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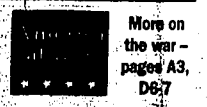
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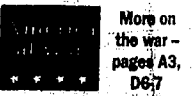
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Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy, maybe a left-over isolated shower. Lows in the upper 20s to the lower 30s.

Tomorrow: A better chance for scattered rain and/or snow showers. Highs in the lower to the mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A slight chance for an isolated shower, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Cool with partly to mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the 20s.

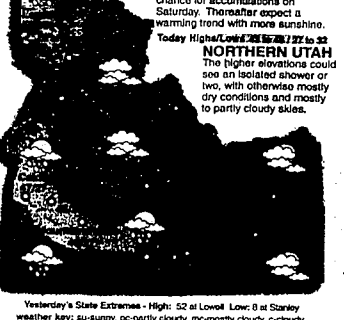
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Spring showers will continue over the next couple of days as a trough of low-pressure continues to saunter in...

BOISE Areas south of the mountains to the north could pick up a few isolated to scattered showers, with the best chance for accumulations on Saturday. Thereafter expect a warming trend with moon sunning.

NORTHERN UTAH The higher elevations could see an isolated shower or two, with otherwise mostly dry conditions and mostly to partly cloudy skies.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 52 at Lowell, Low: 8 at Stanley

weather key: sun, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; c, mostly cloudy; cb, cumulonimbus; sh, showers; r, rain; sn, snow; fl, flurries; w, wind; ch, clearing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 46, Low 28).

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

Table with 2 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset. Includes dates and times for April.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello with their respective weather forecasts.

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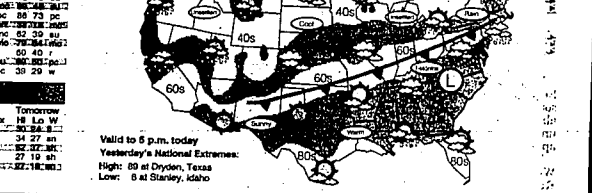
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

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House looks to punish France

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Suspect

Continued from A1. said U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Jenn McNeil. Johnson was taken into custody near Payette by officers with a federal criminal complaint, McNeil said. She wasn't sure Thursday which agency the officers were with or where Johnson was being kept.

Times-News telephone directory

- List of phone numbers for various departments: Circulation (Daniel Walock), Classified Advertising (Deby Johnson), News (Clark Walworth), Retail Advertising (Miles Adams), Ad Weekly (Janet Coffin), and Publisher (Stephen Hargrett).

No one claims \$50M that some call pork

WASHINGTON - The Senate, brushing back charges of "pork-burelling," Thursday slipped \$50 million to pay for a program guaranteeing business loans for commercial shipbuilders. The bill, which would provide \$50 million through 2009, is a "pork" bill, critics say.

Schools

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Education numbers

Table with 5 columns: District, Enrollment, Dollars per pupil, Pupil per teacher, Services per pupil. Lists districts like Twin Falls, Cassia County, and Blaine County.

Correction

A photo caption in the M. 20 Outdoor section misidentified semi-pro SnowCrosser Willie Elm of Buhl. The photo actually depicts the son of Randy Johnson of Jerome. Johnson is not a professional.

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NATION

Senate OKs \$80B for war, anti-terrorism costs

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate voted easily Thursday to give President Bush about \$80 billion for initial costs of the war with Iraq and other anti-terrorism efforts. The House passed approval of a similar bill after thwarting conservatives trying to shut out at Turkey.

Senators approved their measure 93-9, underscoring lawmakers' resolve to back U.S. forces in

the field. The day's work put the two chambers on track to send Bush a final package by his deadline of April 11, which would be uncommonly swift for a Congress that received Bush's request for \$74.7 billion only a week ago.

Though lawmakers reined in Bush's request to control most of the funds and added aid for air- and other items, the vote gave him a welcome victory on

Capitol Hill, a week after the Senate voted to cut in half his plan for new tax cuts. "It's imperative that we complete this bill and get the bill on the president's desk," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

The lopsided vote masked partisan disputes that raged in both chambers over the measures' funds for security at home. Both bills contained more than \$4 bil-

lion for securing potential terrorist targets at home, which Democrats said fell billions short.

"As we support men and women in uniform in Iraq, it's hard to understand how we can undercut the needs of our men and women in uniform in the front lines of homeland defense in America," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told reporters.

Bush proposes changes to housing program

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration wants to give states control of federal vouchers that help nearly 2 million families pay the rent, a major shake-up for one of the government's largest housing programs.

Administration officials say states could more efficiently manage the vast Section 8 rental program covering 2,600 local housing authorities. About \$1 billion in vouchers went unused last year, roughly 8 percent of the program budget.

Section 8 is sort of broke" and in need of repair. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez told a Senate subcommittee recently.

Critics of the proposed shift -

mainly Democrats and low-income housing advocates - worry that states would establish a variety of different standards governing who could qualify for the housing subsidies. They also say the change would further burden states, many of which already are struggling with budget problems.

"The voucher program could use some improving," said Irene Badger Saral, legislative director for the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "But not to the extent and the type of change that the Bush administration is proposing."

The Section 8 program was started in 1976 to help low-income residents afford housing. Families that make less than 50 percent of

an area's median income are eligible for vouchers, with some exceptions available for the elderly and disabled.

People apply for vouchers locally and recipients can use the money to rent private housing. Typically, participants pays no more than 30 percent of their monthly income in rent, with vouchers covering the rest. Nationally, a voucher on average covers \$500, though that varies widely from city to city.

The proposal could improve the Section 8 program if there is limited federal regulation and adequate funding to the states, said Barbara Thompson, executive director of the National Council of State Housing Agencies.

Panel OKs bill giving comp time as overtime pay option

WASHINGTON (AP) - Employers now required to pay some workers overtime would be able to offer paid time off instead under legislation a House panel approved Thursday.

The bill, agreed to by a House Workforce subcommittee, is Republicans' latest effort to revamp overtime pay requirements in the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act.

Business groups, emboldened by complete Republican control of Congress and the executive branch, have been pressing for revisions to the law, which requires pay at an hourly rate of time-and-a-half for some workers logging more than 40 hours a week.

The Labor Department last week proposed a drastic overhaul of the regulations that determine what jobs must receive overtime pay. The plan would make millions of low-income workers eligible for the time-and-a-half hourly rate, but thousands of professionals would lose their extra income. Nearly 22 million workers could be affected.

The House bill goes a step further by loosening provisions that mandate paid overtime, allowing employers to offer compensatory time.

It currently is illegal for private companies to offer comp time instead of overtime pay to workers who aren't exempt from the law.

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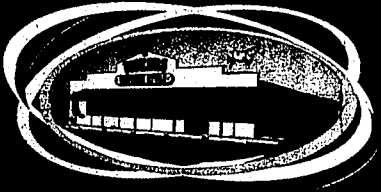
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be seen docked inside the free trade zone at Mariel, a deep port west of Havana. Authorities blocked access to international journalists, but several dozen officials, a fire truck and numerous government vehicles were seen near the boat from a hill above the bay. Later, the government said negotiations were at a standstill and force may be required to free the hostages. The government said earlier there were 50 passengers on the ferry.

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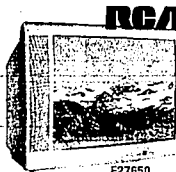
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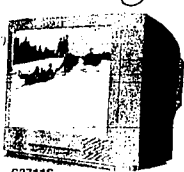


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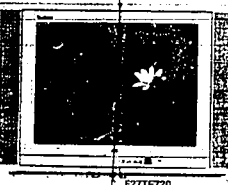
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Auckland University of Technology researchers Dr Steve O'Shea and Cat Bolstad show the 16-foot squid Wednesday at the To Papa research laboratory in Wellington, New Zealand.

Fishermen nab 'small' giant squid

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Fishermen working in Antarctic waters have made an extremely rare catch — a colossal squid with eyes as big as dinner plates and razor-sharp hooks on its tentacles, a marine researcher said Thursday. The 330-pound, 16-foot-long specimen was caught in the Ross Sea, said Steve O'Shea, a researcher fellow with the Auckland University of Technology. He said the squid was a young female; adults are much bigger.

Going by the scientific name Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni, the animal is unrelated to the smaller and more common giant squid, O'Shea said. "This animal is formidable," he told New Zealand's National Radio.

While the giant squid eats "quite small prey," the colossal squid eats large prey like the Patagonian toothfish, which can grow more than six feet long.

Fully grown, the colossal squid would be "larger than any giant squid I have seen, and I've seen lots of them," O'Shea said.

Only one other colossal squid has ever been caught before. Scientists knew of their existence because their beaks have been found in the stomachs of sperm whales. "All we know is that it can move through the water — to a depth of 2,000 meters (6,561 feet) and it is an extremely active and extremely aggressive killer," O'Shea said.

It differs from the giant squid by having enormous hooks among the tentacles and the arms," he said.

The creature makes up three-quarters of the diet of large sperm whales, which suggests there are large numbers of them in Antarctic waters, O'Shea said. He said the squid was caught near the surface of the ocean.

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EDITORIAL

Local young people show real promise for the future

The colors are starting to fly in southern Idaho. And we're not talking about Old Glory.

A lurking presence of youth gangs has caught the attention of law enforcement officials in numerous Magic Valley counties.

A series of Times-News stories earlier this week found varying opinions among local authorities about the presence of urban-style gangs. The evidence is inconclusive, partly because the definitions of gang activity are inexact.

But even a hint of gang activity raises concern. It deserves an informed community response.

The keys to preventing gang activity are fairly simple. A nurturing home with determined parents is a good start. Adult mentoring programs also provide leadership and guidance.

After law enforcement strengthens the safety net, strong school programs help keep kids focused on achievement, teamwork and discipline. Youth activities are another powerful tool.

In spite of any concern over a Magic Valley gang presence, it's important that residents recognize the vast majority of young people

locally are engaged in worthy activities. Almost anywhere you look, active youths are working, serving, studying, achieving, and growing into roles as tomorrow's citizens.

It's common for adults to frown on younger generations and to foresee society's decay. That's easy, but it's not fair. Today's kids face pressures that were unimagined a generation ago. Yet most of them are resilient and are focused on the positive.

Our view: Scattered signs of gang activity don't change the fact that most Magic Valley youngsters are doing well.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Recently, The Times-News received feedback from South Central District Health Department as a 2003 Health Hero, for its coverage of youth issues and accomplishments. We were proud to collect the award, because showcasing the community's young people has been a key goal for us.

But the honor isn't just for us. It also recognizes the broad array of activities and interests which young people in our region are embracing. Our staff is delighted to inform the community about youth achievements. Such stories demonstrate that youth isn't wasted on the young.

Sure, some local kids get into trouble. But more of them are seizing opportunities to do good and to make the most of their early years.

There's no sense denying that expectations for the war in Iraq were overly optimistic.

The rapid advance from the south seemed based on the hope that the largely Shiite south would revolt against Saddam Hussein. That hope was hardly unreasonable, in light of a widespread 1991 revolt. But with Baath fanatics in control of the cities and the memory of Saddam's brutal response to the '91 rising still fresh, the regime still rules through fear.

E. THOMAS McCLANAHAN

Now our troops face scattered hit-and-run skirmishes and terrorist-style attacks, while thanks to our friends the Times who prevented transit of the 4th Infantry Division - a northern front has been slow to develop. Even so, if the prewar optimism was overdone, today's gloom is overdone as well. The rapid advance north, after all, allowed seizure of a key oil field with very little damage. One British reporter even attributed to his own bosses about the pessimistic tone of the coverage.

Who dreamed up the line that the coalition are achieving small victories at a very high price? British Broadcasting Corp. reporter Paul Adams wrote in an e-mail to his home office. "The truth is exactly the opposite. The gains are huge and the costs still relatively low. This is real warfare, however one-sided, and losses are to be expected."

Andrew Sullivan's recent column in The Washington Times, was printed in a London newspaper.

Meanwhile:

• With each passing hour, Iraq's military capabilities are being degraded. Tanks and artillery pieces are being destroyed, pockets of resistance eliminated, and supplies and



ammunition captured. Tactics are being adjusted to deal with these hit-and-run attacks, and supply-line security is being improved.

• Questions grow about whether Saddam remains in charge. Without giving details, Pentagon officials cite evidence that some members of his family are trying to flee Iraq.

• Much of what's occurring is occurring out of sight. The weekend brought the first reports of CIA covert teams and special operations units on the loose in Baghdad. Some explosions reported by the media, officials acknowledge, were not from U.S. bombs but from attacks on Iraqi leadership targets by covert teams.

• Sustained resistance is coming mainly from Iraq's elite Republican Guard and ragtag irregulars, or fedayeen. That suggests Iraq's regular army - perhaps close to 300,000 troops - has decided to sit out the war, along with Saddam's air force. That's a

fairly important story, largely unremarked in the media.

• Most of the attacks by fedayeen forces have been futile or suicidal. They're disruptive and for the troops, frightening and deadly. But by themselves, they can't defeat the overall mission.

• Many Iraqi soldiers fight for fear of being shot by their own officers or because of threats hanging over their children or relatives - suggesting that once the regime begins to crumble, its demise will be rapid.

In January 1945, with the Nazi collapse only four months away, U.S. Secretary of War Henry Stimson remarked in his diary that German resistance remained surprisingly strong, despite the pounding Nazi troops were taking from allied forces. The German people, he said, were "held up by

the Gestapo like a vise" - a remark that seems appropriate to the Iraqi people today.

Once set in motion, however, the Nazi collapse was speedy. And with Hitler's death, everything he stood for died as well.

This - the extermination of Saddam's idea - is the real aim of this war. That will be a big step toward a stable Middle East, rather than a Middle East based on the kind of "stability" that produced Sept. 11.

If a large cache of chemical weapons were discovered today, certainly it would be a big story. But eliminating Saddam's weapons of mass destruction is only a means to a far more important end.

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Bonding proposal can build Idaho's economy

This week, Gov. Kempthorne is presenting to the Legislature his proposal to use the bonding capacity of the state to construct eight major buildings on college and university campuses throughout the state that will give much needed classroom space for higher education students and an Idaho State Police Training Academy structure in Meridian. The total cost of the projects is \$68,400,000.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce agrees with the governor's plan and is urging our senators and representatives to vote in the affirmative on the proposal.

With near-record low interest rates and no increase in taxes to cover the bonding proposal, it makes good sense to move ahead now to keep our campuses up to date on providing adequate space for those seeking degrees and

other higher education needs. Funding for the projects would be through 20-year bonds issued by the Idaho State Building Authority. Idaho has one of the best bond ratings available and has traditionally had the lowest per capita debt of any of the 50 states.

The funding source for bonding is the Permanent Building Fund. There is no state general fund money involved. This is a dedicated fund that is used to construct, renovate and maintain state buildings. Annual debt service is expected to be \$5 million.

Locally, the proposal carries in addition to the Fine Arts Center at the College of Southern Idaho that will add eight new classrooms as well as badly-needed space in the community-oriented building. Total project cost is \$7,259 million, and since the project was approved by the Legislature before the projects were all curtailed due to a weakened general fund, construction can actually begin almost immediately. That will put construction workers on the job and materials will be purchased from local suppliers, bolstering the local economy.

The estimated impact statewide to Idaho's economy is about \$18 million, and that figure will produce millions in sales and income taxes. Some 2,468 jobs will be created statewide, 1,233 in construction alone.

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vide educational services and job training that is simply not topped anywhere else in the state. We must do all we can to give the tools to move forward with its mission, and this project is extremely important to that mission.

While Idahoans are a conservative bunch, we are also ready to take advantage of a good deal when it comes our way. This is a good deal. Young adults heading for the workforce and those losing jobs and needing to be retrained for the future are winners with this proposal. In fact we will all be winners.

Please contact your local legislators and let them know of your support.

Janet Neel of Twin Falls is president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and a certified public accountant.

Boy Scouts make the right move

While we're on the topic of youth activities, local Boy Scout officials deserve credit for adopting more careful recruitment measures.

Starting this month, the Boy Scouts of America will require background checks on new volunteer leaders nationwide. Any new volunteer will be reviewed for any history of abuse. The new procedures will also eventually check backgrounds of leaders already within scouting.

Other youth groups should consider following suit.

Scouting is a proven program that helps boys develop skills and characteristics of responsible adulthood. Dedicated volunteers have always been a key part of that process. All scout leaders are trained to make safety a top priority and to keep young men out of harm's way.

But before a boy takes part in his first Camporee, merit badge clinic or Dutch oven cookoff, he and his parents should have the assurance that scout leaders are cleared to work with kids. The new background checks will help make that security a regular standard in scouting.

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Let's keep Planned Parenthood and get rid of Rebecca Pooley! Rebecca Pooley's agenda may be more pro-abortion than Idahoans care to back. Planned Parenthood is about as much more than giving out information on abortion. It provides services for women that can't afford to pay for them otherwise. I urge all women to find out just what Planned Parenthood offers them. I don't think we would be better off without Planned Parenthood. My concern is if Planned Parenthood loses its federal funding, would we lose

Planned Parenthood? I'm asking the women of Idaho to make sure lawmakers don't make this decision without some input from us. We need Planned Parenthood. It offers valuable services.

JANET RUSSELLE
Shoshone

A suggestion for coach Schaal's defense

Two very interesting pieces in the March 27 Times-News. One was a good letter from Jack Entelman in regard to teachers being paid based on their performance. Makes sense - the better the teacher, the better the education

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for the student. Bill 259 is a good, sound idea, but one thing will kill it - union.

The second story about the Twin Falls football coach, Mark Schaal, that ran his car into a wall or something and took off before the police got there and later failed a sobriety test. By the way, Mr. Schaal also is the driver's education teacher.

I seem to remember a few years ago a parent's group got several coaches replaced because they were not winning. If Mr. Schaal was one of the new coaches that took over, nice choice, folks.

Now it looks like Schaal will beat the drunk-driving charge because they claim a police offi-

cer stepped inside his home without a warrant.

If not, I have a suggestion for his defense. If his attorney is really creative, he could explain to the court that this was a class project by getting a heat on and hit-and-run was just his way to explain to his class what not to do.

What a man - risking his life for his students. Promote him, give him a pay raise, buy him a Hummer so the next time he runs into something he will not get hurt.

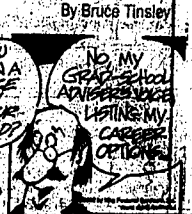
Can't wait to see how this one plays out. Guess who gets honest on this one? The student!

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Legislators take aim at the rights of women

Why do some men, especially Sen. Skip Brundt, R-Kootenai, and Rep. Bill Sall, R-Kootenai, want to take away the rights of Idaho women to make their own health choices?
It is demeaning to all the women in this state whether you are a right-to-life or pro-choice person to think that they believe we can't make intelligent choices. All women, and especially low-income women, deserve to have health services wherever they can get them at a reduced rate.
To think that Idaho Health and Welfare and Planned Parenthood could lose their grant money due to their proposal is their shortsighted idea and is a disgrace.
We in Idaho have a lot more serious budget problems to be concerned about than questioning the intelligence of the women.

CAROLYN D. BAIRD
Twin Falls

Performance-pay teacher bill won't help teachers

This is in response to House Bill 359 and Rep. Roberts. Yes, I am a teacher. No, I do not agree with performance-based pay.

Moving on ... Why would talented young persons want to be part of a profession that is clearly scorned? Most college graduates in other fields will earn a starting salary well above \$25,000. While beginning teachers will be cheaper, they lack the finesse acquired through experience.

Few people are aware that teachers are often told what, how and when to teach a subject. These decisions come from the administration. Why are their salaries not mentioned? Why are they exempt from performance-based pay? Is it part of an administrator's job to evaluate teacher performance. If teachers are indeed inadequate, perhaps more attention needs to be focused on administrative improvements.

"Fifty percent ..." would be based upon committee evaluations designed at the local level? Fairness dictates that all teachers be evaluated the same. Since Idaho has embraced computerized testing (Idaho

Standards Achievement Test) to determine student progress, design a similar test for teachers. Committee evaluations pose the risk of turning into a popularity contest. Eliminate this with a more objective tool. If the ISAT can determine students' writing abilities without samples of their written work, devise a test that evaluates teacher performance. Everyone has the same opportunity for success, and human bias is removed.

The other 50 percent "would be based upon improvements in the students' performance." Does this mean we would do away with teachers in music, art, physical education, business, etc.? These subjects do not show up in student test scores? If an elementary school student has three teachers, who gets the credit for his progress?

Before the Legislature approves House Bill 359, how about having the specifics outlined? If public education is indeed in a state of failure, then have the details figured out and in place before implementation. Let's hold the legislators accountable for the quality and success of the plan they develop. After all, performance-based pay should be acceptable in all walks of life.

Perhaps this bill is really a money-saving ploy: Eliminate the more "highly" paid teachers and keep salaries in the \$25,000 range.

JEANNE BELLISTON
Burley

Column offers wise insight on war at home

To Steve Crump: Thank you for your thoughtful and timely column on Sunday. We do tend to close our eyes and see that which we wish to see or that includes our personal, little world. This is every one's world - this does affect everyone. Thanks for good insights.

JANELLE ARRINGTON
Twin Falls

Preemptive strike on Iraq becomes a land grab

Once again, the American citizens are being duped into believing that someone "over there" is threatening our well-being and our supposed right to manifest destiny.

It has never been proven that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. The U.N. inspectors were pulled out of Iraq by the Bush administration because of the alleged lack of cooperation on the part of the Iraqis. They were not pulled by the United Nations as you have been led to believe. The only way the U.N. inspectors were able to show that the Iraqis have nuclear capability at this point in time. The only components that might have been discovered so far are some of the components necessary to build centrifuges.

On the other hand, since 1991 approximately 436,000 American military personnel in Operation Desert Storm have been exposed to depleted uranium and plutonium through contact with militia that was disabled by rounds manufactured out of nuclear waste by munitions factories contracted by the U.S. government. Out of those, approximately 184,000 have filed for disability, 9,600 have died due to mysterious illnesses. The government has repeatedly denied any responsibility. Now, those whom you deeply care for are being exposed to the same nuclear hazard that previous soldiers have been. This appears to be the government's plan for shipping nuclear waste out of our back yard.

For those of the Christian bent, consider that Sarai bore Abraham a son named Isaac, and Hagar, Abraham's handmaid, bore him a son named Ishmael, from whom the Jews and Arabs have descended respectively. Yahweh made promises to both these "nations." Do you really think that almighty Yahweh would let the children of Abraham, whether Jew or Arab, be overrun by a Goyisher and a mushuggeny? This is the height of the Bush dynasty egocentricity and self-aggrandizement.

This preemptive strike is nothing less than an imperialist grab for earthly resources and quasi-democratic expansionism under the guise of freeing an oppressed people, while American capitalist interests grow fat off the war machine and your children's children end up footing the bill. It is evident from history that the Republican Guard of America

only has one solution for bolstering a sagging economy. That solution is to produce war with other sovereign nations."
TRUMAN DEAN
Twin Falls

Government must act on global AIDS crisis

While the United States pre-emptively strikes a regime with the potential to affect global security, we have lost track of a ruthless killer that if left unchecked will destabilize nuclear superpowers such as Russia, China and India. The true tragedy of the global AIDS epidemic stems not from the 8,200 deaths every day but from our refusal to act. This delay is lethal not only to those infected but to Americans as well. CIA Director George Tenet has clearly stated the security threat AIDS poses. With every passing minute, the threat increases -


the director of Russia's HIV/AIDS agency recently acknowledged that infections rates are approaching those of sub-Saharan Africa. Immediate action is needed. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is on the ground right now, valiantly fighting the greatest humanitarian crisis ever.

Unfortunately, this successful and innovative organization is

bankrupt. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo should ask for \$1.75 billion to be allocated to the Global Fund this year and support the groundbreaking global AIDS legislation by Chairman Hyde.

This is not just an act of charity - it's a preemptive strike to help ensure our freedom and safety for generations to come.
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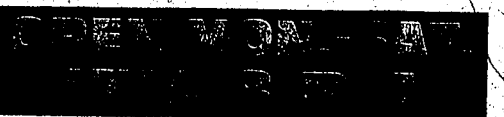


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Clubs OK proposed arts center

Burglary suspect gets at least five years

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man charged in connection with a Nov. 19, 2002, theft at Post John's Pizzeria on Blue Lakes Boulevard will spend at least five years in prison, a judge ruled this week.

District Court Judge Nathan Higson sentenced Wayne Clinton Lawrence, 19, to two to four years for one count of grand theft by possession of stolen property, according to court records. Lawrence was also sentenced to three to six years on a burglary charge stemming from the heist.

Investigators concluded the crime was an "inside job" stemming from a conspiracy between Lawrence and Twin Falls residents Roman A. Wells, 19, and Jerardo Avila, 21, according to reports.

Idaho Parents Unlimited will offer workshop

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Parents Unlimited will present a special education workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the KMWV Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The workshop, "The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Your Child's Rights and Your Responsibilities," is an introduction to disability law, the Idaho Special Education Manual and serving the needs of children.

The workshop is intended to give participants an overview of the law that governs special education programs and services for children with disabilities. Participants will receive information on attaining appropriate programs and services for children and youth with disabilities and working collaboratively with the public school system.

Admission is free, but participants are asked to pre-register by calling Idaho Parents Unlimited at 737-9309.

Groundbreaking for Carey school will take place

CAREY - The drawings are done, the contractors have been selected and now it's time to break ground.

Blaine County School District administrators, Carey Principal John Peck and Carey School staff will take the next steps toward building Carey's first freestanding high school with a groundbreaking scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday.

This will be the beginning of an expansion project for the school that will be completed in the fall of 2006.

The building will include classrooms, art, chemistry, biology and music rooms, and counselors' and administrative offices.

Bids were taken at a public bid opening on March 18 and bids were awarded at a special board meeting on March 20.

The expansion, which is part of a \$40 million levy passed in Blaine County in May 2000, will cost \$4.75 million.

Resort honors discount cards through season end

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley is honoring weekend discount cards every day of the week from now through the end of the season.

The ski resort plans to shut the lifts down April 20.

Lifts run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	94%	90%
Salmon Falls	82%	80%
Salmon	101%	97%
Oakley	81%	83%
Big Wood	92%	87%
Little Wood	96%	92%
Hemlock/Teton	95%	79%
Six Lost	91%	88%
Little Lost	77%	73%

As of April 3
*As reported from snowpack on
**As reported from snowpack on

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Along with approval for a major community project for the arts, the decision to put the project on a 6-acre parcel of land on Rock Creek urban renewal ground received a thumbs-up.

Both the Twin Falls and the Blue Lakes Rotary clubs gave their approval this past week. The decision to locate the proposed Rotary Arts Center's project on the edge of the Rock Creek canyon rim followed a feasibility study conducted by the Magic Valley Arts Council.

The extensive survey determined the area's need for a fine arts center that would complement - but not substitute or compete with - existing facilities.

And while there were alternate locations presented to board of director members of both Rotary clubs, the choice for

Site will be on the edge of Rock Creek canyon rim

the canyon rim site was clear.

"There wasn't one dissenting vote. I'm pleased with the unanimous support for this project," said Twin Falls Rotary President Carl Snow.

Other locations included the Moore Building downtown, as well as a 1.5-acre parcel on the Feed and Ice site in Old Towne at no cost.

And Rotary is not alone in its support of the Rock Creek area.

"It's a great location with great potential," said Historic Old Towne Twin Falls Executive Director Rich Crowley.

And while the Rock Creek site is outside Old Towne, Crowley sees the fine arts center as an opportunity "to develop Old Towne in another direction."

According to the study conducted by Dan Hurlbutt Jr., the use of the proposed

arts center parcel would be a significant step in revitalizing Old Towne - beginning the development of a planned 60-acre park on the Rock Creek canyon rim - while serving the artistic needs of the entire community.

"It's a neat project and I hope it will bear fruit," Hurlbutt said.

"And a park would add nice ambiance for the arts center," said arts council President Ruth Turner.

Plans for the theater include seating for about 150 people. With an outdoor arena, the arts center complex will also include classrooms, practice rooms, a gallery, studios, and office-space for the Magic Valley Arts Council.

Although the project may reach the million-dollar mark, the timing couldn't be better. The completion of the center could

coincide with the Rotary's own centennial celebration in 2005, Snow said.

"It's something that will be attractive and beneficial for generations to come," he added.

With representatives from both Rotary groups, a special project committee will be selected to solicit funds from all appropriate sources, including community clubs, governmental agencies, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the arts council, foundations and the public.

The Rotary has committed \$150,000 over a 3- to 5-year period, and the next order of business will be to hire an architect to design a suitable facility, "assessable to the public," Snow said.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

APRIL SNOW SHOWERS



A layer of snow from a spring storm blankets the panels for sale at the garden center of Kmart in Twin Falls on Thursday. The National Weather Service predicts a 60 percent chance of snow again tonight and a 20 percent chance on Saturday night.

CAFO application draws fire from neighbors

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Neighbors to a proposed 9,999-head feedlot near Declo made it clear Thursday night they don't want a conditional use permit nor a confined animal feeding operation permit issued that would allow the feedlot to be built.

About 90 people jammed themselves into the council chambers at Burley City Hall - including 30 or so who stood through a public hearing that at The Times-News' deadline stretched beyond three hours.

Six of those neighbors spoke, all voicing their opposition to the Alliance Land and Livestock feedlot, each targeting a specific area of concern and each representing the group Cassia County Concerned Citizens.

The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission wouldn't hear comments from anyone unless that person lives within two miles of the proposed feedlot. Several people asked if written comments could be submitted from people with an interest in the development but who live somewhere besides that two-mile radius.

At deadline, the hearing was still under way, and planning commission members hadn't rendered any decisions about the applications nor the written-comment request.

Brent Stoker, a partner in Alliance Land and Livestock argued that the feedlot won't change the general character nor the appearance of the neighborhood. He said the increased neighborly taxes paid by the partners would provide enough money to pay for road maintenance, the operation would not generate any fumes nor pollution, and no habitual odors would be created.

Stoker also said the partners plan to take steps, as suggested by the state's CAFO siting team, to implement "best management practices" to reduce the water risk the team identified as medium to low.

Lynne Brackenbury questioned the lack of a water right by the developers. She reminded the commission that Cassia County Administrator Kerry McDonald had said the county ordinance requires applications for a feedlot to include evidence that a water right has been obtained.

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Sun Valley's Quigley Canyon proves popular

New trail system may be open for second year

By Karen Bossack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The Blaine County Recreation District hopes to offer a second season of cross-country skiing in Quigley Canyon following a successful inaugural year.

Trails Director Shelly Preston said she believes that more than 100 North Valley Trails season passes were sold because of the addition of the 10-kilometer Quigley Canyon loops to the North Valley Trails system.

"The area, which lies on alfalfa fields east of Wood River High School, had to close last month - ahead of schedule as warm temperatures turned the ski

The final days of skiing

Don't put up your skis yet, just because Quigley Canyon has closed for the season. Blaine County Recreation District trails officials hope to groom the trails around Galena Lodge until Sunday, the day the lodge plans to close for the winter season.

tracks to mush and mud. But an average 80 people a day skied Quigley during the peak season, with some week-end seeing more than 100 skiers a day.

Among them, Faus Geiger-Corlett of Bellevue, who bought season passes for herself and her dog Dag for the first time.

"I never felt I had time to go to Galena, other than two or three times a year. But Quigley became a daily habit for me because I could be there in five minutes," said Geiger-Corlett, who works at Blaine Manor in

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Hospital foundation elects directors, officers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - John Kee, chief executive officer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and Lori Ward, a College of Southern Idaho business consultant, are the newest members of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation board of directors.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation has been serving the community since 1978. Its philanthropy projects have purchased medical equipment, developed numerous health care programs, provided scholarships to nursing students and continuing education for staff, and assisted in developing the Cancer Center and a medical library.

Board members Tim Jones of Hayden Beverage, retired Dr. Ben Katz, accountant Bob Valentine and Dr. Jane Scott were reappointed to three-year terms, according to a foundation news release. Norma Blass and

Barbarn McKain retired from the board at the end of last year. Both the hospital and community benefited from their years of service, the news release said.

The board also elected new officers:

- President - Peter Toft, vice president and manager of US Bank Private Client Group.
- Vice president - Patricia Neale, Magic Valley Regional radiology technologist.
- Treasurer - Valentine, certified public accountant.
- Secretary - Katz, retired pediatrician.

- Past president - R.L. "Bud" Williams, retired business owner.

Executive officers at large are Bill Koch Jr., owner and general manager of K & T Steel, and Debbie Hetherington, a partner at McDonald Insurance.

For more information on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, call Executive Director Larry Baxter at 737-2480.

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.



Cole Fleenor
• Age: 19.
• Hometown: Twin Falls.
• Local family: Grandparents Myron and Sandra Schroeder and father John Fleenor, all of Twin Falls, and mother Shellie Snook, formerly of Twin Falls.
• Service and date of enlistment: Army, February 2001.
• Rank and assignment: Pfc. Operations with 3rd Division, 24 Ordnance Co., Iraq.
• Task: Authorizes and distributes ammunition to soldiers and is protecting the supply trains heading toward the front lines.
• Additional information: Married on Jan. 13, a couple weeks before he left.



Joshua VanCasteren
• Age: 20.
• Hometown: Buhl.
• Local family: Parents, Jim and Debbie VanCasteren.
• Service, date of enlistment: Marines, September 2001.
• Rank and assignment: Lance corporal, supply unit, Iraq.
• Task: Supplying fuel and ammunition to the front lines.
• Additional information: Last his parents knew (March 23), he was 50 miles out of Baghdad.

- Compiled by Amie 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 Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharrisa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharrisa@timesnews.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Boise State names president finalists

BOISE (AP) - Boise State University officials on Thursday announced four finalists to succeed outgoing president Charles Ruch. They are:
• Dr. Guy Bailey, provost and vice president for academic affairs, University of Texas at

San Antonio.
• Dr. Brad Bartel, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Florida Gulf Coast University.
• Dr. Robert W. Kustra, former president, Midwestern Higher Education Commission; president, Eastern Kentucky

University; also served as Illinois' lieutenant governor.
• Dr. Perry D. Moore, senior vice president and provost at Wright State University, a doctoral institution of 16,000 students in Dayton, Ohio.
The four candidates are sched-

uled to visit the Boise State campus starting April 12 to meet with faculty, students and community leaders.
More than 80 finalists applied for the post after Ruch last summer announced he would leave the university.

Supreme Court rules? drug warrant valid

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled a search warrant used to arrest a man in a Canyon County drug trafficking case, was valid, after the case had remained in district court.

three confidential informants and the magistrate issued the warrants. But they were not executed in the time allotted and Justice appeared before the court three weeks later, seeking for them to be reissued. He was not separately sworn in, but presented more information, and the warrants were reissued. Evidence was found in the Middleton home, but Nunez asked to suppress it.

The state appealed a 3rd District Court order suppressing the evidence seized through the warrant, which resulted in the arrest of Ignacio Moro Nunez on charges of trafficking in methamphetamine and cocaine possession.

The high court has ruled the warrant was valid, saying a magistrate may reissue one if the expired document met all the constitutional requirements. All the parties at the first hearing were at the second. The justices also said Montoya's entire testimony was obtained under oath.

County Detective Kelly Montoya appeared before a magistrate to obtain two search warrants, one for a Caldwell home and the other for a Middleton residence. Montoya made a sworn testimony based on information from

Hells Canyon increases fees

RIGGINS (AP) - Visitors will have to pay more this year to camp at Idaho Power's Hells Canyon park. Summer rates have increased to \$12 per night for recreational vehicle sites and \$8 per night for

tent sites. The rate hike is their first since 1996. Idaho Power owns three parks in Hells Canyon and offers more than 240 improved camping sites. Each park also has day-use picnic areas.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS



Lacie Jay Rice

Lacie Jay Rice, 16, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away on April 2, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center of Boise sustained in an automobile accident on April 1, 2003.

Lacie was born on December 14, 1986, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Cheryl and David Rice.

Survivors include her mother, Cheryl Rice of Twin Falls, Idaho, her cousin, David Rice of Jerome, Idaho, her wonderful sister, Emily, her brother Steve Mingo, and half sister and brother Alexis and Gavin Rice, grandparents Chuck and Cora Mingo of Twin Falls and Don and Patsy Rice of Buhl. Aunts include Carol Shirley and family of Twin Falls. Uncles include Tim Mingo and Charley Mingo and their families and Aunt and Uncle Doug and Sophia Rice of Buhl. Her cousins include Eric and Eric Shirley, Graeme Mingo, Christopher Whitely and Nicole Whitely.

Lacie attended Kindergarten at Camas in Las Vegas, Nevada and was the first grade teacher at Lincoln School in Twin Falls. In Kimberly, she attended 6th grade through her present grade, which was a sophomore in high school. School Lacie was very involved with her school and her most important thing in the whole world was cheerleading. Cheering during the game was her dream to be a cheerleader and go to Paris. Her family was a big part of her life. Her mom and sister were really close and played a big role in her life. In July she would have entered into a great adventure with the Student Ambassador Program to travel Europe, which she was really looking forward to.

Lacie was famous for her passion for children and, for anyone who had the impression she had on babies and young children, there were no words to explain the love she had for young people. Her dream was to become a Pediatrician and she could be around babies and help them with the things that would make a young child sad, to make them feel better, she would say.

Lacie was a young lady that if you walked into a room, her smile would stand out in the crowd. She was a girl with a glowing personality. Lacie had a lot of dreams and goals in her life and she will be missed by all that knew her. The saying we found in one of her books said, "BE SURE TO ALWAYS SEE THE ROSE IN THE VASE INSTEAD OF THE DUST ON THE TABLE." Lacie, thank you for teaching our lives. You will always be in our hearts.

A celebration of Lacie's life will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2003, at the Kimberly High School gymnasium, with Pastor Mark Gentry of Calvary Chapel in Twin Falls officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 3-8 p.m. Donations in Lacie's memory can be made to the Lacie Rice Memorial Fund set up at D. L. Evans Bank. Donations can be left through funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 11422 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1142.

as a truck driver for Kaico Excavation for 18 years.

He is survived by his son Don Martin (Jill) Whitesell and their children, Brad, Dana and Jacob of Twin Falls; his daughter Cheryl-Ann Whitesell of Richfield; three brothers, Louis (Shirley) Whitesell, David (Dorenda) Whitesell and William (Julie) Whitesell; a sister, Shirley (Dorley) Wickham; and was predeceased in death by his parents, and one brother, Dale Whitesell.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the Richfield LDS Church. Burial will be in the Richfield Cemetery.

Family members and friends may call on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. service time at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Olson of Boise, and Kenneth Olson of Greeley, Colorado.

Her parents, three husbands, John Paxton, Charles Duling and Hugh Mortimer, one son, Lawrence (Larry) Paxton; one infant daughter, a great-grandchild, one brother, Harlan Cantford and one sister, Laura Teas preceded her in death.

Funeral Services for Mildred will be held Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 11 a.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl, Idaho, with the Rev. Mark Johnson officiating. Interment will be held following the services at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call Friday, April 4, 2003 from 4-6 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. The family requests memorials in Mildred's name to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1128 Poplar, Buhl, Idaho. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

MILDRED MORTIMER

Mildred Mortimer, 96, of Buhl, Idaho, went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, while surrounded by her loving family.

Mildred was born June 29, 1906, in Boyd County, Nebraska. She was the 2nd of six children born to Sylvester and Sadie Halverson Canfield. As a young girl in Nebraska, she worked as her father's right hand assistant, performing the many tasks of a farmer on the family farm. She was proud to work right along side her father, and in later years, she had moved memories, which were near, and dear to her. She also treasured the talents of cooking and sewing that her mother had passed on to her. In 1925, she moved to Idaho with her family. After the move, Mildred went to work as a Telephone Operator and dearly loved her job. In January of 1930, she married John Paxton and together they had four children. She farmed with her husband, just south of Buhl in Twin Falls, Idaho. They were later divorced. She married Charles Duling in 1953 in Madras, Oregon, and they resided there in later years. She had moved to Twin Falls in 1969, they moved to Buhl and there, she worked at the Snake River Valley (the late Lloyd Adamson) at Ray's Circle Market in Buhl and Adamson's Arctic Circle. Charles and Mildred had three children, Hugh Mortimer of Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1972 and he passed away in 1987. She resided in her own home until the age of 80 years. She moved then to Woodstone Retirement Center in 1997 for five years and spent her last year at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center. Mildred was a very important part of her life.

She was a wonderful daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Survivors include her son, George (Alma) Paxton of Twin Falls; daughter, Marjorie (Jack) Skinner of Buhl; daughter-in-law, Helen Paxton of Buhl; step daughter, Lucille Henderson of Tulsa, CA; three sisters, Marie Brooks of Roseburg, OR; Dorothy Burke of Twin Falls; and her nephew, William of Portland, OR. Also surviving Mildred are her 10 grandchildren, Karla Pippitt, John, Brent, Jim, Rick Paxton, and the late, Robert of Twin Falls; daughter, Robert Paxton of New Hampshire; Don Paxton of Reno, NV; Marty Paxton of Washington and Michael Adamson of Boise, ID; and 13 great-grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren among these step-grandchildren are Debbie Parker of Buhl, Justina Olson of Buhl, Yvonne

TWIN FALLS



Donna Beth (Whitmore) McMillan

Donna Beth (Whitmore) McMillan, age 69, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho. Donna was born November 11, 1933, in Shoshone, Idaho, to Bill and Beulah Whitmore. White Donna was an infant, the family moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Donna attended St. Edward's Catholic Church and School in Twin Falls. She did not complete high school until her later years when she took a correspondence course and received her Idaho High School Diploma.

Donna moved to Baker, Oregon, and lived there a number of years working as a waitress at a Steak House and also spent a number of years waitressing at other restaurants. After that she returned to the Twin Falls, and Jerome areas where she worked at Cindy's Restaurant south of Jerome near I-84.

This is the woman who met her husband, Harold McMillan. They were married March 27, 1973 in Eiko, Nevada and were together for 29 years until Harold's death. Donna loved the times that she and Harold would go fishing or just driving all around the country in Idaho looking at the beautiful streams and mountains. Survivors include one brother, Harry Whitmore, a sister-in-law, Jean (McMillan) Palmer of Twin Falls; three step-daughters and one step-son. Her father, mother, step-father, two brothers, one sister and her husband, Harold preceded her in death.

Overseas funeral services for Donna will be held Monday, April 7, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Jerome Cemetery in Jerome, Idaho. Cremation and interment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home & Crematory of Twin Falls, Idaho.

In his spare time, Roy enjoyed working in his yard and caring for his plants and was always working towards yard beautification. He also enjoyed spending time with his family members and was always there to lend a helping hand and give support. Survivors include his wife, Nelda, his daughter, Kathleen and his son, Cary (Vicki) four grandchildren, Troy, Brittney, Nicole and Lindsay, two brothers, Wendell (Veda) Adams and James (WVA) and Lyle (Luella) Tadlock of Caldwell, WA; two sisters, Thelma (Wayne) Kennedy of Twin Falls, ID and Glenda (Loretta) Baker of Boise, ID; and many nieces and nephews. His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral Services for Roy will be

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held Friday, April 4, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation was held Thursday, April 3, 2003, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.



Shirley McCrory Ahnsted

Shirley McCrory Ahnsted Wood of Gooding, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial at 3 p.m. today at the Parkview Cemetery in New Plymouth (Demaray's Gooding Chapel, Gooding).

LeRoy Elvin 'Roy' Tadlock of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. today 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.

Don McNitt of Caldwell, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

Kevin Eugene Radabaugh of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; 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

Pauline Busmann Buhl - Pauline Busmann, 79, of Buhl died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center.

Arrangements will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

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

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert with Pastor David Rowey officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

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

SERVICES

Harold L. Kidd of Twin Falls, second service at 1 p.m. today at the Lambert Funeral Home in Roseville, Calif; burial to follow at the Rocklin Cemetery in Rocklin, Calif.

Marvin Gene Fallon of Jerome and formerly of Boise, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Funerary Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome.

Harvey E. 'Pete' Austin of Kimberly, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Marjorie E. Gale of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St. Burley; burial will be in Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Saturday at the funeral home.

Mildred Mortimer of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl. Interment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Anita M. Clark of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ammon LDS 6th Ward, 2945 Selway; the family will meet with friends for one hour before the service; burial will be in Ammon Cemetery (Wood Funeral Home, Idaho Falls).

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RICHFIELD

Martin Van Whitesell Martin Van Whitesell, 62, a Richfield resident, died Tuesday, April 2, 2003, at his residence.

Martin was born on Nov. 17, 1940, in Ely, Nevada, the son of Francis Martin and Grace Eloise Heller Whitesell. He moved to Idaho at the age of 12 and spent most of his life in Richfield. He married Deloris Chapman on August 4, 1963, in Shoshone. They had three children, Thad Martin and Cheryl Ann Whitesell. Martin worked

as a truck driver for Kaico Excavation for 18 years.

He is survived by his son Don Martin (Jill) Whitesell and their children, Brad, Dana and Jacob of Twin Falls; his daughter Cheryl-Ann Whitesell of Richfield; three brothers, Louis (Shirley) Whitesell, David (Dorenda) Whitesell and William (Julie) Whitesell; a sister, Shirley (Dorley) Wickham; and was predeceased in death by his parents, and one brother, Dale Whitesell.

Funeral Services for Roy will be

held Friday, April 4, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will be held following services at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation was held Thursday, April 3, 2003, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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School board looks at test scores

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

PAUL — Staff at West Minico Middle School — the only secondary school in the Minidoka County School District — are glad they did.

Not because test scores are soaring — in fact, in two grades scores declined — but now teachers and staff are doing something about it, determined that scores will not slip again.

Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills went over West Minico test scores at a board meeting Thursday night.

The good news was in the sixth-grade scores. Winter scores showed sixth-graders have already exceeded whatever they were projected to be on spring tests in reading, language and math.

Math scores rose the most; West Minico sixth-graders' beginning score of 210.2, which is below Northwest Evaluation Association expectations, and was expected to rise to 216.9 by spring. At the winter benchmarks scores had already risen to 217.8, Mills said.

These scores reflect the entire student body, Mills noted, including special ed, migrant and limited-English-proficiency students.

The bad news came in the seventh- and eighth-grade scores. In all but one instance, scores came the expected growth, which is already below education



Eighth graders Jeric Staley, left, and Cody Dodge work on a piece of the pool table they are making in wood shop class at West Minico Middle School. Elective classes were a topic at the Minidoka County School Board meeting Thursday.

association standards.

These are concerns, Mills said. Seventh-grade reading scores dropped the most. Fall scores gave West Minico a starting point of 211.4, with expectations of rising to 215.9 by spring. The winter benchmark put West Minico at 210.8, below where it started.

Mills said the staff has seen the test scores and decided to remedy the problems. In just the month since the staff saw the test scores, atmosphere has changed at the school.

West Minico may be a step

ahead of other secondary schools because it took the winter test and can make changes now, Mills said. East Minico Middle School and Minico High School will take the test in April and compare those to fall scores, rather than having the winter benchmarks.

Middle School Coordinator Sandra Miller said teachers are hitting the basics harder. It's a schoolwide effort and includes teachers who teach elective courses. There is a focus on learning; no time is wasted.

Teachers have met with students individually to discuss the

test, scores and goals for the spring testing, Miller said. Students understand more about the test and soon parents will, too. Communication with parents is a goal for the next school year, but it will start now.

Students are more interested in the test and achieving, Principal Steve Hubsmith said.

Teacher Sheryl May said students are becoming more accountable right along with teachers. Students who could never find a pencil before seem to have found one now and are more dedicated to learning.

May voiced her thanks to the board for providing a summer school for students who need extra help but said even extra-teeth-in-summer-school — requiring it for some students — may be needed.

Teachers broke into applause when board member Green Copeland alluded to requiring students to meet certain standards before allowing them to move to the high school.

Along with test scores and other reports, the board also saw a video created by four middle school students talking about the importance of elective classes. It introduced several elective class teachers talking about why they teach.

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Strong winds and intermittent snow and rain didn't deter Mykayla Anderson from brushing her horse, 'Tally,' Wednesday. The 5-year-old Malta girl spent a couple of hours on the walk this week.

High court upholds water notice procedures

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the validity of the notice procedures being used in the Snake River Basin water rights adjudication.

The high court unanimously rejected the claim of LU Ranching in southwestern Idaho that the written notice was not sufficient to make it aware of the Bureau of Land Management's challenge to its 17 claims for stock water rights.

The ranch argued that since its claims were known, only personal service of details of the dispute protected its constitutional rights to due process.

The ranch contended that even if that were not the case, its failure to fight the challenge should be viewed as an excusable mistake.

But Justice Gerald Schroeder, writing for the court, concluded that because of the number of water rights involved in the adju-

dication — more than 150,000 — concluded that personal service would be too impractical.

"Despite claims that following the procedures in the SRBA would require a Herculean effort, LU Ranching was able to recognize the conflicts and get notice of the objections to its water claims once it actually looked at the Director's Report," Schroeder wrote.

"LU Ranching simply looked too late," he said. "It's difficulties

arise from a lack of timely attention, not inadequacy of notice."

In a second case, the high court unanimously upheld the award of interest on \$200,000 in interest on the purchase of a Mountain Home car dealership by Boise dealer Dennis Dillon.

The unanimous court said Dillon was entitled to interest on the money the Mountain Home dealer owed him the deal because provisions of the original contract were breached.

Judge sets hearing in embezzlement case

BURLEY — Preliminary hearings for three Malta residents charged with multiple thefts from the Raft River Fire Protection District are scheduled for April 18 in magistrate court in Cassia County.

Dell Carlson, Betty Carlson and Dustin Carlson are accused of improperly using credit cards and checks issued to the fire district for their personal expenses.

Betty Carlson is charged with eight counts of grand theft by unauthorized control, one count of fraudulent use of a financial transaction card, one count of grand theft and one count of grand theft of a financial transaction card. Dell Carlson is charged with one count of grand theft of a financial transaction card and one count of grand theft. Dustin Carlson faces the same three charges as Dell Carlson.

Burley woman pleads guilty in child injury case

BURLEY — Burley resident Bessie Radaubaugh is scheduled to be sentenced in 5th District Court in Cassia County May 8 on a charge of felony injury to a child.

Radaubaugh, 25, pleaded guilty

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to the charge on March 20. She's reached a plea agreement with Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus that Barrus will recommend to the judge she receive a suspended prison sentence of two to seven years, serve 30 days in jail and be on probation for three years.

Part of the agreement came about because she changed her plea to guilty to a charge of grand possession filed against her by Barrus last year.

Radaubaugh is accused of leaving methamphetamine somewhere in her house where her 18-month-old daughter was able to get to the drug. The child ingested methamphetamine and was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center March 2 for treatment, according to court records.

At the time of her arrest, Radaubaugh admitted to a sheriff's deputy that she uses methamphetamine and had smoked the drug the day her daughter ingested it, court records said.

The felony injury to a child charge carries a maximum possible penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

— compiled from staff reports

Professors perfect sensors to detect nerve agents

BOISE (AP) — Researchers at Boise State University are perfecting sensors which can warn soldiers of the presence of poisonous gas or detect nuclear weapons production before the bombs are used.

The U.S. Department of Energy provided a three-year \$600,000 grant for the research. The grant aims to improve the nation's ability to monitor nuclear proliferation around the world.

In November, Congress approved \$1 million in funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Boise State to develop multipurpose sensors that can detect harmful chemicals.

"We discovered that in trying to sense chemicals in the environ-

ment, we could also sense nerve warfare agents," electrical engineering professor Joe Hartman said Thursday. "The same thing that looks at the environment looks at compounds like sarin gas."

The professors and their students are perfecting devices which are one-thousandth the size of current equipment and one-hundredth the cost.

They can sense a number of chemicals. The microprocessor in the sensor then sends a signal to a satellite and officials halfway across the world are alerted via the internet.

Such sensors are currently being used by airports to detect certain materials such as explosives, but they are large and expensive. Hartman said

researchers would like to cut the cost.

"Let's make these dirt-cheap so we can put more around. It cuts down on false alarms," he said.

Civil engineering professor Molly Grub designed the casing for the sensor and electrical engineering professor Jeff Hensing is designing the solid-state circuitry. They are currently testing the various components.

Chemistry professor Dale Russell has developed a polymer coating which is the sensor. The coating "traps" molecules of target materials such as uranium, plutonium and triggers an alert.

The sensor could be dropped from an airplane into a wastewater holding tank on the ground, where it would quickly detect whether nuclear materials

are present in the water and send the information to officials.

"During the Gulf War, the Iraqis claimed we had bombed a baby-milk factory," Russell said. "We could use these devices in our wastewater and could tell if they were using radioactive materials. If they were, it wouldn't be a baby-milk factory."

Russell ran a field trial on the sensor at the Department of Energy's Nevada test site in May. She said the first production of the devices is about a year away.

That application builds on the university's ongoing research to develop miniaturized sensors to detect contamination moving through the soil, such as radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Judge: Suspect in arson case must stand trial

HEBER, Utah (AP) — Fourth District Judge Donald Eyre will wait two weeks before deciding if Mazhar Tabesh must stand trial for a fire at his Alpine Lodge last July.

Tabesh, 39, is charged with a first-degree felony for aggravated arson in connection with a fire at the motel the night of July 21.

Tabesh, a Pakistani Muslim, claims that the fire is a hate crime and that his arrest — on Sept. 11, 2002 — was motivated by racism.

At a preliminary hearing Wednesday, defense attorney Ron Yengich said there is not enough evidence against Tabesh to try him for the arson that caused \$100,000 in damage.

Fire investigators said the fire

was started with gasoline, yet police could not smell gasoline on Tabesh at the scene, Yengich said.

Yengich also said that police did not aggressively pursue the man Tabesh claimed set the fire — a white, bearded male wearing a gray T-shirt who civilian witnesses said was standing on a roof across the street from the motel.

Deputy Wasatch County Attorney Thomas Low said more than \$450,000 in debt owed on the motel was involved for Tabesh to torch the lodge in the area. He was losing an average of \$5,900 per month on the 22-room motel that rented rooms from \$36 to \$59 per night.

Burke Winget, a former volunteer firefighter who saw smoke while driving by, was first on the scene.

Winget said he had to tell Tabesh twice to call 911.

Smoke detectors in the unoccupied burned rooms were disconnected, and Low argued that Tabesh was the only person who would have known which rooms were empty that night.

Officials also found a 1600-watt power in one of the rooms with Tabesh's fingerprints on it, Low said.

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Smart cousin's father says her younger sister was real target of kidnapping plot

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An alleged kidnapping plot by Elizabeth Smart's abductors was aimed not at her 18-year-old cousin Jessica Wright, but at Jessica's younger sister, the girls' father told The Associated Press Thursday.

Prosecutors have charged David Brian Mitchell with attempted aggravated kidnapping and alleged that he cut the screen on Jessica Wright's bedroom window during the break-in in July 24.

But they now confirm what father Steven Wright said he has known since that night: Any connection to the Smart's would

come through Wright's younger daughter, a favorite playmate of Elizabeth's who is her age, 15.

Police and prosecutors have intimated that Jessica Wright was Mitchell's intended victim. On Thursday, Salt Lake County District Attorney David Yocum acknowledged the discrepancy.

"We have alleged there was a minor child between 14 and 18," Yocum said. "Because the press got it wrong doesn't mean that we have to go out and correct it."

Yocum has said it appeared Mitchell tried to kidnap Wright's daughter to be his plural wife.

Mitchell claims in his manifesto that polygamy is commanded by God.

Elizabeth had Mitchell and his wife and alleged co-kidnapper Wanda Barzee to the Wright home, Yocum said.

"They received the name from Elizabeth and the location," he said March 18, the day his office filed charges against Mitchell and Barzee.

Jessica Wright and her younger sister shared a bedroom before Elizabeth disappeared, he said March 18, the day his office filed charges against Mitchell and Barzee.

Steven Wright said the Wrights later remedied their home, and the younger girl moved to another room.

CAFO

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Stoker argued that he can't apply for a water right unless he owns the land, and he doesn't want to buy the land if the county isn't going to issue him a permit.

Brackley also pointed out that an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality nitrate study shows many water wells near the proposed feedlot tested at levels above the state level that indicates action must be taken to avoid further contamination of those wells.

Charlotte Armstrong also discussed water pollution that has caused water in the area to be unusable for many of the people who live near the proposed development site.

have relatively shallow drinking water wells and many of those wells pull water from a contaminated aquifer.

Armstrong is worried the feedlot could use so much water that people have to drill into a lower aquifer, and that could lead to water from the higher aquifer leaching into the clean aquifer.

Sandy Malby warned that the feedlot won't improve the quality of life for people who live in the area. The area is developing faster than many parts of Cassia County, she said.

"The neighbors aren't against agriculture, Malloy said, but county officials have allowed all of

them to build homes in an agricultural zone, and homeowners are now just trying to protect their way of life."

Debra Matesen spoke against the feedlot, urging the commission to deny the application.

In the four minutes the commission allotted her to speak, Matesen focused on roads. She said 950 East is a connector road with limited visibility. The increased traffic from the feedlot will make travel on that road "more hazardous," she said.

Terry Kidd said there are plenty of places in Cassia County where a feedlot would be appropriate, but this neighborhood isn't one.

Canyon

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Haley. "I could really get a good workout in 45 minutes and it seemed there were always people using it — I saw new people every day."

Both Geiger and Preston said they saw many people who were new to cross-country skiing on the gentle rolling trails. Among them, a couple of women in their 70s and 80s.

Nordic Ski Coach Rick Kapala, who used the area as a training area for the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, said he had hoped for 15 to 20 new kids

because of the proximity of the trails to Heley and Bellevue and got 18. There's no reason the ski team couldn't attract as many as 30 kids or more next year as the world gets out, he added.

A Nordic Master Program and ski clinics held at Quigley were also well attended throughout the season.

Kapala said periodic rain and the lack of snowpack this year made it challenging to groom the Quigley Canyon ski trails. But there's no reason the season couldn't be extended another three to four weeks with the

area opening sooner and closing later in a good snow year.

The biggest questions now, Kapala said, are whether the public is willing to step up to the plate to show its continuing support for the ski trails and whether the landowners feel they would like to continue to allow their property to be used for that purpose.

The ski trails were grounded on a one-year trial basis under an agreement with the owners of Quigley Canyon Ranch, who hope to eventually develop the area as a golf course.

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Kempthorne vetoes highway budget

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Thursday vetoed the state's transportation department budget because lawmakers stripped it of financial flexibility.



deprives the department of the ability to spend the cash if it materializes on road projects...

Republican Sen. Shawn Keough, of Sandpoint, investigated the cap, saying it brought authorized spending more in line with the actual revenue being generated.

Authorizing spending at excessive levels, she argued, creates expectations that certain road projects will be completed when there is no money for them.

support for key programs including drinking water systems, irrigation and water quality.

He called the \$41.3 million appropriation a challenge because "it contains significant cuts to programs that are important to the state but does not fall within the realm of cutting essential services."

The House is expected to act on a major tax increase package early next week that is being seen as the basis for a final compromise between the Republican legislative majority and the GOP governor on spending for the fiscal year that begins in July.

Legislature OKs bill to bolster court finances

BOISE (AP) - Legislation bolstering the financial stability of the state court system won final legislative approval on Thursday, including what amounts to the first tax increase of the 2003 session.

While the wrangling continues over a much more expansive tax package that includes an increased sales tax and higher so-called sin taxes on beer, wine and cigarettes, the Senate was unanimous in ordering a 2 percent increase in liquor prices.

The bill to finance drug and family court service initiatives now goes to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

money a person still owes in fines, fees, court costs, restitution or probation compensation payments had another bill allowing those fees to be sold at its the stores it owns or contracts with, advocates agreed that the bill simply results in an overall 2 percent increase in the total shelf price of liquor.

The \$1.5 million raised for drug courts and family court services enables lawmakers to ease the pressure on the general treasury.

Senate kills key piece of proposed settlement plan

BOISE (AP) - A key piece of legislation to settle the 13-year-old lawsuit against the state for inadequate funding of school building construction was easily killed on Thursday by the state Senate.

A constitutional amendment to reduce the two-thirds majority required for voter approval of school district construction bonds to 60 percent got only 18 of the 35 Senate votes.

But even if it could have overcome opposition in the Senate, supporters had already conceded it was doomed in the House.

The property owner needs protection," said Republican Sen. Mel Richardson, of Idaho Falls. "The 66 and two-thirds percentage has worked. If there's a need, the people in that district will respond."

How they voted

Here is the 18-16 roll call vote on Thursday by which the Senate failed to agree to submit to voters a constitutional amendment lowering the majority for passing a school construction bond from two-thirds to 60 percent.

They supported lowering the supermajority.

They do owe it to voters to put it before them," said GOP Sen. John Goedde, of Coeur d'Alene.

Ingram, Keough, Noh, Schroeder, Sorensen and Stegner, Democrats for (7) - Burkett, Calabretta, Kenney, Malapaei, Miller, Sinnott and Wright, Republicans against (8) - Androsson, Bailey, Brandt, Burtenshaw, Cameron, Darrington, Goddes, Hill, Little, Loogo, McKeenize, Noble, Pearce, Richardson, Sweet and Williams.

Democrats against - None. Republicans absent (1) - McWilliams.

demanding the state provide financial assistance in school construction. The districts won a decision two years ago overturning the method for financing construction and requiring the Legislature ensure schools are a safe.

to the Legislature's lack of action in response to her ruling.

Former Supreme Court Justice Robert Hundley, who represents the living school districts, has said he will escalate the courtroom battle if lawmakers fail this year to resolve any of the school building safety issues.

A second component of the task force's settlement package was killed by House tax writers earlier this week. It would have provided emergency taxing authority for schools faced with imminent safety problems.

The other pieces will likely fare no better because of their cost.

One would increase state subsidies for interest paid on school construction bonds and the other creates a \$40 million maintenance fund for school buildings.

Convicted killer pleads innocent to more murder charges

SEATTLE (AP) - Gary Ridgway pleaded innocent to three additional murder charges Thursday, nearly a year and a half after he was jailed for four of the 49 Green River serial killings.

The latest aggravated first-degree murder charges were filed last week after prosecutors alleged that microscopic paint dust found on the clothing of three women - Wendy Lee Coffield, 16; Debra Bonner, 23; and Debra Estes, 15 - tied Ridgway to them.

Standing next to Ridgway at his arraignment in King County Superior Court, defense attorney

Anthony Savage entered the pleas as the counts were read one by one.

Ridgway, 54 and a former commercial truck painter from Auburn, was arrested Nov. 30, 2001, when investigators said DNA and other evidence linked him to the deaths of four Green River killings victims: Opal Mills, 16; Cynthia Hinds, 17; Marcia Chapman, 31; and Carol Ann Christensen, 21.

If convicted, he would face either life in prison or the death penalty.

Most of the women believed to have died at the hands of the

Green River killer were prostitutes killed in the early 1980s. The first several victims were left in or near the Green River south of Seattle.

The body of Coffield, who disappeared from Tacoma, was the first one found in the serial slaying case. Her body was pulled from the Green River on July 15, 1982. Bonner was found dead in the river Aug. 12, 1982. Estes was last seen Sept. 20, 1982. Her body was found more than five years later, on May 30, 1988, in Federal Way, a south Seattle suburb.

Forensics tests show that tiny spheres of paint in a pair of jeans

knotted around Coffield's neck and on a shirt found with Estes' remains link them to Ridgway. Prosecutors have said circumstantial evidence led to the murder charge in Bonner's death, but they refused to disclose exactly what the evidence is.

Investigators said the chemical composition of the paint particles matches that of the paint type used by Kenworth Truck Co., where Ridgway worked for more than 30 years. They characterized the paint as "highly specialized, high-end coating" and said few other companies were using it in the early 1980s.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

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Vetoed by Governor

S1159 (Finance) - Allocates \$423.9 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Transportation.

Signed by Governor

S1155 (Finance) - Allocates \$41.3 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Department of Environmental Quality. S1093 (Judiciary and Rules) - Revises judicial enforcement of foreign domestic violence protection order.

Killed in Senate

SJR101 (State Affairs) - Amends the constitution to lower the two-thirds majority for school bond approval to 60 percent in certain elections.

Sent to Governor

S1115 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies the status of payments under support decrees that are owing at the time decrees are made to modify the decrees. H336 (Ways and Means) - Allows judges discretion not to accept alcohol treatment programs on certain DUI convictions.

H337 (Ways and Means) - Allows county clerks to accept credit or debit card payments for fees, fines and court costs.

H338 (Ways and Means) - Allows the tax commission to intercept taxpayer refunds to pay late fines, fees, court costs or restitution ordered by a court.

H335 (Ways and Means) - Authorizes waiver of substance abuse evaluations in certain drug cases.

H369 (Ways and Means) - Slaps a 2 percent surcharge on liquor.

H358 (State Affairs) - Modifies the state's master settlement agreement in the tobacco lawsuit to close a loophole.

Confirmed by Senate

Laid Stone, Twin Falls, is the Idaho State Board of Education.

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HJM10 (Ways and Means) - Urges congressional action to preserve access

to backcountry air strips.

H404 (Revenue and Taxation) - Increases in House. H405 (Revenue and Taxation) - Imposes a penny a bottle tax on soft drinks.

H406 (Revenue and Taxation) - Authorizes up to a half cent county option sales tax.

H407 (Revenue and Taxation) - Increases the requirements to meet in dissolving a hospital district.

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Prosecution mocks Longo's testimony in closing arguments

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Christian Longo — who admits killing his wife and youngest daughter but denies killing his two older children — is so accused to lying that he concocted a story blaming his wife for two of the deaths, a prosecutor said Tuesday in closing arguments.

Prosecutors accuse Longo of murdering his wife and all three children.

Longo testified earlier this week that he strangled his wife, Mary Jane, in a fit of rage after she killed the couple's two older children and severely injured the youngest.

He said he then killed the youngest, 2-year-old Madison, when he realized she was still breathing. Longo testified he then drove around the Newport area searching for his other children — Zachery, 4, and Sadie, 3 — on Dec. 18, 2001, stopping at 8 a.m. to visit a Starbucks coffee shop.

Lincoln County District Attorney Paullette Sanders on Thursday mocked Longo's testimony.

"Basically, he's killed his wife without knowing where his children are. That is the story he's telling to you," she said. "When he finds Madison, she's still breathing. The only child he can find is still breathing. So he chokes her."

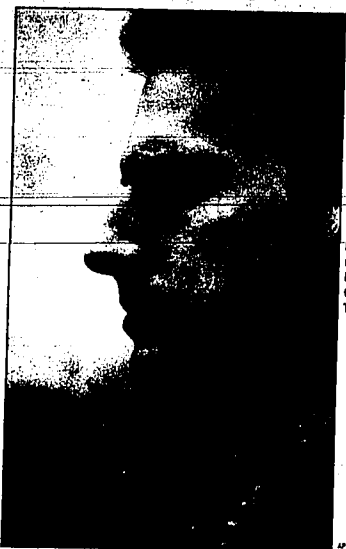
"He has just strangled his wife with his bare hands, and his little girl, his last surviving child he knows of. He goes for coffee," Sanders said.

Sanders walked the jury through numerous lies and petty crimes which Longo has already admitted.

He lied and lied repeatedly — to his wife, to his parents, to the elders of his church, to his old friends, to his new friends here in Newport. He lied to the police. Now he's lying to you," Sanders said.

Longo's court-appointed attorney, Steven Krasik, was scheduled to make closing arguments for the defense Thursday afternoon.

Sanders read from a police interrogation report after Longo's arrest, where the 29-year-old former owner of a Michigan contracting business



Christian Longo listens to prosecutor Paullette Sanders deliver closing arguments in Newport, Ore., Thursday.

old Lincoln County sheriff deceives the cause of death "is not a mystery, it's relatively simple."

In testimony this week, Longo said he did not know how his older two children died.

"Never once did he say, 'I don't know what happened to my children, can you tell me where they are?'" Sanders said.

Sanders discounted Longo's claim that Mary Jane threw her children into Lint Sleigh from a highway bridge, while they were still alive, wrapped in comforters with rocks around their ankles.

The children would have been "kicking and screaming," leaving scratches or bruises, she said.

"Nobody wants to believe they went into the water alive," she said.

The rocks and Zachery's body bundled together weighed about 85 pounds, she said. Sanders said that would be a heavy lift for a 5-foot-3 woman who weighed 110 pounds.

Sanders described Longo as a cold-hearted young man with a taste for fine wine and new-model SUVs the family could not afford.

All four bodies were found stuffed in suitcases and comforters and dumped in two shallow bays on the Oregon coast.

Longo fled to Mexico after the slayings, where an FBI agent caught him three weeks later at a beach resort in Tulum. Longo had partied and smoked, and was engaged in a romantic tryst with a German tourist.

"Within three weeks, he's got a new girlfriend, a new place and a new story," Sanders said.

Patton, are accused of shooting AIM activist Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash during a kidnapping in December 1975 near Wanblee, S.D.

Looking Cloud pleaded innocent to first-degree murder on Monday. Graham has not been arrested.

Pictou-Aquash's frozen body was found on South Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation in February 1976. The 39-year-old woman, who had been shot in the head, had disappeared from a Denver home several months earlier.

Looking Cloud, 49, smiled at nine relatives and friends who attended the brief hearing in U.S. District Court.

Looking Cloud and John Graham, also known as John Boy

First shipments from new INEEL facility leave, meeting schedule

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The first shipments have been made from the government's new waste processing facility, keeping the Energy Department on its cleanup schedule laid out in its 1995 agreement with the state.

Two casks containing an unspecified number of barrels of plutonium-contaminated waste were shipped to the underground federal dump in New Mexico this week.

The waste, some of it tainted with other hazardous substances, is the first processed in the facility that was constructed by BNFL Inc. for more than \$400 million. The plant will sort, repack and compress the material for

shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

It had to be operating by last Monday, but BNFL received government approval the week before the final deadline. Had the deadline been missed, the state could have gone back to court to block any new waste shipments into the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, disrupting federal nuclear waste management nationwide.

During the next two months, the contractor will recover about 54,000 cubic meters of radioactive waste from under a few feet of dirt. The material has been there for at least 30 years, since being dumped on eastern Idaho's

high desert during the Cold War. The Energy Department has until 2010 to remove 65,000 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated waste stored above ground at INEEL, and earlier this week a federal judge added another 62,000 cubic meters of buried waste to that requirement.

Federal officials had said they would have the aboveground material — the barrels BNFL will be recovering in the coming weeks — removed by the end of 2012. There has been no indication yet how the federal court ruling will affect that schedule.

More than 2,000 cubic meters of waste was shipped from INEEL to New Mexico last year.

State exempts alternative energy users from fee

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California regulators have excluded users of solar, wind and all other forms of independently produced power from shouldering a share of the long-term costs associated with the state's energy crisis two years ago.

The Public Utilities Commission voted 3-2 Thursday against imposing surcharges on homeowners and businesses that generate their own electricity. Although the proposed fees would have only applied to customers who adopted alternative energy sources after January 2001, critics said it would make solar and wind-driven technologies even more economically unviable.

"We continue to face, to varying degrees, an energy crisis, and

it is a crisis of investment," Michael Paeyer, the commission's president, said in explaining his opposition to the plan. "The investment a customer makes in self-generation can substitute for utility generation."

Supported by utility consumer groups, the surcharge was designed to spread among a large group of people the pain of repaying the billions of dollars in debt the state assumed to ensure steady power supplies at the peak of its 2000-2001 energy crisis. The fee's proceeds also would be used to pay for bonds and contracts that utility companies negotiated before the crisis.

Although the entire commission agreed that consumers who incurred the cost of installing solar panels and other

nonpolluting devices deserved to be relieved from so-called "exit fees," they disagreed on how far to carry the exemption.

One else has to make up. There is no free ride here," Freedman said.

Police arrest man for taking photo in bathroom

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — A 33-year-old Layton man was arrested after a mall customer said someone snapped his picture while he was in a bathroom stall.

Police Lt. Quinn Moyes said the 29-year-old man said he was in a Layton Hills mall when he saw Tuesday with the door closed when a camera appeared over the top and a photo was snapped.

The man quickly left the restroom, spotted a man carrying a camera, confronted him and mentioned to a mall security guard.

Based on information obtained, it appears his intent was to sell the photo on the Internet," Moyes said.

Moyes said Charles Reese Nebeker appeared in 2nd District Court in Layton Wednesday on a misdemeanor lewdness charge. Nebeker also was arrested on three outstanding unrelated warrants.

"Because of the increase in voyeurism photos and videos on the Internet, the Legislature enacted a measure making it a misdemeanor to secretly view, using any type of electronic device or camera, any area of the body that someone has a reasonable expectation to have privacy in."

The new law goes into effect May 4.

Denver-area man will be extradited for slaying trial

DENVER (AP) — A federal magistrate on Thursday ordered a homeless man to be extradited to South Dakota to stand trial in the slaying of an American Indian Movement activist nearly 30 years ago.

Arlo Looking Cloud will be held without bond pending the transfer, which could take up to two weeks.

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Looking Cloud and John Graham, also known as John Boy

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Feds to release full supply of water to Klamath irrigators

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — Irrigators in the Klamath River Basin this week started receiving what will likely be a full allotment of water for this summer despite dry conditions that could leave little for the region's protected fish species.

Last year, a die-off killed more than 33,000 salmon in the lower Klamath River — nearly a quarter of the projected fall run in the river flowing from south central Oregon through northwest California.

California wildlife officials, environmentalists, fishermen and Indian tribes blamed low water levels for the die-off.

Federal water managers, concerned about water levels for fish, have asked a federal judge for permission to send extra water down the Trinity River of Northern California, if necessary, to offset low flows from the Klamath Basin.

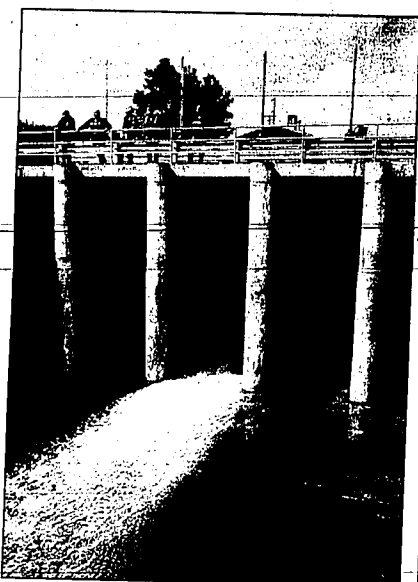
Both the Trinity and the Klamath basins carry water into the Klamath River where the fish kill occurred. Flows from the Trinity, however, have been limited by a court order that protects diversions to farms in California's Central Valley.

Officials of the Bureau of Reclamation said flexibility to release more water into the Trinity would help them head off another fish kill, while a series of other measures would let them fulfill the water needs of Klamath farmers and protected suckers and coho salmon.

But conservation and fishing groups and American Indian tribes will argue at an April 29 court hearing in Oakland, Calif., that the federal approach does not supply enough water for fish in a year when the Klamath Basin's water supply stands at scarcely half its normal amount.

If the federal judge agrees and mandates more water for fish in a decision expected by early May, it could force officials to cut deliveries to farmers. A similar decision to reserve water for threatened and endangered fish in 2001 left farmers in the federal Klamath Project with little irrigation water.

The conservation groups warned the Bush administration in a letter Friday that it should



Water flows through one of the six new headgates on the A Canal in Klamath Falls, Ore., Tuesday. Contractors opened the headgates, meeting a deadline set by the Bureau of Reclamation in order to allow irrigation to begin on schedule in the Klamath Project.

not promise farmers water this year while the outcome of the lawsuit remains uncertain.

Water officials expect to classify this year as "dry," a category that carries specific water demands for endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River.

Despite the conflict, the Upper Klamath Lake holds more water in reserve now than it did last year, so more will be available later in the season. Also, recent

storms have left the ground damp, so farmers will not need as much water to prepare their fields in the spring, said Reclamation spokesman Jeff McCracken.

Reclamation officials have also created a water "bank" by agreeing to pay some project farmers not to irrigate their land and buying well water from others. That will free up close to 60,000 acre feet of water — about 15 percent of the Klamath Project's average need — making it available for other purposes.

Mormons ready for conference

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church is expecting tens of thousands of members to attend its 173rd General Conference Saturday and Sunday.

The semiannual event will be held in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Conference Center in downtown Salt Lake City, where the church is headquartered.

On Saturday, there will be two general sessions beginning at 10 a.m. and an evening session for young men only. On Sunday, there will be a morning and afternoon session beginning at 9:30.

For the first time, conference-goers will have to go through a security magnetometer before entering the building.

During the 2002 Olympics, magnetometers were set up at entrances. At last weekend's young women's conference, the metal detectors also were used for the first time. "It's just a prudent safety precaution," said church spokeswoman Kim Farah.

The city so far has issued two "free expression" permits for the sidewalks near the conference building and grounds.

Church officials requested permits for about 30 missionaries to proselytize from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The city hasn't received permit requests for the Main Street plaza.

Free speech on the plaza has been a source of contention since April 1999, when then-Mayor Deedee Corradini and Mormon church President Gordon B. Hinckley announced the church had purchased the one-block stretch of Main Street for \$8.1 million.

A lawsuit over church plans to limit speech and behavior led to the Oct. 9 ruling from the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the city couldn't allow the church to enforce its restrictions. The city, the court ruled, was required to uphold 1st Amendment constitutional free-speech protections.

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Group seeks grazing cancelations in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An environmental group has asked a federal court to cancel 149 grazing permits on 1.5 million acres in northern Utah.

The action filed in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City Wednesday by the Idaho-based Western Watersheds Project challenges grazing permits on Bureau of Land Management property in Tooele, Rich and Box Elder counties.

"The science is in, and it is clear: Grazing in arid places such as Utah takes a heavy environmental toll," said John Carter, an ecologist for the group in Utah. "Cows destroy streams, grasses and soils. This destruction harms all manner of wildlife."

Western Watersheds started fighting the northern Utah grazing permits administratively two years ago, saying that the BLM did too little to assess the damage from grazing before awarding the 10-year allotments. The Interior Board of Land Appeals rejected that claim.

The group pursued its claim in a federal court suit last spring that asked that the BLM be required to do an environmental impact statement on the impact of grazing on the 1.5 million acres. The ranchers and their attorney

had not seen the latest legal brief, but they denied that the BLM had made a bad decision in allowing the grazing. "Well-managed livestock grazing is good for the land," said Ken Brown, one of about 75 affected ranchers.

He said the \$40,000 in legal fees the ranchers have spent on the case so far would have been better spent on range management.

Attorney Karen Budd Falen of Cheyenne, Wyo., who represents the ranchers, said her clients will

fight the attack on their grazing permits and will ask that the ranchers be allowed to continue using the allotments while the issue remains in dispute. "The claim that livestock grazing is turning northern Utah into the face of the moon is just not true."

BLM spokesman Don Banks said suits like Western Watersheds' present agency staff from being on the ground managing range because they are forced to shuffle lawsuit paperwork at their desks.

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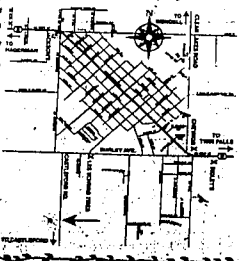
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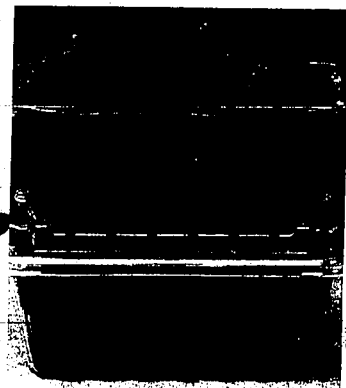
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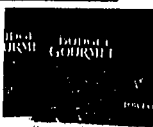


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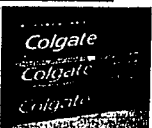


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Bon Jovi, backed by the Goo-Goo Dolls, will perform at Salt Lake City's Delta Center Saturday night.

Diva

Pop/folk/rock chanteuse Tori Amos will serenade the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University Sunday night.

American follies

The Friends of CSI Players will take their recent production of Adam Long Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's "Complete History of America (Abridged)" on the road Thursday to the Wood River High School auditorium in Hayley.

Harmonic

A benefit concert featuring band students from Twin Falls elementary schools, Jive, the Twin Falls High School concert vocal ensemble, the College of Southern Idaho Madrigals and the CSI MLadies will be held Saturday night in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, with proceeds going to Twin Falls Elementary Orchestra Program and the CSI chapter of the Music Educators National Conference.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on C3-5, and C7.

Fast-rising Extension Chords headline 35th Snake River Flat showcase

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Think you love four-part harmony? Compared with Keith Ramsey, you're a piker.

"Our group gets together on Mother's Day and sings in 60 different homes, starting in the Basin and ending up north of Rupert," said Ramsey, tenor and senior member of the Extension Chords, the headline act in this weekend's Snake River Flats barber-shop harmony showcase.

"That's 140 songs, over 250 miles and 14 hours.

"But we don't need an excuse to sing. We'll sing anywhere."

The Extension Chords, a triennial ranked fourth among barber-shop quartets in the Rocky Mountain Region, are fond of sitting down in a restaurant, asking permission of the proprietor, and



Keith Ramsey, Eric Beckle, Randy Jensen and John Kloepper make up The Extension Chords.

Photo courtesy of the Snake River Flats

than breaking into song.

"A couple of weeks after 9/11, we were traveling through Wyoming and stopped at Little America (a roadside resort near Green River) to eat," said Ramsey, a 53-year-old Burley heating and plumbing contractor.

"We asked for permission to sing, took out our pitch pipe and did (Lee Greenwood's) 'God Bless the USA.' It brought the house down."

Ramsey, Oakley farmer Eric

Beckle, who sings lead; Paul farmer Randy Jensen, the baritone, and Paul concrete contractor John Kloepper, the bass, are the current lineup in a group that Ramsey has been singing with since 1992. Later this spring, they'll compete to qualify for international barber-shop recognition.

"We all have businesses to run, so when we get together to rehearse, we rehearse hard," Ramsey said.

"We'll get together on

Thursday nights at 7 and sing until 1 o'clock in the morning."

They'll share the spotlight this weekend with Silhouette, a women's quartet that consists of Paige Beck, Leslie Crafton, Jacque Lee and Trina Smith. Also featured: Girls Night Out, The Dependents, 4 Stars, the Rip Chords, the Snake River Flats Chorus, and two different school vocal ensembles. Tonight, a group from Burley's White Pine Elementary School will perform, and Saturday, a chorus from

Rupert's Big Valley Elementary School.

Theme of the shows will be "Bring Back Those Vaudeville Days."

They're dedicated to John Christian, a charter member of both the Snake River Flats and the Extension Chords, who died recently.

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Dancing on Common Ground celebrates American folk dances.

Photo courtesy of Dancing on Common Ground

Dance troupe heads to Burley

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Year of Clogging in the Magic Valley continues Monday night with a performance by Dancing on Common Ground, a Georgia-based troupe that melds Irish step-dancing with two popular American dance forms, tap and clogging.

It'll be the final event of the Mini-Cassia Community Concerts season and the fourth folk-based concert dance performance in the Magic Valley in six weeks.

The 11-member Common Ground group enjoys the resurgence in popularity of Irish step-dancing, one of the oldest forms of dance, and celebrates its connection with two American dance forms - tapping and clogging. The cast is young with an average age of 20, and takes all three dance forms to a new level of performance, creating a new dance style with global appeal.

If you go . . .

- **What:** Dances on Common Ground will perform in Burley, the final Mini-Cassia Community Concert of the season.
- **Where:** King Center.
- **When:** Monday, 7:30 p.m.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$15. Those purchasing season memberships for the 2003-2004 concert season may attend this concert at no additional charge. Season memberships are \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students and \$9.50 for families. For more information, call 678-1798 or 678-1566.

dance (Riverdance, Lord of the Dance), the resurgence of tap (Tap Dogs, Bring on da Funk, Bring on da Noise) and the theatrical introduction of a dance form popular in the Southeast, country clogging.

Using choreography and traditional, and original music, dancing on Common Ground takes the audience on an adventure from the arrival of the Irish through the potato famine of 1848, through the evolution of Irish dance and music into its present-day American forms.

Brazil tears tapestry from life

By Jane Sumner
The Dallas Morning News

Brazil isn't where the nuts come from anymore. It's where movies such as "City of God" - one of 2002's toughest, most exciting and vigorous films - come from.

A tapestry torn from real pulsating life, this is a bullet train through hell.

This latest proof that Latin America seethes with cinematic talent takes its tide from a teeming shanty town (favela) far removed from the picture postcard image of Rio de Janeiro.

Based on the autobiographical novel of Paulo Lins, who grew up in the slum where only lucky kids lived past their teens, "City of God" opens (and closes) with a chicken trying frantically to escape a wild crowd and a cook's whetted knife.

It's a foreshadowing of things to come as the human dumping ground becomes a battleground for armed drug lords and gangs of armed kids.

With an amazing, mostly unprofessional cast, director Fernando Meirelles (mere-ELLIES) follows two boys, Rocket and Lil Dica, as they veer off into different careers, one with a lens, the other with a gun.

Along the way, a host of other characters samba, arc, die or disappear as Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), the film's narrator, filters with crime and Lil Dica, renamed Lil Ze (Leandro Firmino de Hora), becomes the most feared drug dealer in Rio de Janeiro.

It's a shattering tale with disturbing images of doomed kids picking sides in a neighborhood war. Even more so are the scenes of children packing heat and pulling the trigger.



Gangsters Seu Jorge, Leandro Firmino de Hora and Alexandre Rodrigues in "City of God."

"I smoke and snort," one youngster brags. "I've killed and robbed. I'm a man." But he isn't. He's a child without a future.

Still there's a buzzing vitality here, an energy that's alternately humane and cruel, warm and chilling, psychic and sane.

Since Meirelles, one of Brazil's hottest commercial directors, was, in his words, "a middle-class guy from São Paulo," he turned to Katia Lund as codirector.

Lund had helmed a documentary in the favelas, knew the drug dealer's codes and had community contacts. Together, they found the 110 kids who give the film its heart and its razor-sharp edge.

At first, they wanted to film in the actual City of God, but a recent shoot there had encountered so many daily problems from gunshots, armed drug dealers and ineffective police, they ended up in two other housing projects.

The so-called "non-photography" - something cinematographer Cesar Charlone calls his technique for showing this world without feigning or adornment - is

'City of God'

- **Who's in it?** Meheus Nothelgelo, Seu Jorge, Alexandre Rodrigues.
- **Where's it playing?** SiltTime Cinemas, Ketchum.
- **What's it rated?** Rated R (strong, brutal violence, sexuality, drug content and language).
- **Should you go?** This is a dazzling film for all who care about movies and the roots of social chaos.

electric. The camera, often handheld, is everywhere, and sometimes there are two or three shooting 35mm and 16mm.

His near-classical framing of the '60s sequence gives way to a looser, psychedelic look in the '70s and a litany, unfocused one in the '80s. The editing of Daniel Rezende in his feature debut follows suit.

The film's flash has drawn barbs from a few critics who think that its style underplays the cruelty, that its panache undermines the first-time feature director's wake-up call.

WEEKEND

'Intacto,' 'A Man Apart' hit area theaters this weekend

Combined wire services

'Agent Cody Banks'
Take the prince of Fox, Malcolm in the Middle's Frankie Muniz, pair him with Disney princess Hilary Duff, and what you get, if you're lucky, is a plucky action-comedy franchise, along the lines of 'Spy Kids.' What you get if you're unlucky is 'Agent Cody Banks,' a listless, tween James Bond wannabe. PG (violence, lace underwear, tight jumpuits)

'Basic'

Though it's made with reasonable efficiency, this John Travolta-starring military thriller about murky doings in the jungles of Panama is so unendingly confusing, so intent on piling twist upon twist upon twist, it makes your head hurt just trying to figure out what's happened. The credit for this migraine goes to screenwriter James Vanderbilt, who has made the film so hard to follow that we not only can't figure out who did what to whom, we finally can't be bothered to care. Directed by McTiernan ('Die Hard') and 'The Hunt for Red October') does what he can with this convoluted scenario, making sure the actors don't dawdle and brisley staging the film's action mechanics. With Samuel L. Jackson and Connie Nielsen. (135. R, for violence and language.)

'Boat Trip'

Cuba Gooding Jr. and Horatio Sanz pursue romance aboard an ocean liner, realizing too late that they've signed on for a gay cruise. Writer-director Mort Nathan and co-writer William Bigelow go for an affectionate, free-wheeling farce and for the most part make crass and raunchy shenanigans play hilariously. Once past heterosexual panic the guys learn the value of a liberated spirit from their fellow passengers. With Roselyn Sanchez, Vivica A. Fox, Maurice Godin and Roger Moore. (134. R, for strong sexual content, language and some drug use.)

'Bringing Down the House'

There may be controversy about whether 'Bringing Down the House,' with Steve Martin as the Sycamore White Guy and Queen Latifah as the Loudmouth Chick, reinforces racist stereotypes. But few can deny that the silver-haired pric and the brass babe are a unique comic alloy. PG-13 (profanity, sexual humor and sexual candor, drugs)

'Chicago'

A piece of showbiz razzmatazz so sparkling that sunglasses are recommended. In director Rob Marshall's inspired adaptation of the 1975 Bob Fosse Broadway musical, Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones are accused murderers competing for the legal services of attorney Richard Gere. PG-13 (sexual content, profanity and violence)

'City of God'

Set in a housing project at the fringe of Rio de Janeiro, this extraordinary gangster drama depicts pyrotechnic filmmaking and the conviction of contemporary. R (violence, sexual candor, drugs, profanity, child-on-child brutality)

'The Core'

It may be the last thing director Jon Amiel intended, there is something endearing about the old-fashioned earnestness of this disaster movie, complete with flashing numbers, beaucoup scientific jargon and dollops of portentous 'I think you should check this out' dialogue. If the film finally has to be classified as a mess, it is an enjoyable one if you're in a throwback mood. Unfortunately, there is also some searching, heroic loss of life and general consternation, none of which plays to 'The Core's' goofy strengths. More enticing are the film's plethora of special effects, which have certainly improved since the last below the surface epic, 1959's fondly remembered 'Journey to the Center of the Earth.' But even that film didn't have a shot like the Golden Gate Bridge melting in a radiation bath like a Popsicle on a steamy day. With Aaron Eckhart, Stanley Tucci, Tchky Karyo, Rich ard Jenkins, Bruce Greenwood,



Max von Sydow and Leonardo Sbaraglia play in 'Intacto.'

Night: Shymalan's uneven 'Unbreakable,' or a particularly context-free episode of 'The X-Files.' 'Intacto' focuses on four people who seem to possess remarkable luck. Max von Sydow, pale in a white suit) is a Holocaust survivor, censured by the idea of 'underrated' luck. Thomas (handsome Leonardo Sbaraglia) is the sole survivor of a massive plane crash. Federico (Eusebio Poncela) is able to convey bad luck through a touch. And Sara (Monica Lopez), a haunted woman with a jagged scar on her face, survived a car crash that killed her family. Luck? Perhaps not. Frensdadillo assembles these survivors and engages them in a game; something along the lines of 'mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the luckiest one of all?' but with extreme consequences. Rated R.

F. Gary Gray. (R, for strong graphic violence, language, drug content)

'Old School'
Suffering from chronic Care Irresponsible Syndrome, these guys in their thirties (Will Farrell, Vince Vaughn and Luke Wilson) ditch their mates and go to college. Intermittently funny, but essentially a movie only a keghead can love. R (sexual candor, nudity, profanity)

'Phone Booth'
Colin Farrell stars as a man who answers a ringing public phone only to be held hostage in the sights of a sniper. Forest Whitaker, Radha Mitchell and Katie Holmes co-star. Directed by Joel Schumacher. (R, for pyri- rasive language and some violence.)

'The Pianist'
Inspired by musician Wladyslaw Szpilman's account of how he eluded the concentration camps. Please see MOVIES, Page C6

What's Playing

'Basic,' Magic Lantern 'Bringing Down the House,' Liberty Theater 'Chicago,' Sun Valley Opera House 'City of God,' SkitTime Cinemas 'The Core,' Magic Lantern 'Phone Booth,' Magic Lantern 'What a Girl Wants,' SkitTime Cinemas	'Piglet's Big Movie,' Twin Cinema 'The Recruit,' Twin Cinema 'Shanghai Knights,' Twin Cinema 'Tears of the Sun,' Twin Cinema 'A View from the Top,' Twin Cinema 'What a Girl Wants,' Twin Cinema
'Agent Cody Banks,' Twin Cinema 'Basic,' Odyssey Theater 'Boat Trip,' Odyssey Theater 'Bringing Down the House,' Twin Cinema 'Chicago,' Odyssey Theater 'The Core,' Twin Cinema 'Dreamcatcher,' Odyssey Theater 'Head of State,' Odyssey Theater 'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days,' Twin Cinema	'Basic,' Century Cinemp 'Bringing Down the House,' Century Cinema 'The Core,' Century Cinema 'A Man Apart,' Burley Theater 'Head of State,' Century Cinema 'Phone Booth,' Century Cinema 'What a Girl Wants,' Century Cinema
'Basic,' Jerome Cinema 'Bringing Down the House,' Jerome Cinema 'The Core,' Jerome Cinema 'What a Girl Wants,' Jerome Cinema	'Gooding' 'The Hunted,' Gooding Cinema
	'Shoehorn' No movies this week.

Hillary Swank, Delroy Lindo and D.J. Qualls. (PG-13 for sci-fi life/death situations and brief strong language.)

'Dreamcatcher'

The film is not only based on a Stephen King novel, the experience of watching it also uncannily duplicates what it feels like to read one. Which is sometimes, but not always, a good thing. As directed by Lawrence Kasdan, this science-fiction story of a group of childhood friends, now all grown up, in whose hands is placed the future of the planet is told with the same ungainly mixture of tones and sensibilities that characterizes King's books. There's only one reason you don't throw your hands up and move on, and that's because King has a gift for making us want to turn the page, to see what happens next. With Thomas Jane, Jason Lee, Jonesy, Damian Lewis, Donnie Wahlberg and Morgan

film, in which he plays a Washington, D.C. alderman called on to run for the president of the United States (don't ask, often rocks as hard as its star-director but as a movie it's the wrong kind of joke. Rock can't set up a decent-looking shot and he doesn't care about niceties like character development and all that narrative downtime in between jokes. But he nonetheless wrings biting humor from serious issues with the sort of ferocity that made Richard Pryor and Lenny Bruce men of respect as well as comedy. With Bernie Mac. (135. PG-13, for language, some sexuality and drug references.)

'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days'

Despite a few clever insights and twists, 'How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days' is neither good nor distinctive enough to rise above the level of generic romantic comedy. This, despite appealing performances by Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey. PG-13 (profanity, sexual candor)

'The Hunted'

Tommy Lee Jones tracks Beatrice Del Toro around the Pacific Northwest in William Friedkin's stalker/stalkee suspense. It's not exactly fraught with psychological depth, but Jones — bearded and bandy-legged is a lot of fun to watch. Connie Nielsen costars as an FBI agent with a no-nonsense attitude and a fetching scarf. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

'Intacto'

An enigmatic thriller with a healthy dose of style and pretension, 'Intacto' sets out to deliberately disorient the viewer, and does so quite successfully. Spanish director Juan Carlos Fresnadillo, making his feature debut here, tells a story of luck and chance disguised as a sleek fever dream; it's always eye-catching, even when the plot slips away. Reminiscent in tone of M.

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Wednesday

The season finale of the Sun Valley Resort's production of "Star Rose" "Forever Plaid" will be presented at 8 p.m. in the \$10. can be reserved by phoning 622-2135.

Thursday

The Friends of CSI Players will present Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's "Complete History of America (Abridged)," 7 p.m., Wood River High School auditorium, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

April 11

The Utah Shakespeare Festival will present Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet," 7 p.m., Wood River Middle School auditorium, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens, are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum, Ex Libris Bookstore in Sun Valley and Read All About It in Hailey, or at the door.

April 11-15

The new St. Thomas Playhouse theater group of Ketchum will present John Pielmeier's "Agnes of God," 8 p.m. nightly, St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sun Valley Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for teen-agers ages 15 through 18, available at Chapter One Bookstore or by calling 726-5349, Ext. 13.

April 23-May 11

Company of Fools will present Misses Kaufman's "The Laramie Project," 8 p.m. on April 26, May 13 and May 8-10 and 3 p.m. on April 27, May 11, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Tickets are \$20 or reserved seating and \$15 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122, on online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

April 23-26, 30, May 1-3

The College of Southern Idaho Center Department will present Susan L. Zeder's "Mother Milk," 8 p.m. nightly, Room 119, Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI box office.

April 25-27, 29-30

The national touring company Claude-Michel Schonberg, Richard Malby Jr. and Alain Boublil's "Miss Saigon" will perform in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater at 8 p.m. on April 25, 29,



30 and May 1 and 3, at 7 p.m. on April 27 and at 2 p.m. on April 27 and May 3-4. Tickets, which range from \$25 to \$50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

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Four on the Floor, featuring Bert West, will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.



Tonight - Utah

The Ataris will play Club X-Scupe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scupe is located at 115 South West Temple.

Tonight - Utah

Pinback will play Club X-Scupe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scupe is located at 115 South West Temple.

Tonight and Saturday

Exit 69 from Pocatello will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Tonight and Saturday

Rockin' Horse will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday - Utah

Bon Jovi and The Goo-Goo Dolls will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37-\$65, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

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Sunday - Boise

Tori Amos will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 425-1494, online at <http://www.idahoticket.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls or Paul's Market in Hailey.

Sunday - Boise

Sallva, led PE. Breaking Benjamin, Systematic and Stereomud will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Sunday - Utah

The Soundtrack of Our Lives will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Monday - Boise

Mike Watt will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> and at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux is located at 111 N. 11th St.

Monday - Boise

A.F.I. and The Explosion will perform at Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Tuesday - Utah

A.F.I., The Explosion and Blood Brothers will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets,

which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Tuesday - Utah

Mike Watt will perform at Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

Tuesday - Utah

Catch 22 will play Club X-Scupe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scupe is located at 115 South West Temple. Please see EVENTS, Page C4

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Taking Back Sunday will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

Wednesday - Utah

Delgados and Aereogramme will perform at Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

Thursday - Utah

Guster will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

April 13 - Boise

Black Heart Procession will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$7, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

April 14 - Utah

Black Heart Procession will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Liquid Joe's is located at 3300 South 1249 East.

April 15 - Utah

Soufly will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

April 16 - Boise

Soufly and E-Town Concrete will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, and at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 16 - Utah

Pete Yorn will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

April 16 - Utah

Cursive and Applesseed Cast will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

April 18 - Boise

Rocket from the Crypt and The Bronx will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 18 - Utah

Boy Sets Fire and Hype Conspiracy will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

April 19 - Utah

Rocket from the Crypt will perform at Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

April 22 - Utah

Disturbed, Chevelle and TNTroot will play the E Center in Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3220 South Decker Lake Drive.

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April 22 - Utah

The Red Elvises will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

April 23 - Utah

Mooney Suzuki will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

April 24 - Utah

Sun 41 will play Club X-Scape in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 S. West Temple.

April 27 - Boise

Kottonmouth Kings and Zebrahead will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 28 - Utah

O.A.R. will perform at Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

April 28 - Utah

Zwan, featuring Billy Corgan, will perform at Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

April 30 - Boise

Quiet Riot will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 30 - Boise

Prince Billy featuring Will Oldham will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

May 3 - Boise

Mae will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

May 4 - Utah

Johnny Marr and the Healers will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 S. West Temple.

May 4 - Utah

Tomahawk, the Melvins and Skelton Key will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

May 9 - Utah

Freddy Cannon, Jay & the Techniques and Mervin Rose will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

May 10 - Boise

Death by Stereo will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

May 13 - Boise

Chimaira and Atreyu will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

May 28 - Boise

Good Charlotte and A New Found Glory will play the Bank of America Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Bank of America Center is located at 223 S. Capitol Blvd.

May 29 - Utah

Good Charlotte, New Found Glory, MXPX and The Movielife will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

C O U N T R Y

Tonight, Saturday and Thursday

Country Classics will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday

Pocketchange will play classic country music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garibaldi's, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl.

Saturday

Mixed Emotions will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Saturday

The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Decio. No cover charge.

Wednesday and Thursday - Utah

Yonder Mountain String Band will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Wednesday through April 13

Rushlow will do two shows a night at Cactus Pete's Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show starts at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$12.50 on Saturdays and \$10 on weeknights and Sundays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

April 11 - Boise

Dwight Yoakam will sing at 8 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827.

965-4826, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

April 14 - Idaho Falls

Dwight Yoakam will sing at the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning at (800) 965-4827 or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium is located at 601 S. Holmes Ave.

April 14 - Idaho Falls

Lee Greenwood will perform at the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

May 1 - Utah

Tim McGraw will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

May 3 - Utah

Rodney Carrington will sing in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2767.

May 16 - Utah

Bar J Wranglers will play Austrad Auditorium on the campus of Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Tonight

Strings Attached, featuring champion fiddler Jenni Stippich, will play from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Dunken's Draught House, 102 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls. The band plays a blend of bluegrass and old-time string band music. No cover charge.

Tonight

Hell Hounds will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at JCY's Burger and Brew, 224 N. Rail St., W., Shoshone. No cover charge.

Tonight

The Swingstones will play easy listening music from 7-10 p.m. at George K's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tonight and Saturday

Fast Ride will play from 9 p.m.

to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday

HJ music will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Twin Falls, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.

Tonight and Saturday

The 35th Annual Snake River Barbershop Show will be held 7:30 p.m. nightly, King Center, Burley. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors and \$18 for a family.

Saturday

A benefit concert featuring band students from Twin Falls elementary schools, Jive, the College of Southern Idaho Madrigals and the CSI MadLadies will be held at 8 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, with proceeds going to the Twin Falls Elementary Orchestra Program and the CSI chapter of the Music Educators National Conference. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, are available at Everybody's Business, Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls, or at the door.

Wednesday and Thursday

DJ Travis Free from The Buzz will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

April 12-13

The Magic Valley Chorale will perform its spring concert at 8 p.m. on April 12 and 3 p.m. on April 13 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors, and they're available at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, at the door or from chorale members.

April 16 - Utah

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Thrill Kill Kult will perform at Club X-Scape in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scape is located at 115 South West Temple.

April 21 - Utah

Linkin Park and Mudvayne will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

April 22 - Boise

Linkin Park, Mudvayne, Xzibit and Hixxide will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827 or (208) 442-3232, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls, Park Market in Halley or Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

April 25

The Buhl Community Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. Tickets, which are \$3, are available at the door.

April 25-26

Five Nights 2003, featuring the Twin Falls High School concert vocal group, will be 7:30 p.m. nightly in Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door.

April 26 - Idaho Falls

Leon Redbone will sing at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Theater. Tickets, which are \$19, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

May 3

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Spotlight

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will conclude its season with its annual Pope Concert at 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students and are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Crowley's Soda Fountain in Twin Falls.

May 11 - Utah
The Magic Valley Chorale will present its Mother's Day Pops concert, 3 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are they're available at Artene's Flowers in Idaho Falls, Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, at the door or from chorale members.

May 13 - Utah
Yanl will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.50 and \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or at www.ticketmaster.com. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

May 16 - Utah
Kurt Bestor will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake's City and Convention Center. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abrahavanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Saturday
The Chapter 2 Jazz Quartet, featuring Brian Crider, Steve Cox, Jeff Fox and Jake Smith, will perform from 10 a.m. to noon at the Coffee Cafe in the Lynnwood Mall. No cover charge. For more information, call the Coffee Cafe at 736-3735.

Sunday
The Great Riff Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies program, presents Jazz Sunday from 4 p.m. at Gerie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. The quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and blues. Students and families are welcome. No cover charge.

April 14
Western State College of Performing Arts and Humanities will present its first Jazz Festival at the Schubert Theater, 402 Main St., Gooding. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the event will conclude in the evening with a concert by the David Santistevan Trio. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger.

FOLK MUSIC
May 11
Leo Kottke will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Wood River High School auditorium in Hailey, a fundraiser for the Wood River Athletic Advisory Board. Tickets, which are \$30, are available at Big Bad Bill's CDs in Ketchum, at the Natural Nice in Ketchum, or by phoning Pete Kramer at 788-4956, Ext. 24, or 788-3470.

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April 11-12
Utah Symphony will perform a program of Mozart and Nielsen, 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abrahavanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abrahavanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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April 18
The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will perform its spring concert at 7:30 p.m. in the King Center in Burley. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and seniors and \$15 for families, are available at Welch Music and The Book Store in Rupert, or at the door.

April 19
The Chamber Orchestra of the Krendlin will perform at 7:30 p.m.

in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls, a Magic Valley Arts on Tour concert. Tickets, which are \$14 for adults and \$10 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, the Magic Valley Arts Community office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls, at Saw Mor Drug in Buhl, and Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding. Season tickets, which are \$50 for adults, \$40 for stu-

dents and \$45 for senior citizens, are available by phoning 732-6288 or 733-9554, Ext. 6288.

April 25-26 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 5 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abrahavanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abrahavanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

May 2-3 - Utah
Utah Symphony will play a pro-

gram of Strauss, Brahms and Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abrahavanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abrahavanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

May 9-10
Utah Symphony will perform Dmitri Shostakovich's Eighth Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abrahavanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-2787. Abrahavanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

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Movies

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camps and stayed alive for six years in Nazi-occupied Poland, Roman Polanski has made a potent film about how survival bears only the most casual relation to life. An extraordinary film with an extraordinary performance by Adrian Brody as Szpilman. R (extreme war violence)

'Piglet's Big Movie'

Disney's second original fea-

ture-length movie from the children's stories of A.A. Milne - the first was 'The Tigger Movie' in 2001 - links several vignettes in which the Hundred Acre gang learn to appreciate the unsung heroism of the diminutive Piglet. Some deftly presented life lessons for small children figure amid the comedy and adventure, and the strongest point of the film, made in the Disney animation tradition of simplicity and charm, is its clear-eyed view of the foibles of

human nature. A fine cast of voice actors is headed by John Fiedler as Piglet, and Cody Simon contributes several luminous songs. (1.14, G.)

'The Recruit'

Taut, enjoyable thriller with Al Pacino as a CIA scout who taps Colin Powell as an agent-in-training. Are the head games they play training day or the real deal? PG-13 (sexual candor, violence, profanity)

'Shanghai Knights'

Once again Jackie Chan and his nimble limbs join forces with Owen Wilson and his loose lips, this time to rid 1887 Peking of British imperialists and London of Chinese assassins out to kill Queen Vicky. And once again is not enough. Again and again, please. PG-13

'Tears of the Sun'

Top-drawer agitprop, full of

whirring choppers, helpless civilians and a tough-as-nails Bruce Willis, playing a Navy SEALs lieutenant sent to war-torn Nigeria to rescue a dedicated doctor who looks like an Italian movie star (because she is - it's Monica Bellucci). Sick, simplistic stuff. R (combat violence, carnage, profanity)

'View from the Top'

According to Miramax topper Harvey Weinstein, his studio paid

Gwyneth Paltrow \$10 million to star in the flight-attendant romantic comedy 'View From the Top.' And it appears that Miramax spent all of \$10 for everything else. PG-13 (language)

'What a Girl Wants'

A U.S. teen (Amanda Bynes) crashes London society in a bid to bond with her long-lost dad (Colin Firth). Directed by Dennis Gordon. Kelly Preston co-stars. (PG, for mild language.)

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Tonight
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Tonight
High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Coeur. No cover charge.

Tonight
Krooners Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Meers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Burley.

Tonight, Saturday and Wednesday
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Saturday
Karaoke with Three's Away will be featured at 6:30 p.m. at the Trophy Club, 170 E. Wilson, Eden. No cover charge.

Saturday
Krooners Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Tuesday
Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Bonker's Place, 123 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tuesday
Krooners Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's Eat Restaurant, 325 Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday
Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Club, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Wednesday
P & D Karaoke will be fea-

tured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday
Krooners Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

Thursday
Krooners Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

CHRISTIAN ROCK

May 8 - Utah
OC Superstans and Relient K will play the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

May 12 - Utah
Michael W. Smith and Third Day will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

RAVE MUSIC

Thursday - Utah
DJ Icey will play Club Axis in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club Axis is located at 500 West 100 South.

COMEDY

Tonight - Utah
Jerry Seinfeld will perform at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Sold out.

April 13 - Utah
Bobcat Goldswalte will play the Wise Guys Comedy Club in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

April 26 - Caldwell
Baxter Black will perform at O'Connor Fieldhouse on the campus of Albertson College of Idaho at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1176, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls or Paul's Market in Ketchum.

May 9-10 - Utah
Tim Conway and Harvey Korman will perform in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. For more information, call ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

TONIGHT

Serendipity Singles Dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Anderson's RV Camp, located east of the Eden-Twin Falls exit 182 off Interstate 84. Lamont Summers will DJ with a variety of music. Cover charge is \$5.

Tonight
The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome. Music will be provided by The Echoes. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. The public is welcome. For more information, call 324-0200.

Tonight
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the DAV Hall, 459 Shop Ave., Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday - Utah
The national touring company of the dance revue Burd the Floor will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. night and 2:00 p.m. on April 5-6. Tickets, which are \$27.50, \$35 and \$42.50 for the evening performances and \$22.50, \$32.50 and \$40 for the matinees, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (800) 355-2787.

Sunday
Twin Falls Senior Center will hold a dance with music from 2-5 p.m. at the center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls. Cost is \$3.50 per person.

Monday
Dance on Common Ground, an Irish step-dancing act, will play the King Fine Arts Center in Burley at 7:30 p.m., a Minicassia Community Concerts event. In addition to season passes, individual tickets will be available for \$15 per person. Those purchasing season memberships for the 2003-2004 concert season may attend this concert at no additional charge. Season memberships are \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students and \$94.50 for families. For more information, call 678-1798 or 678-1566.

April 12 - Boise
Ballet Idaho will dance Stravinsky's 'The Firebird' at 8 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are

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April 12-13, 16-19 - Utah
Ballet West will dance James Barrie's 'Peter Pan' at 2 p.m. on April 12 and 7:30 p.m. on April 12 and 16-19 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which range from \$10 to \$50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

CIRCUS

April 11-13 - Boise
El Korah Shrine Circus will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 2 and 7 p.m. on April 12 and 2 and 7 p.m. on April 13. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766, online at http://www.idahotickets.com, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls and Paul's Market in Halley.

FIGURE SKATING

May 22 - Boise
Chevy Champions on Ice 2003, featuring Michelle Kwan, Irina Slutskaya, Evgeni Plushenko, Sasha Cohen, Michael Weiss, Surya Bonaly, Sarah Hughes, Tiffany Goebel, Elvis Stojko, Victor Petrenko, Philippe Candeloro, Rudy Galindo, Nicole Bobek, Naomi Lang and Peter Thernyseh, Elizabeth Punsion and Jerod Swallow, Irina Grigorian, Oksum Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev, Shae-Lynn Bourke and Victor Kraatz, Don Hollander and Vladimir Besediv and Oleksiy Polischuk, will skate at 7 p.m. Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$43 and \$63,

can be reserved by phoning (208) 442-3232. Tickets are also available at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday
The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present 'Through the Eyes of Hubble,' Fridays at 7 p.m., 'Mystery of the Missing Seasons,' Saturdays at 4 p.m., 'More Than Meets the Eye,' Fridays at 7 p.m.; 'Through the Eyes of Hubble' Saturdays at 2 p.m.; 'Pink Floyd: The Wall' Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 'Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1' Saturdays at 8:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$4 for seniors, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door (admission to 'Mystery of the Missing Seasons' is free to everyone accompanied by a child of any age). Children 4 and under are not admitted.

ART SHOW

Through April 29
Susi Nagoda Bergquist's reduction linocuts exhibit, illustrating Native American animal folk tales, will be on display at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth, Buhl.
Open Signatures, an exhibition of unconventional works on books by 20 contemporary artists, will be on display at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Ketchum. Gallery hours are

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E.

Through June 29 - Boise
Two exhibitions of ancient Egyptian art, 'In the Fullness of Time: Masterpieces of Egyptian Art from American Collections' and 'Journey to the Afterlife: Cartonnage Mummy Case of Pa-di-Imut,' will be on display at the Boise Art Museum. BAM is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (62 and older), \$3 for college students, and \$1 for children grades 1-12.

April 15-May 31
The College of Southern Idaho Student Art Show will be on display in the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. An opening-night reception is planned from 7-9 p.m. on April 15; it's free. Exhibition hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 1-9 p.m.

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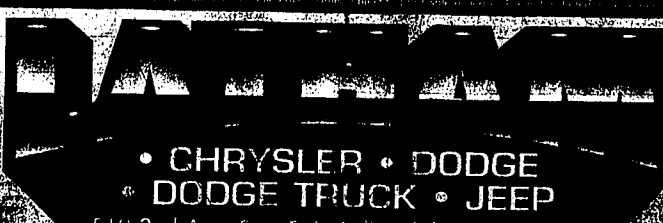
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“In a season of scandals on other campuses, Doherty’s crimes were his abrasive-in-your-face manner, his courteside histrionics and his locker room harangues, rather than any broken rules.”

—Steve Wilstein, on Matt Doherty’s ouster as men’s basketball coach at North Carolina

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- College baseball
 - CSI at Salt Lake (2), 4 p.m.
- High school baseball
 - Vallivue at Twin Falls (2), 3 p.m.
 - Burley at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
 - Kimberly at Wendell (2), 4:30 p.m.
- High school softball
 - Kimberly at Wendell (2), 3:30 p.m.
 - Twin Falls JV at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
 - Jerome at Pocatello (2), 4 p.m.
- High school track
 - Minico, Skyline at Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.
 - Jerome, Rigby at Blackfoot, 3:30 p.m.
- High school tennis
 - Pocatello at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
 - Declo at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Snow postpones golf, track meet
TWIN FALLS — Thursday’s early morning snow shower forced the postponement of Big Back Steak and Jerome Invitational boys golf tournament today at Jerome Country Club and 93 Golf Ranch. The tournament was rescheduled to Friday, April 11. The annual Brad Matthews Memorial track meet scheduled for today at Minico High School was also moved back a week to April 11.

The snow also forced the cancellation of several high school activities planned for Thursday. Jerome’s baseball game with Bishop Kelly was cancelled with no makeup planned; the track meet at Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind was cancelled with no makeup planned; and Twin Falls’ tennis match with Jerome was cancelled. The football game between the Twin Falls Jayvees and Wood River was rescheduled to today at 3:30 p.m.

Report: Century football coach could lose job

POCATELLO — Embattled Century High School football coach Larry Coffin could lose his job when the District 25 School Board meets next Tuesday, reported the Idaho State Journal.

Coffin was told in a meeting with Kathy Collins, the district’s director of secondary education, and other board members on Tuesday, that Collins will recommend Coffin resign or face his removal at coach. Collins is also pushing for Coffin to be transferred to a teaching position at a district junior high school. Coffin is the only football coach in the school’s four-year history. He was suspended for two weeks following an on-field confrontation with the Highland High School football team at Hoyt Arena before a scheduled football game with Twin Falls last Oct. 13. Coffin led the Diamondbacks to back-to-back 4A state championships in 2001-02.

Compiled from staff reports

Marquette honors program’s legacy

Marquette coach Al McGuire, second from left, celebrates his team’s win in the NCAA championship March 28, 1977.



By Hal Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Marquette’s been down this Final Four road before, guided to the 1977 NCAA championship by a wisecracking New Yorker who recruited a fistful of inner-city kids and then swooped on the deadline when they won the title. Al McGuire was like that, never shy about his feelings. Now the school is back in the Final Four for the first time since that game, and the players wear on their jerseys the name of the former coach who died in 2001.

McGuire was a street guy, more comfortable in a playground than a classroom. He preferred motorcycles to limousines and he recruited kids who grew up on cracked sidewalks instead of manicured lawns. That was the kind of team he assembled in 1977. The floor leader was “Butch” Lee, who played for the Puerto Rican Olympic team the year before. Lee was a throwback, a four-year player who once said the best way to play was to get a good set of earplugs. “Al was a character,” Lee said. “The closest person I can com-

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pare him to is the television detective, Columbo. He’d act like he didn’t know what was happening, but there was a genius under there. He’d say, ‘You know, the big guy,’ like he didn’t know Jerome Whitehead’s name. But don’t worry, He knew.” Bookish-looking Tom Crean, the current Marquette coach, doesn’t play those games. Crean’s team is centered around Dwyane

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A star and a leader

Kimberly golfer sets sights on team title as well as individual

By Ely Garner
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — The odds are stacked in his favor when it comes to the Class 3A individual state golf title. However, Zach Abels has his eyes on a bigger prize — the state team championship.

“The team title is way more important for me than the individual title ever would be,” said the talented junior. “Something I have learned in high school golf, it isn’t just about you, it’s about the team. You have to grind it out for the team, it’s not just for you.”

Spring previews

The Times-News continues looking at area high school spring sports. Today: Golf. Tomorrow: Tennis. Make: Team capsules — Page D2

Kimberly coach Brian Wilford said the varsity five — Abels, Matt Taylor, Ryan Fisher, Andy McGrew, Jace Dille — is capable of winning state, if it can play together.

“I have a lot of experience and several solid players,” he said. “If we come together and play like we are capable, the team championship is very possible.”

“If we play like we can, we are definitely the best team in the district and in the top of the state,” Abels said. “I don’t know if the guys realize it yet, but they will. Our only competition is ourselves.”

And Abels has been grinding it out for the Bulldogs. In their two nine-hole meets this season, he led the team with a 1-under 32 at a bustling Pleasant Valley, and an even-par 35 at Gooding Country Club.

“I’ve worked hard for a long time to get where I am, but only time will tell,” said Abels, who won the prestigious Idaho Junior Golf Championship last summer as one of several tournament titles he garnered.

Abels points to two people who have helped him improve his game.

“My mom (Kaylynne Rolig) got me into golf when I was 6 for something to do and she stuck with me all the way,” he said. “She doesn’t golf well, but she knows a lot about golf — even more than me. She still goes out with me all the time.”

Abels said his mother will even sit while he practices at the chipping area known as the “Triangle” at Twin Falls Municipal.

“When I hit at the triangle, she takes her lawn chair and watches.”



MICHAEL SHELTON/The Times-News

Kimberly junior Zach Abels prepares to launch yet another 300-yard tee shot during a practice round at a chilly Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Thursday, Abels, one of the premier junior golfers in the state, is expected to help lead a talented Bulldogs golf team to its first state championship. Last summer, he won four junior tournament titles including the prestigious Idaho Junior Golf Association Championship.

Abels credits Muni pro Mike Hamblin with much of his success. “Mike Hamblin has made a huge difference, he’s taught me so much,” Abels said. “Not only did he give me a swing, but he’s taught me how to play the game mentally.”

Abels said now he can handle all situations, good or bad, because of Hamblin, who agreed that golf is nearly all mental.

“When Zach goes out, he knows he

can win because he has put in the time and the effort,” Hamblin said. “As you get more and more confident, you just keep playing better and better. A lot of people can make a lot of shots, but it is all between the ears. Mentally, Zach is unflappable. He knows he can win.”

Abels said you have to be willing to play what you get.

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CSI enters key SWAC weekend

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is in position to jump up into third place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference baseball standings when it travels to Salt Lake Community College this weekend.

The Golden Eagles (20-11, 4-4 SWAC) take on a Bruins squad that won one game last weekend at league-leading Community College of Southern Nevada. Salt Lake enters the weekend at 22-12 and 6-6 in the SWAC.

CSI sophomore center fielder Derek McNeil is one of the top hitters for average in the conference, batting .380 from his leadoff spot for the Eagles. Just as importantly, he leads the team with 15 walks and the SWAC with 15 hit-by-pitches to get on base. Shortstop Casey Oliver, right fielder John Hurd and catcher Kris

Eagle Eye
Today: CSI at Salt Lake CC, 4 p.m.
Saturday: CSI at Salt Lake CC, 1 p.m.

Welker all but over .300. Oliver leads the Eagles with 26 RBIs in addition to 22 from Welker. Hurd is also the team’s closer.

CSI relies on its pitchers to set the tone. Ryan Davis (7-1) leads the team with a 1.28 ERA while Hurd has a 1.35 mark. Mitch Woolf (4-2), Ryan Jones (2-3) and Gabe Gordon (0-0) all have ERAs under two. Jones leads the team with 46 strikeouts.

The Bruins look to be a team that relies on hitting. Reliever Shad McCord has a perfect ERA in 12 innings work, including 16 strikeouts. Randall Young (3-1) has a 1.71 ERA in three starts and 10 appearances.

Kam Nelson (4-2) has a 3.50 ERA and a team-high 37 strikeouts. Joey Martinson, who started out the season 3-0 in nonconference play and a team-high 31 RBIs. Chad Harding and Trevor Eastman are both hitting over .300 with Eastman connecting on seven doubles and 28 RBIs. Tyler Kay is hitting for power with four doubles, four triples and three homers.

If CSI can overtake Salt Lake in the standings, the next weekend could become an even bigger one against second-place Dixie when the Eagles host the Rebels. It starts a string of home doubleheaders, giving CSI a chance to pile up some conference wins to close out the regular season.

Title teams meet for bragging rights

Declo '98 faces Declo '03 tonight

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

DECLO — Declo basketball coach Loyd Garey figured he knew where former Hornet Mike Christensen was earlier this week.

“He’s probably out in the barn practicing those 80-footers,” Garey said. “And well he should have since the 1998 Declo boys basketball team won the state championship on his 80-foot heave at the buzzer. That same team regrouped to take on this year’s title team in a fundraiser for the Declo athletic department at 8 p.m. tonight at Declo High School.”

The game will decide the best of the best — or allow the players to just have a little fun.

Garey isn’t making any predictions. “If they were both fresh out of high school, I don’t know who wins it,” he said, adding that the extra years might favor the members of the 1998 team.

But Mike Christensen doesn’t see it that way.

“I think we’re in a win-win situation,” he said. “If we win, that’s great. But if we lose, everybody will say that we were out of shape.”

Who’s best?

What: Declo title teams from 1998 and 2003 face off in fund-raiser.
When: Tonight, 8 p.m.
Where: Declo HS

This year’s star Marc Christensen, who is Mike’s younger brother, couldn’t care less who wins.

“We’re just going to throw it up and play some jungle ball and have some fun,” he said. “We’re not going to take this too seriously.”

Garey, for one, knows who will win the community.

“This is something they’re awfully proud of and they put it together,” he said. “It gives them a chance to see these guys on the court one more time. And that’s pretty neat.”

Another winner will be the Declo athletic fund as all proceeds will go to the athletic department. Admission is \$2. And there will be a dunk contest at halftime.

Mike Christensen figures he knows who will win that.

“That’s gonna be Marc,” he said. “But there are some other guys who can do some pretty neat stuff.”

MLB’s average salary exceeds \$2.5 million

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — At \$22 million this year, Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez makes more money than any other baseball player. He makes more money than the entire Tampa Bay Devil Rays team, too.

Pity the poor Devil Rays. Their skimpy payroll is even smaller than the gap between the top-spending New York Yankees and runner-up New York Mets.

A study of 2003 baseball salaries by The Associated Press turned up those and other eye-opening revelations, including:

- Baseball’s average salary has risen \$2.5 million for the first time in opening day this week.
- The Yankees spend nearly \$150 million.
- The Mets are No. 2 at \$116.9 million.
- Los Angeles, Atlanta and Texas also topped \$100 million.
- The Devil Rays.

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Yankees leading the league in payroll

With the highest payroll in baseball, the New York Yankees spend nearly eight times as much in player salaries as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Here are the opening-day payrolls of all 30 teams.

N.Y. Yankees	\$147.0 million	Colorado	\$72.0 million
New York Mets	\$116.9 million	Cincinnati	\$72.0 million
Los Angeles	\$109.9 million	Minnesota	\$72.0 million
Atlanta	\$103.9 million	Pittsburgh	\$72.0 million
Texas	\$104.0 million	Montreal	\$72.0 million
Boston	\$90.0 million	Toronto	\$72.0 million
Seattle	\$87.2 million	Chicago White Sox	\$72.0 million
St. Louis	\$87.2 million	Oakland	\$72.0 million
San Francisco	\$87.2 million	Detroit	\$72.0 million
Chicago Cubs	\$87.2 million	Cleveland	\$72.0 million
Arizona	\$87.2 million	Florida	\$72.0 million
Anaheim	\$72.0 million	San Diego	\$72.0 million
Philadelphia	\$72.0 million	Washington	\$72.0 million
Houston	\$72.0 million	Kansas City	\$72.0 million
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SOURCE: Associated Press

SPORTS

2003 AREA GOLF TEAMS

■ Class 5A

■ Minico Spartans

Coach: Kelly Arritt, sixth season
 Assistants: David Mollar
 2002 finish: Team did not qualify for state

Home course: Rupert CC
 Boys: jr. Richard Creason, jr. Justin Studer, soph. Michael Konrad, jr. Stafford Gillette, jr. Jason Schenk, jr. Jason Christianson, sr. Bob Goodman, soph. Rollie Jones, r. Zach Sanford, fr. Brenner Antone.

Girls: jr. Jenny Studer, soph. Janice Bessiere, soph. Abbie Hynes, soph. Kiera Arritt, jr. Carissa Cameron, soph. Kimbree Anderson.

Outlook: Spartan girls suffered a setback when senior Samantha Stanger transferred to Twin Falls, but return a steady group of underclassmen to pick up the slack. Arritt said Jenny Studer leads the girls after qualifying for state as an individual last year while her teammates, though experienced in the game, still have much to learn. For the boys, Creason leads the Spartans with consistent play that keeps him near or under par. Whether the Spartan boys can match him will have to be seen. Overall, Minico has the nucleus on both sides to shoot well and consistent. Coach Arritt hopes the team can post scores without having to settle for a 90 from the No. 4 slot. The team brings a good attitude and is working hard.

■ Twin Falls Bruins

Coach: Paul Stover, 19th season
 Assistants: Lawrence Pfeifferle

2002 finish: Boys (third, state); Girls (first, state)

Home course: Twin Falls Municipal GC
 Boys: sr. Dirk Reitsma, jr. Justin Ellis, soph. Sovey Fisher, soph. Zach Mathers, soph. Cody Faught, fr. Willie Mathers, jr. Toliver Latham, fr. Sage Watkins, fr. Tyler Jones, fr. Andres Heggdahl.

Girls: jr. Whitney Cleland, soph. Mandi Hedberg, sr. Samantha Stanger, soph. Heidi Reitsma, soph. Lexie Spaulding, fr. Sadie Venn.

Outlook: Bruin girls are poised to win an unprecedented four consecutive state championships led by Cleland, Hedberg and senior transfer Samantha Stanger from Minico. A core of younger players give Twin Falls talented group to choose from. For the boys, the fabulous freshman class has arrived led by Fisher, Latham, Faught and the

Mathers brothers. Bruins lean on senior Reitsma and junior Ellis for leadership and let the long-swinging frosh class make its mark, which shouldn't be far along. If Bruins don't challenge the likes of Meridian for the state title this year, watch out for next season.

■ Class 4A

■ Burley Bobcats

Coach: Gary Hoxsey, 13th season
 Assistants: Shelly Hondo

2002 finish: N/A
 Home course: Burley GC
 Boys: jr. Kameron Dayley, jr. Kody Taylor, Sheldon Mallory

Girls: jr. Lindsay Arritt
 Outlook: Inexperienced Bobcats hope to shoot consistent rounds while gaining steady experience as the season progresses.

■ Jerome Tigers

Coach: Dale Howser, 21st season
 Assistants: Rick Burke, Gary Danforth, Mal Finn

2002 finish: Boys (seventh, state); Girls N/A

Home course: Jerome CC
 Boys: sr. Cory Bauer, sr. Jeremy Black, sr. Costa Paulos, sr. Chris Hogan, sr. Ryan Lee
 Girls: sr. Holly Abiss, jr. Sarah Choate, jr. Caitlyn Lancaster, jr. Brittany Prescott, sr. Liz Sauer

Outlook: Tiger boys already made a statement to state's top teams with a third-place showing behind perennial powers Vallivue and Skyview at Canyon County Classic tournament earlier this season. Bauer is poised for a big year and should compete for an individual state title with Black providing strong support. The girls are looking to improve their hard work.

■ Class 3A

■ Buhi Indians

Coach: Mike Gemar, fourth season
 Assistants: none

2002 finish: Boys N/A; Girls (fourth, state)
 Home course: Clear Lake CC
 Boys: jr. Joe Poppewell, jr. Nick Poppewell, jr. Michael Veit, jr. Cody Bridwell, jr. Cortlin Runyan, soph. Garrison Herzinger

Girls: sr. Courtney Gemar, jr. Jessica Brown, jr. Alyssa Welch, sr. Tracy Franson
 Outlook: Scrupy Indians will have to overcome a lack of con-

sistency if they are to make any noise this season. For the boys, both Joe and Nick Poppewell provide solid play off the tee and good experience with two years playing at the state tournament. But Welch, Bridwell and any number of others will be able to shoot low scores if Buhi is to have any chance of a district title. The girls team is led by Gemar, Brown and Welch, all are well-rounded golfers who are able to shoot consistent low numbers. Great potential and a darkhorse to take the district title away from Kimberly.

■ Declo Hornets

Coach: Lynn Payne, ninth season
 Assistants: Dennis Smyer

2002 finish: Boys (third, district)
 Home course: Burley GC
 Boys: sr. Calvin Stone, jr. Nick Ramsey, sr. Jeremy Heine, jr. Bret Wardle

Girls: sr. Vanessa Beckley, jr. Sarah Smith
 Outlook: Mix of youth and senior leadership on both boys and girls teams. Hornets are probably overmatched, however, with the likes of Kimberly, Filer and Buhi in the district. Three of the girls are first-year players.

■ Filer Wildcats

Coach: Dennis Mar, 11th season
 2002 finish: Boys (third, state); No team

Home course: Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course
 Boys: jr. Jake Carnahan, soph. Carey Farnsworth, soph. Corey Farnsworth, jr. Jared Koch, sr. Trevor Ross, jr. Adam Molton

Outlook: John Shetler, who's he? Never mind that graduated state tournament medalist Shetler is but a distant memory, as these Wildcats seemingly reload year after year. Already the team has showed some early brilliance by having all five varsity players shoot within five strokes of one another this past week. With brothers Carey and Corey Farnsworth, or latest medalist, Jared Koch, teeing it up, any one of the Filer five could contend for a medalist honor at any given time. A team never to be taken lightly.

■ Gooding Senators

Coach: Chris Costcock, fifth season
 Assistants: none

2002 finish: N/A
 Home course: Gooding CC
 Boys: soph. Tony Koonec, soph. Mike Bauscher, soph. Eric Randall, sr. Matt Cheney

Girls: jr. Sadie Arkoosh, jr. Angela Behunin
 Outlook: Young team will hope to gain valuable playing experience.

■ Kimberly Bulldogs

Coach: Brian Willford, 14th season
 Assistants: N/A

2002 finish: Boys (second district, fifth state); Girls (first district, 5th State)
 Home course: Pleasant Valley GC

Boys: jr. Zach Abels, sr. Matt Taylor, sr. Ryan Fisher, jr. Jason Diller, jr. Andy McGrew, jr. Ricky Zdroff, jr. Scott Olsen, soph. Shawn Florke, soph. J.J. Shawver, soph. Darin Musser, fr. Chad Altemose, frosh. Jarod Baker

Girls: sr. Heather Smith, sr. Krista Vawser, jr. Ashley Smith, jr. Ashley Andrew, jr. Lindsay Bell, jr. Megan Green, jr. Chelsea Cochran, soph. Beanie Dille, frosh. Tarah Tippet, frosh. Janie Askew

Outlook: This could be the Kimberly boys year as perennial strong District Four program promote solid golf. Kimberly will be tested by always-strong Filer bunch, which lost three to graduation, including state medalist Greg Shetler. But with Abels, the reigning IGA champion, leading the way and a capable Taylor and Fisher playing No. 1 on any team but this one, the Bulldogs should give the state team title a good chase. The district champion girls team returns several players including Smith. Depth and consistency are the girls' strong points with youth being a question mark.

■ Class 2A

■ Valley Vikings

Coach: Al Rohweder, fourth season
 Assistants: none

2002 finish: Boys (fourth, district); Girls (third, state)
 Home course: Pleasant Valley GC

Boys: sr. Anthony Nelson, jr. Jacob Cridner, sr. Ricky Comtes, soph. Trent Lamun

Girls: Brenton Black, Taren Brunder, Marisa Griffiths, Danielle Breung

Outlook: Whereas the Vikings play in state champions just two short seasons ago, the tables have turned as the Lady Vikings now lead the charge. Black, Griffiths and Lamun lead a strong girls contingent with 13 players turning out this season. All are underclassmen, which bodes well for a good season.



Chris DiMarco of Heathrow, Fla., puts for par on the 18th green during the first round of the 2003 BellSouth Classic at the TPC at Sugarloaf on Thursday in Duluth, Ga.

DiMarco takes lead after first round of BellSouth

By Keith Parsons
 Associated Press writer

DULUTH, Ga. — Chris DiMarco had done pretty well this season while battling a balky swing. So when that part of his game finally caught up with his putting Thursday, he went to the top of the leaderboard.

DiMarco shot a 5-under 67 in the first round of the BellSouth Classic, taking advantage of several short birdie chances after solid iron shots. He narrowly missed two more birdie putts from close range.

Six players were tied one shot back, including defending champion Retief Goosen, and another seven players were two shots behind. The event is the final tuneup for the Masters, the first major of the year.

"I've been fighting my swing a little bit all year," said DiMarco, who has three top-10 finishes in nine starts. "Today was one of the better swinging rounds I've had, where I was very consistent with my iron play and had a lot of really good shots at the hole."

"I was very much in control of my game, which I have not been that much this year."
 "With a lack of rain, the TPC at Sugarloaf played uncharacteristically hard and firm in the opening round. That made the greens less receptive to approach shots and forced players to be more conservative."

"I think that's the better for me," DiMarco said. "I don't know why, but I just like really fast greens. I can see the lines better. I like this course, especially when it plays like this. I think it plays better fast and hard."

Rookie John E. Moran briefly took the lead at 6 under with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 fourth, his 13th hole, but a bogey four holes later moved him back into a tie with DiMarco. Then Moran made a double bogey on his final hole, the par-4 ninth, and joined that large group at 69.

Goosen, the 2001 U.S. Open champ, followed his victory in

this tournament last year with a second-place finish in the Masters behind Tiger Woods. Like DiMarco, Goosen would like to see the greens stay the same for the final three rounds.

"I prefer the firmer greens," Goosen said. "There won't be anybody just running away with it — keeps the field bunched up, and the better players go to the top."

"A few holes, you have to land it 15 yards short of the flag to get it to stop. It's certainly a different golf course than it was last year."

Among those two shots back were Fred Couples and past tourney winners Paul Stankowski and Mark Calcavecchia. Stankowski was especially pleased with his round, which came a day after he struggled in the pro-am.

Phil Mickelson, playing in his first tournament, since taking a month off for the birth of his third child, shot 73.

Canadian Open moves West to Vancouver

VANCOUVER — British Columbia — The Canadian Open is moving west for the first time in nearly 40 years, giving Vancouver another chance to host a PGA Tour event.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association said the 2005 tournament will be played at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club.

It will be the first time since 1966 that the Canadian Open is held west of Ontario.

"This year's tournament will be in Hamilton, and next year it returns to Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont., for its 100th anniversary."

The announcement was made as Bell Canada extended its title sponsorship for three years through 2006.

Vancouver hosted a PGA Tour stop for the last seven years, but lost its date when beleaguered airline Air Canada didn't renew its title sponsorship beyond 2002.

WUSA begins new season and a World Cup awaits

By Barry Winer
 Associated Press writer

The WUSA faces a tricky juggling act this season: It wants to be more than simply a leading contender for the Women's World Cup in September. Then again, the league doesn't want to ignore the sport's premier event.

"Right now, it's the WUSA season, but we are going to have to balance responsibility and the opportunity to compete in the World Cup," Mia Hamm of the Washington Freedom said. "I don't see a down side to this. I get to play professionally and represent my country."

The World Cup will be held in China, and WUSA president Lynn Morgan sees this more as a marketing tool than competition for the eight-team soccer league as it enters its third year.

"It's a great platform for our season," Morgan said. "We feel as the attention mounts toward that great event it will create a significant buzz and a lot of interest coming out of our games."

That is crucial for a league whose average gate dropped by about 1,000 a game to 7,000. The Women's United Soccer Association is a fan-friendly league, one of the big strengths. Each game has a carnival atmosphere and no professional athletes are more aware of the need to please the crowd.

Every member of the 1999 U.S. World Cup winning team except the retired Michelle Akers competes in the WUSA. They range from superstars like Hamm, Brandi Chastain of San Diego, Kristine Lilly of Boston and Julie Foudy of San Diego to such core players as Kate Sobrero of Boston and Lorrie Fair of Philadelphia.

They are complemented by an increasingly strong array of foreign players, from Canada's Charhaine Hoopes to Brazil's Elis Regina, from China's Zhang Ouying to Norway's Hegg Rille.



Mia Hamm, right, controls the ball ahead of China's Zhang Ouying during the Algarve Cup final in Loule, Portugal, in this March 20 photo.

And by an impressive influx of young Americans such as Aly Wagner, Abby Wambach and Danielle Slaton.
 "We need to build on the foundation and hard work from the first two seasons," said Tiffany Milbrrett, the U.S. national team's most dangerous scorer and the New York Power's Lynchpin. "Have we done everything right? No. But we can build on what we have built. An incredible awareness and excitement about women's soccer and professional soccer in this country."

The league is bolstered by the commitment of its investors, including such communications giants as Time Warner Cable, Cox Enterprises and Comcast. They have shown no signs of getting antsy over low television ratings.

But Morgan notes that such major sponsors as Coca-Cola, McDonald's and Gillette are back on board, and the league shares many common sponsors with FIFA, soccer's governing body. The league's TV presence also

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has increased. ESPN2 will televise four games, including Saturday's opener, rematch of the championship game as Washington takes on Carolina. ESPN2 also will carry the All-Star game June 19 and a playoff game Aug. 7.

The Founder's Cup from San Diego will be on ESPN2, and PAX TV has a Saturday afternoon package of 19 games.

On the field — and only the Freedom, in RFK Stadium, have a major-league sized venue — defending champion Carolina is the front-runner. The Courage have a turnaround from last to first, won an overtime playoff game and a 3-2 championship game in 2002. They have the league's most versatile lineup.

But the Freedom has Hamm, who is healthy after missing much of last season recovering from knee surgery. And Hamm is on a mission — two actually. She wants to bring Washington to the championship, then help WUSA championship, then help the United States successfully defend the World Cup.

"This year is going to be a different year for any other, having a professional league prior to the World Cup," Hamm said. "But these challenges are exciting ones. Not only the USA, but teams across the world are stronger because of their participation in the WUSA."

Golf

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"When you are 3-under-par, you can't wonder what is going to happen. You just have to go with it," he said. "Or when you are a couple over, you have to keep playing and not worry about it."

"You can't be afraid to play well. When you've got it going good, go wild!"

Abel's confidence extends beyond his own game. He also leads the team with encouragement and helps teammates with their own games.
 "Anything I can do to help my team, my friends, anything I can do to make them better and give them confidence on the course, that's what I am there for," he said.
 Henshin said Abel is committed not only to the game, but to other players.

"Zach cares about other people. He knows that you don't have any control over how anyone else on your team plays, but that the way you meet them day in and day out really boosts their confidence," Henshin said. "I've seen good players that don't give their team the time and the team suffers for it. Zach isn't like that at all."

When pressed about his odds at the individual title, the odds are Abel shot 76 to tie for fourth last year, he just smiled slightly and mentioned Chad Huntsman, whom he toured with on the Hogan Cup last summer.

"I will be watching for Huntsman at state, but even more for Shelley's entire team," Abel said. "Shelley is good, but this team, our team, is good. Really good."
 Spoken like a team player.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Table with columns for teams (Twin Falls, Challengers, etc.), games, and scores.

WHAT'S ON TV

- Auto Racing: Formula One, NASCAR GP, IndyCar.
Basketball: NBA, NHL.
Hockey: NHL.
Baseball: MLB.



Twin Falls drag racer Diana Anderson will drive her 900-horsepower 1967 Chevy II this weekend at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway during the \$2-million NHRA-SummitRacing.com national meet.

RED SOX AT TWIN FALLS

Baseball game recap: Red Sox vs. Twin Falls. Score: 1-0.

MLB, Cubs of Reds, WGN, 5 p.m.

Baseball game recap: Cubs vs. Reds. Score: 1-0.

NBA Boxes

Summary of NBA game results.

Area drag racers head to Las Vegas

Jerome native Dick Vander Meer will lead a group of talented Magic Valley drag racers into this weekend's \$2 million NHRA SummitRacing.com national meet in Las Vegas. Vander Meer took second out of 186 Super Comp entries in October's NHRA event, following that up two weeks later with a top four finish. Last summer, Vander Meer won an all-star event in Chicago and took runner-up honors at another Las Vegas race in 2000.

ROYALS AT TEXAS

Baseball game recap: Royals vs. Texas. Score: 1-0.

Wednesday's Box Boxes

Summary of Wednesday's box office results.

NHL Sums

Summary of NHL game results.

Hoops fundraiser will be today and Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A basketball tournament fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley will be held today and Saturday for children in grades 5 through high school. The tournament has a three-game guarantee with the top two teams in each age division guaranteeing T-shirts and plaques. For more information, call 736-7011.

INDIANS AT BALTIMORE

Baseball game recap: Indians vs. Baltimore. Score: 1-0.

Scientific World Athletic Conference

Summary of Scientific World Athletic Conference results.

GOLF

Summary of golf tournament results.

Rupert four-person best ball winners announced

RUPERT - The team of Todd White, Tony Purves, Douglas Bryson and Jason Hunkeler tied with the foursome of Ron Jones, Charles Warren, Alan Goodman and Steve Antone for first place at the Rupert Country Club four-person best ball over the weekend. In the first flight, the team of J.R. Martin, Lawrence Davis, Brent Hillman and Kelly Armstrong won with a score of 131. The tournament was scored by taking the best gross and net ball of the foursome on each hole.

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SPORTS

Sosa's singles lead Cubs past Mets

Sanders helps Pirates spoil first series at Reds' new park

NEW YORK (AP) - Sammy Sosa drove in three runs with a pair of singles and left Shea Stadium still looking for his 5,000th career homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the New York Mets 6-3 Thursday.

Mark Prior (1-0) pitched six sharp innings, Moises Alou drove in three runs and Mark Grudzielnek scored three times. Sosa finished 3-for-7 with six walks overall against the Mets.

New manager Dusty Baker's team took two of three, and the Cubs won an opening series for the first time since 1998. Sosa lined a sharp, two-run single in the first and had an RBI infield hit in the third against former teammate Steve Trachsel (0-1).



Chicago's Sammy Sosa connects for a hit as Mets catcher Vance Wilson watches at Shea Stadium in New York Thursday.

Wednesday's effort I may be Lemieux's last

By Alan Robinson Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH - If this truly was his final game, Mario Lemieux left the NHL the same way he entered: with a fair for the dramatic and an unrivaled sense of timing.

As Lemieux stripped off the last of the many jerseys he wore in the Penguins' 3-2 home finale victory over Carolina on Wednesday night, he understood it may be the last time he wears his famous No. 66 in a game that counts.

It was the same reason he played with 25 specially numbered sticks, just as Wayne Gretzky in his last game. And why he stayed on the ice for nearly a half-hour after setting up the winning goal with 11 seconds left, taking part in a post-game giveaway and listening to fans chant: "One more year."

It's a year Lemieux doesn't seem to have left in. Lemieux again repeated what he's said for weeks: He won't be back until this summer. If he will return, at age 38, for a fourth season since coming out of retirement in the 2000-01 season.

"I've got to sit down with the people who are close to me and make the right decision," he said. The look in his eye, however, strongly suggested he's already made his choice. So did the way he interacted with his teammates, so young and so in awe of Lemieux it was surprising one didn't interrupt his post-game news conference for an autograph.

And so did his apparent intent to leave with something special, something people would remember. Like the goal he scored on his first shift as a rookie in 1984, or the goal he set up on his first shift after ending a 44-month retirement in December 2000.

For most of a Hall of Fame career interrupted by a year off following his bout with Hodgkin's disease plus the retirement years in which he bought the Penguins, Lemieux has been surrounded by stars on a contending team. Big stars, too: Ron Francis, Jaromir Jagr, Paul Coffey, Alexei Kovalev, Mark Recchi, Kevin Stevens.

Except for Lemieux, the Penguins of today are a faceless



Mario Lemieux, left, who may retire this offseason, and Ron Francis smile after colliding along the boards Wednesday in Pittsburgh. Lemieux and Francis were teammates in the earlier years of their careers.

collection of journeymen and prospects. Just as they were during Lemieux's rookie season in 1984-85, they are one of the NHL's worst teams with just 27 wins in 91 games dating to last season. With one game left, they are guaranteed of finishing 29th among the 30 NHL teams in the overall standings.

They don't figure to be better next season, when they go into what general manager Craig Patrick calls a "survival mode." Their payroll will be among the lowest of any team in the league as they await possible financial relief from the NHL's next labor agreement.

"I'm not sure I want to be part of a rebuilding process," he said. "I've been wrestled with that. Maybe the young kids might feel more comfortable if I'm not around, being the owner. Maybe I indicate a few of them."

Lemieux won't play in the Penguins' season finale Saturday at Washington, and he'll end the season without a goal in his final nine games, the longest non-goal streak of his career. If this is the end, Lemieux's career line score will read: 682 goals, 1,100 assists for 1,692 points in 875 games. Back in the owner's box, this time for keeps.

Major League Baseball

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB, L10, Str, Home, Away, Infr. Includes New York, Boston, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Toronto.

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Senators take top seed in Eastern Conference

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Ottawa Senators clinched two titles Thursday night - one for themselves and one for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Senators grabbed the top seed in the Eastern Conference for the first time in the franchise's 10-year history as Peter Schaefer and Daniel Alfredsson scored two goals apiece in a 3-0 victory over the Washington Capitals.

The victory also gave the Senators a franchise-record 111 points, breaking the mark of 109 set in 1997-98. A victory over Toronto on Saturday will give Ottawa the Presidents' Trophy and home ice throughout the postseason.

Meanwhile, the Capitals lost game Tampa Bay the Southwestern Division title, the first division crown in the Lightning's 11-year history. Tampa Bay will have the No. 3 seed and Washington the No. 6 seed and they will meet in the first round of the playoffs next week.

Devils 1, Bruins 1. EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Boston goaltender Steve Shields made five of his 28 saves in overtime as the Bruins skated to a tie with the New Jersey Devils in what might be a first-round matchup in the playoffs.

Joe Thornton scored in the second period for Boston, while Joe Nieuwendyk tallied for the Devils in the first period and became of a controversial penalty.

Nieuwendyk beat Shields at 49 seconds of the overtime with a shot in close, referee Mick McGeough immediately waved off the goal.

20 saves for the Maple Leafs, who are unbeaten in their last five (5-0-1). Fans chanted "Eddie! Eddie!" throughout the third period as Belfour made several spectacular saves.

Michael Renberg returned after missing three games with a strained hamstring and scored Toronto's other goal.

Blackhawks 6, Blues 4. ST. LOUIS - Nathan Dempsey and Chris Simon each scored twice and rookie goalie Michael Leighton won his eighth game as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the slumping St. Louis Blues.

The Blues trail the Avalanche by one point in the fourth place in the Western Conference, but home-ice advantage for the first round. But St. Louis is 0-2-1 in its last three games.

Red Wings 5, Islanders 2. DETROIT - Sergei Fedorov scored two goals and the Detroit Red Wings denied the New York Islanders a chance to clinch the final playoff spot in the East.

The Islanders, who have won games left, remain two points away from clinching the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit is second in the Western Conference with 108 points, one behind the Dallas Stars. The Red Wings, who have won 21 of their last 25 games (21-3-0) have two games left, while the Stars have one.

Sharks 3, Oilers 3. EDMONTON - San Jose's Teemu Selanne scored his 29th goal of the season, his second in the game, with only his second left in regulation to force overtime in an eventual 3-2 tie with the host Edmonton Oilers Thursday night. Oilers forward Ryan Smyth had the Oilers ahead 3-2 with 5:27 remaining.

Marlins 8, Phillies 3. MIAMI - Mark Redman had a career-high 10 strikeouts in his debut for Florida, and the Marlins hit three home runs to avoid being swept by Philadelphia.

Juan Encarnacion, Alex Gonzalez and Mike Lowell homered for the Marlins. Ivan Rodriguez added a two-run triple to hike his average to .455 with five RBIs.

Cardinals 6, Brewers 4. ST. LOUIS - Garrett Stephenson (1-0) allowed one run in 6 1/3 innings. Albert Pujols had three RBIs as St. Louis beat Milwaukee to complete a three-game sweep.

The NL Central champion Cardinals swept their opening series for the second time in four seasons. St. Louis has swept the Brewers, a franchise-woof 56-106 last year, three times since the start of 2002.

Rockies 10, Astros 5. HOUSTON - Bobby Estalella homered twice and Nelson Cruz (1-0) pitched five innings to beat his former team as Colorado avoided a three-game sweep.

Padres 6, Dodgers 1. SAN DIEGO - Jake Peavy struck out a career-high 11 and combined with two other pitchers on a two-hitter as San Diego beat the Los Angeles to snap a three-game losing streak.

Mark Loretta hit a three-run triple off Kazuhisa Ishii (0-1) to highlight the five-run fourth, when the Padres took their first lead of the season.

Expos 4, Braves 0. ATLANTA - Five-time Gold Glove winner Andrew Jones dropped a routine flyball to lead to Montreal's first run and Brad Wilkerson hit a two-run homer off Atlanta newcomer Russ Ortiz (0-1) as the Expos sent the Braves to their worst start in 15 years.

The Braves are 0-3 for the first time since 1988 when they began 0-10. That was three years before they began their record run of division titles.

Atlanta, outscored 17-2 in the three-game sweep to Montreal, was shut out for the second consecutive night and is scoreless in 19 straight innings.

Indians 3, Orioles 0. BALTIMORE - Brian Anderson marked his return to the Indians by pitching eight innings of four-hit ball, and Matt Latos hit a three-run homer as Cleveland beat Baltimore.

The game drew a crowd of 18,470 - the lowest attendance in the 12-year history of Camden Yards.

Jose Contreras. The Mets hope the addition of pitcher Tom Glavine, shelled in his first start Monday, proves to be a stroke of genius come October.

Overall, the average salary rose 7.2 percent to \$2,555,476, behind the NBA (\$4.54 million) but ahead of the NFL (\$1.25 million). In a sign of baseball's economic slowdown, the number of players making \$1 million or more dropped to 386 from 415 last year and 425 in 2001. The median salary - the point at which an equal amount of players is above and below - dropped to \$800,000 from \$900,000 at the start of last

Montreal starter Javier Vazquez (1-0) pitched 5 2/3 innings and allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out five to help the Expos get off to their best start since going 3-0 in 1997.

Twins 3, Tigers 0. DETROIT - Kyle Lohse allowed two hits in eight innings as the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 3-0 Thursday to complete an opening three-game sweep.

Minnesota improved to 3-0 for the second time in three years. The Tigers started 0-11 last season.

Royals 12, White Sox 6. KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Ken Haverly had a two-run single and Brent Mayne hit a three-run homer as Kansas City rallied from a 6-5 deficit in the eighth inning and completed a three-game sweep.

Kansas City, which scored all its runs with two out, is 3-0 for the first time since 1979.

Red Sox 14, Devil Rays 5. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Kevin Millar homered and drove in four runs for Boston, which has won three straight after losing to Tampa Bay in its opener.

Millar had an RBI single off Nick Bierbrodt (0-1) in a five-run third inning, a solo homer off reliever Jorge Sosa in the fifth and a two-run double in the sixth. With a chance to hit for the cycle, he fired out in the eighth.

Mariners 7, Athletics 6, 11 innings. OAKLAND, Calif. - Ben Davis hit a leadoff homer in the 11th inning as Seattle blew two late leads but still got new manager Bob Melvin his first victory.

Seattle led 4-3 in the ninth, but Scott Hatteberg tied it with an RBI single off closer Kazuhiro Sasaki. After Mike Cameron drove home pinch-runner Mark McLemore with a sacrifice fly off Keith Foulke in the 10th, Terrence Long hit a one-out homer to right off Jeff Nelson (1-0) to tie it again.

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season and \$975,000 in 2000. Baseball owners have cited the weak economy and the luxury tax as reasons some teams lowered payroll. The drop in the median and the decrease in millionaires could be a sign that much of this year's rise is due to multi-year contracts with built-in raises. Figures for the study included salaries and prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income for some players, as well as salaries deferred without interest, were discounted to present-day value. The A.P. study also showed: Behind Rodriguez on the highest-paid list were Toronto's Carlos Delgado (\$18.7 million), Boston's Manny Ramirez (\$17.2 million), the Mets' Mo Vaughn (\$17.2 million) and the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa (\$16.5 million). Anaheim followed its first World Series title by boosting its payroll to \$79 million, keeping all its key players. The Angels began 2002 at \$61.7 million. Philadelphia, which moves into a new ballpark in 2004, made a big payroll jump (from \$58 million to \$70.8 million), as did division champions Minnesota and Oakland. Cleveland dropped from \$79.9 million at the start of last season to \$48.8 million. Toronto, Arizona, Boston and Milwaukee also had big decreases.

Lakers win physical battle with Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Even with the Dallas Mavericks trying to cap their best season ever, they still can't get past the Los Angeles Lakers.

Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points and led 17 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant scored 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers beat the Mavericks 100-89 Thursday night in a game that had the intensity and physical clashes of the playoffs.

It was their first meeting since Los Angeles cruised a 27-point fourth-quarter deficit, Dallas had plenty of chances to break the game open in the middle two quarters.

The Lakers were playing sloppy but Bryant started just 3-0-13. But the Mavericks' — in their first chance to win their team record-tying 57th game — led only 65-64 with 2:14 left in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal made two free throws then a dunk that put the Lakers in control. The Mavs got within five mid-quarter.

The Mavs scored a quick basket out of a timeout and stripped Dirk Nowitzki on a fast break, sending the 7-footer tumbling into cameramen. He jumped up to block a shot that no foul was called, and Dallas coach Don Nelson stormed onto the court, drawing two technicals and an ejection.

O'Neal and Nowitzki were jangling on each other all night, starting with O'Neal whacking Nowitzki across the face for a foul just 15 seconds after the opening tip.

With the crowd booing Nelson's ejection, a fan threw a disposable camera onto the court. O'Neal stood at half-court.

court bemused by it all, at one point shrugging his shoulders and gesturing to Mavericks assistant coach Sidney Moncrief as if to say, "Why all the fuss?"

Bryant, who had the first eight Los Angeles points of the fourth quarter, hit two free throws and O'Neal followed with another basket for an 11-point lead, sealing the Lakers' 43rd victory over Dallas in the last 48 meetings since 1991.

The loss cuts Dallas' lead over San Antonio to one game in both the Midwest Division and the chance for the top seed in the West. The season-play-in-the-final. The Mavericks first have to play the Lakers again, on Tuesday in Los Angeles. Dallas came in having won five of six and eight of 10.

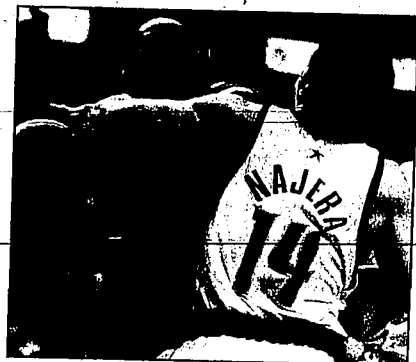
The Lakers, who have won five of six, are jockeying for their playoff seed, too, gaining a game on either Utah or Portland as they played each other late Thursday.

Nowitzki had 25 points and 22 rebounds, one shy of his career high, and Steve Nash had 26 points and five assists. Reserve Nick Van Exel added 19 points.

Jazz 93, Trail Blazers 88

PORTLAND, Ore. — Karl Malone had 21 points and nine assists, and John Stockton had 15 points and 10 assists as the Utah Jazz beat the Portland Trail Blazers 93-88 Thursday night.

Matt Harpring added 17 points, including a 3-pointer with 17.1 seconds left that sealed the victory for the Jazz, who have won seven of eight and are within two games of the Blazers and Minnesota for the fourth playoff spot in the Western Conference.



The Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal is fouled by the Mavericks' Eduardo Najera Thursday in Dallas.

Rasheed Wallace led the Blazers with 23 points. Bonzi Wells had 13 points before picking up two technical fouls and an ejection in the final 2:54. Referee Ron Oleskiw issued the first technical with 2:54 to go and Steve Javie ejected Wells with a second T with 17.1 seconds to go, just after Harpring's 3.

Hawks 91, Wizards 89

ATLANTA — Michael Jordan played another farewell game in Atlanta. This time, he was upstaged by Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

Abdur-Rahim, who finished with 24 points, made a desperation shot at the buzzer to give the

Hawks a 91-89 victory over Jordan and the Washington Wizards on Thursday night.

It was a far cry from Jordan's last farewell in Atlanta. Before retiring a second time in 1998, His Airness lured the largest crowd in NBA history — 62,046 — to the Georgia Dome.

With his usual flare for the dramatic, Jordan scored 34 points that night to lead the Chicago Bulls to an 89-74 victory over the Hawks.

Jordan struggled most of the game Thursday night before leading a frenetic comeback. He scored 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, and also grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds.

St. John's wins record sixth NIT championship

Hatten hits key free throw, earns tourney MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Marcus Hatten ended his collegiate career with something that always eluded him: a championship.

Hatten scored 22 points and made a key free throw as St. John's won its record sixth National Invitationational Tournament with a 70-67 comeback victory over Big East rival Georgetown in front of 12,406 Thursday-night at Madison Square Garden.

Boisterous St. John's fans rushed the court after the game as "New York, New York" played. Fans then crowded around Hatten and lifted him up on their shoulders. Hatten won tournament MVP honors.

"We were in purgatory, now we're heaven," coach Mike Jarvis said.

Freshman Elijah Ingram made two free throws with 41 seconds remaining to seal the game. Tony Bethel missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it as the buzzer sounded.

Georgetown big man Michael Sweetney led the Hoyas with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The game came down to the final two minutes. After the Hoyas (19-15) trailed for most of the second half, Bethel tied it at 67 with 1:27 remaining. Hatten made one of two free throws to give St. John's a 69-67 lead with 1:13 to go.

The Hoyas had another chance to take the lead, but Gerald Riley missed with 4.1 seconds to go. That's when Ingram made his final free throws. Georgetown led by as many as

eight in the first half and was up 38-34 at the break. But the Hoyas started the second half in a funk.

It took nearly six minutes for them to score, and St. John's (21-13) took advantage. Hatten scored the Red Storm's first seven points, and they led 43-38 after a dunk by Gracy Reynolds five minutes into the half.

The Hoyas briefly took the lead back 44-43, but St. John's led 60-54 with 7:40 to play. St. John's held the lead until Bethel tied it.

Sweetney, who scored 32 points against Minnesota in the semifinals, dominated in the first half. He scored 15 points, including 5-of-6 from the free-throw line, and had five blocks to lead the Hoyas. Riley added 10.

St. John's shot 29.3 percent from the field, and missed nine of 13 shots from 3-point range in the first half.

St. John's won its first NIT title since 1989 and has the most victories in the tournament's history (45). The Red Storm expected to win another title, even posting a note in the locker room that said, "Know your ring size. St. John's goes for No. 6."

The win completes a remarkable turnaround for the Red Storm. 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 nine wins in 10 games.

Texas Tech beat Minnesota 71-61 in the consolation game.

West becomes Xavier's first AP All-American

High-scoring forward leads nation in votes

The Associated Press

David West knows how to get the most, whether it's points on the court or votes off it. He became the first Xavier player to earn AP All-American honors Thursday as the leading vote-getter on the 2002-03 team.

The three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year was joined on the first team by fellow seniors Nick Collison of Kansas and Edward Wade of Wake Forest, along with junior Dwayne Wade of Marquette and sophomore T.J. Ford of Texas.

Collison, Wade and Ford play Saturday in the Final Four. The 6-foot-9 West, a second-team All-American last year, averaged 20.3 points and 12.0 rebounds for the Musketeers, leading them to a Top 10 ranking and a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament.

West surprised a lot of people when he decided to play in the NBA draft and return for his senior season. He admitted honors like these were part of the package.

"That was always a chance that I wanted to give myself a goal at things like that, and that's what I thought about as I went through all that hard work in the gym," he said.

"His most remarkable performance came against Dayton on Feb. 8, when he scored 47 points and had 18 rebounds, just missing a double-double in each half."

"I've always wanted to set myself apart from other players, and to be the first player picked from Xavier is part of all that," he said.

West, the only presenior All-American to earn the postseason honor, received 64 first-team votes and 344 points from the 72-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Each voter picked three teams and players received points on a 5-3-1 basis. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

Hollis Price of Oklahoma was one of four seniors on the second team. He was joined by Kyle Korver of Creighton, Troy Bell of Eastern College and Eylon Gardner of Arizona. Freshman Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse was seventh in the voting with 203 points, 58 behind Price.

Seniors made up the third team: Brian Cook of Illinois, Reece Gaines of Louisville, Kirk Hinrich of Kansas, Keith Rogers of Kentucky, and Ron Slay of Tennessee.



Xavier forward David West dunks against St. Bonaventure Jan. 11 in Cincinnati.

Women's team Taurasi, Beard lead

women's All-America team

Connecticut's Diana Taurasi and Duke's Alana Beard led their teams to the Final Four and now have something else to celebrate: Unanimous selections to the women's basketball AP All-America team.

Mississippi State's LaToya Thomas, Kansas State's Nicole Ohlde and Penn State's Kelly Mazzante also were picked by the 44-member national media panel that votes on the weekly AP Top 25.

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Taurasi and Beard were first-team choices on every ballot for a maximum 220 points. Thomas was the only other player on each ballot, getting 40 first-team votes and 212 points. Ohlde had 151 points, Mazzante 148.

Thomas is a senior; the other four All-Americans are juniors. Beard, Taurasi and Thomas were on the preseason All-America team. The two other members, Vanderbilt's Chantelle Anderson and Stanford's Nicole Powell, made the postseason second team.

Also on the second team: Tennessee's Kara Lawson, South Carolina's Jocelyn Penn, and Minnesota's Lindsay Whalen.

The third team: Texas' Stacy Stephens, Purdue's Shareka Wright, Kansas State's Kendra Wecker, Texas Tech's Plenette Pierson, and LSU's Selmonne Augustus, the only freshman on any of the All-America teams.

Marquette

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Wade and Robert Jackson, worthy successors to Lee and Bo Ellis, the cornerstones of McGuire's team.

"I wanted to take Marquette to the next level, the same level as Al McGuire did," Wade said after the Golden Eagles advanced to the Final Four.

"Maybe we don't have the talent as other schools in previous years, but we look at ourselves as an elite school."

When Crean was hired in 1999, McGuire encouraged him to be his own man.

"I don't think he ever wanted me to be like I was under anybody's shadow here," Crean said. "He made it OK not to worry about the ghosts from the past."

Only 32 teams played in the tournament in 1977, instead of the 65 that got invited now. McGuire wasn't sure Marquette would be one of them. The Golden Eagles — they were called the Warriors then — had a 10-game winning streak early but struggled after McGuire announced at midyear he was retiring.

Marquette was 20-7, with one of the losses against Wichita State on the night McGuire was honored by the university, and a second against a Detroit team coached by the young Dick Vitale.

Still, the selection committee invited Marquette and put it in the Midwest region. The Warriors opened against Cincinnati, trailed by three points at the half but went on to win easily, 66-51.

Kansas State was next. McGuire said, "That was the hardest game I ever remember," Lee said. "They had a pretty tough team with Curtis Redding and Mike Evans. They were winning the whole game. They were up by 10 and I didn't know how we would get by them. It was probably the most nervous I ever was, but we were able to pull it out."

McGuire drew a technical in the game, and after Marquette won 67-66, the coach went on a 15-minute tirade about the officiating. Wake Forest fell to the Warriors in the regional finals 82-68, sending Marquette to the Final Four.

For a player, it was no big deal. "We were ranked No. 1 at the start of the season," Lee said. "We took it for granted. It was like we were supposed to win."

For the coach, it was everything, the last stop in a lifetime of dingy gyms and cracked courts.

In the national semifinals, Marquette faced North Carolina. Charlotte's Corliss and Maxwell. The game was close throughout. Tied at 49 with three seconds left, McGuire called a time-out and smilled downcourt, peering up at the clock. He was not checking the score.

"He wanted to see if I would hit the clock with a full court pass. It was no low. Lee said, 'He decided it was OK and said, 'Just let it go.' Lee connected with Whitehead

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N. Collison 9.6	Rebounds	R. Jackson 7.5
A. Miles 6.5	Assists	T. Diner 5.7

Game 1: Kansas can cause matchup problems for Marquette because Nick Collison, who has had an exceptional tournament, is so skilled and can find ways to score inside. Marquette, a solid defensive team, has a star in Dwayne Wade, a do-everything guard, who can score with explosive penetrating ability. To combat Wade, Marquette needs consistent efforts from Collison, Kirk Hinrich and Keith Langford to reach the national final.

SYRACUSE		
28-5		
79.1	Avg. pts.	70.2
68.9	Dpp, avg. pts.	68.0
473	FG pct.	446
387	Opp. FG pct.	411
330	3-pt. FG pct.	352
693	FT pct.	725
3.2	Reb. margin	7.2

TEAM LEADERS		
C. Anthony 22.0	Points	T.J. Ford 15.1
G. McIntyre 9.8	Rebounds	J. Thomas 11.5
G. McIntyre 4.5	Assists	T.J. Ford 7.7

Game 2: Led by one of the nation's top players, T.J. Ford, the Longhorns' superior depth gives the lone remaining top seed a slight advantage. Syracuse has a lot of offensive firepower. Key for the Orangehorns is sensational freshman Carmelo Anthony, who can score every time he touches the ball. Strategy will play a major role.

For the winning basket and Marquette was in the championship game. Next was North Carolina and coach Dean Smith's famed four-corner offense designed to kill time before the 35-second shot clock was adopted. Marquette was hardly disturbed. "We had our own stall," Lee said. North Carolina ran a full practice the day before the championship game. McGuire made Marquette's practice an optional shoot-around and just four players showed up, two in jeans, two in sweat suits. No pressure here. Marquette led 39-27 at halftime, but North Carolina rallied to take a 45-43 lead before the Warriors regained control and won 67-59. As the clock clicked off the

America at war

Blair wants U.N. to play greater role

British prime minister worries about image of post-war Iraq as made for U.S. interests

The Washington Post

The Bush administration and Britain, its closest ally in the war against Iraq, may be headed for a collision over Iraq's interim leadership and the role of the United Nations after the ouster of President Saddam Hussein.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, seeking to broaden international influence, has long and widespread fears that the Americans will exert unbridled control, believes the United Nations should lead a gathering of Iraqis to select interim leaders and shape the country's post-war administration.



Tony Blair British prime minister

Blair, who has been seeking support in Europe for broader U.N. engagement, sees it as a way to add legitimacy to the remaking of Iraq and prove the value of the world body, which was damaged by the bitter fight over the war.

He said Iraq "should be run for the first time in decades by the Iraqi people."

Senior U.N. officials consider the British idea a useful bridge and a modest way to begin developing a meaningful role in Iraq beyond humanitarian relief. But as one U.N. staff member put it Wednesday, "Even on that, the Americans have more or less signaled to us, 'Forget about it.'"

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell will focus on the debate over postwar Iraq Thursday with European counterparts who want to prevent the United States from dominating the politics and economics of a changed Iraq. He said he would seek further opinions in coming days and that no decisions would be made Thursday.

"I think there is a consensus that says the United Nations has a role to play," Powell told reporters traveling with him on his brief European trip. "What we have to work out is exactly the nature of that role and how the U.N. role will be used to provide some level of endorsement for our actions, the actions of the coalition in Iraq."

Powell and other top Bush administration figures have, to a person, refused to answer questions about a U.N. role in Iraq's reconstruction. In an administration where skepticism toward the United Nations and other international arrangements is strong, last month's losing battle over Security Council authorization for the Iraq war only bolstered

the opposition. "No one's earning great points in Washington by saying we have to work closely with the U.N.," said one U.S. official involved in postwar planning.

After meeting with President Bush Wednesday, Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told reporters that he believes the U.S. administration would support the establishment of a special U.N. representative in Iraq to coordinate U.N. activities. But the extent of the proposed envoy's responsibilities remained unclear.

In an administration still divided over how to govern Iraq after Baghdad falls, Bush has made no decisions.

The State Department favors a central role for the United Nations and other international partners in Iraq after a period of U.S. military occupation. Opponents, doubtful about the U.N.'s abilities and wary of constraints on U.S. action, are prominent in the Defense Department and White House.

In debating U.N. tasks, officials make a distinction between relief and reconstruction. Indeed, the administration is eager for help from aid agencies that have permanent mandates to help refugees and vulnerable children, for example. U.S. officials worked closely and quickly with the U.N. World Food Program to take over Iraq's essential nationwide food distribution system.

Leaders of prominent U.S.-based aid organizations have appealed to Bush to turn the humanitarian operation over to a U.N. coordinator. They contend a U.N. umbrella would shelter governments and independent organizations that want to help.

"To have the U.N. in charge would not only use its expertise to the fullest, but it would allow broader multilateral coalition," said Kenneth Bacon, president of Refugees International. "There are a number of European agencies that will find it very difficult to work on relief if they think it's being directed by the United States."

The reconstruction stage contemplates a longer period of time and a wider set of objectives, from rebuilding roads and water systems to establishing a new judicial system and defense force. It is there that the debate is least settled within the U.S. administration and beyond.

U.S., NATO at odds over Iraq rebuilding

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Secretary of State Colin Powell told Washington's European allies and friends Thursday the United States—not the United Nations—must have the lead role in Iraq's postwar reconstruction.

In a fast-paced series of meetings with his NATO and European Union counterparts at the NATO headquarters here, Powell did not resolve differences over the nature of the U.N. role after the fighting is done in Iraq.

"I think the coalition has to play the leading role," he told a closing news conference. "But that does not mean we have to shut others out. There will definitely be a United Nations role, but what the exact nature of that role will be remains to be seen."

Powell's comments clashed with the view in European capitals that the reconstruction of Iraq should be guided by the United Nations, not the United States or Britain, which went to war against Iraq on March 20.

"We must stabilize Iraq and the region," said French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, which went to war against Iraq on March 20.

Powell played down the differences, calling his meetings consultative. "I'll report back (to President Bush) what I heard. We

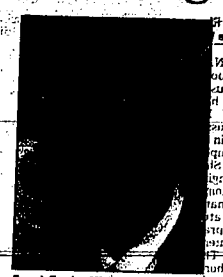


Secretary of State Colin Powell addresses the media at NATO headquarters in Brussels Thursday after meetings on the reconstruction of post-war Iraq.

are still examining the proper role for the United Nations."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at the world body's headquarters Thursday that "the idea of U.N. involvement in post-conflict Iraq is an issue under discussion."

"I believe the U.N. has a role to play," he said. "The extent and the nature of that role is under discussion here in the council and in other capitals."



French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin told the conference the U.N. should play the lead role.

debate over Iraq that provoked one of the worst splits in alliance history.

"The ministers were ... more than willing to see whether other international organizations, like NATO, might have a role in helping Iraq's reconstruction, NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson told reporters.

He said that while there was no common view on any U.N. role in postwar Iraq, Powell's talks were held "without acrimony."

Bush comforts families of war dead, sees Marines cheer

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP)—At a military base hard hit by combat deaths, President Bush shed tears Thursday with relatives of Marines killed in Iraq and told one man's family, "He's in heaven."

Bush and his wife Laura met in a chapel annex with about 20 family members of five Camp Lejeune-based Marines killed in

Iraq. The base has lost more troops in Iraq—at least 13 killed—than any other military installation. Six more are missing.

Among the grieving families were several small children who lost their fathers, including six-week-old twin girls and a two-week-old baby. Some relatives wore lapel pictures of their lost Marine. The meeting was private,

but a senior White House official described it afterward. The names of the families were withheld. "He loved being a Marine," Bush was told. "He loved his country." "He was proud to serve."

A teary-eyed Bush assured the families, "The world will be more peaceful" and "I'm proud of you." It was Bush's first meeting with

relatives of slain troops since the war began two weeks ago.

Bush talked with the families after a speech to troops and mess hall lunch. Some 12,000 camouflage-clad Marines and 8,000 more family members and friends spilled out from a temporary stadium into a green field named in honor of Marines who have died.



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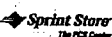
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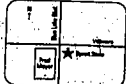
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Troops help Shiites blow up Saddam statue

By Rick Atkinson
The Washington Post

NAJAF, Iraq - U.S. Army troops and sympathetic Shiite Muslims Thursday collaborated to blow up an equestrian statue of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as part of a campaign to win hearts and minds in this vital engineering river city.

Slightly before 5 p.m., combat engineers laid plastic explosives along the pedestal and Iraqis detonated the charge to pitch the statue of Saddam - holding an upturned sword - into a crater.

The gesture was part of a choreographed effort to suggest local support for the American

occupation. Earlier in the day a Shiite force of 150 paramilitary fighters was expected to declare an insurrection against the Saddam government after claiming credit for capturing a Fedayeen motor pool that actually had been secured by 101st Airborne Division soldiers. Only 23 Shiites showed up, however - their allegiance to the Americans signified by white armbands - and the statue-toppling operation was launched.

"We're in the extremely confusing situation of trying to link up with a bunch of guys who look exactly like the guys we're trying to kill," one Army staff officer said.

Publicly wresting this city from

Baghdad's control, both physically and psychologically, is considered important because Najaf straddles U.S. supply lines from Kuwait to the Iraqi capital and is an important religious center for Iraq's Shiite majority.

The jubilant welcome given U.S. forces this week darkened a briefly Thursday morning when a heavily armed patrol of the 1st Brigade of the 101st was stopped by a crowd while trying to set up a parley with Najaf's chief cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, a Shiite leader whose residence is near the venerated tomb of Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed.

Reportedly told by Fedayeen instigators that soldiers intended

to destroy the shrine, the crowd swelled to a couple thousand people, many of them yelling in protest. The troops pulled back and Army linguists with loud-speakers calmed passions by giving assurances that no harm would come to the tomb or adjacent mosque.

U.S. military commanders said that Sistani, who had been held under house arrest, had issued an edict instructing local Shiites not to interfere with the invading troops.

"We believe this is a very significant turning point and another indicator that the Iraqi regime is approaching its end," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters in Qair.

Marines battle suicide attacks

Some Iraqis say they're being forced to fight

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press Writer

KUT, Iraq - Many in Kut waved white flags and welcomed the U.S. Marines, and this is why Saddam Hussein's regime, they said, was going door to door and giving their young men a sinister choice.

"Fight or die."

"God help us because Saddam Hussein is killing us," said Kusum Jassi, an old man with a solitary jagged tooth. Behind him, smoke billowed from Iraqi military jeeps and a military school shelled by Marines.

"They want to give us machine guns and make us fight," he said. "We are no soldiers. How can we fight? And if we don't fight they kill us."

woman in a black chador who was waving a white rag.

Marines came to Kut - site of a key bridge over the Tigris River that meets the road west to Baghdad - to seek and battle Republican Guard and Baath Party fighters.

"They found both, along with huge caches of arms - dozens of mortar rounds, grenades and small arms ammo - that Iraqi fighters had stashed in schools in the town," Lt. Col. B.P. McCoy, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine, said. "More than we could blow up."

Marines entered town with an attack on the military training school on the outskirts. Heavy machine gun fire shattered a mosaic of Saddam on a front wall.

Blocks into the town, Marines met Iraqi fighters firing from behind the trunks of a date palm grove.

Inside the grove, and in low white buildings around it, the Marines fought what they said was their battalion's closest fight in a human wave, 10 or 15 guys, complexes and Baath offices in the south.

"We were throwing grenades at each other," McCoy said. Other Marine units had encountered that kind of intense engagement last week to the south, at Nasiriyah.

McCoy and other Marines described a final suicide charge by the last Iraqi fighters. Clutching AK-47s, Iraqis came running against Marine tanks.

"At the end they came charging in a human wave, 10 or 15 guys," he said. "We mowed them down."

Refugees begin returning as city calms

Numaniyah residents welcome troops; 'Are we free yet?' one asks

By Ron Harris
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

NUMANIYAH, Iraq - The streets of this river city came alive Thursday as residents began to adjust to the presence of hundreds of Marines who spent the day calming citizens' fears, meeting with ranking authorities, finding and destroying weapons caches and rooting out local remnants of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's Baath Party.

Residents who had left the area before the Marines' arrival in fear of being caught in the cross-fire between U.S. forces and the Republican Guard began returning to the city, repopulating what Wednesday was a ghost town.

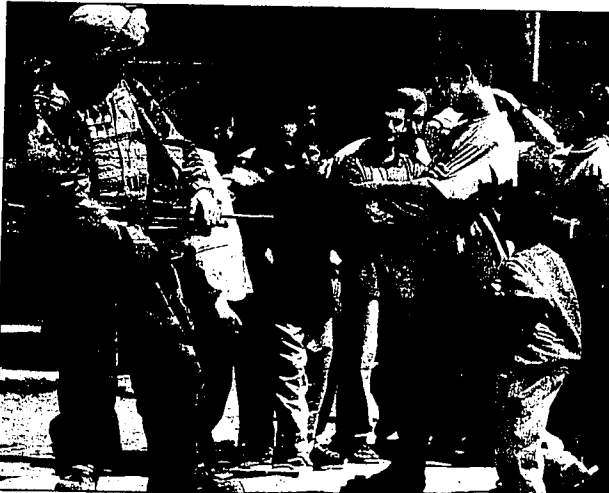
Many anxious residents kept their storefronts shuttered, but a few opened to eager customers, who crowded the streets to buy goods and to ogle the Marines.

Old, battered automobiles chugged down narrow streets on the banks of the Tigris River, kids rode bicycles and people could be seen laughing and talking in areas that were empty the day before.

Everywhere the Marines went, they were met by eager faces, smiles, thumbs up and questions.

"Are you coming to free us from Saddam?" one man asked. Another asked Navy Corpsman Michah Davis, 20, of Farmington, N.M. "Are we free yet?"

The women invited Davis into their home for tea and kids and adults invited him and Gunnery Sgt. Dennis Stieber, 39, of Marquette, Wis., to come and play soccer with them. "It really touches you," Davis said.



An Iraqi teenager, right, points to a Marine's rifle in Numaniyah, southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, as the town's residents appear to be becoming more comfortable with the U.S. military's presence.

Lance Cpl. Kurtis Bellmont of Cold Spring, Minn., said he was overwhelmed by how friendly the people were. Like nearly every Marine, he hasn't bathed since he left Kuwait 15 days ago, and the Iraqis noticed.

"The people looked at my dirty face and they wanted to take me into their houses to wash my face, to wash our feet," Bellmont, 21, said. "I guess it's their thing. Then, they brought out tea to us."

"The biggest question I got was how soon Saddam Hussein would be gone. I got that from many different people in different parts of town."

Maj. Anthony Henderson, executive officer and second in command of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, said his battalion would probably stay in town another 24 hours to maintain control of the drawbridge that spans the Tigris River here and

to clear the town of Baath Party officials.

"Things are going very well right now," said Henderson, 36, of Washington. "We've captured about 20 Iraqi officers who were hiding along the route, and it appears that the people are glad that we're here."

If they weren't, you wouldn't see this kind of sodden region, and they definitely wouldn't let their children out on the street."

Analysts: Oil won't pay for Iraq

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - To hear some Bush administration officials tell it, the reconstruction of Iraq will largely pay for itself, thanks to a postwar gusher of petroleum revenue.

claims, a shaky currency, high unemployment, galloping inflation and a crumbling infrastructure - are expected to sustain more damage before the shooting stops.

And the more oil Iraq produces to try to pump up its earnings, the more it will become that prices will fall, leaving it no better off than before.

"Clearly, it's a basket case," said Dean Baker, co-director of the liberal Center for Economic and Policy Research in Washington. "Once you start talking about it, you see what an impossible situation it is. I don't think the Bush administration is anxious to have that conversation."

"The one thing that is certain is Iraq is a wealthy nation," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

A look at the national balance sheet tells a different story.

Iraq will emerge from the war a financial shambles, many economists say, with a debt load bigger than that of Argentina, a cash flow crunch rivaling those of Third World countries, a mountain of unresolved compensation

In the field: Causing death and destruction, but never seeing it

By Lyndsey Layton
The Washington Post

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN - In he swaggers, helmet in hand, his dark brown hair matted with sweat. Fellow pilots looked up expectantly from their burgundy recliners.

"Hey, how'd it go?" one asked.

"You jroop?"

"Yep," the pilot answered, still in his 70-year-old olive green flight suit, with the hose from his oxygen mask draped around his neck like a scarf. Then he delivered the comic-book line fighter pilots frequently toss around, a shorthand for mission accomplished.

"Kaboom!"



During a break between flying their Super Hornet jets, Lt. Eric Doyle, 29, left, and Lt. Rob Kilm, 28, discuss the war and the impact of the bombing. Kilm, considered the squadron's peacemaker, said he did not have a good answer for the loss of life the bombs cause.

twenties or early thirties, instead focus on the electronics of their weaponry and supersonic jets. They swap tales of maneuvers in the sky - how a jet veered at the last minute to avoid missiles fired from the ground, how another dove below a friendly plane that was too close or ran into trouble with a tanker. They collect metal shrapnel from their dropped bombs as souvenirs.

"We know we're killing people," said Lt. Sinn Wilson, 33, who enlisted in the Navy at 18, left to attend college and then rejoined to become a pilot. "We don't talk about it, don't worry about it. I don't know how this sounds, but we're more selfish than that. I worry about my car payments; the other guys worry about their girlfriends and wives."

Wilson, a barber's son, gets a here's a income when he goes home to Iowa.

A color photograph of him is displayed in the barber shop; he is a favorite speaker at the local American Legion post. He doesn't want to consider whether his bombs have killed civilians. "I'd rather not know about it," he said.

One recent afternoon, a half-dozen Super Hornet pilots on the

USS Abraham Lincoln were clustered around a television in their ready room, a space the size of a small classroom where they spend most of their time when not flying or sleeping.

They were watching video shot from the cockpit of a Super Hornet during a sortie the night before. The television showed a bright light darting north on the dark green screen, pausing over the target framed in a white box, then bursts of white and orange. The men delighted in the explosions.

Their backs were turned on another television across the small room. It was tuned to CNN and showed news footage of blood-hungry Iraqi men lying on beds, casualties of U.S. assaults. The pilots never glanced at that screen.

"Some of the pilots said they considered the moral dilemma of their work."

"Reflect on it on a daily basis," said Cmdr. Dale Horan, 39, the squadron's executive officer, who bears enough resemblance to the actor Woody from *Toy Story* that his call sign is Woody. "I want to do well," Horan said. "Yes, I get excited when I'm successful and

my bomb hits the target. But we're expending precious treasure - blood and lives as well as equipment and money."

During the first days of the air campaign, Horan said he had several conversations with God.

"I wanted to know why I was not getting worked up about the fact that I was going to drop bombs and kill people probably," Horan, who is a Lutheran, said. "How was it that I was comfortable about this? I'm a Christian, and I don't believe in killing people. So why was I feeling OK about this?"

In fact, Navy pilots in the air campaign over Iraq usually hear nothing when their bombs explode and often don't see the blast either. Their war is based on precision weapons, bombs guided by lasers and satellites to targets with often pinpoint accuracy.

Since the start of military action, pilots have been cushioned to some degree from the carnage of combat. But the prevalence of sophisticated weaponry in this conflict offers an unprecedented level of psychic insulation.

A satellite-guided JDAM bomb can travel up to 15 miles after it is launched from under a jet's wing before it finds and devastates its target. For a pilot 33,000 feet in the air, there is no screaming to hear, no explosion, no sound other than his own breathing.

"Afterwards, you see imagery

from satellites, but you don't see them carrying people off on stretchers," said Eric Doyle, a 29-year-old F/A-18E Super Hornet pilot from Houston.

Doyle and the other 16 elite pilots who fly the Super Hornets don't talk about killing.

The men, mostly in their late

twenties or early thirties, instead focus on the electronics of their weaponry and supersonic jets. They swap tales of maneuvers in the sky - how a jet veered at the last minute to avoid missiles fired from the ground, how another dove below a friendly plane that was too close or ran into trouble with a tanker. They collect metal shrapnel from their dropped bombs as souvenirs.

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Organ donation helps comfort grieving wife



DEAR ABBY
Abbigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: At 35, my husband, Tony, was so gorgeous he stopped traffic. He was also artistic, talented and had the biggest heart of anyone I'd ever met. Like most young couples, we dreamed of buying our first home, starting a family and growing old together. However, on Sept. 23, 1996, our dreams were shattered.

The memories are still a blur: The ambulance trip to the hospital. Emergency surgery for bleeding in the brain. The shocking discovery of a brain tumor. He was briefly conscious after surgery, then my darling slipped into a coma. The bleeding was unstoppable. Brain death was imminent.

That's when I met Mary. She was Tony's nurse in intensive care. Mary asked me if Tony was an organ donor. From the depths of my grief, I was suddenly given a different kind of hope — that other lives could be saved and Tony wouldn't die for nothing. I remember that we had talked about his becoming an organ donor when he renewed his driver's license. I

knew it was what he had wanted.

Tony's gift of organ donation is his living legacy in the truest sense. Just ask Mel, the liver recipient, who is healthy today; or the farmer who used to have to drive six hours for kidney dialysis, who can now enjoy the work he loves again. With so many people on the waiting lists today, organ donation is truly a gift of life.

— ROSE D'ACQUISTO, NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION DONOR FAMILY COUNCIL

donation, or a free organ donor card, readers can contact the National Kidney Foundation at Box DA, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016, or call (800) 622-9010. The Web site is www.kidney.org. I've learned that as of October 2002, 60,000 individuals are waiting for transplants; of those, 53,000 are waiting for kidneys. Last year, 28,000 potential recipients died waiting for kidneys. In 2001, 14,000 kidney transplants were performed — 8,200 from cadaver donors and 5,900 from living donors. The good news is that living donation is becoming a viable alternative to cadaveric kidney donors grew 12 percent last year, while cadaveric donations showed only a 1 percent increase.

get an apartment with him. I finally found one we can afford. It's near Adam's college, not far from both our families. You should see it — it's beautiful!

A week before we planned to move in, Adam told me he was unsure about our relationship. We had been quarreling a lot, but we talked and straightened everything out.

Now, a month later, the landlord called and said the apartment is ready. I told Adam, and he came up with yet another excuse not to live with me. When I asked if he wanted our relationship to go further, he said he wanted to

How about some bean ice cream?

FREDONIA, N.Y. (AP) — An ice cream maker is inviting April fools to line up for a taste of his newest flavor: suffering succotash.

Scott Aldrich mixed corn and lima beans with vanilla ice cream and

threw in pimientos for color. The concoction continues his 20-year tradition of making a bizarre flavor in honor of April Fools' Day. "I don't know how we came up with it, we just picked it," he said.

With 35 gallons on hand, Aldrich's Beef and Ice Cream Parlor, about 6 miles southwest of Buffalo, is offering free samples. Fast flavors have incorporated sauerkraut, bacon and egg creamed corn and pork and beans.

Cancer, you've got some gastronomical urgings

IF APRIL 4TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you can look forward to financial security at last. Many disappointments have made you skeptical. It's time to let romance have another chance. August brings a love featured. Partnership and love featured. An opportunity in May involving home, property or career could give you great advancement. December sees you celebrating a promotion.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Lunar influences in your Second House tempt you to make sudden expeditions having to do with home, parents or children. A disagreement is solved when you turn on your Aries charm.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You are of two minds as to what decisions have to be taken. Expect changes involving a trip. A lost article turns up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Guard your possessions. You receive or offer news regarding partnerships, societies or large organizations. Keep up your high standards as your powerful aura attracts something big.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your taste buds are hurrying you toward your favorite restaurant. Don't rush, enjoy your meal! Secret concerns make you want to confide, but you fear looking foolish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your outgoing Leo nature is your trump card today. People seek your advice and company. A travel offer presents itself. Insist on high standards.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You want to tear down the old and let

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

the fresh air in. A new love makes you feel like a million dollars. Be cautious whom you attract and give your confidence to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Food for mind and body. New ideas are buzzing. Don't let others put holes in your concepts. You receive an invitation to travel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your priorities are all work and no play. Enjoy yourself! Standing still is not an offence. Your financial stability is assured. Evening promises romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Are you taking it too seriously? Laugh your troubles away. A story told is full of holes, but be discerning as you may be asked to pay the bill.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your Capricorn nature wants to keep control. The moon in a harmonious angle to your sun assures that all will be well. A new start becomes possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Have faith in your dreams. It's been a long road. Setbacks aside, you are on course to a more rewarding and brighter future. Give happiness another go!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Artistic talents are paying off. Your ability to make people laugh is an asset. Uranus brings a breath of fresh air, and you want to get rid of past emotional entanglements.



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Study: The richer the man, the more likely he'll stray

Researchers of romantic matters contend the more money a husband makes, the more likely he'll cheat on his wife. They claim to know that 70 percent of the men who rank in the top 10 percent income bracket daily when away from home.

Not all grasshoppers have ears in their legs, you know. Some have ears in their stomachs. Historians say those Native Americans called the Nez Perce didn't pierce their noses. Why the early French so named them is a mystery. "Nez Perce" means "pierced nose."

Client writes, "I stammered until I took up juggling. Now I can even talk smoothly when not juggling."

Eye tests in the 1930s indicated 14 percent of Americans were near-sighted. Eye tests now show among children alone, 33 percent are near-sighted. To what do you attribute this great change? Television, as some claim? Or, as others contend, a refinement in testing standards which enlarges the eyewear market?

The word "an" is older than the word "a."



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Q. What king ruled the longest?
A. Make that monarch, Pharaohs II aka Neferture, a Sixth Dynasty Pharaoh of ancient Egypt, was enthroned at age 6 in 2281 B.C., and ruled, historians believe, for 94 years.

Q. Are Hong Kong summers hot?
A. Wouldn't say so. Average mean temperature in August is only 83 degrees F.

Q. Where'd the "cheese" in head cheese come from? There's no cheese in it.
A. That meat taken from the hog's head used to be packed in the same sort of clay pots in which cheese was packed.

Q. The sky looks bluer 30,000 feet up than on the runway. Why?
A. The fewer the dust particles in the air, the bluer the sky.

Notes on the economy

Not taking to the skies

Passenger bookings for SkyWest Airlines - a Delta Connection carrier - at the Twin Falls airport:

March 2003: 7,867
That's a hefty 30.7 percent decrease from the 4,137 SkyWest bookings in March 2002. For comparison, March bookings totaled 3,318 in 2001 and 3,994 in 2000.

Year-to-date 2003: 7,590
That's a 26.8 percent decrease from the 10,374 bookings in the first three months of 2002. But that point last year, bookings were nearly identical to 2001 levels.

(Those totals don't include charter flights.)
Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Kraft will sell part of retail rice business

NORTHFIELD, Ill. - Kraft Foods Inc., the No. 1 U.S. food company, said Thursday it agreed to sell part of its retail rice business to Ebro Foods SA, a Spanish producer of sugar, dairy and rice products. Terms were not disclosed.

The rice business in Germany, Austria and Denmark has combined revenue of more than 27 million euros (\$29 million), Kraft said. The deal is part of Kraft's strategy to focus on expanding its leading brands in its core categories. Besides the Kraft brand, the company owns the Oscar Mayer meats and Post cereals labels.

Kraft's revenue last year of nearly \$30 billion, was spun off in June 2001, by newly renamed parent company Aleris Group. In Magic Valley, Kraft has a cheese plant in Rupert.

Development group pulls support for Boise project

BOISE - The city's urban renewal agency has pulled its support for the Boise Tower, saying the developer is in default. After nearly six years' support for the 25-story condominium high rise, The Capital City Development Corp. board members decided to void developer Rick Peterson's exclusive right to develop the Boise Tower site. Peterson would have to forfeit his deed to the property and the \$265,000 he paid for it in 2001.

Peterson has six weeks from the day of the group's formal censure, which will not be approved until the board's April 21 meeting, to overcome the problems outlined in the default document - lack of financial backing, no city building permits and at least four liens filed against the project.

Kevin McKee, chairman of the development board, said growing public dissatisfaction over the Boise Tower's lack of progress has hurt the urban renewal agency's image in the community.

Peterson said the ruling would not stop him from moving forward with the project.

Jack in the Box sales slump near military bases

SAN DIEGO - With hundreds of its former patrons now dining on MREs in the Persian Gulf, Jack in the Box Inc. is looking for a few good customers, thanks to the war with Iraq.

Poor weather in some markets, a sluggish economy overall and troop deployments from military facilities in Southern California and elsewhere prompted the nation's fourth-largest burger chain to lower its same-store sales forecast for the fiscal second quarter. The company now anticipates that sales opened at stores at least 100 days will fall 1 percent, rather than the 2.3 percent to 2.7 percent dip it previously expected.

About 10 percent of the chain's nearly 1,000 restaurants are close to military facilities or border crossing points where the company operates in the West and Southwest, said Jessica Betan, executive vice president in San Diego.

"In the markets near military bases, business is down, and that is a direct result of the war with Iraq and the MREs," he said. "Spending that Jack in the Box began receiving a slowdown in store traffic about three weeks ago as the ranks of its military customers - makes age 18 to 47 - thinned out."

In Magic Valley, the chain has restaurants in Burley and Twin Falls.

News from wire reports

States ponder boosting beer taxes

Extra revenue could help balance budgets

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - With cash tight and bills looming, legislators around the country are turning to neighborhood pubs to help them drown their woes. At least 19 states are either considering plans to boost beer taxes or have already done it.

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell has proposed one of the heftiest hikes, a plan that would raise the tax on a gallon of beer for the first time since 1947, from 8 cents to a quarter. It would add 14 cents to the cost of an average six pack and raise \$55 million.

The proposal was met with good-natured boos and catcalls when Rendell unveiled it in a speech to the Legislature last month, but he left the only one looking to alcohol to close a budget gap.

Utah lawmakers have passed a bill to raise the beer tax from \$11 per barrel to \$12.80, while Idaho is considering raising its per-gallon tax from 15 cents to 24 cents. Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn wants to temporarily increase the state beer tax from 9 cents to 17 cents per gallon, and Arkansas lawmakers voted to renew a 3 percent tax hike on beer, passed two years ago to aid child education programs.

The proposals have generated loud complaints from brewers who say their products are already heavily taxed.

"For us to eat half a buck a case would be very difficult for us at this stage of the game," said David Casinelli, spokesman for the D.G. Yuengling & Son brewery. "It seems like every time the state needs money, they come to alcohol or tobacco, and, frankly, it's not fair."

Yuengling sells about \$50,000 barrels of beer a year in Pennsylvania, Casinelli said.

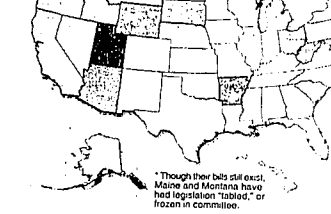
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Drinking away the budget blues

Many states have considered raising taxes on beer as a way of closing recent budget gaps.

Status of beer tax legislation in 2003 for selected states As of April 2

Passed Rejected Reviewing proposals or pending



Though their bills still exist, Maine and Minnesota have had legislation "tabled," or frozen in committee.

SOURCES: Center for Science in the Public Interest; Associated Press AP

Developers plan change for lots on Kimberly Rd.

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Expect to see new construction this year on the Kimberly Road lots which are home to the Cactus Inn motel and the former Boot Barn next door, developer Todd Blass said Thursday.

Blass said he and Ken Stutzman of C L Stutzman Excavating Inc. bought the Cactus Inn property and plan to demolish the motel in early July. "That'll pretty much clear that block up when that building comes down," Blass said.

The new owners notified Cactus Inn tenants that the motel will cease operations June 30, he said.

Blass said Gerald Martens of EHM Engineers Inc. and a partner bought the adjacent property a year or two ago and demolished the Boot Barn building earlier this year. The two sets of new owners are collaborating to create some kind of retail, office or commercial facility on the two properties by the end of this summer, Blass said.

Other Kimberly Road spots have attracted retail businesses, particularly automotive-related. But Blass has a potential user interested in office space.

"That's why I'm up in the air as to what exactly I might put in there," he said Thursday.

Spending pace picks up

Consumers return to stores while troops fight in Middle East

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Julie Bernstein used to always dress in black, but since the U.S. led war in Iraq began, she's donning bright colors like cobalt blue. She's also purchased her first bright red lipstick and nail polish.

Seeking escape from nearly non-stop media coverage of the war, consumers are cautiously returning to the nation's malls and department stores, spurring a mini-boom in sales of colorful clothing and accessories and spa products and yoga tapes.

"The atmosphere is depressing. I want to pretend this isn't happening," said Bernstein, a book publisher from Danbury, Conn.

Borders Group Inc., the second-largest bookseller behind Barnes & Noble Inc., said sales of books on home cooking and home improvement have accelerated since just before the war, along with political books on the Middle East.

Wal-Mart stores Inc. and others also reported an uptick in sales of flaps, while some stores like Proffitt's cited an increase in sales of red, white and blue clothing.

On the other hand, shoppers are snubbing big ticket items like suits and serious jewelry, as well as other basic items, such as black T-shirts, stores said.

Consumers' focus on feel-good items reflects similar spending patterns in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. But given the sluggish economic environment and mounting job worries, shoppers are now even more focused on price.

"War is making people more nervous about money," said Marian Solzman, chief strategy officer at Euro RSCG Worldwide, a New York-based marketing company.

For example, Bernstein said that while she plans to buy some bright clothing this spring, she's not going to splurge.

"I'm worried about the economy," she said. "In the months following Sept. 11, consumers stayed closer to home, spending generously on their houses, as well on crafts. They also bought comfortable clothes such as big sweaters."

Robbie Blinkoff, principal anthropologist at Baltimore-based Context Based Research Group, which specializes in ethnography, questions how much shoppers will spend this time.

"The behavior will be more tempered. It is not going to be this off-the-chart reaction," Blinkoff predicted.

Fears of a prolonged war in Iraq continue to hurt retailers, which reported sluggish sales last week. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Monday that same-store sales - sales at stores that have been open at least a year - will be



Julie Bernstein poses in Westport, Conn., Wednesday. She said she recently bought bright-colored clothes to help cheer her up to combat depressing war news.

at the low end of its forecast of low single-digit gains in March.

At Saks Fifth Avenue, Proffitt's and other department stores, which have suffered from a sluggish economy, bright colors are faring better than before the war started. And while

the arrival of spring has helped spark business, executives believe consumers are also embracing colors as therapy.

"People are using it as some pick-me-up," said Tom Browning, president and chief executive of Proffitt's, a division of Saks Inc.

Dell, Oracle will expand server cooperation

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK - Dell Computer Corp. and Oracle Corp. said they will expand their cooperation in computer servers, producing low-cost "cluster" servers based on their most recent technologies for international markets.

Computers from Dell combined with software from Oracle, the world's largest database software company, will maintain data across the cluster servers, which are made up of a string of computers linked together.

The Dell-Oracle servers, based on the nonproprietary Linux

operating system, are aimed at rival Sun Microsystems Inc., which uses a proprietary operating system for its servers, said Nicholas Gall, a senior vice president of the META Group, a technology consulting company.

Gall added that the servers also have the advantage of being modular, meaning that customers can just plug in additional servers as they need extra capacity. Dell is the fifth-largest producer of servers by revenue, behind HP, IBM Corp. and the largest, followed by Hewlett-Packard Co. and Sun.

Dell and Oracle have had a sales partnership in the U.S.

market for the past five years. This week's agreement expands that to Europe, Asia and Latin America.

"It strengthens an existing relationship and adds new dimensions to it," said Jean S. Botman, vice president at IDC, a technology research company. Of the 4 million to 5 million servers shipped worldwide every year, 10 percent to 20 percent are cluster servers, Botman said.

"It's a slice of the server market, but an increasingly important slice because when you cluster servers together, you're getting high availability," he said. "If you go offline, the rest in the

cluster take on the load. In this world of availability, it's not acceptable to have excessive periods of down time."

Dell, the No. 2 maker of personal computers and a Twin Falls call-center employer, also said it was on target to meet its Feb. 13 forecast of an 18 percent sales growth in the first quarter from a year earlier. Earnings for the quarter ending April 1 expected to be 23 cents a share with sales of \$9.5 billion, up from 17 cents and \$8.07 billion a year earlier.

Dell said it expects unit volumes to grow more than 25 percent from a year ago.

Tesoro makes move to trim heavy debt

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN ANTONIO - Tesoro Petroleum Corp. announced it will make a \$400 million private offer of senior secured notes and use the proceeds to pay down its heavy debt.

The San Antonio-based refining company has a Burley terminal and sells gasoline at stations throughout Magic Valley.

Tesoro, which lost \$117 million last year, also expects to announce a profit in its 2003 first-quarter results. Refining profit margins have improved with a cold winter and other factors, but Tesoro spokeswoman Susan Lorette emphasized that another factor is the company's focus on cutting expenses and paying down debt.

Tesoro plans to reduce its debt, which was nearly \$2 billion at year's end, by \$500 million this year. It paid off about \$60 million in the first quarter. Lorette said, well beyond its scheduled payment of about \$13 million.

Operational cuts the company made include offering 91 employees early retirement - 48 have taken the deal so far - and laying off 138 people this quarter in addition to 125 layoffs last fall. Of the 138 eliminated positions, 60 were in San Antonio. The company will continue looking at ways to cut costs, Lorette said, but it's done with layoffs for now.

Tesoro's doing all the right things, said analyst John Casick with Fahlstock & Co., and he's not surprised about the earnings announcement.

"We had them making money in the first quarter," he said.

The company's acquisition last year of a San Francisco Bay Area refinery, among others, deepened its debt in a year that served up reduced jet fuel demand and low margins on the West Coast, where most of Tesoro's refineries are concentrated.

"Kind of everything that could go wrong did go wrong last year," Casick said. As long as refining margins stay strong, he said, Tesoro should be able to continue paying down debt, and that's what the market wants to see.

"Obviously, it's been working," he said. "The stock has been moving up this whole year."

MONEY

Dow slips on financial, war worries

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street closed modestly lower Thursday, pressured by a pair of disappointing economic reports and investor caution as U.S.-led forces made their final push into Baghdad.

Analysts said some investors were disheartened by the data on jobless claims and the U.S. service sector. But most were waiting for the latest developments on Iraq before making stock commitments.

"As we near Baghdad, people are wondering how quickly things are going to go. They know this is the key battle," said Brian Pears, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management. "A long drawn-out battle could certainly depress investors."

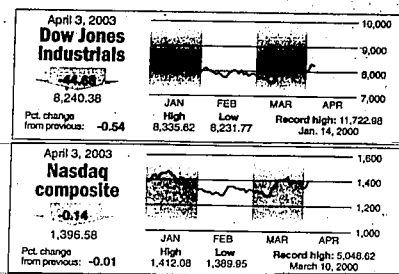
Conversely, if the government fell quickly, people will be euphoric.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 44.68, or 0.5 percent, at 8,240.38, having gained 292 points the previous two sessions. Earlier in the day, blue-chip stocks rose as much as 50 points.

The broader market also fell modestly. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 0.14, or 0.01 percent, to 1,396.58.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 4.45, or 0.5 percent, to 876.45.

On Thursday, U.S. forces stormed one of Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces near Baghdad and attacked the international airport. A U.S. spokesman said there were "credible signs" that Iraqi forces were nearing collapse as Saddam urged his people to "fight them with your hands," according to a



Statement read on Iraqi television.

Trading has been choppy in recent weeks as investors focus on the latest headlines and make bets on how long the war will last. The fear is that a protracted military conflict would stifle business spending that is critical to revitalizing the nation's economic recovery.

"As our troops get closer and closer to Baghdad, and people get

more optimistic, I think we'll have a potential for a rally," said Ryan Smith, managing director of equity trading at Banc One Investment Advisors. "But I don't think it will be gigantic until the war is in fact over."

Economic reports on unemployment and the service sector, meanwhile, weighed on stocks. The Labor Department reported that jobless claims rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 38,000 to 445,000, representing the highest level of new claims since April 2002. The figure was also worse than analysts' predictions.

And the Institute for Supply Management said its non-manufacturing index slid to 47.9 in March from 53.9 in February, indicating a contraction in the U.S. service sector after 13 straight months of growth.

Economists were forecasting a reading of 52.5.

"The reports are definitely a bit of a drag today," Pears said. "As the war goes on, you'll hear more talk of how well the economy is doing. But no matter what comes out, good news from the battlefield is good news for stocks."

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Mortgage rates drop as war unsettles markets

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mortgage rates around the country fell this week, after climbing for two weeks in a row, reflecting gyrations in financial markets over the war in Iraq.

The average interest rate on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage fell to 5.79 percent, from 5.91 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey.

In the middle of March, rates on 30-year mortgages declined to a record low rate of 5.61 percent. That rate was the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgages in 1971. Records that reach back a year longer than Freddie Mac's indicate that the rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

This week's decline in mortgage rates was influenced by recent volatility in financial markets that the war in Iraq might be prolonged, economists said. That caused investors to shift money from stocks into the safe haven of bonds, making bond prices rise and interest rates on bonds fall. However, financial markets have been gyrating for some time between hopes of a quick victory and fears of a prolonged war.

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Beer

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Based on those sales figures, the proposed tax hike would cost the brewer \$4.5 million.

Rep. Phil English, R-Pa., who has been fighting for a reduction in the \$18-per-barrel federal beer tax, said brewers will simply pass the cost to customers.

"It is typically working families who will use beer, and they are going to be the ones stuck paying this tax," English said.

"The governor's rich Philadelphia dogs go home and have a scotch. Why shouldn't their taxes be raised?"

At least 23 states have considered raising beer taxes in the past two years, but only a handful of proposals have passed, according to The Beer Institute, an industry lobbying group.

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IMF officials stressed that they were not saying that the current U.S. housing boom is a bubble. The 27 percent rise in home prices was an asset price bubble that was bound to burst - but officials said economic policy-makers need to be aware of the potential risks.

Greenspan has argued that when housing bubbles emerge in the United States, they tend to be localized in particular parts of the country. He said that housing prices are also not as volatile as stock prices, because it is easier to sell stock than homes.

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Only West can draw two rounds of trumps after dummy and ruff another heart. Finally he can get around to drawing the last trump and then cross to the diamond king to pitch his club loser on the long heart.

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

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

2 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond Jack

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1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

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