the ship's heat shield had been breached. Killed were Rick Husband, 45, the shuttle's commander and an Air Force colonel; pilot William McCool, a Navy commander; mission specialists David Brown, 45, a Navy captain; Kalpana Chawla, 41, who was born in India; Laurel Clark, 41, a flight

surgeon; and Ilan Ramon, 48, a colonel in Israel's Air Force.

Debris rained over hundreds of miles of Texas fields and highways, stretching from near Dallas up the way to Louisiana. Nearly 4,500 ground searches, mostly off-duty firefighters experienced in grid searches, have covered 56 percent of the 555,000-acre search area, with 25 percent of the Columbia delivered to the collection hangar in Florida, according to NASA. The search continues, and Sparrow might be heading but soon for another tour of duty.

Zach Aslett, also a firefighter in the Shoshone area, said his experience was rewarding. He said some of the NASA representatives working with the firefighters knew the Columbia crew.

"They brought out the human side and told us why it was so important to them," Aslett said.

He was especially impressed that NASA astronauts visited the campsites.

"They thanked us for being a part of it and helping them get back up in the air," he said.

Investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the shuttle disaster. According to The Associated Press, investigators are now focusing on the possibility that the orbiter's left wing was damaged before it began its Feb. 1 re-entry into the atmosphere.

Investigators believe the damage created an opening in the orbiter's heat shield that allowed superheated air to burn its way into the structure.

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March revenues jump markedly

Results ease pressure on strained budget

BOISE (AP) - Taxes generated more money in March than expected, further easing pressure on this year's budget.

Total tax collections for the month were \$17 million ahead of projections, according to preliminary state estimates.

March was good news, chief economist Michael Ferguson said. "Depending on where tax refunds end up, things are looking fairly good."

March figures marked a major change in the state's revenue flow that had been running behind target since late last year.

But Ferguson and others had earlier cautioned against excessive pessimism. They believed that as much as \$18 billion of the \$22-million gap between collections and target for December though February was the result of accelerated claims for income tax refunds.

How they voted

How is the 19-12 rollcall vote by which the Senate on Wednesday approved a budget allocating 7 percent from general tax support for the State Police. A "yes" vote is a vote for the bill, and there were 19 in favor and 12 against.

That gap would narrow dramatically, they predicted, as refund payments fall behind estimates for some topics by month's end.

million short of the estimate. Sales tax receipts were \$500,000 over the benchmark for the month despite Micron Technology's late February announcement that it was laying off 1,100 workers in southwest Idaho.

And the individual and corporate income taxes each ran \$2.6 million higher than expected while interest earnings and premium taxes paid by insurance companies were about \$1 million higher than expected.

The revenue figures came as House tax writers finally cleared for floor votes a package of tax increases to help erase the \$160 million deficit in the 2003-2004 budget.

At the same time, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne vetoed a fifth bill in a new budget plan that attempts to cover the deficit through budget cuts alone. As he did with programs for senior citizens, vocational rehabilitation, tax collection, water management and the blind, the governor said the 7 percent cut in general tax support for agriculture programs was excessive.

reduced the department ability to ensure the accuracy of 7,600 scales for weighing everything from hamburger to beef cattle and 16,000 fuel pumps.

Kempthorne said the cuts would deny citizens the guarantee that they "get what they pay for" at the pump, in the grocery store and at the market.

In the Senate, a significantly reduced budget for the State Police won narrow approval and was forwarded to Kempthorne, becoming the newest target for the governor's veto stamp. It passed on only a 19-12 vote, enough opposition to sustain a veto.

The bill cuts \$1.4 million in general tax support that would create another three troopers off roads lawmakers already agree are inadequately patrolled. Another 10 road patrol slots are vacant, leaving just over 125 troopers on the highways.

"For the last several years we simply have not had enough patrolmen on the road," Republican Sen. John Anderson of Boise said. "We need more patrolmen."

Shoshone residents consider granting easement to city

By Almes Durand Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - An uneasy easement situation lurks in the city of Shoshone. Ted and Maxine Uhrig of 201 N. Grappe St. attended this week's City Council meeting in hopes of taking all the guesswork out of a piece of their land.

An original text survey incorrectly placed an easement that contains a portion of the sewer pipeline on what is now the Uhrig property.

Since then, numerous surveys have been done. The most recent surveys are in agreement that there is a discrepancy of several feet between the current property line and the actual property line.

Based on the original survey, it was assumed that the LDS church owned the land and had granted an easement to the city of Shoshone.

"It just needs to be straightened out," Maxine Uhrig said, and there had been too many assumptions on this topic already. Ted Uhrig said he was insulted when he received a letter from the city offering him \$1 for this piece of land.

"It was like a slap in the face," he said. Councilwoman Lee Ross asked the Uhrigs what they thought would be a fair compensation. The Uhrigs did not give a figure, but Ted Uhrig did mention that in granting this easement, restrictions would be placed on his property, and he was worried about that hindering future plans, such as the possibility of subdividing.

At this point, the issue has been turned over to the city's legal department where city attorney Eric P. Scott will research the matter. The issue will be revisited at the May 6 City Council meeting.

Meanwhile, some City Council members will visit the Uhrig property so they can better understand where this easement would be.

In other city business:

Gas pipeline - Intermountain Gas Co. has plans to test the gas pipeline with water this summer. Certain streets will be affected from July 14 to around Aug. 15.

Fifteen miles of pipe will be hydrostatic tested with water. This pipeline will be dug up, fittings will be cut off, and after the water has been run through, the pipeline must be thoroughly dried and cleaned of all debris.

A company made an appearance at Tuesday's council meeting to "be good neighbors and work out any problems we might have," said company representative Jim Wolf.

Some of the affected areas include West B Street, which will be closed for about one week, and North Grappe Street, which is expected to be the biggest ordeal for city drivers.

The plan is to finish phase one of the project this summer.

City burning - At this time, the procedure for burning in city limits is as follows: A person must call the emergency dispatch center and let personnel know where and at what time the burn will be.

"If a person burning must also call back when burning is completely over. Burning must be completed before dark.

Fair housing resolution - The council renewed the fair housing resolution and approved it.

City cleanup week - The city cleanup week is scheduled for Monday through Friday, April 11.

After this year's cleanup week, the council will go over ideas for streamlining the process and outline acceptable forms of debris and litter that city crews will pick up from residents next year.

New streetlight - The council passed a motion to provide a streetlight for the intersection of Eighth Street at a cost of \$1,300, plus a \$5 monthly maintenance fee.

It is a safety issue," Councilman Mark Mitton said, displaying concern for early morning walkers and children riding bicycles.

Extended lease for resort wins final approval

BOISE (AP) - The long-term lease for a billion-dollar, four-season resort on Lake Cascade won final legislative approval on Wednesday.

The Senate voted unanimously for the lease that had passed the House without dissent two months ago. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who supported the lease as chairman of the state Land Board, was expected to sign the bill.

It's good for Idaho, it's good for the community of Valley County," Sen. Skip Brandt of Kooskia said.

The governor's signature would trigger a \$600,000 payment to the state from the developer of the Tamarack resort, previously known as WestRock, under terms of the lease signed last year.

The state has already been paid \$400,000 for use of the 2,100 acres on the west side of the lake. If the project is still under way in four more years, it will begin collecting more than another \$1 million.

Principals in the project, the first major North American ski resort to be built in more than 20 years, assuage some skeptics by promising to include a disclaimer in sales documents for residential lots at the resort that the state lease is not an endorsement of the resort as an investment.

Officials also assured lawmakers they already have the financing for the initial phase of the project, and state land managers believe the resort is viable.

The project is the successor to the failed Valbois resort plan of the 1980s.

"Whether the project is a success or not, the state is covered," Brandt said.

Resort developers have said they need the extended lease to attract financing. The first phase will include three instead of two lifts and an 18-hole rather than 9-hole golf course. There also will be a lodge to serve skiers and golfers.

The resort opened its Nordic skiing course this winter and plans to start construction on the alpine ski hill and other amenities this summer.

Advocates contend the resort will be an economic boon to an area hit hard by the timber industry's decline. But opponents claim it will damage the reservoir and surrounding environment, congest Idaho Highway 55 from Boise and overtax the local government's ability to provide needed support services.

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— compiled from wire reports

House kills bill to force F&G 'no net loss of land' policy

BOISE - The full House on Wednesday narrowly killed a bill that would have forced the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to adopt a "no net loss of land" policy for land acquisition.

A 34-25 vote put an end to the effort championed by north Idaho representatives who contend the department is buying up private property and taking it off the tax rolls out of production.

The bill was opposed by the Fish and Game department. The bill would have required that new department land acquisitions be offset by sales of a similar number acres elsewhere.

House panel approves higher truck weights

BOISE - A pilot program allowing heavy trucks on about 600 miles of state highways in southern Idaho passed the House on Wednesday.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb is personally sponsoring the bill, which would allow trucks to increase weights from 105,000 to 129,000 on specific roads between Dubois and Ashton in eastern Idaho to Jackpot, Nev.; on a network of highways in extreme southeastern Idaho east of

Legislature in brief

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House Republicans aim at schools lawsuit

BOISE (AP) - House Republicans introduced legislation Wednesday that would effectively kill a 12-year-old class-action lawsuit that school districts say is needed to fix crumbling buildings.

The proposal was introduced Wednesday in the House Ways and Means Committee. It would also allow school districts to seek a judge's approval to impose a levy for buildings considered unsafe.

The lawsuit started in 1990, when about 20 school districts banded together, claiming it was the state's responsibility to provide funding for all school functions. The courts later narrowed the focus of the suit to deal with unsafe school buildings.

In 2001, 4th District Judge Deborah Ball declared Idaho's system for funding school construction unconstitutional, and the Legislature to fix it. Several bills have passed, but schools say the problem remains unresolved.

Wednesday's bill was drafted and presented by Michael Gilmore, the state's defense attorney in the lawsuit. It was sent on a party-line vote to the House

Revenue and Taxation Committee after a brief debate.

House Majority Leader Lawrence Denney told committee members that the bill would probably cause the class-action suit against the state to be dismissed. To continue the cases, parents would have to sue their own school districts in each separate judicial district.

A special task force appointed in January by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Democratic State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard, recommended increased state subsidies for interest paid on school construction bonds, among other measures.

One of those recommendations, authority for school boards to raise property taxes without a vote to deal with building safety emergencies, is a part of Denney's legislation.

The school districts' attorney, Robert Huntley, said the bill is ill-timed because it would apply retroactively.

He also said the bill's introduction sends a clear message to Judge Ball that the Legislature does not intend to fix the problem of crumbling school buildings.

Fund for playground swells to \$38,000 in Burley

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

BURLEY - Families at Play members have raised \$38,000 of the \$125,000 needed to construct the playground in Storybook Park.

City Council member and Burley City Councilwoman Adria Masoner reported at Tuesday's council meeting.

Masoner's report came during a brief discussion of how the city might be involved in the park project. Mayor Jon Anderson wanted to discuss whether city employees or city equipment could be used in the project. But the discussion was deferred for two weeks because Families at Play members are working on a list of specific requests for city assistance.

Anderson said it's "critically important the city be involved" in the project.

The playground is being paid for with donations and grants. It will be located in the park, now owned by the city park, now named Storybook Park. It's the former West Park.

Throughout the month of April, dubbed "Playground Days," different businesses have agreed to donate a portion of their sales on specific days to the playground fund, Masoner said.

The playground is scheduled to be built in five days, beginning May 13. More money, food, volunteers, tools and equipment are still needed, Masoner said.

Water line and street work

Main Street will be torn up this summer because the Idaho Transportation Department plans to resurface the highway that runs through Burley, City Administrator Mark Mitton told council members.

Because of that work, Mitton asked the council to approve a contract with Keller Associates, an engineering firm, to design a water line replacement project for the city.

City officials planned to replace the water line in Main Street next year, Mitton said. When the line is replaced, much of the street will have to be torn up. Moving the project up one year allows the city to do the work while the street is torn up.

By the state. That will save money and result in less inconvenience to drivers.

Transportation Department plans call for stripping the existing asphalt off of Main Street and installing new asphalt, Mitton said.

The council agreed to pay Keller Associates \$26,700 for engineering, permitting, mapping and staking to allow the project to proceed.

Heyburn slates cleanup period

The Times-News

HEYBURN - Heyburn residents have a chance coming to spruce up their property. The annual spring cleanup is set for April 19 through 25, said City Superintendent Scott Spevak.

A transfer station will be created at 1421 R St. to haul debris to the landfill.

The station is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on April 19 and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 21 through 25, Spevak said.

Spevak noted on trees will be accepted this year and any refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners must be accepted by the city. The station is open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on April 19 and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 21 through 25, Spevak said.

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LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Voted by Governor

S1154 (Finance) - Allocates \$25.6 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Agriculture.

Signed by Governor

H195 (Business) - Increases maximum compensation for fire protection board commissioners.

S1149 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$2.5 million appropriation to the Department of Correction for the current budget year.

S1152 (Finance) - Allocates \$4.4 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Conservation Commission.

S1153 (Finance) - Allocates \$1.5 million to the Office of the Governor for the Commission on the Arts for fiscal year 2004.

S1157 (Finance) - Allocates \$8.1 million for the Catastrophic Health Care Fund for 2003-2004 operations, \$4 million, and \$2 million in supplemental funding for 2002-2003.

S1161 (Finance) - Allocates \$8.8 million for 2003-2004 operations of the State Safety for operations in 2003-2004.

S1123 (State Affairs) - Clarifies that a regional public transportation authority is a political subdivision of the state.

H123 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Increases the maximum penalty for incest to 25 years in prison.

H312 (State Affairs) - Allows the secretary of state to refuse to file certain false financial statements.

H314 (State Affairs) - Authorizes electronic filing of corporate annual reports.

H4 (Newcomb) - Repeals requirements for the Fish and Game Department to compile and disseminate a list of sportsmen privilege revocations.

H295 (Ways and Means) - Authorizes the Outfitters and Guides Association to secure court injunctions to enforce its enforcement orders.

H140 (Revenue and Taxation) - Determines the budget that prevails after library district consolidations.

H232 (Local Government) - Revises the special exemption period for new businesses in a Business Improvement District.

H15 (Newcomb) - Provides for the deletion of a state office for Residential Care Facility administrators.

H384 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections for the current budget year.

H83 (State Affairs) - Extends the potential length of the lease for the Tamarack Resort from 21 to 49 years.

H363 (State Affairs) - Imposes up to a dollar a month fee on cell phone bills to finance emergency communications systems.

H382 (State Affairs) - Revises the filing period for independent candidates.

Introduced in House

H399 (Revenue and Taxation) - Requires estimated quarterly tax payments of all taxpayers now making quarterly federal tax payments.

H400 (Revenue and Taxation) - Increases the sales tax by a half cent.

H401 (Revenue and Taxation) - Creates land-based per diem rates.

H402 (Revenue and Taxation) - Increases the tax on beer and wine.

H403 (Ways and Means) - Creates a transfer station for school districts facing building safety problems.



NATION

Prosecutors vow not to retry controversial convictions



Former undercover investigator Tom Coleman arrives at the Swisher County courthouse March 20 to testify during an evidentiary hearing.

TULIA, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors said 38 defendants arrested in a controversial 1999 drug sting won't be retried after a judge ruled their convictions were based on questionable testimony from a single undercover agent accused of racial prejudice. Hours after retired state district Judge Ron Chapman urged the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to grant new trials for the defendants, a special prosecutor vowed Tuesday to dismiss the cases if they were sent back. "We'll dismiss them," said Rod Hobson, a special prosecutor assigned to the case that has spurred probes by the Justice Department and the Texas attorney general. "It would be foolish for us to go forward." The cases involved an 18-month undercover investigation by former sheriff's officer Tom

Coleman. Most of the defendants he arrested in this predominantly white Texas Panhandle town were black. Their arrests on charges of possessing and selling cocaine hinged on Coleman's testimony. He worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance. But no drugs were ever found during the arrests and little or no corroborating evidence was introduced at trial. The Texas American Civil Liberties Union suggested discrimination was behind the arrests and that they were intended to eliminate Tulsa's black population. Coleman is white. The appeals court had ordered a hearing to review evidence against four of the defendants to determine if the men were convicted solely on Coleman's word and whether prosecutors failed to turn over information from

Coleman's background that may have cast doubt on his testimony. "It is stipulated by all parties and approved by the court that Tom Coleman is simply not a credible witness under oath," Chapman announced in the Swisher County courtroom Tuesday. Jeff Blackburn, an attorney representing two of the four men whose arrests were questioned in the hearing, predicted Chapman's recommendation would carry considerable weight with the appellate court. "This is wonderful news, though nothing is final as of yet," said Vanita Gupta, an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. "But we are very pleased that Tom Coleman's word can't be the basis of any standing conviction." Mattie White, who had four children arrested by Coleman,

was ecstatic. "That's the best step I ever heard," she said. "We've been praying for this for four years, and we haven't ever given up." Swisher County commissioners Tuesday approved a \$250,000 payment to the defendants. The amount will be distributed based on how much time each person was imprisoned, defense attorney Ted Kilday told the commissioners. In all, 46 people were arrested, 39 of them black, during Coleman's undercover sting. Thirteen are still in prison and others served time or were sentenced to probation. Coleman was the main witness during the hearing, and testified that he stood by his investigations. He blamed work-related problems of marital trouble and denied allegations that he was a thief and a liar, but contradicted

himself several times on the stand. Coleman came to Tulsa, midway between Lubbock and Amarillo, in late 1997. He had been a Pecos police officer and Cochran County sheriff's deputy, though he left that job in 1995 after he was charged with the theft and abuse of power; those charges were dropped after he paid nearly \$7,000 in restitution. He worked as a welder before being hired in Tulsa in 1998 as an undercover drug agent for the Swisher County Sheriff's Department. On July 23, 1999, the suspect Coleman identified were pulled from their beds and paraded, still in their nightclothes, across the courthouse lawn in front of television cameras. The Texas Narcotic Control Program later named Coleman "Outstanding Lawman of the Year."

Panel OKs smallpox compensation

The Washington Post WASHINGTON — A key Senate committee approved a compensation package Wednesday for individuals who suffer serious complications from the smallpox vaccine, but a series of testy exchanges illustrated the bitter partisan divide over the issue as it heads to the Senate floor. Democrats accused the Bush administration and Republican lawmakers of attempting to lure health care workers into a risky immunization program "on the cheap," as Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., put it.

Republicans countered that their bill was "reasonable," timely and the only game in town. "It's the only approach on the table that's moving forward," said Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee.

Back and forth the pair went, seated elbow to elbow in the packed hearing room, Kennedy's voice booming, Gregg's barely heard. "It's a tin cup response to a major kind of health disaster that insults the first responders of this country," Kennedy said of the proposal to pay \$262,000 in death and disability benefits. "It's not an insult," Gregg replied. "It's a genuine attempt to solve a problem."

This bill is already dead in the House of Representatives," Kennedy countered. "We don't have to mark up this bill," said Gregg, a hint of a threat in his voice. "I think the senior woman in the Senate to quell the squabbling. 'This is America,'" said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. "We should be able to debate."

In the end, the panel voted along party lines to send the GOP version to the floor. When President Bush announced his decision to offer smallpox vaccine to medical workers and emergency responders, administration officials said they intended to inoculate 450,000 health care workers by Feb. 1. But that program has been reduced to 25,000 so far and at least 10 states have suspended vaccinations while experts investigate two dozen cardiac-related problems that have arisen in people recently inoculated.

Republicans argue that settling on a compensation program would increase participation among the many doctors and nurses who have expressed fears about side effects and accidentally spreading the live virus vaccine to patients. "We've got to get this program in place to immediately lower the barriers," said Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee. "This is a global security issue."

Frist said \$3.5 billion set aside in a supplemental appropriations bill for smallpox compensation should go a long way in reassuring health care workers. "But Democrats are pushing for more generous benefits and a guaranteed pot of money so that victims wouldn't be dependent on the annual appropriations process for compensation."

TOUR BEHIND BARS



Children look at the powerhouse during a night tour of Alcatraz Island on March 26 in San Francisco.

Alcatraz night program gives kids intimate view of island

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The tour guides at "The Rock," experts at shuffling up to 4,000 people a day through one of the most famous prisons in America, have come up with a series of more child-friendly island trips that don't skimp in history, lore and breathtaking views.

The new "Alcatraz Kids Tours," part of the Alcatraz Night Tours, are designed for children age 5 and older and their parents, although a few tours are better for children age 7 and above. "We want it to be a lot more intimate," said night tour manager Katy Olds. "It's really designed for locals. We really want to reach out to the local community and offer a new and exciting thing that families can do together."

Tours usually leave Pier 41 between 4:20 and 6:20 p.m. Thursday to Sunday and return between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., although it's best to call or check the Web site first because departure times vary by tour.

Because the tours are for families, space is limited to about 300. This means more room on the ferry, more one-on-one time with the guides and no long lines at the gift shop, restrooms or information stands.

Although billed as tours for kids, the topics and presentations are certainly sophisticated enough to keep the interest of history buffs of any age.

"If you worry about your youngster wandering around an island at night, fear not. The tour we took was really on sunset, sort-of-getting-dark tour, rather than a pitch black, gotta-have-your-flashlight kind of thing."

"There's never a bad night for a kid to come," said Olds, a former trial lawyer who left her 80-hour-a-week job for a slower-paced gig. "We develop whatever programs interest us on a broad variety of topics." The admission price also buys visitors access to the 35-minute cellhouse audio tour, which includes stories from some past prisoners and a blow-by-blow account of what went on in solitary confinement, the mess hall and the recreation yard. Al "Scarface" Capone, "Doc" Baker, Alvin "Gregory" Karpis and George "Machine Gun" Kelly all did time in Alcatraz.



Visitors on the children's night tour got a close-up look at the storied prison.

And with so many memorable nights, visitors often want to hear about the escape attempts made at "The Rock."

Inmates Frank Morris and brothers Clarence and John Anglin — the three men whose story was recounted in the blockbuster movie "Escape from Alcatraz" — may have made history and achieved infamy with their break from "The Rock," but there were 13 other escape attempts between 1936 and 1962. Alcatraz was open as a federal prison from 1934 to 1963.

Inmates Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole sawed through a window bar in a building, squeezed through it and disappeared. Prisoner Floyd Wilson slipped away from the dock crew, hid in a crevice in the rocks, worked his way along the sea wall and eluded search parties for half a day before being spotted.

Such facts were part of a recent tour called "Driven to Desperation: Escape Attempts from the Rock," which recounted of some of the most desperate escape attempts from Alcatraz and described the conditions that drove men to try a break against overwhelming odds.

"Kids and adults as well are particularly interested in escapes, but we consider it our challenge to broaden people's understanding of all the island's history," said Olds. "We want people to walk away and say, 'Wow, I never knew that.'" Indian militants who occupied the village of Wounded Knee in a 71-day standoff with federal authorities in 1973. "Some speculated she was killed by AIM members because she had a box of dynamite in her car. The FBI arrested her, and she was killed because she wasn't with an informant."

T. rex cousin may have been cannibal

The Associated Press

New fossil evidence suggests a distant cousin of the Tyrannosaurus rex that roamed the plains of Madagascar millions of years ago regularly dined on its own kind to survive during hard times. The discovery is the strongest evidence yet that some carnivorous dinosaurs were cannibals. Dinosaur experts say it sheds light on the hardships predators faced in the late Cretaceous period when dinosaurs vanished, possibly as a result of asteroid impacts, widespread climate change and disease.

"This is the first strong, convincing evidence of cannibalism within theropod dinosaurs," said Thomas Holtz, a paleontologist at the University of Maryland who was not part of the study. Scientists working in Madagascar uncovered evidence of cannibalism in fossilized bones of Majungatholus atopus, a toothy beast the size of a small school bus that was the top hunter of 20 million years ago.

The researchers' study was published in the journal Nature. Cannibalism was also reported in a 2001 study of the dinosaur Spinosaurus, a long-necked, fish-eating dinosaur that lived in North Africa about 100 million years ago.

Cosmic forces pepper Milky Way, universe

By Robert S. Boyd Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Wars, volcanoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and these terrifying catastrophes on Earth are still puny compared with the awesome forces that rampage through outer space, astronomers say. New telescopes are revealing scenes of unimaginable force and ferocity beyond the apparently serene starry sky: exploding stars, radioactive jets, ravenous "black holes" colliding galaxies, savage struggles for survival in stellar nurseries.

"The cosmos is awash in violence," said Ben Patrusky, organizer of a symposium on "cosmic mayhem" at Washington University in St. Louis. "Wild things are hiding at the center of galaxies," agreed James Buckley, a Washington University astrophysicist. "Fortunately, our planet is a little island of relative safety, protected by its thick atmosphere and a magnetic shield that deflects most of the deadly forces streaking through the universe."

Even though the danger to humans is remote, astronomers say there are good reasons to study this violence. "It helps us understand our origins," said Michael Smith, an astrophysicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

He pointed out that most of the elements that make up our bodies, such as oxygen, were created in the furnaces of exploding stars. In addition, Smith said, the violent cosmos serves as a laboratory — better than any on Earth — to study physics, because stellar explosions release far greater energies than Earth's most powerful atom smashers. Last month, for example, NASA reported that one of its satellites had detected the mightiest detonation yet witnessed anywhere in the universe. The event was a "gamma ray burst," a brilliant flash of light created by the collapse of a star 10 billion years ago, when the universe was young. The blast released as much energy as a billion megaton nuclear bombs, said Stanford Woolsey, an astrophysicist at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Gamma rays, the most intense form of radiation known to science, are very high frequency electromagnetic waves, racing at almost the speed of light. A gamma ray burst can "briefly outshine an entire galaxy," Smith said. Millions of times more energetic even than gamma rays are cosmic rays: tiny subatomic particles streaming from all directions of the sky. Their top speed has been calculated at 99.999999999999999 percent of the speed of light. (That's 99 plus 17 9s.) "These are the highest energy particles in nature," said Alan Watson, an astrophysicist at Leeds University in England. "We have no idea where and how they are created."

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Agents arrest man in connection with 1976 murder

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal agents arrested a man in the slaying of an American Indian Movement activist whose frozen body was found on a reservation more than a quarter-century ago. Arlo Looking Cloud, 49, was arrested Monday in Denver and pleaded innocent to a charge of first-degree murder in the death

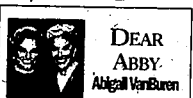
of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash, according to U.S. Attorney James McMahon in Sioux Falls. Aquash, 30, disappeared in late 1975 from a home where she had been staying in Denver. Her frozen body, with a gunshot wound to the head, was found in February 1976 at the Pine Ridge reservation, about 90 miles east of

Rapid City. The indictment of Looking Cloud remained sealed. McMahon said Wednesday he could not comment on the case, including on questions of why charges weren't filed sooner or whether more arrests are possible. Aquash, a member of Canada's Mi'kmaq Tribe, was among the

Indian militants who occupied the village of Wounded Knee in a 71-day standoff with federal authorities in 1973. "Some speculated she was killed by AIM members because she had a box of dynamite in her car. The FBI arrested her, and she was killed because she wasn't with an informant."



# Mother-in-law gets back what she gives



DEAR ABBY

**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, when I first became a daughter-in-law, it was a good lesson in how not to be a mother-in-law. So when our son became engaged, I told his chosen one I considered her "in-law" status only a legality, that I felt I was gaining a daughter, and that wives should always come before mothers.

My husband and I offered advice only when asked and kept still when we saw them do something we thought was a mistake.

When our son had to travel out of town for additional job training, Dad and I moved into their home at their request. We had a great time with our grandchildren and made it possible for our son and his wife to have uninterrupted time for each other.

I am now a widow in my 90s and live in a lovely apartment with my son and his wife built out their

home. They visit and help me whenever I need them.

When we drive places, I have always insisted on sitting in the back seat because I find it easier to get in and out of the car. (The kids often have things to discuss and I don't need to know everything.) Believe me, the back seat "rules" all the time!

My daughters live in Virginia and California and come to stay whenever my son and his wife want to get away. All of them keep me busy with my computer, getting my own meals, knitting and library books. My girls call

daily - California in the mornings and Virginia to say good night. The kids here in town are in and out several times a day. When I tell each one how blessed I feel, my son always says, "Mother, you reap what you sow."

-GRATEFUL MOM-IN-LAW

**DEAR GRATEFUL MOM-IN-LAW:** In most relationships, your son is right. Love and respect are a two-way street. I receive so many letters about bad relationships that it's a pleasure to print one that details such an exemplary one.

And while we're on the subject, I'll reprint a favorite item that has appeared in my column before:

Ten Commandments for Mother-in-Law  
by Iola M. Irwin

- Thou shalt love, honor and respect the new couple.
- Thou shalt allow them complete independence.
- Thou shalt speak only kindly and loyally about them.
- Thou shalt not find fault.
- Thou shalt not visit them too frequently, and never enter their home without knocking.
- Thou shalt not expect them to visit you too often.
- Thou shalt not give advice unless requested.
- Thou shalt not mention how much you look forward to grandchildren.
- Thou shalt respect their taste in home decorating, though it differs from your own.
- Thou shalt petition daily the Heavenly Father, in whose love they abide, for their happiness.

**ACROSS**

1 Dance orchestra  
6 Preliminary work  
10 "Lovers' Yell"  
14 Saltworks  
15 Fish  
16 Blue  
17 After-dinner speaker  
19 Pub choice  
20 Completely  
21 Out  
22 Oscar-night wheels  
23 U.S. course  
24 Lawyer's org.  
25 Self-satisfaction  
26 Gait fastener  
28 Ump's cohort  
29 Roast beef  
30 Sister  
38 Bronto  
39 Bonhead  
41 Wildboats  
42 Spring stage  
43 Call for help

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2 Pressing need?  
3 Carnivore meal  
4 Pistol port  
5 Blind that lays a  
6 Downhill ski race

7 Take it  
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10 Island guitar  
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Wednesday's Puzzle Answer

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## Starfish eyes are at end of its arms

"Streets of Iaredo" didn't start out as cowboy. It was taken from an old song about a dying British soldier.

Eyes of a starfish are at the ends of its arms.

That river you and I and Stephen Foster called the "Swanee" started out with a formal true name: San Juan River.

A snail mates but once and that takes half a day.

Can tell you this: If typical, your feet give off about a half pint of perspiration daily. Would you like to hear more?

You know how buffalo migrated between what's now Canada and what's now Texas? Evidence indicates dinosaurs did, too.

Diggers have unearthed the bones of slaves and masters from the early American colony of St. Mary's on Chesapeake Bay. The slaves' bones are straight. The masters' bones are distorted. All the diggers can figure out is: The slaves drank water from its source. The masters drank water piped through lead.

Prairie fires renew the prairies, too.

Sweden has 100,000 lakes. Remarkable, what? Not as remarkable as Alaska, though. With more than a million lakes.

After reading a drug-smuggling story, a client asked, "What's 'lagan'?" Maritime law defines it as something cast overboard with a buoy attached so it can be retrieved later.

Q: Any subways in Africa?  
A: Only in Cairo.

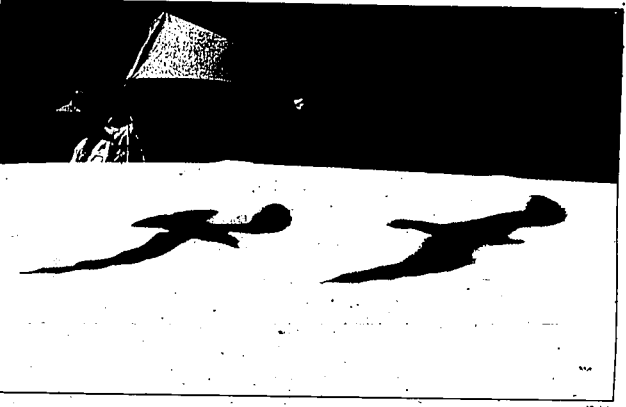
Dieters, please note: Chinese acupressurists tell obesity patients they can diminish the appetite by squeezing the carotides for one minute.

It's the roasting that destroys the poison in cashews. Incidentally, they're not nuts, you know, they're seeds.



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## SHADOWS ON THE SAND



A vacationing Sherry Battlata of Clinton, Conn., spends Tuesday reading a book on the beach in Daytona Beach Shores, Fla., while birds cast their shadows on the sand as they fly overhead.

## Fondest hopes may be fulfilled for Pisces

**IF APRIL 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**... your outgoing personality, enigmatic to some, attracts many as you want to give everyone a chance. Your teaching abilities enable you to put across ideas that inspire people. At times, you are an innocent flirt, which puts you on the spot. This is a year for financial change. Be careful what you wish for as you may get what you don't need.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): A letter from foreign shores gives hope of reunion with someone long forgotten. The moon promises financial gain, but keep your walter safe. Your sense of humor ignites others.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): Lunar influences in your sign give you a touch of the moody blues. There is a tendency to overspend as you want to satisfy your needs.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You have come far and should jump for joy. The setbacks you suffered are behind you. Keep an eye on your wallet. Pisces is in the picture.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You are called upon to give assistance to the frail. You want to indulge yourself and be in the limelight. Your creative side produces results.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Forcing an issue causes a setback. You receive invitation to go on a trip. Female friends could be helpful to your career. Taurus native comes to the fore.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Farmer complements you. Pisces featured. An invitation this

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evening will give you an emotional high. You exude sensuality and sex appeal.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are looking for an escape hatch, but reality is what counts. Confusion over domestic matters. Your ideals are challenged; it's a question of timing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your detective nose intuits something amiss. Female will reveal all. Your sense of aesthetics is challenged. Taurus, Leo may hold keys.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Is it magic or the result of hard work? You win new friends. Maintain your high standards even if those around you say you cannot beat the odds. Aries or Taurus is on the scene.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let moods interfere with relationships. Draw on lessons learned from the past. Keep an eagle eye on the bigger picture. Aries brings luck.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your fondest hopes may be fulfilled. Singing in the shower helps to overcome moments of grief. An unexpected gift is on its way. Taurus is represented.

## 'Biography' examines life of Candice Bergen

**TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION 6 p.m.**

"Fastlane" - Billie, Deagon and Van go under cover to bust up the partnership between a crystal-meth manufacturer and a pornographer. (Guest stars Tommy Lee and Naomi Campbell). (CC) (TV14) FOX 7 p.m.

"Focus" - During World War II, a man is demoted because his employers think that his new glasses make him look Jewish. (CC) (TV14) NBC 7 p.m.

"Novecento" - A dentist is pulled into a murder investigation following his tryst with a drug-abusing seductress. (CC) THE MOVIE CHANNEL 10 p.m.

**Today**

"Biography" - A profile of Candice Bergen's life and career, from her childhood as the daughter of venturist Edgar Bergen to her marriage to director Louis Malle. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 6 p.m.

"Friends" - The gang buys seats of lottery tickets for the multimillion-dollar jackpot; Rachel suspects baby Emma is on the verge of saying her first word. (CC) (TV14) NBC 7 p.m.

"Novecento" - A dentist is pulled into a murder investigation following his tryst with a drug-abusing seductress. (CC) THE MOVIE CHANNEL 10 p.m.

**Friday**

"Space Cowboys" - Four aging Air Force buddies get a long-overdue opportunity for space travel when NASA taps them for an urgent mission. (CC) (TV14)

**(CC) SHOWTIME 10 p.m.**

**Saturday**

"Cube 2: Hypercube" - Eight strangers struggle to survive after becoming trapped in a four-dimensional cube loaded with deadly traps. (CC) SCIENCE FICTION CHANNEL 7 p.m.

"Nashville Star" - Remaining contestants sing their own songs; Clint Black helps them out; Brad Paisley. (CC) THE USA NETWORK 7 p.m.

Motorola V120 for \$9.95

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Motorola V60 for \$49.95

(Prices after \$30 mail-in rebate.)

## Seven names are too many: Law firm's name gets trimmed

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) - The law firm Berger, Kahn, Shafton, Moss, Figler, Simon & Gladstone has decided its name was too much of a mouthful.

Now it will just be Berger Kahn.

"Everybody is delighted," managing partner Allen Michel said Tuesday.

The change - dropping 13 syllables to just three - is part of a trend among law firms with long names to shorten them.

"When we were younger, many of us, including me, thought we needed our name on the door to feel important," said Craig

Simon, another managing partner. "Now that we are wiser, we know that seven names is too many."

Michel said his colleagues voted unanimously for the change partly because they hear chuckles in the courtroom each time they mention the firm's name.

The change means his office will "save a lot of ink and toner" when printing documents with the firm's name.

There's also another benefit. "We expect our receptionist to be able to handle more calls without being the full firm's name," Michel said.

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# Reporter covering illness faces similar symptoms

By Audra Ang  
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING — It began with a tickle in my throat. Then my temperature rose and a deep, dull ache permeated my bones.

To my fever-fueled imagination, this was it: severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, the mysterious killer disease believed to have started in southern China and snaking its way around the globe.

Dozens have died — at least 46 in China alone — and about 1,800 have become ill. I had been covering World Health Organization briefings about the disease and the knowledge set me on edge.

Although Beijing is more than 1,000 miles north of the southern coastal province of Guangdong, the likely ground zero for SARS, 10 suspected cases have been reported in the capital city.

I was jumpy. My friends were jumpy. Every passing cough or sneeze — hardly anyone covers their mouths in China — seemed filled with sinister possibility. So did the ubiquitous globs of spit on the streets, a constant nuisance of getting rid of mucus throughout Asia.

Few people in Beijing wore masks, or even seemed aware of SARS. But I washed my hands with anti-bacterial soap after touching a door knob or elevator button.

So when a dry cough — another telltale symptom — surfaced, I made a doctor's appointment.

I arrived a half-hour early the next afternoon at Beijing United



A guard stops photographers from entering one of the blocks near Block E of Amy Gardens apartment complex, in Hong Kong, Wednesday, where 237 people have been sickened with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS. More than half of the SARS patients from Amy Gardens came from Block E which was sealed off on Monday by health officials.

Family Hospital, which caters mostly to the expatriate community. Prominently posted at eye level, on the glass doors of the main building, was a white sheet of paper advising all patients with a cough or fever higher than 100.4 degrees to wear a mask. It added this important note: The office had seen no cases of SARS.

I walked into the foyer, empty except for three masked nurses behind the check-in desk. I asked about the masks, and they said it was a precaution. I asked for one, and they handed me a boxful to choose from.

Directed to another building, I went in and pushed the elevator button with the back of my fore-

finger. When I stepped out of the lift, I ran into a makeshift guard post outside the doors to the clinic. A masked nurse asked me why I was there. On her table were handouts explaining SARS and wore masks. When she heard my symptoms, she asked me to put my mask on.

Only then was I allowed

through. No patients were in the waiting room; only a handful of nurses and a doctor writing up a chart. No panic, no rushing, no one shouting out life-saving directions.

They weighed me, took my blood pressure and temperature. I tried to keep my mask on but I couldn't breathe. No one yelled when I removed it.

Finally, the doctor entered — a soft-spoken, bespectacled man in a mask, the cup-shaped variety instead of the thin surgical one I had been issued. He, too, complained that he couldn't breathe, and he tugged at it often.

I told him I had had a fever, but it was gone. My joints had ached, but they were feeling better. My throat had hurt, but now it was just a dry cough.

"Any shortness of breath?" he asked, identifying another telling SARS symptom.

"Only when I wear the mask," I joked.

He didn't laugh. "So why are you here?" he said. "Have you traveled recently?"

I told him I had been reporting the story and had begun to worry. Just being safe, I told him.

He nodded, removed his mask and flashed a light down my throat to get a better look. He examined my breathing.

"I'll give you some antibiotics," he said after about a minute. "You have tonsillitis."

Tonsillitis. I had to grin. Never had such an unpleasant word sounded so sweet.

# Diggers find pillar under disputed site

LUCKNOW, India (AP) — Archaeologists have uncovered a broken pillar with a carving of a lotus flower at the site of a destroyed 16th-century mosque claimed by both Hindus and Muslims, a government official said Tuesday.

The significance of the discovery was still unclear, but officials hope it will eventually help settle the impassioned debate about what was originally built on the site.

"The finding of a pillar and a multilayered flooring suggests there exists a permanent structure beneath the soil," said R.M. Srivastava, the senior government administrator in the northern town of Ayodhya, where the site is located.

"At this point we can only say that remains of a permanent structure lay buried in the soil. It could be anything — a temple, a mosque or even a kitchen structure."

The 16th-century Babri Mosque at the site was demolished by Hindu hard-liners in 1992, provoking nationwide riots that killed more than 2,000 people. Hindus claim the site in Ayodhya, 345 miles east of New Delhi, was the birthplace of their chief god, Rama, and that a Hindu temple was on the site before the mosque.

# Blast in Philippines kills 16, injures dozens more

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A bomb exploded Wednesday near a bustling wharf in the southern Philippine city of Davao, killing at least 16 people and wounding 40, officials said.

Two children and a nun were reported killed in the explosion, the second bombing in this city in less than a month. A March 4 bombing killed 21 people outside Davao's airport.

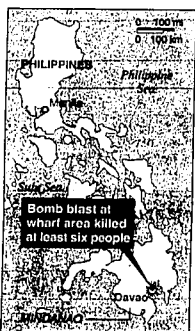
There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Wednesday's bombing. Both attacks were blamed on the rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front, but the group denied playing a role in either one.

The bomb exploded at about 7 p.m. in a food stall along the highway just outside the pier's crowded gate as a passenger ship was about to depart, police chief Supt. Isidoro Lapena said.

"We think the security at the pier worked because the attackers were not able to bring the explosive inside," Lapena said. Many victims were vendors and children at nearby food stalls and restaurants, health officials said.

Larry Laura, 39, said he was driving a van about 100 yards away when he heard the explosion. People were "shocked, speechless, crying, and just watching bodies scattered on the ground a few seconds after the blast," he said.

Dr. Gerardo Cunanan, director of the Davao Medical Center, said 11 bodies were brought to the hospital morgue and four more were being retrieved from



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP

the site. The dead included at least two children and a nun, officials said.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was scheduled to visit Davao on Thursday, and there were no plans to cancel the trip.

"This is a grim reminder that we must always be alert and watchful of those who wish to do us harm," Arroyo said. "The police and the military alone cannot do the job. This is a total war requiring the full attention and resources of the entire community."

Arroyo said she would order the military to help police crack down on "lawless elements and terrorists."

# Cuba seeks life sentence for dissidents

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba is seeking life sentences for at least 10 of the dissidents jailed in the largest crackdown in years aimed at extinguishing all government opposition, the island's best-known rights activist said Wednesday.

A total of 78 dissidents have been arrested since March 18, accused of working with U.S. diplomats to subvert Fidel Castro's government and being mercenaries in the pay of Washington.

Prosecutors are seeking life sentences for 10 of them, includ-

ing opposition political leaders Osvaldo Alfonso Valdes and Hector Palacios, independent journalist Ricardo Gonzalez and dissident economist Marta Beatriz Roque, said human rights activist Elizardo Sanchez.

The trials, expected to be quick, are scheduled to begin today in at least four different Havana courthouses, he said.

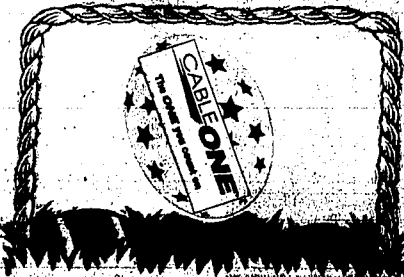
"This is a bad year for Cuba," said Sanchez, whose group regularly reports to international organizations about the island's human rights situation and political prisoners.

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## Table Mountain assault

Table Mountain rises like an enormous castle directly behind Cape Town, South Africa. Its looming form, beckons to visitors and residents alike, as though its mass was sufficient enough to pull you to its slopes like gravity.

For nearly two years, I had felt it tugging at me, but it wasn't until just a month before I was to return to the United States that I succumbed.

That October morning dawned warm and clear. It was the height of spring in the Southern Hemisphere and the day was beautiful.

Had I read the warnings printed in virtually every guide to the mountain, I perhaps would not have been so flip-pant about the hike, but with such a perfect day I gave little thought to preparation.

When my five friends and I arrived at the base of the mountain, we saw

ROADS LESS TRAVELED  
Christijan Draper

that the its signature "Table Cloth" had swept in that morning. Wisps of cloud shrouded the mountain's flat top and billowed over the edges.

We hesitated only briefly, figuring we had all been through a little mist and could handle the clouds. We wanted to see the summit.

It was mid-morning when we approached the trail head, which was near the launch point for the mountain's aerial tram.

The tram takes thousands of visitors to the 3,261 foot summit of Table Mountain each year, but hundreds of hikers prefer the trip over land as well.

More than 500 trails meander the slopes and ridges of Table Mountain and there are more than 300 known ways to get to the top. The paths range from easy to treacherous.

The initial ascent over the tallus slope to the base of the plateau proper was, for me, the most physically demanding. Two years ago, only sporadic exercise had taken its toll on my stamina.

The slopes were steep and the sun hammered us. The sky was still clear except for directly above where the Table Cloth was gathering mass and rolling slowly at its edges.

Yet we pressed on.

I caught my second wind as we began to wend our way up the side of the plateau. We scaled up short cliffs, edged across a few bluffs and gloried in the panoramic of sea, sky and city.

Soon we were wrapped in small waves of mist that would waft their way across our view. It was like climbing heaven.

But heaven merged quickly with hell as we climbed deeper into the mass of cloud.

Rain attacked with stinging insult and wind billowed in our ears. We were scarcely two-thirds of the way up the cliffs and found ourselves in the midst of a furious storm.

We paced up our pace, feeling the chill seeping in. Everyone was wearing shorts and a T-shirt except me. I was in pants!

The rain drenched us as we continued upward. Our chosen route seemed to grow more treacherous with each moment.

From time to time I found myself on a vertical rock face clinging to slippery hand holds deep in prayer.

We emerged into unshowered gales on the summit. My friend Peter scampered back at the wind in exhilaration as he reached the summit, but he was drowned out by the howling sea.

We reached the edge of the plateau. From there the tram reaches the summit and merges into the protected area of its landing pad. The tram operators were herding people off the mountain, out of the storm. We stood dripping and shivering, as we waited our turn.

Those waiting in the room with us paced at us gravely - six young punks, led to the core, most wearing hooded T-shirts, all of us smiling, giddy children.

At the tram car, we descended through the bank of clouds until the tram disappeared and we were lost in a sea of white. Clouds devoured the cables in both directions. We were descending into nothingness.

We descended from the cloud into the warmth of African spring as though the storm had never been.

Yes, it continued raining above us, through it, but it was good. I had a good time.

Christijan Draper is an outdoor columnist and page designer for The Times-News.



# Rise up for spring

Springtime is a good time to catch air over Sun Valley.

Photo by KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News

## Area slopes offer some of the best snow conditions

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - If Beethoven wore Bogen, no doubt he would have penned an "Ode to Spring Skiing" in the same glorious vein as his "Ode to Joy."

It's easy to get rhapsodic about spring skiing. It's a time when you can strip to a turtle-neck and a vest as the sun bakes the chair lifts. When you can revel in the cool spray of the wake of the skier in front of you.

When folks dress up in crazy costumes for Crazy Daze events like Pomerelle's Spring Fling.

Where the bumps are soft enough that even the mogul-challenged can weed their way through them. Where apres ski means lacking back on the patio at Warm Springs Lodge and tapping your feet to live music.

Anywhere lift ticketers covet about half of what they are during regular seasons.

Fortunately, Sun Valley has some of the best spring skiing on the planet. The sun makes such regular appearances, you'd think it was on Sun Valley's payroll. And the ski runs are situated so that you can follow the sun as the day progresses, leaving the slushy stuff behind for firmer conditions.

I don't know of too many places in the country that get the cold nights we do and then the bright sun to soften the firm snow into corn snow," said Jack

Sibbach, Sun Valley's marketing director.

That said, there's a trick to spring skiing: If you're there at 9 a.m. when the lifts crank up, you want to start out on the groomed runs in the sun. Runs like Ridge and College and Christmas Ridge.

Most mornings, you'll find stay away from the Warm Springs side of the mountain, which is shaded in early morning. Chances are it froze overnight and any attempts to ski it before

it softens will resemble a jarring, raucous commercial for an Excedrin headache.

If the sun's out in its full glory, you can count on the bumps in The Bowls to soften up quickly, making for that soft forgiving corn snow that even people who don't ordinarily ski the bumps can have fun in.

"If it can't be knee deep powder, the next best thing is spring corn snow," said Peter Stearns, Sun Valley's chief snowmak-

er. If the bumps in The Bowls - that is, Easter, Lookout, Mayday, Sign's, Front, etc. - look like the rear ends of elephants, head to Christmas Ridge and Bowl. Sun Valley grooms these two runs most every night during spring. But by midday, the two runs sport a crop of beehive-sized bumps - the perfect setup for those testing their skills sliding up and over and through the troughs. As these become too

### Slope schedules

• Sun Valley plans to remain open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through April 20. It will close some ski areas, such as Seattle Ridge, a little earlier.  
Friday lift tickets are \$45 for adults and \$26 for children. Half-day tickets are \$35 and \$22. Those with discount cards can ski for \$35.

There are a variety of spring ski packages available, including one that includes lodging and a lift ticket for \$64 per person double occupancy. Wine, stay and ski fees, Spring ski packages also are available. For information, call (800) 766-8226.

• Pomerelle Ski Area plans to stay open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 23. Lift tickets are \$26 for adults and \$17 for youth with discount cards.



Sun Valley does an impeccable job of keeping groomed slopes covered with snow even as the snowline creeps up the surrounding mountain slopes.

mushy, head to Seattle Ridge or the Warm Springs side of the mountain. The longest ski run in Idaho, the upper and mid-section of Warm Springs offers easy skiing until the lifts close. Who cares if you have to take it slow toward the bottom - there's usually live music to ski to emanating from the Warm Springs pub.

Of course, there's a couple caveats to spring skiing. No day-dreaming while you're on skis as conditions sometimes change rapidly between grabby snow in the sun and firmer snow in the shade. Paint yourself in sunscreen - you can burn in 10 minutes at these high elevations. And sunglasses or goggles are a must as the sun's rays seem to be stronger than they were during winter.

Slow down in mushy snow - it can throw you worse than a bull named Diablo. And save something in your legs at the end of the day - you'll need it to get through the last bit of mushy snow that piles up at the very bottom of the mountain.

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Kicking your heels up and scanning the horizon from the Seattle Ridge lodge get-or-basking in the sun while live bands play at Warm Springs-is as much a part of spring skiing as the skiing itself.

## The music of the marsh goes on day and night at Heyburn State Park

The Associated Press

LAKE CHATCOLET - Heyburn State Park, on the banks of this beautiful, blue northern Idaho lake, is the noisiest marsh park around.

"Wood-bo, wood-bo" echoes across a nearby marsh. It's March, and hundreds of tundra swans sound like they

are gargling night and day. Dozens of Canada geese are honking like crazy because the swans are getting too close to their nests.

Kingfishers are squawking back and forth as they dart between ice-floes swans.

The rattle-tat of a woodpecker echoes across the mountain ridge carpeted in the velvety

green of western red cedar, white pine, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir.

Heyburn State Park is one of the best wildlife watching areas in the state, especially now with the swans stopping over during their migration north.

The state park is nature's classroom; complete with an

easy interpretive hiking trail through the Plummer Creek Marsh. Signs tell the story of the park's wildlife.

There's even a wooden blind on the edge of the marsh where binocular-armed strollers can hide and watch for passing herons.

"We know it's spring when the swans have arrived," park

ranger Karen Sargeant said. "I'm awfully glad to see them," she said, because it's a signal that winter's over.

It's a good time to take the kids up to Heyburn State Park for a biology lesson: Better hurry.

The swans usually leave on their journey north by early this month.

# OUTDOORS

## 'Leftover' permits allow second moose hunt

**Question:** "I drew a moose permit and harvested a nice bull several years ago. The rules used to only allow one moose in a person's lifetime. I heard recently I could get another moose. How do I get another moose permit?"

**Answer:** The rules have been changed, but not totally. The new rules are easy to understand but a little difficult to describe so I'll try to explain them using some examples.

Moose permits obtained through the trophy drawing are still once-in-a-lifetime.

The exception is for moose permits that did not get issued during the trophy drawing.

Hunts that do not have enough applicants to take all the allocated

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**Gary Hompland**

permits, or hunts that do not "fill", end up with "leftover" permits. Leftover moose permits are sold over the counter at all license vendors on a first come first served basis. They go on sale June 15th at 9 a.m.

So the way you can obtain another moose permit is to purchase a "leftover." Most "leftovers" are for cow moose, but if bull permits are leftover they

could be also be purchased. Sportsmen must realize that the once-in-a-lifetime rule is still in effect and applies to the drawing. This is how it works: If you haven't previously drawn a moose permit and decide to buy a "leftover," that leftover is your once-in-a-lifetime moose permit. You will no longer be able to apply for that special bull moose hunt. You can, however, continue to buy leftovers as long as they are available. You may only purchase one per year but there is no cap on the number of leftover moose permits a person can purchase in a lifetime.

The fee for residents to purchase a leftover moose permit is \$171.50. This includes: \$6.50 for the application, \$6.50 for the permit, and \$158.50 for the moose tag.

The way you get a second moose permit is to purchase a "leftover" at any license vendor on June 15th. If you've never drawn a moose permit in the trophy drawing you may want to think about this opportunity a second time. Purchasing a leftover will be your once-in-a-lifetime and make you ineligible in the future to apply for that special bull moose permit.

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**Hank Brooks, left and Hector Hinojosa, took first place at the Magic Valley Bass Masters' first tournament of the year in a two-day competition held by March. Brooks and Hinojosa caught a 23.12-pound stringer. Second-place went to the team of Pat Callen and Ron Haffner with 21.84 pounds. Third-place went to Vern Rehn and Steve Vining with 20.5 pounds.**

## Fish sense: It's tough to fool the most educated

**What looks natural?**

MIDWAY, Utah (AP)—It defies logic. But then, it's not very likely fish understand much about logic. In the underwater world where opportunity determines survival, why wouldn't a fish swim an inch or two for an appetizing bug? Why wait for a meal to bump squarely on the nose before opening up?

Or, in this case, waiting for a fly that closely resembles an appetizer to literally jump into its mouth?

One obvious reason, explained Mark Forslund, owner-guide for Four Seasons Fly Fishers in Heber, is that he deftly threaded a thin tippet to thicker than logic. A strand of hair through the eye of a hook only slightly bigger than the head of a pin, "because they don't need to waste the energy."

Forslund's enough biomass in this section of the Provo River to handle the fish, which at last count were running about 2,000 per mile," he said as he secured the knot and turned his attention to

the river. "For another, these fish are not easily fooled. They may not be smart, but nature has educated them to know what's natural and what's not. And the fish here, in the Provo, and in the Green (River), are some of the most educated fish in the state."

Which means there are no guarantees for fishermen, even with that many fish swimming about.

The Provo River is one of the most popular trout fisheries in the state and, for those who've honed their skills over time, one of the most productive. For those less skilled it can be a flowing body of frustration. "A couple of gentlemen I put on this spot caught more than 40 fish. It never stopped. But then you see some people come and leave without so much as a bite," Forslund said as he whipped the fly line overhead, lashed out and settled the head-head miracle nymph into the fast-moving water.

"That's the alpha water, where

the most aggressive feeding takes place. That's where the big fish are."

Not in the slow-moving water where it's easier to swim. Or, along the banks where bigger bugs may hang out. But where the flies are and the water is churning and what bugs do flow by are moving rapidly.

Forslund has been guiding fishing trips for more than 20 years, focusing much of his time on the Provo and Green, two of Utah's prime rivers.

Last year, he opened a shop and guiding service in Heber. It is, he said, a business many believed wouldn't survived in a small community like Heber, but it has, in fact, done well. Having the Provo River close by has helped.

A lot of the success has to do with his knowledge of the Provo and the skills he's learned over the years on how best to fish the tricky water. Take, for example, nymph fishing, which involves fishing with flies that sink rather than float.

"A lot of people don't like nymph fishing because they don't understand it. Dry-fly fishing is much easier to learn because of the visual aspects. What you need to understand is that nymphs (immature insects) are running along the bottom of rivers," he explained.

"In situations where there is not a hatch (of insects), you can catch fish on the slowest days nymphing. The key is to get the nymph bouncing along the bottom."

The tendency, when action is slow, is for fly fishermen to change flies. Forslund called this a mistake. If the fly is floating above the head of the fish, chances are it won't expend the energy needed to take it. He suggested adding a little more weight in order to get the fly down within easy reach, "and you'll find you're going to catch fish."

Nymph fishing on the Provo is not easy to learn. With so many fishermen casting flies, the fish have, as Forslund said, "been well educated."



The big fish went to Lance Luper at 3.83-pounds (pictured).

## Service OKs tourism plan

The Times-News

BOISE - The National Park Service (NPS) has approved Idaho's 2003-2007 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Plan (SCORP), the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) announced.

"Every five years the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation goes through a process to identify outdoor recreation and tourism needs and inventory recreation facilities all across the state," said IDPR Director, Rick Collignon. "The SCORP includes an analysis of supply and demand as well as an overview of outdoor recreation in Idaho that helps to meet the needs of citizens and visitors."

For the 2003-2007 plan, the Idaho Department surveyed Idahoans statewide to determine their participation in a wide range of recreational activities, and to get a sense of the public's priorities on issues related to outdoor recre-

ation. In addition, staff reviewed other statewide studies related to outdoor recreation conducted during the past five years. The plan addresses recreation goals not just for state parks, but for city, county and federal recreation sites, too. The 2003-2007 recreation and tourism plan was produced under the direction of the Idaho SCORP Task Force, which is comprised of representatives from public and private outdoor recreation providers statewide.

NPS approval of the plan means IDPR will remain eligible to receive funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Last year, the state, through the support of the Idaho Congressional Delegation, received \$1.4 million from LWCF, half of which went to outdoor recreation programs in cities and counties. For additional information, or to view the plan, visit [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org) and select the data center link.

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## Horse group plans meeting

The High Desert Back Country Horsemen will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The program is a presentation on West Nile Virus. Contact 324-4754 for more information.

## Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA plan 6th annual banquet

The Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA will hold their 6th annual banquet and auction on Saturday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Burley Inn Convention Center. For tickets call Tom Goodman at 438-5021 or Walt Charles at 436-3344.

- compiled from staff reports

## Ski

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These caves aside, spring is a great time to be on the mountain, says Ketchikan resident Randy Wilkins, who skis nearly every day of the ski season. "So many people give up on skiing before we get to this point. And that's too bad because the skiing's absolutely wonderful."

Here are my top 10 reasons to ski Sun Valley in the spring:

1. It's so warm you don't have to dress as if you're a seven-layer salad.
2. The bumps are so soft that even the mogully challenged can make some nice turns among them.
3. The hills are alive with pink flamingos and 10-gallon hats on skiers' heads.
4. You can seek shelter in the marble-walled bathrooms in Sun Valley's swanky lodges if you're feeling sun-fried.
5. You can sleep in an hour later without missing the best

sking of the day.

6. Sun Valley does an impeccable job of keeping groomed runs covered with snow, even in the snow-line creeps by the slopes on surrounding mountains.

7. You can follow the sun around the mountain as it softens up one run after another. And, when it's all said and done, through the warm Springs - the longest ski run in Idaho - is still good to go in late afternoon.

8. Second homeowners throw

clean-out-the-refrigerator picnics of Chardonnay and camembert cheese on the deck of the Round House before they move back to Seattle or San Francisco or wherever for the summer.

9. The skiers are ablaze with colorful paragliding wings.

10. You can ski in the morning and golf or fly fish in the afternoon. Or, simply kick back with a

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# Fickle Patagonian weather rewards patient visitor

South American weather often keeps peaks hidden

By Tom Wharton  
The Salt Lake Tribune

EL CHALTEN, Argentina — The woman stomped her foot and clapped her hands, trying to get Chile's Serrano Glacier to move. You had to smile at the absurd gesture.

The tourist seemed to think she had the power to make thousands of tons of ancient ice move at her behest.

The gesture failed to impress the glacier, which, like a pregnant cow, would birth a calf in its own sweet time.

About 10 days later, I remembered the woman while sitting at an overlook after a three-mile hike from the tiny southern Argentine town of El Chalten. I was waiting to see a mountain.

The fabled Mount Fitz Roy, an 11,171-foot sliver of rock, usually hides behind a shroud of clouds generating fresh snow to feed the glacier at its base.

Visitors to the remote hamlet of El Chalten often wait days to see Fitz Roy's knife-like features emerge from the clouds.

On this morning, the always-blowing Patagonian wind seemed lighter than normal. Unlike the day before, when dark clouds combined with wind to produce cold rain, much of the sky was blue.

Fitz Roy's summit, though slightly hidden by clouds, was tantalizingly close to revealing itself.

So, I waited next to a pair of patient Austrian photographers, the relentless wind chilling bodies that were still sweating from a climb up to the viewpoint. Tired, and with too many aches and pains to keep walking with our group to an overlook right below the peak, my wife and I ended our hike here.

The clouds, sky, wind and mountains played intricate games. We sat or stood on rocks as if waiting inside a movie theater for the preview to end and the main feature to begin.

Modern men and women, I decided, are not used to waiting. We are into control.



People look at Mount Fitz Roy in March, near El Chalten, Argentina.

The cloud barely hid the summit and already we were getting impatient.

We traveled five hours over a bumpy dirt road in a crowded bus almost solely for the chance to see the summit of this mountain named for a British explorer.

Too often, it seems, travelers become guilty of trying to cover too much ground and see too many things in too short of time. We collect experiences like kids gather rocks. They are great for a moment, but soon discarded for something brighter, more interesting and more wonderful.

If that damn mountain would just emerge from the clouds, we could snap a quick photo and then check the experience off our life list and go on to the next. Tierra del Fuego, anyone? We were lucky. The cloud eventually moved, allowing us to photograph Fitz Roy from many angles.

A feeling that we sometimes walk too far, too quickly, come back a few yards down the trail. I saw a man snapping a photo of what appeared to be a log.

First reaction: Is he nuts? There is a famous mountain in the sun just seconds away that may be hidden at any moment. Why bother photographing a rather ordinary log?

The object of his passion revealed itself seconds later. He took photos of a Magellanic woodpecker, an uncommon resident of this area and the biggest of the woodpeckers. This is a rare sight and one we had spent the entire trip hoping to see. The man wisely

took the time to stop, listen and look.

I walked down the trail more slowly, more observant, taking time to study fields of dandelions blowing in the wind. I watched two kestrels harass a falcon, the birds playing in wind currents.

Back inside a warm hostel with a gale blowing outside, I savored time spent in front of a keyboard, remembering again how to write for pleasure instead of pay and thinking that waiting to see a mountain is not such a bad thing to do.

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## Construction values drop

Valley sees more houses, but other categories slow

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — More new houses, but less of everything else. That's how Magic Valley's construction industry started the year.

The valley posted a 26.3 percent decline in estimated construction values in January compared with a year earlier — this time making a poorer showing than Idaho as a whole.

Projects receiving building permits totaled \$9.09 million for combined building types in surveyed areas of Magic Valley, according to data compiled in Wells Fargo's recent statewide

**GOING UP**

**Construction-permit values for all construction types**

Area	January 2003	January 2002
Gooding County (entire county)	\$153,526	\$338,415
Holley	\$85,159	\$268,661
Ketchum	\$1,396,000	\$3,654,350
Sun Valley	0	\$1,548,000
Blaine County (unincorporated portion)	(unavailable)	\$401,000
Jerome	\$88,862	\$155,895
Shoshone	\$30,000	\$30,000
Twin Falls	\$3,057,090	\$3,801,789
Twin Falls County (unincorporated portion)	\$2,253,523	\$587,630
Cassia County (entire county)	\$631,984	\$957,467
Rupert	\$231,026	\$87,479
Minidoka County (unincorporated portion)	\$361,748	\$898,123
Total (excluding Blaine County)	\$9,088,928	\$12,325,909

report. That's \$3.24 million less than in January 2002.

Wells Fargo received no report from the unincorporated Blaine County jurisdiction for January, so the year-ago totals are revised also to exclude Blaine.

January's shortfall follows a year in which annual valleywide

building values rose a respectable 4.9 percent.

During the month, just Holley, Rupert and rural Twin Falls County improved on their January 2002 values for combined construction types. Gooding County, Ketchum, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia

**House permits — D6**

County and rural Minidoka County, meanwhile, all lost ground. Shoshone values were unchanged from a year ago. Sun Valley activity dropped to zero.

A few parts of the valley routinely are not included in the bank's monthly survey. So occasionally the bank's data fail to include a notable project — such as Reed Barley Storage's \$220,779 agricultural scale house and office at Hazelton, permitted by Jerome County in January, or Glambia Foods Inc.'s \$200,000 electrical housing room at Richfield, permitted by Lincoln County. Still, the survey provides businesses and consumers a good indication of Magic Valley's economic activity.

Wells Fargo's reporting is delayed by several months. The residential sector in the valley's largest city, though still Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D6

## State guards property from T.F.

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — It might be worth Isabel Gepner's time to check this out. The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for her, and for hundreds of other people whose businesses whose last known addresses are in Twin Falls.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the right owners, such as stock roll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. The eighth installment of the Twin Falls list appears today, and the tax commission said the people listed today own unclaimed property worth \$100 or more.

Watch for more Twin Falls names, and for other cities, in coming weeks.

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## SENSE OF A SLOWDOWN



Myra Zöllinger, owner of a Coldwell Banker franchise in Chapel Hill, N.C., stands in Southern Village, a booming subdivision of Chapel Hill, Saturday. Stoked by low mortgage rates, the housing market boomed through the 2001 recession and a three-year stock market slide. Now the housing industry, one of the economy's few bright spots, may be losing some of its shine.

## Housing industry might be losing some of its shine

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While business has cooled, real estate agent Myra Zöllinger says house hunters are still scoping out properties and sales are humming.

"There has been a slowdown, but we are nowhere near dead by a long shot," says Zöllinger, owner of a residential real estate company in Chapel Hill, N.C. "Things are still pretty strong."

Stoked by low mortgage rates, the housing market boomed through the 2001 recession and a three-year stock market slide.

Now the housing industry, one of the economy's few bright spots, may be losing some of its shine.

Uncertainties about the war in Iraq, a worsening job market and bad winter weather cut into home sales in February. The number of new housing projects that builders broke ground on during that month fell by 11 percent, the sharpest decline in nearly a decade.

The reports raise questions about whether the housing market — while still in good shape — will continue to support the struggling economy, analysts said.

"The housing market is showing some signs of strain. There is no question," said David Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders.

The outlook is clouded by the war and its impact on mortgage rates and consumer psychology. Some economists believe the housing sector will add to economic growth this year, though perhaps not as much as last year. Others believe it could turn into a slight drag.

"The thrust to the economy from housing now seems to have peaked," said Lynn Resner, chief economist at Banc of America

Capital Management.

With the unemployment rate expected to rise from its 5.3 percent level in coming months, house hunters could turn more cautious, economists said.

Still, economists said 2003 could turn out to be the second- or third-strongest year ever for home sales, assuming there are not dramatic jolts to the economy. Sales of both new homes and previously owned ones were at record highs in 2002.

Historically low mortgage rates have beckoned buyers and

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## Applebee's preliminary proxy details executive pay for 2002

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Applebee's International Inc., whose chain includes a Twin Falls restaurant, has filed a preliminary proxy detailing executive pay for 2002, including a 14.7 percent increase in salary and other cash compensation for chief executive Lloyd Hill.

Hill's salary and cash compensation amounted to \$1.44 million last year. He also received options on 150,000 shares of stock.

Applebee's was required to file the preliminary proxy because it is seeking a change in its corporate bylaws that must get approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the SEC approves the change,

Applebee's will file its final proxy.

The corporate proposal in question seeks to eliminate the ability of a majority of stockholders to take action without holding a shareholder meeting. The bylaw change would make it more difficult for an entity owning at least 50 percent of Applebee's outstanding common stock to push through a merger or sale by requiring notice and a meeting to vote on such a proposal.

On another matter disclosed in the preliminary proxy, a proposal from a shareholder asks stockholders to approve a resolution requiring the company to "outline a contingency plan for

## REMEMBERING AN HISTORIC CALL



Mark Chapman, chairman and CEO of ArrayComm, holds a Motorola DynaTAC, a 1973 prototype of the first handheld cellular telephone, on Wednesday in San Francisco. The first call from a handheld cellular telephone was made 29 years ago.

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**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**IHFA announces 5.30% mortgage interest rate**

**TWIN FALLS** — A 5.30 percent interest rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage is now available through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, the association said Wednesday.

The new rate is the second-lowest since the association began making residential loans in 1978, and is available now through any of IHFA's nearly 40 participating lenders.

Through the IHFA mortgage loan program, home buyers must meet borrower requirements and income and sales price limits that vary by county. Since 1978, IHFA has financed nearly 50,000 loans — worth nearly \$3 billion — for Idaho's first-time and limited-income home buyers.

For information online, visit [www.ihfa.org/residential\\_lenders.htm](http://www.ihfa.org/residential_lenders.htm).

**Audits of past finances will delay Qwest report**

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. will delay filing its 2002 annual report because of continuing audits of its financial statements for the past three years, the telephone giant told the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company said its auditor, KPMG LLP, is in the middle of a complex and time-consuming audit. Denver-based Qwest, a local-phone service provider in Magic Valley — said it did not know how long the audit would take to complete.

The 2002 annual report is based partly on previous years' earnings.

"Extensive work is required to review and validate the vast numbers of accounting records and financial statements," Qwest said in a statement.

For all of 2002, Qwest lost \$35.9 billion, \$21.35 per share, compared with a reported loss of \$4.8 billion, or \$2.88 per share, in 2001. The 2002 loss included huge accounting charges, such as a \$30 billion goodwill reduction and \$10.9 billion in asset impairments.

Revenue in 2002 was \$15.5 billion, down about 7 percent from \$16.7 billion in 2001.

**Pier 1 Imports cites war for lowered sales forecast**

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports lowered its April sales forecast, citing weak customer traffic in the wake of the war in Iraq.

The home furnishings chain — which has a Twin Falls store — said March sales at stores open at least a year fell 5 percent to 7 percent from the same period a year ago. The company's previous estimate was for a drop of not more than 4 percent.

Same-store sales are expected to decline 4 percent to 8 percent in the first quarter ending May 31. Earnings for the period will probably range from 16 cents to 22 cents a share, Pier 1 said. Net income was 23 cents in the year-ago quarter.

Clearly, the war has had an impact on retail sales throughout our industry," Pier 1 Chief Executive Marvin Girouard said. "We will closely monitor the business and are prepared to defer projects in order to conserve expenses."

For now, the company is sticking to this year's plans to open 115 Pier 1 stores, close or relocate 30 and expand the Cargokids children's furniture chain with the addition of 25 stores.

Pier 1, which raised quarterly earnings estimates on at least five separate occasions in 2002, affirmed its forecasts of 57 cents a share for the fourth quarter and \$1.26 for the full year ended March 1. Earnings in the current fiscal year are expected to range from \$1.44 to \$1.50 a share, the company said.

MONEY

Idaho firm drops from running for Iraq contract

BOISE (AP) - Idaho-based Washington Group International Inc. is out of the running for a \$600 million government contract to help rebuild Iraq.

Company spokesman Jack Herrmann said the construction and engineering company was notified Tuesday by the U.S. Agency for International Development that it was no longer being considered for the contract.

Washington Group was one of several large American construction companies quietly contacted by the USAID and asked to submit proposals.

Herrmann said he could not elaborate on the rejection, but said Washington Group could still find work in Iraq.

"This is not the end of the road," Herrmann said. "There are other opportunities with other agencies and with other contractors."

There is also a chance that Washington Group could garner a subcontract from the company that ultimately receives the USAID contract.

Herrmann added that Bank. "This (market) move emphasizes that we have a lot of cash on the sidelines ready to be put to work."

The Dow closed up 215.20, or 2.7 percent, at 8,285.06, having gained 77 points Tuesday to snap a four-day losing streak. It was the largest advance since March 21, when blue-chip stocks closed 235 points higher.

The broader market, meanwhile, posted their sharpest gains since March 17.

Washington Group is still being considered for potential Iraq projects with the Army Corps of Engineers, which is taking bids for work worth up to \$500 million for building roads and other projects.

The elimination of Washington Group comes one day after Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, Halliburton Co., decided its subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root would not remain in the bidding process for the USAID contract.

The rebuild project was put out for bid secretly in February under rules that allow U.S. agencies to bypass the open and competitive bidding process to meet emergency needs.

Andrew Natolis, the USAID administrator, has defended the fast-track contracting system that is designed to circumvent a normal bidding process that takes six months.

He said speed was essential to rebuild schools and infrastructure, and the invited bidders already have the necessary security clearances.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said last month that this is likely to "stimmer down" in 2003 and make for more cautious consumers.

Home values increased at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in the final quarter of 2002 - still up - but down from a 5.3 percent pace in the third quarter, according to Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

Greenspan said he is not overly worried about a dramatic or disruptive drop in housing prices. "A sharp decline, the consequences of a bursting bubble, however, seems most unlikely," he said.

If the war is over quickly, there could be a modest rise in mortgage rates, something that would hurt the market - but not crash - the housing market, economists said.

Mortgage rates have risen in the past two weeks. Rates on 30-year fixed mortgages climbed to 5.91 percent for the week ending March 28, compared with 5.79 percent the week before,

according to Freddie Mac. Under the quick-war scenario, rates on 30-year mortgages could spike to 6.5 to 6.6 percent during the second half of this year, predicted David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors.

But if a war were prolonged, the Federal Reserve might opt to cut interest rates several times this year, which would send mortgage rates down and probably boost home sales, at least initially, economists said.

"There is a lot of room for mortgage rates to come down further if the economy is really struggling," said Curtis Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank.

A draw-out war, with rising casualties and sharply higher energy prices, could lead to people less inclined to buy a home, even if mortgage rates are super low, economists said.

If financial markets worry about a steady stream of federal budget deficits, mortgage rates would move higher, economists said.

Some economists sketched out another, though less likely, scenario: The war is over quickly and the economy immediately revives. The Fed raises interest rates, and mortgage rates begin to go up steadily, causing a sharp slowdown in housing.

In this case, though, the economy would be back to full throttle and would not need to be propped up by the housing market, he says.

Zollinger, a 25-year real-estate veteran who remembers, when mortgage rates were in the double digits, stands ready for whatever the outcome. "If people get the itch to move, they will buy," he says.

Wall Street surges on hopes for quick end to war

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street shot higher as U.S.-led forces closed in on Baghdad Tuesday, boosting investor optimism that the two-week war with Iraq might soon end.

The Dow Jones industrials soared 215 points to their best performance in nearly two weeks.

Tech shares surged, led in part by a positive outlook from Biogen, while airline stocks firmed on approval from House Commerce Department reported committee of about \$3 billion in federal aid.

"The march to Baghdad is really driving the markets higher," said Chris Wolfe, equity market strategist for J.P. Morgan Private

Bank. "This (market) move emphasizes that we have a lot of cash on the sidelines ready to be put to work."

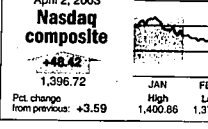
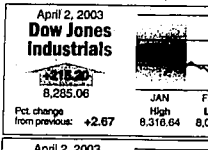
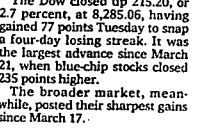
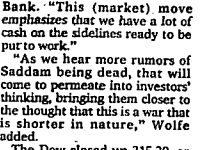
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In troubling sign for manufacturing, factory orders drop 1.5 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) - Manufacturing is faltering as the weight of uncertainty surrounding the war in Iraq causes businesses and consumers to turn more cautious.

Orders to U.S. factories fell 1.5 percent in February, the worst showing in five months, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday. Private economists said manufacturers could see

orders fall even more in March given the muddled economic climate.

In February, orders dropped for metals, machinery, computers and electrical equipment. Orders for automobiles and parts were flat.

"Things are indeed grim in the manufacturing sector," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

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Applebee's

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sourcing non-panetically engineered ingredients should circumstances require.
Applebee's is recommending that shareholders vote against the proposal.
In other executive compensation:
George Shadd, the former chief operating officer who left the company in January, earned \$721,633 in cash salary and other cash compensation in 2002, up almost 20 percent from 2001. Shadd received options on 120,000 shares of stock.

Construction

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flourishing started the year a little more slowly than in 2002. So despite more activity in the commercial sector, Twin Falls saw a 19.6 percent drop in total January building permits.
Twin Falls' commercial sector contributed a couple of sizable projects to January's totals: a \$462,336 portion of South Central Community Action Agency's new office at 550 Washington St. and Lawncapes' \$119,618 landscape store at 1300 Addison Ave.
In rural Twin Falls County that month, Rockridge Dairy took a permit for a \$965,250 commercial building in Castleford. Gooding County's activity included John and Stacie Ballard's Gooding project, a \$64,425 steel commercial building. Rural Minidoka County's numbers got a boost from Travelbe Supply LC's \$41,600 new warehouse.
Rupert saw a couple of notable commercial projects start in January: Rupert County State's \$3,300,000 remodeling, and Project Mutual Telephone's \$78,500 remodeling and roofing.
As mortgage rates nationwide fell to new lows, the areas of the valley saw issued permits for 44 new single-family homes during January - a quarter more than the 35 of a year earlier.
Home builders quickened their pace from last year, when they were permitted for 15 percent more single-family homes than they did throughout 2001.
But they also continued to pare back values in January. The average estimated value of January's new home permits lodged in the \$111,504 - down from the \$116,603 in January 2002.

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Permits for new single-family homes

Table with columns: County, 2002, 2003, and other permit data for single-family homes.

Source: Idaho Construction Report

by Wells Fargo. January report is the most recent available.

On the statewide scene, new construction activity was remarkably strong in January.

Interest rates at their lowest level in decades, along with favorable weather conditions, aided the expansion in new construction. Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews said.

Matthews said authorized building-permit construction in 57 major Idaho locations during January totaled \$143.58 million, up 34.6 percent from January 2002.

Virginia News Business Editor

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## Groups help meet tax deadline

### Companies offer services in Spanish

By Levi Aspytia  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The rain showers have begun, and the warmth already has started to wear up. But, there is one more sign that spring is here — the April 15 deadline for tax returns.

To help Spanish-speaking people meet that deadline, bilingual assistance to fill out tax forms is offered. "We offer any type of help filling out the tax form in Spanish," said Mary Price of Twin Falls, who is a volunteer with the AARP Tax Aide program.

The program offers free tax assistance by volunteers to people of all ages with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. The program has operated since 1968 under a cooperative agreement with the Internal Revenue Service.

### AARP Tax Aide

Free tax assistance is available at the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls between 3:30-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 1-888-227-7663 or visit the AARP Tax-Aide Web site at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

Bilingual services also are available at: West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl — 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday; appointments preferred; call 543-4577.

Jackpot Recreation Center, 2395 Progressive Road, Jackpot, Nev. — 1-5 p.m. Thursday; appointments available at (775) 755-2653.

St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerrold — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday; walk-ins only.

Hageman Senior Center, 140 Lake Ave. E., Hageman — 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday; appointments preferred; Spanish interpreters can be made available if people call ahead at 837-9178; however, caller must speak some English.

An AARP Tax-Aide site is located at the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls.

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“We offer any type of help filling out the form in Spanish.”

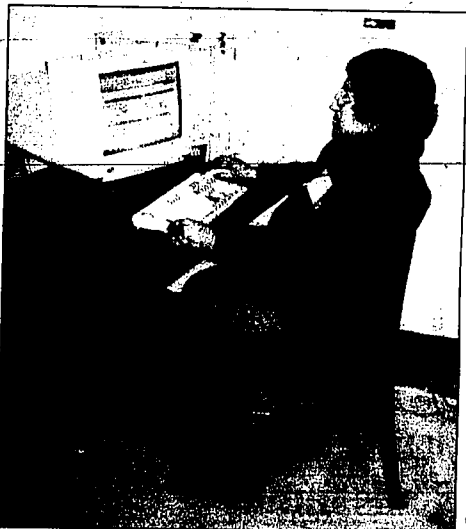
— Mary Price, volunteer AARP Tax Aide program

speaks Spanish during the day, all day," said volunteer Carl McNutt of Jerome.

"We had a few Hispanics come in, not as many as I thought because there are a lot more Spanish-speaking people in Twin Falls," Price said.

At H & R Block in Twin Falls, a private tax-preparation business, an interpreter is usually available at each office to assist any person who might need help.

"In most of the offices, we have at least one receptionist that is an interpreter and usually answers my questions and sit with them while we prepare their taxes," said Sandy Lapray with the H & R Block office in Twin Falls. "It is because in southern Idaho, we have such a huge Hispanic population."



Volunteer Mary Price of Twin Falls takes a moment to look over some documents on filing tax forms at the AARP Tax-Aide site located in the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls. Bilingual and free tax-assistance services are offered at the site.

## Spanish U.S. networks take ethnic focus on war

By Richard Huff  
New York Daily News

Most viewers wouldn't have taken note, but among the first U.S. casualties in the war with Iraq was a Hispanic American.

That fact didn't slip by news analysts at the nation's two primary Spanish-language networks, Univision and Telemundo, nor the millions of Hispanic-Americans who have depended on them for war coverage since last week.

Both networks have been covering the war extensively — though with slightly different approaches.

"If you were to watch, we're giving exactly the same news as our competitors," said Jorge Ramos, who this week has anchored Univision's "Noticiero Univision" from sand-whipped Kuwait City. "But if you stay a little longer, then you'll start to see information you can't get anywhere else."

That difference comes from presenting information aimed at

Spanish-speaking viewers, who make up the nation's largest minority group. More important, among the 35.6 million Hispanics in America, roughly 11 percent speak only Spanish, meaning they're likely to depend on news from Telemundo or Univision.

"All they're doing is coloring it culturally so it comes across the right way," said Alex Nogales, president of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, about the Univision/Telemundo coverage. "There's a way of speaking,

there's a way of describing, there's a way of putting out the news that is slightly different from the English."

Telemundo has been gearing up to cover the war for months and has staffers spread around the war region, said Joe Peyronnini, executive vice president of Telemundo Network News.

Telemundo halted its regular schedule for three days after the war started and has expanded morning, evening and late-night newscasts.

## ADIOS, SALSA



Fans listen to a performance of Tego Calderon in San Juan, Puerto Rico, young people across Latin America and the Caribbean are turning their backs on traditional salsa, seeking to carve out a musical niche that's in step with their generation. Calderon laces salsa and Puerto Rico's bomba rhythms with hip-hop beats to deliver party songs filled with local lingo and references to old-school acts.

## Many young Latinos turn their backs on tradition

By Ricardo Zuniga  
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Bobbing to hip-hop and reggae beats, Latinos in baggy jeans and oversized shirts puke a San Juan outdoor disco, hungry for the newest grooves.

"This is our music, the music of our generation," shouts 24-year-old Julio Gonzalez over the thump of scratchy speakers.

A decade ago, people his age would have been gliding to the rhythms of salsa. But across Latin America and the Caribbean, many young people are turning their backs on that tradition.

Salsa parlors in Venezuela and Cuba are packed with middle-aged couples and tourists, while discos are crowded with college students dancing to Busta Rhymes and Ja Rule.

"I almost never listen to salsa music anymore," says a 19-year-old student.

that," said Alfredo Murillo, 23, a student browsing a music store in Caracas, Venezuela. "I think it's because of the influence of TV. I watch a lot of MTV, and it's the same for many young kids."

In Nicaragua, disc jockey Orlando Mendoza of Radio 1 says, 8- to 23-year-old callers aren't asking for salsa. "We can't explain the phenomenon, but I think it's because the quality of tropical music is fading," he says.

Salsa is not dead. Some Latin youth are still listening to old stars such as Willie Colon, El Gran Combo and Sonora Ponceña, who laid the foundation for the bands of today.

But most — mesmerized by music videos and eager to keep in step with their generation — are listening to major U.S. acts such as Eminem, while many are taking old-school salsa and revamping the sound to make it their own.

## Mexico hopes to heal Security Council's wounds

By Susana Hayward  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — Mexico will take over the presidency of the U.N. Security Council, hoping to heal some of the council's recent wounds and begin to repair relations with the United States, soured by Mexico's refusal to support the invasion of Iraq.

Repairing the diplomatic tears will be a tall order, given staunch and growing opposition to the Iraq war among Mexicans. To make matters worse, the council's new president, Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, Mexico's U.N. ambassador, is a leftist intellectual who reportedly gets along badly with John Negroponte, a conservative who represents the United States at the United Nations.

Aguilar, while indicating that he will focus on speeding U.N. humanitarian aid to Iraq, has not pulled punches.

"To the eyes of the world, this council is fractured," Aguilar said. "Mexico laments the war and deplors the suffering of the Iraqi people."

CSI class offers traditional Tejano dancing class

BURLEY — Just in time to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Casas Center is offering Tejano dancing classes from 7-9 p.m. Fridays, May 2-30.

Tejano's roots are in old European dance styles and the German habit of dancing in a circle around the dance floor.

German, Polish and Czechoslovakian immigrants brought their musical instruments and dance styles to Mexico and Texas in the 1850s but the Tejano music's distinctive sound surfaced in the 1940s.

Instructor Damian Rodriguez will teach five dances: Tejano, country, two-step, Boleros, waltz and polka.

The class size is limited and early registration recommended. The cost is \$25.

For more information, call 678-1400.

## RALLY FOR PEACE



Luz Aurora Sembran, 8, holds white streamers with her classmates during a peace rally on Sunday in Tijuana, Mexico. The march for peace in Iraq drew some 10,000 people in this usually conservative and non-politically active city, and was followed by a Catholic mass in the city auditorium.

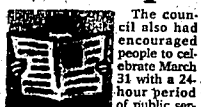
## Cesar Chavez stamp will be unveiled April 23

CALDWELL — The Idaho Migrant Council has encouraged the state of Idaho to take time to reflect on "the life and the work" of Cesar Chavez.

April 23 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of Chavez, a Latino leader and organizer of the United Farm Workers. On that date, the U.S. Postal Service will issue a commemorative stamp to honor Chavez.

The Latino Youth Leadership Advocacy Council will host a stamp unveiling ceremony from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. at El Mercado 317 Happy Day Blvd. in Caldwell. For more information, call Mary Nelson at (208) 453-1320.

March 31 was the anniversary of the birth of Chavez, and it was celebrated in five states and cities across the country as the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, the Migrant Council announced.



Noticias For more information about the Idaho Migrant Council, call (208) 454-1652.

Applications available now for UI Journalism workshop

MOSCOW — Applications are available for high-school students interested in participating in a summer Journalism workshop at the University of Idaho. Students of color are especially urged to apply. Submission deadline is April 23.

The council also had encouraged people to celebrate March 31 with a 24-hour period of public service.

The workshop will produce radio news, a newspaper, Web site and television newsmagazine.

The workshop, funded by a \$10,000 grant to the UI School of Communication, is open to students in grades 10 through 12 from high schools in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Participants will receive free room and board and stipend.

To obtain applications & additional information, call the UI School of Communication, at (208) 885-6458, or contact communications director Chris Campbell, [chris@uidaho.edu](mailto:chris@uidaho.edu).

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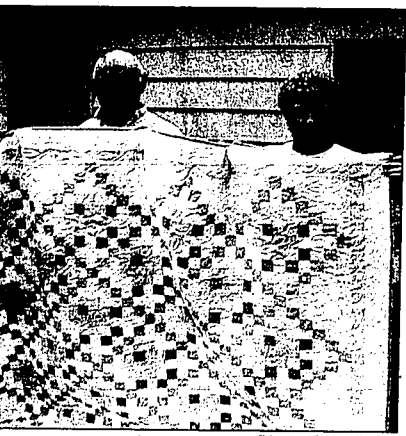
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## PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Jerome High School has announced its perfect attendance winners for February. They are, from left, top: Kate Applewhite and Brian DeRuitter; bottom row: Lourdes Madrigal, Jeremy Melugin.

## Quilt raffle will help Twin Falls family



O. Merral Smith and Earleen Peterson with the Magic Valley Master Gardener Club show a quilt that will be raffled to benefit a local family.

## Tickets will be sold Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - Tickets for a handmade quilt will be sold Saturday to help a Twin Falls family with medical expenses. The tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, and will be sold from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kimberly Nursery gift shop, 2862 Addison Ave. E. Jack Kirby, a long-haul truck driver, suffered a heart attack on New Year's Day while he was in the Los Angeles. Because of complications after a quadruple bypass surgery, he was in a coma for more than three months, organizers say. He has been moved out of intensive care, and is beginning to recuperate. He is the sole supporter of his

family, and the medical bills are more than they can handle, organizers say. Robin Kirby, Jack's wife, is the Magic Valley Master Gardener Club president, the treasurer of the Twin Falls Historical Society and a community volunteer. Their daughter, Caitlin is a Twin Falls High School sophomore. Joanne Smith made the quilt that is being raffled, and Marie Nielsen did the piecwork. The drawing will be held May 1. For more information or to obtain tickets, call Joanne and Merral Smith at 737-9101 or Sharon Hartman at 736-9301.

## Meeting will focus on coping with widowhood

**TWIN FALLS** - Widowed Information and Consultation Services will begin a series of meetings on coping with widowhood from 10:15-11:30 a.m. April 9 at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho. The free eight-week series will meet each Wednesday. Through the sessions, widowed men and women will receive information and support in dealing with the problems of being widowed. For more information or to register, call 736-2122. Drop-ins are welcome.

## Hagerman Valley Historical Society meets Tuesday

**HAGERMAN** - Arthur Hart, director emeritus of the Idaho State Historical Society, will speak to members of the Hagerman Valley Historical Society about Idaho's ethnic diversity Tuesday at the National Park Service Center, 221 N. State St., Hagerman. Coffee, punch and light desserts will be served at 7 p.m. The program will follow a short business meeting. The public is invited, and there is no admission charge. Hart's slide presentation will focus on the special contributions to Idaho made by the Chinese, Japanese, Irish, Germans, Basques, Scandinavians, Mexicans, English, Scots and French.

Hart has received many honors for his work in historic preservation and writing. His appearance is made possible by the support of the Boise Cascade Corporation and funding from the Idaho Humanities Council. For more information about the society, call Bob Wunderle at 837-9178.

## Hemstitching etc. announces enrollment for classes

**BURLEY** - Hemstitching Etc. announces enrollment for handicraft classes at 1238 Overland Ave. Burley. "Beginning tatting" will be held at 5:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, April 9. Cost is \$25 plus supplies, and includes four classes. "Beginning quilting" will be held at 5:30 p.m. and begins Tuesday, April 15. This will be a raffle quilt. Cost is \$20 plus supplies. Pre-registration is requested. Those registering the night of the class will be charged an additional \$5. For more information, call 878-0236.

## Oakley Elementary School will hold carnival Friday

**OAKLEY** - Oakley Elementary School will hold its annual carnival and raffle fund-raiser from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the school. The event will feature pizza from Figaro's Italian Kitchen, cotton candy and caramel apples. There will be games, Frisbee, the play plane, a race track, bingo and more. Raffle tickets are a trio for \$1. Prizes include a trip to Park City, Utah, and a two-night stay in a two-bedroom condominium, a computer, deluxe suitcase, a

Peterson's Photography, digital camera, Utah Jazz tickets, a one-night stay at the Burley Inn with dinner at Perkin's, Pomerelle day passes, Lagoon tickets, a \$50 Costco gift certificate and more. The public is invited.

## Free nutrition class will take place this weekend

**BURLEY** - A free class entitled "Nutrition Ideas for Children" will be held from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at A Child's World, 1308 Overland Ave. in Burley. The class will be taught by Jan Parr, Cassia County University of Idaho Extension home economist. For more information, call 878-8222.

## Wood River Bridge announces winners

**HAILEY** - The recent Wood River Bridge Winners were announced.

Monday at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey: first, Jannette Johnson and Yolande Bennett; second, Marilyn Nesbit and Mary Ritter; and fourth, Roger Connor and David Meyers; and fourth, John Bush and Mary Louise McGonigal. Wednesday at the Harber Center: first, Reva and Sylvan; second, Martha and Roger Connor and third, Bee Longley and Jannette Johnson; and fourth, Bill Cassell and David Meyers.

Thursday at the Harber Center for north/south: first, Deanne and Jerry Drake; second, Marilyn and Warren Nesbit; third, Linda Edwards and Ed Hilpert; and fourth, Mary Carnevale and Holly Lawson. East/west: first, Sue Binz and Beverly McLean; second, Julia Stevens and Joan Strait; third, Marjorie Bathum and Mary Ritter; and fourth, Roger and Jeanne Foreman. Sunday Swiss Team: tied for first, the teams of Dee Swartz, Warren Nesbit, Marilyn Nesbit and Connie McGowan and Peter and Mary Ritter; and fourth, Roger and Jeanne Foreman.

## Gooding County Jaycees holds open house Saturday

**GOODING** - The Gooding County Jaycees will hold an open house from 3-5 p.m. Saturday in the Gooding Historical Hotel's tea room. Coffee, tea and various sweets will be served. There will be no charge, but donations will be accepted.

## CSI Blaine County Center offers scrapbooking class

**HAILEY** - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center will offer a scrapbooking class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 12 at Wood River High School, 1050 Fox Acres Road in Hailey. The class includes use of scrapbook supplies, and students will make their own scrapbook page. Students should bring 5-6 photos. Instructor Toni Leech has been teaching scrapbooking classes since 1996. The cost is \$15 plus materials. For more information, call 788-2038.

## CSI holds cheerleading, dance tryouts

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will hold tryouts for the cheerleading squad and Golden Girls dance team. Cheerleader tryouts will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at CSI. The dance team tryouts will be held at 9 a.m. April 26. Those selected will represent CSI next school year at all the home volleyball and basketball games, as well as several away basketball contests. To obtain an application or for more information, call Cathy Trotter at 732-6472.

## Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for March 2. North/south: first, Jion Flint and Bev Clark; second, Jodi Faulkner and Carma Davidson; and third, Henry and Dolores Robinson. East/west: first, Joe Stoney and Barba Hancock; second, Barbara Burke and Mary Louise McGonigal; and third, Mary Steele and Lucy Gustafson. Refreshments were served. The Twin Falls Spring Sectional will begin Friday. The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. For a partner, call 934-8371.

## BSU office in Twin Falls accepts registration for fall

**TWIN FALLS** - Students can register for the fall 2003 semester at Boise State University's Twin Falls program. Registration will continue through the start of classes on Aug. 25. Students are encouraged to register early. Boise State will offer 13 courses on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. Students who have completed their lower-division core requirements can earn a degree from BSU in accounting, general business management or criminal justice administration without leaving Twin Falls. Courses toward a master's degree in bilingual education also are offered.

All courses are three credits, and held one evening per week. The courses for the fall term include: "Intermediate Accounting I," "Cost Accounting," "Business Communication," "Commercial Law," "Leadership Skills," "Human Resource Management," "Employee and Labor Relations," "Principles of Marketing," "Criminal Justice Management," "Research Statistics," "Senior Tutorial in Criminal Justice," "Techniques of Grant Application Writing" and "Theoretical Foundations of Bilingual Education/ESL." Fees are \$149 per credit for part-time undergraduates or \$1,492 per semester for students who enroll in eight credits or more. Graduate fees are \$184 per credit. For more information, call Shari Stroud, program coordinator at 732-6284 or e-mail her at sstroud@csi.edu.

## Twin Falls boy receives Eagle Scout award

**TWIN FALLS** - Eric MacMillan, son of Randy and Kajhy MacMillan of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 7 p.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, 2055 Flex Ave. E. in Twin Falls. MacMillan has completed 30 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout award, he secured materials, built and installed a trail use registry box and a trail bench under the direction of Dave McGowan of the Forest Service. A total of 77 hours was spent on the project, which included the assistance of two other Scouts. MacMillan is a member of Troop 68, and Rob Werner is his troop leader. He is a junior at Twin Falls High School where he is an honor student and a varsity member of the tennis team. He has been active in scouting since 1993.



Eric MacMillan

## M.V. Singles Square Dance Club holds workshop

**JEROME** - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome. Members whose last name begins with Q-Z should bring finger foods and help clean up after the dance. For more information, call Tom at 424-6440 or Galen at 733-9045.

## 20th Century Club elects new officers at meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The 20th Century Club will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. The Salvation Army bookkeeper and social director will speak on the number of homeless people in the area and how the Salvation Army is seeking to help them. Members are asked to bring canned goods for the Salvation Army. The election of officers also will be held. For more information, call Maxine at 733-1654.

## CSI offers class on seated massage techniques

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Seated Massage Techniques" from 1-4 p.m. April 12 in Taylor Room 276 at CSI. Students will discover basic relaxation techniques that can be used anywhere, and how to apply hands-on massage and light trigger-point work for headaches, neck and shoulder tension, back stiffness and increased flexibility. Instructor Kandise Jo Anderson is a graduate of the Healing Arts Institute in Boise, and has practiced in Twin Falls since 1996. She applies a variety of techniques, including neuromuscular therapy. Open technique and cranial sacral therapy. The cost is \$35. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

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Davidson, Thursdays Only, Great Clips, Mountain West Insurance, Burger King and The Cove. Our apologies if we missed anyone.  
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The Wishful Star Foundation wishes to thank the Magic Valley Jaycees for the \$3,750 raised during the 2003 Freeze on Skis to make local children's dreams come true.  
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**Twin Falls Junior Club donation blesses lives**  
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against approval must be filed with IDWR... Southern Region, 1341 Filmore St... 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application...

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Thursday, April 3, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

You've got to know when to hold 'em. Know when to fold 'em. Know when to walk away.

At the Dyspepsia Club sympathy is often asked for, but very rarely granted. Today's deal saw South, who was regarded by everyone except himself as the luckiest cardholder in the world, pick up his usual collection of power and quality.

A few seconds later, he was in his favorite position — that of declarer — in four hearts. West, after a few moments scrutinizing the play opposite as if he hoped to find the antisocial traitor there, emerged with the club Jack.

South, who was firmly of the opinion that thinking at the bridge table violated the ethics of the game, called immediately for dummy's queen and captured East's king with the ace. Then he drew trumps in two rounds and put the diamond king on the table. West won this and led a second club, allowing his partner to win and play a spade through to defeat the game.

South immediately started protesting his bad luck, but North cut him short by letting him know that he himself was the really unlucky player at the table, since he does not lose one spade, so long as the winning line is to duck the club Jack in both hands. Nord declares takes the next club, draws trumps, and plays a spade through, eventually pinning one of dummy's spades on the winning diamonds.

North was correct, although the winning play was remarkably difficult to spot. It was not afford to lose one club, so long as he does not lose two spades. The winning line is to duck the club Jack in both hands. Nord declares takes the next club, draws trumps, and plays a spade through, eventually pinning one of dummy's spades on the winning diamonds.

NORTH 443A
A 7 6 5 3
K 2
Q 8 5 3

EAST 433B
J 8 3
K 10 9 8
K Q J 5
A 2

SOUTH 443C
K 10 9
K Q J 5
A 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
4 All pass
Spades and a minor

Opening lead: Club Jack

BID WITH THE ACES 443B
South holds:
A Q 7 6 5
K 10
A 7 6 5 3
K 2

South West North East
4 All pass
Spades and a minor

ANSWER: Pass, rather than correcting to two spades or three diamonds. You have shown your suits, and partner has strongly suggested that hearts might play better. You have no worse a hand for hearts than you might have, and no better a hand for your own suits — so pass, and keep your fingers crossed!

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