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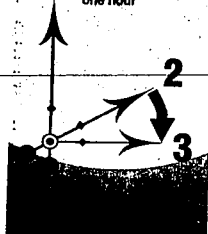
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Tank foray sends message

U.S. troops illustrate they can move at will

By Calvin Woodward Associated Press writer

U.S. troops dashed inside Baghdad on Saturday, blasting targets nestled in palm trees, to show they can move at will against Iraq's beleaguered defenders. Allies adapted their air campaign to prepare for a climactic ground assault on the capital.

Saddam Hussein's black-clad

militia — his desperadoes — suddenly surfaced in downtown Baghdad and Iraqi troops deployed at strategic city points at nightfall, in preparation for a showdown.

But tens of thousands of citizens fled, no longer believing the assurances of their leaders that the American ground campaign was being beaten back.

U.S. officials declared a near chokehold on the capital even while warning that many other parts of Iraq are not yet under allied control.

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Pfc. William Peterson keeps watch as others clear buildings at the Special Republican Guard headquarters south of Baghdad, Saturday.

Credibility of U.S. put on the line

Search for chemical, biological weapons yields nothing thus far

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — A war President Bush lambasted expressly to rid Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction has yet to uncover any of them, and with each passing day the question grows more acute: Where are the jagged caches of chemical, biological and nuclear materials Saddam Hussein is supposed to possess?

Much of the political, diplomatic and legal justification for the U.S.-led war rests on the assertion that Saddam is hiding weapons of mass destruction and has defied repeated United Nations demands to surrender them.

If that proves not to be true, the Bush administration's diplomatic credibility would be shaken, the Muslim world would be reinforced in its belief that Washington is waging war against Islam and U.S. leaders might even be vulnerable to legal challenges in international courts.

"We know we need to find this stuff," said one State Department official, "and we know that we will."

Pentagon officials remain confident that they will eventually find evidence of chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. They insist they are still deeply engaged in fighting the war and have scarcely had time to search for the banned materials, some of which Saddam may have hidden in areas of Baghdad or Tikrit not yet under their control.

"Let's remember that this regime has been involved in a campaign of denial and deception for decades and has been very effective at it," Army Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said in Doha, Qatar, on Friday.

"And so we don't expect that we're just going to walk up on one WMD (weapons of mass destruction). We'll have to do things that give us control of areas that let us then do deliberate work. Our first efforts are to destroy the regime and cause its removal. Secondary efforts will be related to WMD."

But American and British forces are operating in vast sections of northern, southern and

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Here comes the Water

Canals bring life to desert in springtime ritual

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The arteries of the local economy will begin flowing this week, with the first rush of water that rolls and boils from beneath head gates and into Twin Falls Canal Co.'s major delivery channels.

The turning of the water into the Highline and Lowline canals, where they fork from the Mainline south of Hansen, is symbolic of the start of Magic Valley's growing season.

"New life in the desert, that's what it symbolizes," said Vince Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co.

The water carries with it hope — not only for a good crop coaxed from the desert, but for market prices strong enough to sustain family farms and the valley's economy for another year.

The canals allow agriculture to flourish and communities to grow where nature never intended. The Magic Valley receives about 10 inches of precipitation a year, said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

By comparison, a Midwestern corn crop — unaided by irrigation — relies on a summertime average of an inch of rain per week, he said.

While the water is rushing to the valley's farms, it also is

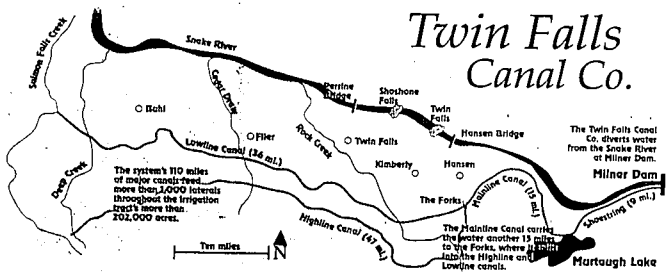
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BRIAN SHIELDS/The Times-News

Above, Jerry Simpson, left, and Troy Jones guide a precast concrete gate into place on a lateral canal south of Twin Falls. For nearly 100 years, the canal system has brought water and prosperity to the Magic Valley.



Source: Twin Falls Canal Co. CHRISTIAN DRAPER/Times-News graphic

With an incomplete budget plan, lawmakers near adjournment

By Bob Fick Associated Press writer

BOISE — When House tax writers sent the half-cent increase to a floor vote last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff called it light years of progress toward resolving the state's fiscal crisis.

And the bill, awaiting the crucial House vote on Monday, is the

foundation of a tax package that will be ultimately, if only grudgingly, acceptable to a heavily conservative house and a more moderate Senate.

Then the plan will have to get the final approval from the governor, who has left no mistake that negotiation does not mean bar-

gaining away a viable state budget.

But the optimism about being near a final tax and budget deal is being undercut by speculation and doubt over just what kind of tax package will eventually emerge and what will have to be done to get it.

Legislative leaders and Kempthorne have a general idea of how it will play out, but the

specific twists and turns are still unclear.

It does appear, however, that Democrats are in the position to demand — and get — some tax concessions that would provide a major victory for the party as it claws its way back toward a position of influence.

Legislative leaders are also counting on the financial pressure a lengthening session is

causing to help lead to a consensus. It costs anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a day for the lawmakers to be in session.

The 2003 session opens its 92nd day on Monday, making it the second longest in history and breaks the record on Friday — the 96th day.

Kempthorne wants \$200 million

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America at war

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Go away pain

Courses give the hurt an exit sign.

Blocked out

FBI has worries over Internet phones.

Dead zones

How to grow a lawn free of brown spots.

Early spring fishing

Find a place to sink a worm before the official spring opener.

On the boards

A new Ketchum-based theater troupe debuts with a production of "Agnes of God."

Under the steeple

What are area churches doing?

Ain't misbehavin'?

If Fido is anti-social, find out how to turn him into a pussycat.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with intervals of rain and snow. Highs near 43.

Tonight: A few light showers expected, then some partial clearing. Lows near 26.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, mostly dry and not so cool. Highs near 53.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a chance of rain and snow developing. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few snow showers possible, then clearing. Lows in the 20s to near 30.

Tomorrow: Mostly dry and partly cloudy. Temperatures not so cool. Highs in the upper 40s to middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy and brisk with a chance of snow forming today. Snow chances declining tonight. Monday will be mostly dry, clearing and not so cold.

Today Highs 28 to 44. Tonight's Lows 9 to 19.

BOISE

Cloudy skies harboring a chance of rain and snow forming today. Precipitation chances declining tonight. Becoming partly cloudy and mostly dry Monday. Not so cool.

Today Highs 45 to 50 / 50 to 35

NORTHERN UTAH

Showery and cool through Monday morning. Fair skies and a warming trend likely for most of next week.

Today Highs 45 to 50 / 50 to 35

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Yesterday's Weather
Intervals of rain and snow	A few nighttime showers, then clearing	Partly cloudy with mostly dry and not so cool	Mostly sunny with rising temperatures	Mostly sunny and mild	Comfortable with patchy clouds	City: High 43, Low 26 HI Lo Prep
High 43	Low 26	53 / 27	65 / 33	65 / 38	62 / 37	

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 44 Yesterday's Low: 31 Normal High/Low: 54 / 32 Record High: 77 in 1920 Record Low: 21 in 1902	Yesterday's: 0.1 in Avg. Month to Date: 0.3 in Water Year to Date: 0.19 in Avg. Water Year to Date: 0.32 in	Yesterday: 100% Today: 90% Forecast High: 50% Forecast Low: 60%	5 pm: Yesterday: 30.88 in Today: 30.88 in	Today: Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Tomorrow: Sunrise: 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM Wednesday: Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 6:13 PM Thursday: Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 6:14 PM	Today: 1 Tomorrow: 1 Wednesday: 1 Thursday: 1

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany	53-65	50-60	Boise	45-55	40-50
Blackfoot	45-55	40-50	Burley	45-55	40-50
Blaine	45-55	40-50	Camas	45-55	40-50
Bonanza	45-55	40-50	Chamberlain	45-55	40-50
Bravo	45-55	40-50	Chandler	45-55	40-50
Buhl	45-55	40-50	Chesapeake	45-55	40-50
Butte	45-55	40-50	Chilton	45-55	40-50
Camas	45-55	40-50	Chubbuck	45-55	40-50
Camden	45-55	40-50	Clatskanie	45-55	40-50
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	20 to 10	30 to 12	Saskatoon	20 to 24	30 to 18
Edmonton	10 to 2	20 to 10	Winnipeg	10 to 20	20 to 10
Regina	25 to 18	30 to 18	Victoria	50 to 40	20 to 10

Budget

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In addition to revenue to finance a 2003-2004 state budget that does not cut education or other vital programs. House conservatives, who control the tax committee, have wrangled over whether \$120 million is too much. The Senate is somewhere in the middle, expecting both ends to move closer.

"The question still remains. Just what is the gap?" said Senate Republican Floor Leader Bart Davis, of Idaho Falls. He speculates that the governor could easily come down to \$180 million while the House could be forced up to \$150 million.

The art will come in covering that last bit of financial ground. Even some conservative House members believe the half-cent sales tax hike will be approved on Monday, sending it over to the Senate, where Kempthorne and his top aides expect the bill to be turned into a coin increase. That would double the revenue generated from \$80 million to \$160 million a year.

But Davis, who has become a Kempthorne ally in the budget and tax battle, sees the majority for the penny increase tenuous at best. To solidify it, he thinks the Senate may have to embrace some reforms in education.

That could be changes in the way the state reimburses schools for their bus costs - something that could hurt high-cost districts like Boise, which has the ear of a large contingent of lawmakers.

Or it could be a cap on the property tax relief the state now provides to school district patrons along with the state support package for schools. That also has its downside because it could force districts to turn back to the prop-

Virginia city unveils controversial Lincoln statue amid praise, protest

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - A statue of Abraham Lincoln commemorating the 16th U.S. president's only visit to the one-time capital of the Confederacy was dedicated Sunday with speeches and ceremony.

At the Richmond National Battlefield Park Civil War Visitor Center, speakers praised Lincoln as a man of compassion whose visit was meant as an act of reconciliation.

"He came as a man of the people to bridge the people, not as a conqueror but as a friend," said historian Harold Holzer, co-chairman of the U.S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, quoting an 1865 speech.

Not everyone saw it that way. About a mile away, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans gathered at the grave of Jefferson Davis to denounce the statue as an insult to the honor of the Confederacy.

About two dozen of the protesters - some dressed in Confederate uniforms - were carrying Confederate flags - later met their way to the National Park Service site, where they stood outside and chanted and whistled in an unsteady effort to disrupt the statue dedication.

Canals

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recharging the groundwater many valley residents deplore. Country homeowners may notice their water table rises in step with the start of irrigation.

Ebb and flow

This year's target date for water deliveries to begin on the east end of the tract is April 14. The canal company took the first steps of charging its system April 1 - the official start of the irrigation season - when officials plan to start filling the Highline and Lowline canals early this week.

It takes about two weeks to operate the nearly 110 miles of water from Twin Falls canal to expansion. A cautious start minimizes erosion along the canal banks. It also cushions the weather's mood swings in early spring.

Each rider takes delivery orders from water users one to two days in advance and report them to a company watermaster. The watermaster calls in the orders to Joe Yost, the tender at Milner Dam, who in turn tells the Bureau of Reclamation how much water is needed from upstream to keep the Milner pool nearly full.

Since it takes about two days to get water orders to the canal system to deliver water to the last farms on the line, spring storms can dump rain on the valley while water orders are surging through the canals. Cedar Draw acts as a release valve to drain the excess. The canal company also can prevent system overload by sending water back to the Snake River.

"It takes experience, anticipating the weather, and reading your user," Alberdi said.

This dramatic ebb and flow usually is only an issue during spring's volatile weather. The system steadies by summer.

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Water-related facts

- Milner Dam**
 - Milner Dam, west of Burley, diverts Snake River water to the Twin Falls Canal Co., Northside Canal Co., American Falls Reservoir District No. 2, and Milner Irrigation District.
 - The original dam was built in 1905 under the Carey Act. It is owned by the Burley and Northside canal companies and is financed by private financing for the project through Salt Lake City banker Stanley B. Milner and easterners Frank H. Buhl and Charles L. Kimberly.
 - Two 1.5-mile Northside Canal Co. single diversion I.B. Perrine's, work in tandem to keep the water flowing to both sides of the river. Diplomacy among canal companies and districts goes a long way toward making sure all irrigators get their water.
- Mindokoda Dam**
 - Burley and Mindokoda Irrigation districts receive water at Mindokoda Dam east of Rupert.
 - The original dam was built in 1908, a Bureau of Reclamation project.
- American Falls Reservoir**
 - Built in 1927, the dam is the major storage reservoir on the upper Snake River and can hold up to 1.3 million acre-feet of water. That is enough water to cover 1.3 million acres of farm ground with water one foot deep. The Twin Falls Canal Co. has a key water right at American Falls.
- Upper Snake River reservoirs**
 - The upper river's nine reservoirs combined can hold more than 4 million acre-feet of water.

By virtue of I.B. Perrine's 1900 water right, the Twin Falls Canal Co. is the largest and most influential Snake River irrigation district between American Falls and Milner. Once Twin Falls turns on its water, the other six companies that tap the river at Milner and Mindokoda dams follow its lead.

Although, the canal company diverts enough water from the Snake River to cover more than 600,000 acres with water nearly 5 feet deep. The Twin Falls tract alone irrigates more than 200,000 acres.

"The better pool and Lake Walcott at Mindokoda Dam are kept full during the irrigation season to channel water into the canals," said Tim Miller, who works for the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley. American Falls is the key storage reservoir and fluctuates as companies call for their water.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. receives most of its water from American Falls, but it also has a junior water right upstream at Jackson Lake, near the headwaters of the Snake River. The water level at Jackson Lake is kept high to call for its water there, but the upstream senior water has priority. The water level at Jackson Lake is kept high to call for its water there, but the upstream senior water has priority. The water level at Jackson Lake is kept high to call for its water there, but the upstream senior water has priority.

South leads nation in imprisonment

Citizen activists meet to try to reverse the trend

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Principal Sheila Young says the family portrait drawn by one of their brightest third-graders was disturbing: There, next to the smiling faces of the girl and her eight siblings was a frowning woman, their mother, with vertical lines over her face.

"I ran to get the social worker, because it's such an exaggerated frown," said Young, whose Craig Elementary School is in one of the poorest neighborhoods in New Orleans.

Young learned the girl's crack-addicted mother was working a year for a parole violation. And when she asked the girl's classmates how many of them had a family member or neighbor in prison, more than half the hands shot up.

When it comes to locking people up, Louisiana leads the South. And the South leads the nation.

Since 1980, the country's prison population has quadrupled to 2.1 million, with the South accounting for 45 percent of that increase, according to a report released Friday by the grass-roots group Critical Resistance South.

Citizen activists from around the region are meeting in New Orleans this weekend to brainstorm about how to change the situation. At a time when nearly every state is facing crushing deficits, Rose Braz believes prison beds are a good place to start cutting.

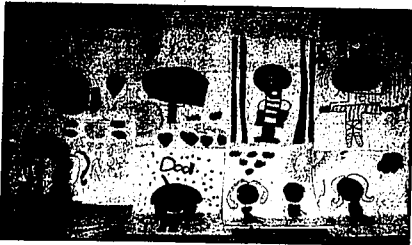
"I do think this is a unique opportunity for states to re-examine their spending priorities," said Braz, national director for Critical Resistance. "We have a limited amount of money that is being smaller by the minute. Do we want to invest in prisons, roads and more prisons?"

Louisiana's incarceration rate is 800 per 100,000 residents. The rate for the South is 526 per 100,000 — higher than that of 63 percent of countries in the world, according to the report generated for the group by the Justice Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. The West is a distant second at 408.

Thirteen of the 20 states with the highest incarceration rates are in the South. And while the rate of incarceration for women has grown nationally, the South outpaced the nation by 17 percent.

Why are the region's numbers so high?

Some argue that Southern states have spent less money for the kinds of social programs that

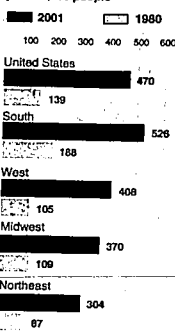


An 8-year-old student works on a drawing inscribed with the words, 'I love my mom, I miss you mom,' at Craig Elementary school in New Orleans, Thursday. The student's mother is in jail. A large number of students at the school have family members who are in jail.

More prisoners in the South

In 2001, Southern states had a higher incarceration rate than the national average.

Prison population, per 100,000 people



SOURCE: Justice Policy Institute AP

tend to keep people out of prison.

"The South historically has had either less money available or less political interest in making those investments," said Marc Maurer, assistant director of the Sentencing Project. "And so, by default, prison is an option that becomes more widely used because of that."

A recent national survey conducted by Florida State University researchers found that Southerners were more politically conservative, racially prejudiced and more punitive than people in other regions. "What we find ... is the more

people define crime as a black issue, the more punitive they're willing to be," said criminologist and study co-author Ted Chiricos.

Prison populations soared through the past two decades as states got tough on crime, with so-called "three strikes" and "truth in sentencing" measures that guaranteed repeat offenders long stays. But as crime rates have fallen, many states in the South and elsewhere have attempted to cut their prison populations.

In the past two years, Louisiana and Mississippi — which has the second-highest lockup rate — have backed away from mandatory minimum sentences for certain offenders. Georgia, which ranks sixth in its lockup rate, is considering moving toward sentencing guidelines, which seek to divert nonviolent offenders into community-based programs.

Partly as a result of these measures, the South's incarceration rate has grown slower than the other regions' over the past 20 years — 180 percent. The West saw the highest growth, 289 percent, according to the JPI report.

Mississippi's new corrections commissioner, Christopher Epps, said his prison population grew by just 912 last year, instead of the 1,500 it had been averaging in the 1990s. He gives some of the credit to a new law that set parole eligibility dates for 7,000 inmates.

"I have 20,000 locked up and 21,000 in the community," Epps said. "It's like running a race."

Faced with a looming \$400 million shortfall, Kentucky recently granted early release to about 900 inmates. South Carolina's corrections department is considering releasing up to 4,000 inmates, and Arkansas' governor wants to put more drug violators in treatment programs. Nearly half of Louisiana's 36,000 prisoners have applied for an early out under a new law that was supported to

save \$3 million a year; only a handful have been released so far.

"I would argue that high incarceration rates are not terribly cost-effective," Maurer said. "But many of those arguments have not been persuasive in most of those states until the budget, crunch hit."

Florida is one state that still isn't persuaded. Gov. Jeb Bush has forged ahead with 25-year-to-life mandatory terms for sex criminals and guaranteed 10-year sentences for people carrying guns during the commission of a crime. He is also seeking \$75 million for prison construction projects, even though that system currently has empty beds.

Corrections Department spokesman Sterling Ivey said Florida's crime rate is the lowest it's been in 30 years, and Gov. Bush isn't about to start releasing people just to balance a budget.

"I don't see us backing away from those initiatives," Ivey said.

One Southern state, North Carolina, has had success with alternatives to locking people up. In 1980, North Carolina had the highest incarceration rate in the country, 244 per 100,000. Today, it ranks 31st, with a rate that's grown just 37 percent in the past 20 years — the slowest in the nation.

Dan Wilhelm of the Vera Institute of Justice gives much of the credit to the decision in 1994 to switch to sentencing guidelines, or structured sentencing. He said the result was a system that simultaneously "increased the likelihood and length" of sentences for violent offenders, while establishing community punishments for nonviolent offenders.

With crime rates down and corrections budgets among the highest-growth areas of state spending, Wilhelm said there is an opportunity for changes to be made.

"Because there's a common interest that's brought these unlikely bedfellows together," he said.

Experts say eventual spread of mystery disease is likely

The Associated Press

Can severe acute respiratory syndrome be stopped? As hard as public health officials work to stamp out the virus, many experts reluctantly conclude it is likely if not inevitable that it eventually will spread everywhere.

The highly contagious disease has already sickened more than 2,000 people, and new cases appear daily in Hong Kong, despite an all-out effort to isolate victims and quarantine those at risk.

Experts acknowledge that the eventual course of any new disease is almost impossible to predict. Some frightening new infections have burned themselves out, while others, like AIDS, have become global disasters.

However, several features of SARS make epidemiologists, virologists and infectious disease experts fear total victory is unlikely.

"Will it explode into a major epidemic that will propagate

over the years? Or will it fizzle out or be contained at a low rate? That's unknown," said Dr. Lee Harrison of the University of Pittsburgh. "I suspect we will see this disease for at least the next several years. It's hard to imagine it will be over soon."

Perhaps the most ominous sign is the steep climb in new cases, especially in Hong Kong, which has had a nearly fourfold increase in just two weeks. Each person who gets it may spread the infection to several others before they even know they have it.

While many are infected through face-to-face contact, evidence is mounting that the virus may also spread through the air or be picked up from contaminated surfaces.

On Friday, President Bush gave federal health officials the power to quarantine Americans sick with SARS, although there is no plan to use that power now. There are more than 100 suspected cases in the United States, but no one has died.

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'They're pretty much cut off in all directions,' Air Force Capt. Dani Burrows, speaking for Central Command, said of Baghdad's fighters.

progress overall, U.S. officials cautioned that allies did not have control in much of the country. As well, they had only made an incursion in the capital, not staying to hold ground.

National Public Radio. Lt. Gen. Michael Moseley, in charge of the air war, said from his Saudi command post that the Republican Guard, backbone of the Iraqi armed forces, has been hit so hard it "doesn't really exist anymore."

Credibility

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western Iraq where intelligence sources and Iraqi defectors had reported that parts of the deadly Kurdish Islamic militant group definitive has been found.

plant in the southern city of Najaf turned up empty. In northern Iraq, U.S. forces discovered equipment and recipes for constructing chlorine gas and the deadly ricin toxin, but none of the materials themselves, in a camp used by a Kurdish Islamic militant group with uncertain ties to Saddam.

destroyed all of its remaining weapons of mass destruction. But when the most recent round of U.N. inspections ended last month, the inspectors said Iraq had failed to account for suspected weapons stocks that included 1.5 tons of VX nerve gas, 1,000 tons of mustard gas, as many as 26,000 liters of anthrax, at least 19,000 liters of botulinum toxin and tens of thousands of artillery shells and bombs designed to deliver chemical and biological agents.

Allied warplanes now are flying over Baghdad nonstop, using munitions that include concrete-filled bombs meant to damage fixed targets with less risk to civilian buildings nearby.

Air strikes against the Republican Guard, Saddam Hussein's loyalist Fedayeen militia and Arab fighters from outside the country followed a daylight raid into Baghdad's industrial suburbs by at least three dozen tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles.

Some 6,500 Iraqi soldiers are in allied custody. In northern Iraq, Kurdish forces backed by U.S. warplanes drove Iraqi forces farther back from Kurdish frontiers. The Kurds moved within 20 miles of Kirkuk, Iraq's second largest oil center, and a similar distance from the oil city of Khaneqin.

But Pentagon officials acknowledge that intense searches of top suspected weapons sites by U.S. special operations forces in western Iraq have failed to find any such rockets or warheads. A suspected chemical weapons

The Bush administration's confidence that Iraq does indeed possess weapons of mass destruction is founded on several facts, including Saddam's use of them against Iraq and Kurds in northern Iraq, as well as disclosures stockpiles by U.S. weapons inspectors after the 1991 Persian Gulf war. Iraq contends that it has

U.S. officials offer several theories about the locations of those weapons. Large quantities might have been issued to Saddam's most loyal forces for use in coming days as U.S. troops move deeper inside Baghdad; other stockpiles could be hidden inside secret bunkers or stashed in mobile storage such as trucks or railroad cars.

U.S. officials said they retouted their air strikes to support a coming ground assault on the capital while hoping Iraqis would give up the fight before bloody urban combat became necessary.

In one close-quarters skirmish, Marines with bayonets battled Arab fighters from abroad in a marsh on Baghdad's southern outskirts.

British forces discovered boxes containing hundreds of human remains in a warehouse between Basra and Az Zubayr. Officials said the remains were not from this war.



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America at war

Battle for bridges is microcosm of war

By Michael Luo and Doug Melgren
Associated Press Writers

NASIRIYAH, Iraq — It was the bridges they wanted, but to take them, the Americans had to take the city.

The two bridges, one over the Euphrates River and the other over the Saddam Canal, were bottlenecks in a vital route toward Baghdad. The fight for them began on the first day of the ground war.

Attack helicopters began the assault, pounding Iraq's 11th Infantry Division arrayed around Nasiriyah and at the nearby Tallil Air Base, Iraq's second-largest airport.

The next day, Friday, March 21, tanks of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division rolled toward the outskirts of the city and drew Iraqi fire. Apache helicopters and other attack aircraft quickly put an end to that, and hundreds of Iraqi soldiers promptly surrendered.

The following day, American forces crossed the bridge over the Euphrates, rumbled two miles north through the heart of Nasiriyah and crossed the bridge over the canal. The convoys encountered only sporadic light arms fire. It had all seemed so easy. That would quickly prove to be an illusion.

That Saturday, Army Sgt. Charles Horgan and Staff Sgt. Janie Villafane sat in a Humvee on the outskirts of the city, watching a group of men in Bedouin robes. Were they dangerous?

Suddenly, a hand saw rocket-propelled grenade heading straight for him.

"Oh, my God!" he thought. "I'm going to die."

The RPG slammed into the Humvee, hurling Horgan and Villafane from the vehicle. Horgan, his foot badly wounded, crawled for cover as Villafane, a sharpnel wound in one arm, fired at the Iraqis scrambling down an embankment. Villafane confronted four Iraqis, who surrendered.

They were wearing Iraqi military uniforms under their robes. It was the beginning of a fierce urban battle that would drag on for more than two weeks, with skirmishes persisting as late as Friday. The fight for Nasiriyah would prove to be a microcosm of the war, with fierce resistance from irregular Iraqi units, house-to-house combat, ambushes, friendly-fire and civilian casualties, combatants posing as civilians, POWs, and a daring commando raid.

At least 26 Americans would die here — about a third of the U.S. losses so far. Scores more would be wounded, and at least 5 captured, with 5 still missing.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, March 23, a supply convoy of 15 vehicles — part of the Army's 507th Maintenance Company — was traveling north on Highway One.

There are conflicting reports on what happened next — as there often are during what commanders and journalists call the "fog of war."

According to most accounts, the small convoy intended to continue up Highway One but made a wrong turn into Nasiriyah. Another account, however, indicates the vehicles had been part of a large armored convoy that had crossed the bridges at Nasiriyah earlier, and stopped to repair several stalled vehicles, they were racing to try to catch up.

Iraqi forces ambushed them as they approached the bridge over the Euphrates. When the shooting stopped, two members of the maintenance convoy were dead and 14, including Pvt. Jessica Lynch, were missing.

Later that day, Iraqi television would broadcast video of five American prisoners, some of them in bandages. Iraqi TV also showed at least five dead Americans, some of them with what appeared to be bullet wounds in their heads.

Reports trickled in that some of the Americans had been executed in front of townspeople.

That morning, Marines from Task Force Tarawa, assigned to secure the city, were approached by a group of Iraqi soldiers, apparently just north of the



U.S. Marines from the 15th Expeditionary Unit make their way in the desert near the southern city of Nasiriyah, Iraq, March 30.

bridge over the Saddam Canal. According to U.S. military officials, the Iraqis pretended to surrender, then suddenly opened fire, killing nine men.

However, the Washington Post, citing a military source, said the nine men were killed accidentally by fire from an A-10 Warthog anti-tank aircraft that was trying to help them.

Meanwhile, in the center of the city, about 200 Marines came under attack and took shelter behind a brick wall. Capt. Mike Brooks, a company commander, found himself pinned down near a mosque. A Marine armored vehicle zigzagged across a road, dodging RPGs, its gunner firing his machine gun and yelling for more ammunition.

Iraqi gunmen, dressed as civilians, dashed between houses, where they had stockpiled weapons.

A few hundred yards from where Brooks was pinned down, a Marine amphibious assault vehicle raced south toward the Euphrates River bridge, evacuating wounded Marines. Struck by two RPGs, it shuddered and kept moving.

Then, another RPG plunged through the vehicle's open roof hatch, and the ammunition inside exploded.

"They are dead. Oh my God," one Marine yelled. "Get in there now and pull them out."

Young Marines shouted and cursed, struggling to pull a bloody body out.

"We shouldn't be here," said Lt. Campbell Kane. "We can't hold this."

The battle raged for six hours, ending only when Cobra attack helicopters and Warhogs arrived, blasting Iraqi positions with rockets and machine guns, allowing Marines to back out of the city.

When it was over, 11 Marines were dead, five were unaccounted for and more than 60 were wounded.

The next day, Monday, March 24, heavy fighting continued, and at least one more Marine was killed. Heavy Marines reportedly fired on civilian cars that ignored orders to stop. The Times of London reporter said he later counted a dozen dead civilians, including a 5-year-old girl.

Just after nightfall, a long convoy, headed north toward Baghdad, arrived in Nasiriyah and decided to risk a dash across the two bridges and made it through.

Tuesday, March 25, as Task Force Tarawa's light armored reconnaissance battalion rolled across the Euphrates, automatic weapons fire crackled. A Virginia Pilot reporter traveling with them saw remnants of battle everywhere.

The pocked road was cluttered with scorched cars, trucks and armored vehicles — Iraqi and American.

A sandstorm brought a pause in the shooting that day, but fighting picked up again before dusk.

As night fell that Tuesday, a 120-member Marine supply company that had just ferried ammunition and food to infantry units, stopped to rest at an abandoned gas station half a mile south of the Euphrates bridge.

First Lt. James Owens had combat engineers build defensive berms around the station. As he pulled out his sleeping bag, trac-

ers lit up the sky. He heard the hiss of an RPG before it struck, tearing a hole in an armored truck. Shrapnel tore through his leg and arm.

Suddenly, grenades and mortars rained all around the Marines, who threw themselves to return fire but couldn't tell where shooting was coming from.

As Gunnery Sgt. Bill Hale sprinted to cover on the south side of the compound, an explosion sent him flying. Fellow Marines dragged him to safety.

By the time an artillery strike quelled the attack, 31 of the 120 Marines at the gas station were wounded.

Wednesday, March 26, many in Task Force Tarawa were exhausted. Long convoys continued to run the two-mile gauntlet between and over the two bridges, drawing small arms fire and RPGs. Marines nicknamed the treacherous stretch Ambush Alley.

Around sundown that Wednesday, the Marine recon unit pulled out of the city to reinforce an infantry position under attack.

That meant a run through Ambush Alley.

As they approached the bridge out of the city over the Euphrates, friendly artillery cleared their path.

Suddenly, automatic weapons fire came from their right. They responded with .50-caliber machine guns.

Another group of Marines, dug in south of the bridge, also opened fire on the Iraqi position, which apparently was destroyed quickly. But the two groups of Marines, firing from opposite directions, were directing their guns at one another for at least 15 minutes.

The dug-in Marines across the bridge called in mortar fire, which apparently began falling on the convoy. When it was over, 31 Marines were wounded.

The next day, Thursday, March 27, fighting in the city remained heavy. An M1A1 Abrams tank crashed through the bridge railing and plunged into the Euphrates, killing four Marines. They lay there undisturbed until the next day. Military officials are unsure if a sandstorm, driver fatigue, or something else, caused the accident.

All day Friday, March 28, and throughout the weekend, Marines hunted down pockets of Iraqi fighters in the city. RPGs and small-arms fire continued to dog helicopters thumping over the city.

Early last week, after the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit relieved Task Force Tarawa, the fighting tapered off, the Iraqi

forces seemingly spent. Tuesday, April 1, was a moonless night.

A small group of Army Rangers and Navy Seals landed by helicopter outside a Nasiriyah hospital. Acting on intelligence, they burst inside and discovered 11 bodies, nine of them later found to be Americans. Eight of these were from the maintenance convoy ambushed on March 23.

The commandos emerged with a stretcher bearing Lynch, a member of the 507th Maintenance Company who had been captured in the March 23 ambush. They hustled the woman, who had two broken legs and a broken arm, onto the helicopter and took off. It was the most dramatic rescue of the war.

On Wednesday, Brig. Gen. Rick Natonski said the city was at last under American control.

Although sporadic firing continued for days, Marines reached out to the people of Nasiriyah. Cpl. Nicholas Beitia, 22, of Elko, Nev., frightened members of an Iraqi family as he burst into their house, looking for Iraqi soldiers and weapons. There were none.

"I got down on my knee and gave their little girl a piece of chewing gum," he said. "The father was ecstatic."

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America at war

'Liberators' have been in Iraq before and stayed for decades

By Libby Copeland The Washington Post

This isn't the first time a Western superpower has invaded Iraq, promising to free the country from tyrannical rule and bring democratic government...

"A History of Iraq," many welcomed the removal of Ottoman control, but were apprehensive about British military occupation.

constitutional monarchy. In coming years they advised the government and controlled the population with air power in times of uprising.

British forces find human remains

KUWAIT CITY (AP) - British forces in southern Iraq have found hundreds of boxes containing human remains in a warehouse near Zubayr and are investigating how they got there...

Shiite Muslim uprising that followed the Gulf War. The estimated 200 coffin-sized boxes contain bags, each labeled, and there's human remains inside the bags...

Associated Press Television News video showed the boxes stacked five high on one side of the warehouse, and other boxes were lined up on the other side.

Like Americans now, the British faced a forbidding landscape. Britain's first advance on Baghdad was understaffed and under-prepared, and the British troops encountered surprising resistance along the way.

Kumait Jawdat's grandfather was among the Iraqi military men who fought alongside the British to defeat the Ottoman Empire, which in the parlance of the times was called "the merry man of Europe."

Historian Judith Yapho of National Defense University compares the divisions among Iraqis to those that still exist today. "They might not have liked the Brits but they didn't like each other much either, and if that doesn't ring true today, I do not know what does," she says.

"The difference now is they have a sense of identity and they have CNN and al-Jazeera," she says. "They know they're a part of something bigger."

Just how far the parallels between the British and the Americans extend will depend on the coming months and years. Jawdat says that King Faisal and his successors never could erase the stain of their association with the Western invaders.

"A democracy conceived in the American mind and imposed by the Americans and the British on an Iraq with a long history of civilization is not going to take root, because while it may suit the administration's needs it does not suit Iraq's needs, and this is where I see a parallel," he says.

Yusif worries that there's a certain familiar arrogance to the Americans swooping in to save the Iraqis, bringing in their own political solutions and their own interests. She is frustrated that Iraq and the larger Arab world couldn't solve this problem on their own.

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U.S. civilians fire paintballs to ease war stress

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - During World War II, Americans worked out their anxiety with cartoons portraying Hitler as a pig. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, they used toilet paper imprinted with Osama bin Laden's face.

Outside Louisville, in Corydon, Ind., the winners of a radio station contest crawled through the woods, "soldiers" on the hunt for the leader of Iraq. The crown was shiny, olive-drab helmet rose from a clump of bushes, and Gary Henderson opened fire. "I got Saddam, I got Saddam!" Henderson screamed, bounding down the hill to confirm his kill.

Out stepped the captured leader, played by WTXF-FM deputy Scott Clark. "This is all about giving people a chance to relieve any tension they might have because of the war," Clark said. Dale Jefferson, 19, was drawn to the paintball promotion because he has Iraqi in-laws who oppose Saddam. "I want to do it for them," Jefferson said.



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America at War

Piestewa, Lynch were friends; now their families mourn, rejoice

TUBA CITY, Ariz. (AP) — Pfc. Lori Piestewa and Jessica Lynch were roommates and friends. For more than a week, their families, a continent apart, were joined in waiting for word of their fate in Iraq.



Tony Begay of Tuba City, Ariz., holds a U.S. flag while Hopi Tribal Chairman Wayne Taylor Jr. reads a statement to the media after the Army confirmed the death of Tuba City resident Pfc. Lori Piestewa on Saturday.

On Saturday, as Lynch's parents left their West Virginia home to fly to Germany for a reunion with their rescued daughter, Piestewa's mourned the death of the first American servicewoman killed in the war.

Both women were members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss in Texas. Their unit was attacked March 23 when it made a wrong turn near Nasiriyah.

After an agonizing wait, the Lynch family received their miracle Tuesday: U.S. commandos rescued Lynch, wounded but alive, from a hospital.

The unearched eight bodies as well. Friday night, Piestewa's family learned that she was among them.

Piestewa, 23, was a member of the Hopi Tribe, whose reservation is near the Navajo Reservation community of Tuba City. She was a single mother, raising a 4-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl.

"Our family is proud of her. She is our hero," her brother Wayland said Saturday in a prepared statement to reporters.

"We are going to hold that in our hearts. She will not be forgotten. It gives us comfort to know that she is at peace right now."

Behind him, family members and friends gathered on the porch of Piestewa's parents' trailer. Cars stopped briefly in front of the home as neighbors got out and handed flowers to the family.

A low chain-link fence in front of the home was adorned with yellow ribbons, a red, white and blue heart and a sign with a picture of Piestewa, the Statue of Liberty and the World Trade Center towers.

The Lynch family got word of the deaths just before boarding a plane in Charleston, W.Va., on their way to Germany.

The family broke off a news conference after being told that seven members of their daughter's unit were among the eight bodies retrieved during the raid.

"I wasn't aware of this ... Our hearts are really saddened for her other troop members and the other families," Lynch's father, Gregory Lynch Sr., said before choking up.

Piestewa and Lynch were good friends and roommates, said Myra Draper, a friend of the Piestewa family. She recognized Lynch in television broadcasts because she had seen family photos of the two women together.

"Our prayers are with the Lynch family in West Virginia," said Wayne Taylor Jr., chairman of the Hopi Tribe. "We thank God that the survived her



Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa shares a moment with a fellow soldier before being deployed from Ft. Bliss, Texas, in this Feb. 18 photo.

ordeal. Her bravery speaks volumes of her character and we wish her a continued speedy recovery."

Piestewa was one of the very few American Indian women in the armed forces. Hopi officials said that 56 Hopis are serving in the U.S. military, 48 of them in Iraq.

This town of 8,200 and members of the Hopi and Navajo tribes rallied around Piestewa's family, hanging yellow balloons and uplifting messages outside their trailer.

On Saturday, just inside the entrance to the Bashas' Supermarket, residents crowded to view a large photo of Piestewa in uniform and sign green poster boards with messages to the family.

"She was so full of spirit. There was never a time I saw her upset or mad," Gloria Bigman said.

"It's hard to understand; one lived, one didn't," said the Rev. Hal Corbett, pastor at Tuba City Assembly of God.

Our family is proud of her. She is our hero.

—Wayland Piestewa, of his sister, Lori Ann

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Fault study worries Los Angeles scientists

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A recently mapped, still-active fault line that snakes beneath downtown Los Angeles is capable of generating major earthquakes, but only about once every 2,000 years, according to a new study.

At least four earthquakes of estimated magnitudes 7.2 to 7.5 have struck over the last 11,000 years on the Puente Hills fault, which was first mapped just four years ago. A segment of the fault last ruptured in 1987 with a magnitude-6 earthquake.

The study is the first to show how often and with how much punch large quakes have struck on the fault in the past, said lead author James Dolan, an earthquake geologist at the University of Southern California.

The findings firmly place the fault among the largest of the 100 or more that crisscross the Los Angeles region. Details appear Thursday in the journal Science.

Dolan called the findings a good news-bad news proposition: The major quakes the fault has generated in the past would ravage modern-day Los Angeles, but apparently only strike every 2,000 years or so.

"What we didn't know was how fast this fault is storing up energy ... and whether it releases this energy in the form of numerous, small-sized earthquakes or in less frequent, but much larger events," Dolan said. "Our results suggest the latter is the case."

Lucy Jones, who runs the Pasadena office of the U.S. Geological Survey, which partly funded the study, called the findings "disturbing, disturbing information."

"The conclusion that there have to be pretty big earthquakes underneath Los Angeles is not without consequence," said Jones, who was not connected with the study.

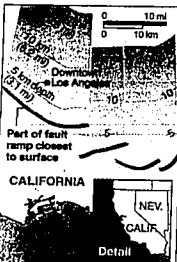
Many of the buildings in downtown Los Angeles were built to withstand a quake no larger than magnitude 5 directly underneath them. A magnitude-7 earthquake, by comparison, releases about 1,000 times more energy.

"If you had to design the worst place to put a fault in Los Angeles, Puente Hills is it," Dolan said.

But seismologists also caution that the new findings do little to raise the overall risk Los

Puente Hills fault

An active, blind-thrust fault under downtown Los Angeles is capable of generating major earthquakes, according to a study in Thursday's issue of Science. Blind-thrust faults produce earthquakes when one underground block pushes upward over another, as if moving up a ramp.



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Angeles faces, given the number of faults within the region.

Geologists say the Puente Hills fault will probably rupture again in the future, yet the likelihood of it happening in the next 50 or so years is slim.

The Puente Hills fault snakes for about 30 miles, formed by the collision of the Pacific and North American plates, which crumple the Los Angeles basin in a viselike squeeze. That stress is released in earthquakes.

Dolan and his co-authors used oil industry data and cores extracted from more than a dozen boreholes to gather evidence of the Puente Hills fault's past.

There is little sign of the fault visible at the surface today and past earthquakes have folded the buried layers of sediments draped over it. When sampled, the layers can be carbon-dated, allowing scientists to build a quake chronology.

April Fool's joke backfires on employee

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - An April Fool's Day joke backfired on a clothing store clerk after she called her manager at home and said the store was being robbed at gunpoint.

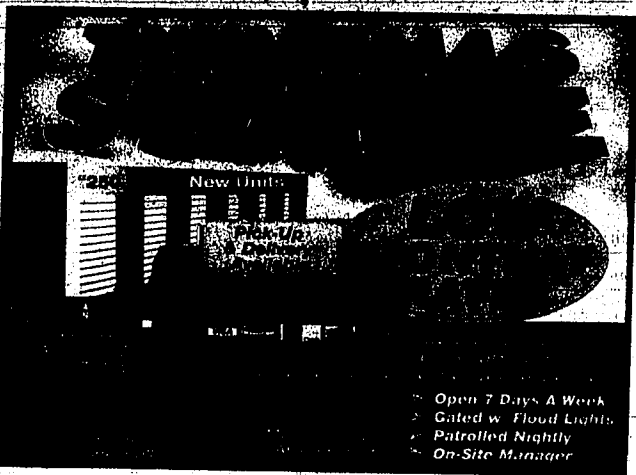
When Sitra Walker, 22, called back a few minutes later to shout, "April fool!" her manager had already dialed 911.

Four police cruisers raced to the store.

Police weren't laughing when they learned it was a prank.

Walker was arrested for inducing panic, a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

She also was fired. The manager, Summer Hunt, said Walker had worked at the store for about two weeks.



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Woman spots daughter's stolen pickup, gets it back

FITCHBURG, Mass. (AP) - Kathy Spaulding thought the truck she and her sister passed on Route 12 looked awfully familiar.

The duct tape on the back window confirmed her suspicion - it was her daughter's stolen pickup.

With some quick thinking and a little nerve, the two women last week tracked down the truck and confronted the alleged thief when he tried to get away.

After Spaulding spotted the 1990 Ford Ranger, which had been stolen a year earlier, her sister, Janice Young, immediately began following it.

"I didn't give it a thought until after we did it," Young said.

They followed the truck for

about five minutes to a Melrose Street address, parked behind it and called police. Before help arrived, the thief came out of the house.

Spaulding leapt out to confront him. "I said 'Do you know whose it is? It's my daughter's, and it's stolen, so get out of here!'"

The man grabbed a few belongings out of the truck and fled on foot. Police have yet to arrest the suspect, who was picked out of a photo lineup by Spaulding.

Spaulding's daughter, Lorie, said she's proud of her mother and aunt.

"I asked the two of them if they wanted to be Cagney or Lacey," she said.

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The sound of silence

With horns gone, railroad town is quiet for the first time in its 136 years

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Unsuspecting travelers are no longer startled from their motel beds. TV sets now stay at the same volume through an entire show. Outdoor conversations aren't interrupted.

For the first time since North Platte was founded by the Union Pacific Railroad 136 years ago, the horns have stopped blasting over the tracks that bisect this town.

Thanks to the completion of an extensive system of bridges, the city no longer has a railroad crossing. As a result, the 1,064 daily train whistles within the city aren't required.

"No one has said 'Thanks' yet," Mayor Jim Whitaker said. "I don't know if it's dawned on them."

The change is obvious to residents who live or work near the busy Poplar Street crossing, where the racket and long waits for motorists have ended.

Paul Huebner, whose family has operated a greenhouse a block from the crossing since 1951, said he doesn't miss the more than 20 million horns he tolerated for decades.

"It's made a big difference," he said. A passing train "still rattles the buildings a little," he noted.

The loud horns often meant employees at Huebner's Lawn and Nursery had to give their customers the silent treatment until trains passed.

"There'd be times we'd be out here talking to a customer where you would just have to stop," Huebner said.

And it wasn't just because of one little toot from a passing locomotive.

Federal law requires a train to blow four warning blasts — two long roars, a short one and then another long one as its engine passes over each road crossing.

The city recently opened two



A train travels under a viaduct in North Platte, Neb., March 26. Thanks to the completion of an extensive system of street viaducts, the city no longer has a railroad crossing, and the 433 trains that pass through town each day, one every 10 minutes, no longer are required to blast their horns.

new quarter-mile-long bridges spanning nine sets of tracks at Poplar Street and three sets on the east end of town. The new bridges, designed to increase safety, provide an easy flow of north-south traffic through town.

"There has been a very concerted effort industrywide in working with communities in looking at vehicle flow and looking at what crossings could be closed," said Mark Davis, a Union Pacific spokesman.

Union Pacific paid for \$1 million of North Platte's \$3.5 million Poplar Street viaduct, with the state picking up the rest. The state also paid the entire \$4 million cost of the east-side viaduct because it was just outside city limits.

Generations of local residents have grown accustomed to the clanks, whistles and rumbles of the trains as background noise to their daily lives. The community, after all, was built around the railroad.

Union Pacific literally put North Platte on the map when it laid out the town in late 1866. The railroad is not only the largest employer in this community of 23,878, it's also played a role in the city's notoriety.

Buffalo Bill Cody lived here and based his famous Wild West Show out of North Platte, using the Union Pacific tracks to transport the animals, crew and props

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for the show. During World War II, troop trains brought more than 6 million homesick soldiers to the famous North Platte Canteen where they enjoyed homemade sandwiches, magazines, conversation, and encouragement from local volunteers.

Other railroad towns are likely envious of North Platte's new-found silence. One of them, Gering, in extreme western Nebraska, has been trying to curb train blasts for years.

An automated horn system mounted on poles and activated by oncoming trains has reduced noise complaints, said Gering City Administrator Mike Steklac.

More testing is being done on the system, so the Federal Railroad Administration has not offered it yet for use in other communities.

In muted North Platte, meanwhile, Jerry and Mary McClellan do not miss the train horns they have grown accustomed to since moving into their home two blocks from the tracks in 1964.

"It's nice not to have them," Mary McClellan said, quietly.

Investigators find missing statue of Crazy Horse

STILLWATER, Minn. (AP) — A bronze statue of Crazy Horse that was stolen from a South Dakota museum a decade ago has been recovered, authorities said last week.

An investigator for the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation told the Washington County Sheriff's Office that the statue, valued at more than \$40,000, was in Stillwater Township, said Capt. Don McGlothlin.

Authorities found the 3-foot, 50-pound statue last week.

The statue is one of 10 by Korczak Ziolkowski. It is a model for the monument being carved out of stone on a hillside in the Black Hills.

The Crazy Horse Foundation had received anonymous information in July that a Stillwater Township man who attended an artists workshop stole the statue. Washington County authorities were notified, and the statue was recovered from the suspect last Tuesday.

"They were extremely happy to find we found it," Sgt. Gary Swanson said. "It's a beautiful piece of art."

Ziolkowski, who won a first prize in sculpture at the 1939 World's Fair, started working on the monument to the storied Indian leader in 1949. The artist died in 1982 and his children took over the project.

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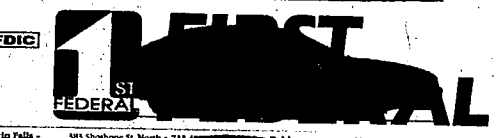
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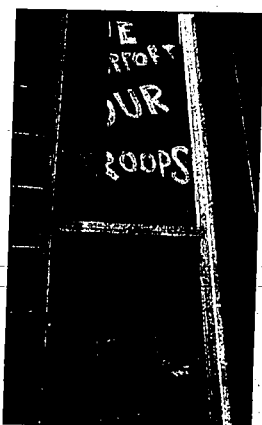
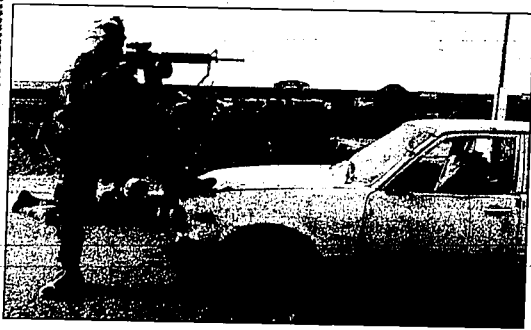
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Top left, Charlie Company 3-04 Task Force 3rd Infantry Division soldiers, from left front, Sgt. Mark Strunk; Spc. Paul Haigenberger; back from left, Cpt. Jason Conroy; and Lt. Roger Grunelsen carry an injured soldier to a medivac chopper on Saturday during their advance through Baghdad.

Above, Patty Steve, mother of slain U.S. Marine Brian Buesing, who was killed in action in Iraq, clings to a U.S. flag that was presented to her by the U.S. Marines during her son's funeral as her husband Roger, left, comforts her. The funeral was held Saturday in Cedar Key, Fla.



Images of war ...

Above left, U.S. Marines of Fox Second Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment guard an intersection Saturday in an area loyal to Saddam Hussein, during their advance near Hatif Halyawl on the outskirts of Baghdad. Controlling civilian movement left numerous deaths as Marines responded to suicide bombers, soldiers posing as civilians and other ambush tactics.

Above right, Martha Wutzke, left, and Hanna Medcox look out one of the many patriotically decorated windows of Wutzke's restaurant on Monday in downtown Powell, Wyo. The town of around 5,000 has many soldiers fighting in Iraq and is home to the parents of Marine 1st Lt. Shane Childers, who was killed in Iraq on March 21.

Left, Cpl. Adrian Beck of White Haven, Pa., with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Units, Echo Company, washes himself at a makeshift shower in Nasiriyah, southern Iraq on Saturday.

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Friends, family remember Idaho airman killed in attack

BOISE (AP) — Hundreds of mourners gathered Saturday under gray skies as a B-1 Bomber and four F-15's in a missing man formation flew overhead in tribute to one of the first casualties of the war with Iraq.

Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone was one of two officers killed in the March 23 grenade attack at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait.

Army Sgt. Asan Akbar is charged in the attack.

A memorial service was also held Saturday in Bethlehem, Pa., for Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, the first casualty of the attack.

Silence filled the Cathedral of the Rockies as the 124th Wing Honor Guard marched up the aisle and posted the colors on

the front of the church. The casket draped in Old Glory was carried by six members of the Idaho Air National Guard Honor

Guard, followed by about 20 family members, including Stone's two young sons, ages 11 and 7.



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Wendell Used Cars employs one person, Joe Hodges, who is a licensed vehicle salesman. Jackson will be in to expand his business in the future and also provide more cars. "We open hours on Monday and on Wed. and I would be happy to answer any questions." He says he has also joined the Wendell Chamber of Commerce and he would like to thank the Chamber for all the help that many of the local businesses companies don't have time to do.

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Guy wire nearly doomed POW's rescue

By Peter Smolowitz and Sara Olkon Knight Riddar News Service

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"Jessica Lynch, we're U.S. soldiers. We're here to take you home," they said, according to an account given Saturday.

"I'm a U.S. soldier too," she said.

said "Sir, tower!" said the captain, a pilot with Marine Aircraft Group 16, deployed from Miramar, Calif.

"We were hit violently from the right side," he said. "It took us immediately 25 degrees; our right wing was down. The aircraft was making some weird noises, a chugging sound. I saw rounds of tracer fire underneath the aircraft."

"Inside, the air crew and Army Rangers managed to remain calm, at least on the outside. I thought we were hit by a rocket. I thought, 'This is it.' It wasn't. The nose landing gear had caught the guy wire, but the wire snapped before the helicopter lost control. The impact broke the flap restraint and left friction corners as a strut, but the copter was able to deliver its cargo of commandos and return to secure territory."

"If the wire hadn't broke, we would have lost the helicopter," said Col. Stuart Knoll, the commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 16, who was flying one of the other copters in the operation.

"That's how close you are in these missions between success and failure. Sixteen people would have died."

Once on the ground, the commandos dodged enemy fire as they barged into the hospital, beginning the American military's first successful prisoner rescue since World War II.



Jessica Lynch

Lynch and 12 members of her 707th Ordnance Maintenance Company had been missing since March 23, when they made a wrong turn into an ambush. Shortly before her parents flew to Germany on Saturday to see her, Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renault, a spokesman for the coalition forces, gave one of the most vivid descriptions of her rescue.

Marines launched a nighttime attack early Wednesday near the Nasiriyah hospital to distract the 41 fedayeen paramilitaries based there, along with the four guards who were monitoring Lynch's room with AK-47 assault rifles.

Meanwhile, a team of Army Rangers, special forces soldiers, Navy SEALs and Marines flew in by helicopter.

One copter nearly crashed on the way in when it hit a guy wire 300 feet above the ground. Marine Capt. Will, 30, whose last name can't be used for security reasons, was commanding the CH-46, which was going 80 mph when it hit a guy wire from an antenna just after crossing the Euphrates River.

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NATION

Welfare reform appears to pay off

But some analysts say major problems lie beneath the numbers

By Elizabeth Shogren Los Angeles Times

CHICAGO - Eleven months ago, when the local unemployment rate was steadily rising, Shantrese Burkes was dejected by the trend. A welfare mom with three kids, she landed a \$9-an-hour job as a cashier at a cafe attached to a gas station.

She didn't stop there. Two promotions later, Burkes, 28, is earning \$27,000 a year as the cafe's manager and is eyeing her next step on the ladder.

Burkes could be a poster child for the welfare overhaul of 1996, when Congress limited lifetime benefits to five years and encouraged states to require recipients to go to work.

At that time, advocates for the poor predicted that the program would end in disaster for those who lost their safety net. When, instead, welfare recipients flocked to jobs during the booming second half of the 1990s, advocates warned of an unraveling when the economy finally turned sour.

The economy is now in its third sour year. But to the surprise of many of reform's loudest boosters, one-time welfare recipients have held on to most of their gains in the job market - even as jobless rates among the general population are rising. Welfare rolls have remained level nationwide and continued to decline in Chicago and other big cities.

"The forecast that somehow a recession was going to dramatically undermine the gains we have seen in five years simply did not happen," said Wendy E. Horn, assistant secretary for children and families at the Department of Health and Human Services.

"The new welfare program is relatively recession-proof. Burkes' success story has been duplicated hundreds of thousands of times around the coun-



Shantrese Burkes, left, got a job 11 months ago at a cafe in Chicago, and now is manager. She discusses the business with Chajunna Tate.

try. Job placement professionals say they can still find work for most of their welfare clients - and that when they do, the clients are invariably better off than they were on the dole.

The 96 law, they say, has brought about a significant cultural shift among poor, single mothers. Work has taken the place of welfare checks for millions of them as the primary way that they expect to support their families - exactly what reform sponsors had hoped.

Some poverty experts, however, find the failure of the welfare rolls to rise in tandem with unemployment to be an ominous trend. To them, it suggests that more and more people are slipping through the cracks between welfare and work.

In Chicago, former welfare recipients tell of friends who resorted to hustling drugs and other means to support their families after their jobs withered. They tell of others who moved in with a successful relative before taking their chances at a homeless shelter.

"But whatever has happened hasn't happened in massive numbers," said Harry Holzer, a professor of public policy at Georgetown University. "Part of that may be due to the fact that so far, the recession has been relatively mild."

Even the bleak job market has been easy on welfare reform. Low-paying jobs have weathered the downturn better than others.

In Chicago, with an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent in

January compared with the national level of 5.8 percent, many welfare recipients are still moving into low-paying jobs as home health-care workers, daycare providers and janitors. At the bottom of the ladder there is opportunity to climb.

"I came in as a cashier in April," Burkes said. "In three months I became an assistant manager, and in three more months I became the manager."

Ten people report to her, and she has hired other former welfare recipients. "I snatched my sister off welfare and gave her a job," Burkes said with a smile. "My sister-in-law too."

Burkes' children, ages 7 to 11, also enjoy their mother's success. "They can't wait until payday; that's when they get their allowance," Burkes said.

Nationwide, never-married mothers such as Burkes - the group that had most commonly relied on welfare - have flocked into the workplace. Only 47 percent of such women were employed in 1994, according to an analysis of census data by the nonpartisan Urban Institute. By 2000, 59 percent had jobs, a figure that dropped slightly, to 68 percent, in 2002.

"We haven't seen the kind of drop-off (in employment) that people were most worried about, and that seems to be reflected in the welfare rolls themselves not jumping up dramatically," said Robert Lerman, an economist at the Urban Institute and American

University in Washington.

One reason: People who were long-term welfare recipients in 1996 have become connected to the workforce. Some remain with their original employers and are promoted; some lose their first jobs but find others.

But some poverty experts stress that success stories disguise the dark consequences of welfare reform.

"It's an obvious puzzle: Why don't welfare rolls grow in a recession?" said Warren Estim, who quit his job as a welfare policy specialist in the Health and Human Services Department in protest when President Clinton signed the GOP-written reform bill. "A safety net ought to respond to a recession; there is something wrong if it doesn't."

Primus went to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, where he studied how the poorest 20 percent of single mothers were doing under reform. In 1993, he found, 18 percent of this group received neither a welfare check nor a paycheck. By 2001, that slice had grown to 39 percent, or about 400,000.

"How are they making a go of it? We don't know," said Primus, who has since become an economist for Congress' Joint Economic Committee, a bipartisan House-Senate panel that studies economic issues. "I do think it is a lag-harder for that group than it was before 1996."

The goal of Congress' welfare reformers was to end reliance on the dole. Many states made requirements for getting welfare so onerous that some people are making do without benefits rather than deal with them.

The rules drove others into the job market. To get a welfare check, the new federal program - which Congress pointedly named Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - recipients have to pursue some activity related to work. Depending on the state, that might mean attending school or a job preparation program, picking up trash on city streets or doing office work for a charity.

Secrecy disturbs judge in trial of Moussaoui

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Warning prosecutors that she was disturbed by government secrecy in the case of Zacarias Moussaoui, a judge is questioning whether the government can offer a fair trial to the lone U.S. defendant accused of conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers.

U.S. District Judge Leona Brinkema's written comments Friday criticized the government's "shroud of secrecy" and could make it more likely the government would have to consider moving the case to a military tribunal.

Attorney-General John Ashcroft has said Moussaoui could receive a fair trial in a civilian court. However, military and intelligence officials have classified huge amounts of documents and files related to any defense access to Qaida prisoners who potentially could help Moussaoui's case. Tribunal rules would allow the greater secrecy sought by the Defense Department and intelligence officials.

Brinkema said the court was "disturbed by the extent to which the United States intelligence officials have classified the pleadings, orders and memorandum opinions in this case; and further agrees with the defendant's skepticism of the government's ability to prosecute this case in open court in light of the shroud of secrecy under which it seeks to proceed."

Her two-page order directed the government to respond to Moussaoui's motion for more information from a Jan. 30 hearing he was not allowed to attend as well as a secret court opinion

of March 10.

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Cook said, "We regularly hold terrorism and security accounts in court, while safeguarding both national security and due process. We are confident in the ability of our system of justice to try these cases under the procedures adopted by Congress and regularly upheld by the courts."

While Brinkema has kept virtually everything secret in the case for months, a judge normally doesn't second-guess the government's designation of classified information.

However, when the need for secrecy conflicts with a defendant's ability to receive a fair trial, the matter can become a legal issue. "It seems the judge has become skeptical about some of the national security concerns being presented to her," said defense attorney Frank Dunham Jr.

Dunham, a federal public defender, is the lead lawyer on a team appointed by the court to represent Moussaoui's interests as he defends himself.

"The question is whether they can live with less secrecy," Dunham said. "Moussaoui is complaining he's being shut out when he's the lawyer." Dunham said none of the information given to Moussaoui "relates to the guts of what he would need to know" to defend himself.

E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., a former prosecutor who handled terrorism cases, said he believes prosecutors may be joining in the judge's and Moussaoui's skepticism as to whether or not the case can be tried in open court.

College race case could affect K-12, as well

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court's upcoming ruling on affirmative action in college admissions has the potential to subtly or significantly affect the nation's 15,000 school districts, many of which have long considered race in shaping student enrollment plans.

Already, lower court rulings in recent years have directed some districts - and led many others - to abandon race-based plans. The Supreme Court's higher education ruling could invite schools to revisit that use of race or to eliminate it as a factor.

Everybody sees the handwriting on the wall, said Michael Simpson, assistant general counsel for the National Education Association. "If the court says declining state interest to justify race-based admissions, there is every reason to expect that principle would apply to student assignment at the K-12 level."

For elements of court heard arguments last week on two University of Michigan cases that challenge whether admissions policies favoring minorities are constitutional. Dozens of K-12 groups expressed their opinions in court papers, from teacher unions and black educators to school principals and state education boards.

Most took the university's side, arguing that diversity provides essential benefits and that schools should have authority to consider race in the classroom.

For opponents of affirmative schools, the implications of the court decision, expected by July, will depend not just on its substance but also on how broadly it is written.

"The worst-case scenario would be a sweeping opinion that would desegregate higher education," said Julie Underwood, general counsel for the National School

Boards Association. "The worst worst-case scenario would not allow any kind of race consideration in K-12. We would see a segregated society very quickly."

An increasing number of federal courts has lifted mandatory school desegregation plans and ruled in favor of those who believe K-12 race preferences are wrong.

In Maryland's Montgomery County, just outside Washington, a court struck down a diversity policy that kept a white student from transferring from his minority-dominated school to a largely white school. Allowing him to transfer, school officials contended, would only fuel the increasing "racial isolation" of a school that had mostly black and Hispanic students.

In San Francisco, school officials changed course to settle a court case that kept a white student from transferring from his minority school to their preferred schools. The district repealed 45 percent caps for racial or ethnic groups at each

school and 40 percent caps at magnet schools.

In a Boston case, a court threw out a policy that weighed race in determining half the students admitted to a prestigious public school for grades seven to 12. Boston now faces another race-based court fight over its attendance plan for elementary and middle schools. That plan reserves half a school's spots for students in walking distance and half for students throughout a larger zone. That has led some white families to complain that the district has denied their children access to a neighborhood school in the name of diversity.

"I'd like to see the Supreme Court opinion is wrong, to say people should not be refused admission on the basis of race," said Gary Kreep of the United States Justice Foundation, which represents California families challenging race-based school admissions in Pasadena. "It's just wrong. It's un-American."

The Michigan cases are not

expected to affect schools that remain under federally ordered desegregation plans based on past discrimination, lawyers said.

The social and educational benefits of diverse classrooms - especially in early grades, when students begin to form attitudes - have been embraced by most in the debate. How to achieve that diversity is the challenge.

Magnet schools, which stress subjects such as language or science, have been a tool to lure white students into minority communities. But more schools now use legally safer "race-neutral" methods to ensure diversity, such as socio-economic status and geography, said Marcee Sneed, a lawyer who represents many large school districts on federal issues.

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Man charged in death avoided DNA testing

BOISE (AP) — A transient charged with killing two women flipped serving time for convictions just months before Idaho officials convicted of violent crimes were first required to submit to DNA testing.

In July 1, 1997, the Legislature began requiring people convicted of rape, murder and 20 other violent offenses to undergo DNA sampling while in prison or on parole.

Idaho has processed 3,000 of the samples it has collected since then. But the DNA profile of Eric Virgil Hall was not among them, officials said.

Although Hall remained in prison until December 1999, records show, his DNA was not taken until he was arrested for the March 1 rape and strangling of Cheryl Ann Hanlon in the Boise Foothills.

In March, Boise detectives investigating the Hanlon crime uncovered similarities to the September 2000 killing of New York flight attendant Lynn Hennenman along the Boise River.

When officers arrested Hall in the Hanlon case, they took a DNA sample to see if he might be connected to Hennenman's death. Based on that test result, Hall

was charged last week with Hennenman's rape and murder. Hall has a criminal record involving about 10 convictions over about 15 years for crimes ranging from an open alcohol container violation to escaping prison. In 1992, he went to prison for statutory rape.

Although Hall was in prison when the DNA-sampling law first took effect, he was not sampled for DNA because he had apparently finished serving the term for rape and was, by July 1997, doing time for a 1995 prison escape conviction, according to records.

Idaho DNA samples were not entered into a national FBI database until last year.

Maj. Ralph Powell, Idaho State Police forensic services commander, said the delay was needed to create the system and train jail and prison employees on taking DNA samples.

Idaho has collected DNA from 4,000 inmates, Powell said. About 3,000 are in the FBI database. Since Idaho started adding specimens, the system has found matches for two rape cases, one attempted murder and one case that involved a murder and rape, said Cyndi Hall, the state's DNA analyst.

Pretty in pink: Residents hatch plan to release birds

Great Salt Lake may be haven for flamingos

SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) — Long-legged, pink flamingo seeking same to share friendship, food and freedom.

That's what the lonely flamingo living on the Great Salt Lake has been thinking for the last 15 years, says Jim Platt.

Since the bird, nicknamed "pink Floyd," flew the coop from Salt Lake City's Tracy Aviary, he's been gloriously free, but painfully alone.

His only pals are a pack of seagulls and the tourists that snap his picture. Floyd's become a local legend; appearing frequently in winter as a flash of pink on the otherwise drab horizons of the lake.

Now Platt, owner of Dancing Cranes Imports, has made it his mission to bring Floyd some friends.

"Floyd's the picture of health," Platt said. "I know what freedom is, and I think Floyd is having that experience. I'd like him to be friends with others who are having that same experience. They could breed and be a wild flock."

Platt offered to buy — and release — the remaining flamingo from the aviary for \$1,000 each.

He was politely turned down by the aviary, which called the proposition irresponsible and propositionally disruptive to the lake's delicate ecosystem.

Now, Platt's waging a public campaign to get the governor to declare the Great Salt Lake a



Chilean flamingo Pink Floyd takes flight near the Great Salt Lake marina Dec. 26, west of Salt Lake City. A group calling itself, 'Friends of Floyd' wants the governor to declare the Great Salt Lake a pink flamingo sanctuary and release hundreds onto the lake.

pink flamingo sanctuary. He hopes every state in the nation will donate a bird. "It could be Americas flamingos on the Great Salt Lake," he said. "It could be a tourist attraction."

Floyd is a Chilean flamingo, hailing from high Andes lakes with conditions similar to those at the Great Salt Lake — high salt content, cold winters and hot summers.

Scientists and bird watchers know Floyd is healthy because he's bright pink from the color of the brine shrimp he eats. Brine shrimp are the only animal that can live in the lake because of its extreme salinity.

Flamingos in captivity typically have a wing cut to prevent escape. For some reason, Floyd wasn't trimmed, and one day in the late 1980s he took flight.

After unsuccessful efforts to recapture him, the aviary left

him alone.

Platt recently took out a quarter-page, pink ad in a local newspaper asking people to contact the governor in support of the flamingo sanctuary.

Nearly 260 people wrote in, 235 of them from an elementary school class that filled an envelope and signed the back, "Friends of Floyd."

Gov. Mike Leavitt hasn't made up his mind yet, said spokeswoman Natalie Gochour. But he's taking his lead from the state experts, and they're less than enthusiastic.

"I don't think we want to have any chance of them getting started as a breeding species on the Great Salt Lake," said Frank Howe, avian program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"If we could look at having some guarantees that flamingos

would not procreate out there, then we might be more amenable to the idea," he said. "But the idea of releasing any wildlife that is not native to the area is courting ecological disaster. We don't want the Great Salt Lake to be a proving ground for that."

Environmentalists cite pigeons, starlings and sparrows — non-native species that have become pests.

"Would you want to be the guy responsible for releasing European starlings in Central Park? We want to repair damage that was already done," said Party Shreve, Tracy Aviary curator. "If I could take him off the lake I would."

Because Floyd's gender is not known, releasing birds of either gender isn't practical, Shreve said. And it's difficult to neuter birds. She stressed that a flamingo flock would overwhelm the natural environment.

But Platt isn't buying it, saying the environmental disaster argument is an "intellectual reflex."

"That is one of the canons of the environmental religion," he said. "Flamingos have been around for something like 60 million years, and I'm guessing that they were probably here sometime in the days of Lake Bonneville."

Anyway, he's not proposing thousands of flamingos, just a few to keep Floyd company. He says the amount of brine shrimp the birds would consume likely won't make much overall difference.

"This is just the way the bureaucracy works," he said, "and bureaucracy doesn't respond well to vision."

Church leaders urge Mormons to help retain new converts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon church officials announced on Saturday that through the work of 61,638 missionaries the church gained 26,138 converts in 2002, bringing the total membership to 11.7 million.

But in talks to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints faithful gathered for their 173rd General Conference, leaders said those new members need to be embraced and accepted into their communities so they will stay with the church.

"We call on every member of the church to reach out to new converts, to put your arms around them and make them feel at home," said church president and prophet Gordon B. Hinckley during his opening remarks.

"Every man, woman or child worthy of baptism is worthy of a secure and friendly situation in which to grow in the church and its many activities."

Church growth and retention is a perennial General Conference subject, with regular exhortations to sustain converts, not just sign them up.

The church has been accused of inflating its membership numbers, or not keeping records that reflect accurately those who fall away. While there are more than 11 million people on church rolls, the church has one of the highest turnover rates of any American faith, according to City University of New York surveys conducted in 1990 and 2001.

Saturday afternoon, Apostle M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve reminded members of Hinckley's announcements during October's semiannual General Conference that becoming an overseas missionary would be more difficult than in the past due to "raising the bar" for personal and spiritual standards.

"Those missionaries should be

supported by members with the same standards. If the standard is raised, it is raised for all of us," Ballard said.

In 1999, Ballard said during a satellite broadcast that real growth is more than mere numbers.

While the church doesn't release statistics on church activity rates, some research suggests participation in the church is as low as 30 percent.

A 2000 article in the church magazine Ensign noted church

missionary department research that shows that only 35 percent of active North American members regularly participate in missionary work.

"Remember, my brothers and sisters, we are not marketing a product," Ballard said Saturday. "We are not trying to impress anyone with our numbers or our growth."

Rather, he said, members were to bring to the church "all those who are seeking to know the truth."

Church leaders again emphasized missionary worthiness during an evening priesthood meeting open only to boys and men, and not publicly broadcast.

Speaking to those holding the Aaronic and Melchizedek priesthoods, Hinckley, married now for 66 years, also decreed divorce and urged the men respect their wives.

"Brethren, be loyal to your companion," he said. "Give your companion the opportunity to grow in her own interests, to develop her own talents, to fly in her own way and to experience her own sense of accomplishment."

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With its warehouse full, Red Cross halts gift program

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The American Red Cross asked Idaho for assistance and the communities responded — perhaps too well.

After accepting "quality of life" items for troops serving overseas for about one week, Red Cross staff began turning donations away. They include such things as candy, books, music, movies and toiletry items.

Statewide, American Red Cross offices accepted so many items for the troops that there is a four-month supply waiting to be sent from a Boise warehouse.

"We know that Idaho citizens are helping in a way to show their support for our troops, and that's great," said Rick Mitchell, chief executive officer of the Greater Idaho chapter of the American Red Cross.

"But right now we've got too much of a good thing. Soon we hope to be able to resume the program."

The new packages are being sent not only to troops in Iraq, but around the world. During the eight-day donation blitz, the Red Cross Coeur d'Alene office gathered 40 boxes of items.

"We're still receiving calls from people wanting to donate items and we have to turn them away," said Lisa McLeod, executive director of the American Red Cross Panhandle branch office.

The troop program is expected to accept donations once the four-month supply is depleted.

Those interested in supporting Red Cross services in the war can make a financial donation for Armed Forces Emergency Services or contribute to the Relief Fund, which will provide humanitarian services to victims of the war.

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EDITORIAL

'Choice' tax increases won't vanish from budget debate

Get ready to burn the midnight oil, Idaho legislators. The task of balancing the state budget is going to be a little more grueling.

The tug of war between Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the House Revenue and Tax Committee took a surprising twist Friday afternoon, when members balked at raising so-called "sin" taxes.

Early last week, a tax package seemed to be emerging that would include:

- A half-cent general sales tax increase, raising \$80 million.
- A \$1-a-pack increase in the cigarette tax, raising \$53.5 million.

through a short-term crisis shouldn't be allowed to slip into permanence.

If lawmakers want to pursue further sources of new revenue, they should look at soda pop, bottled water, and cable and satellite TV. Those purchases all represent non-essential consumer items. At a time

Our view: Despite a House committee's distaste for beverage taxes, Idahoans should expect to see higher taxes on 'choice' items. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

when many are jobless, it's more sensible to target tax increases at discretionary products, rather than take a scatter-shot approach that hits food and other essentials.

Some lawmakers oppose higher taxes on tobacco and alcohol, because those taxes unfairly hit specific segments of Idaho's population. That argument makes some sense.

But some kind of tax increase on those products is justified. The beer tax has not seen any increase since 1961, and the wine tax hasn't gone up since 1971. Meanwhile, the general sales tax has risen significantly.

In Idaho as in many states this year, a tax increase on nonessential products such as tobacco, alcohol, soda and cable TV is a political no-brainer. If legislators couple those increases with a slim- and brief - increase in the general sales tax, they can wrap up the budget quickly.

We agree with conservative legislators who hate to see any tax increases whatsoever. But if the general sales tax increase is to be held to a minimum, "choice" taxes are the most practical source of revenue.

Beer and wine tax increases won't bring in \$137 million toward the 2004 revenue deficit, which is estimated between \$160 million and \$120 million.

But the committee voted Friday to kill the beverage tax increases.

Despite Friday's decision, a plan that includes tax increases on "choice" items such as cigarettes and beer is still the likeliest outcome. A careful blend of increases in the general sales tax and individual

consumption taxes is probably the best way to break through Idaho's budget logjam.

Even so, that half-penny sales tax increase should come with no more than a two-year sunset clause. A tax increase designed to carry the state

NEWS FROM IRAQ ...



Pause before second-guessing strategy

JAMES KLURFELD

A number of years ago, when I was a reporter in Washington, I was invited to spend a few days at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., to take part in a series of war-gaming exercises with military and government officials, academics and other reporters.

We gathered around a long, large table in a command center as if we were the National Security Council advising the president.

"Mr. Klurfeld, we'll start with you," said the admiral who was playing the role of president. "What's your advice?"

I stumbled over my words for a moment and then blurted: "I'm a journalist. I'll let the rest of you go first and then I'll second-guess you."

I recall that incident now as I read and listen to all the TV and newspaper criticism of the Pentagon's plans for fighting this war. (By the way, the journalists and academics tended to be much more willing to use military force than Newport war game than the military officers.)

Less than two weeks into the Iraq campaign, the second-guessing is in full throttle. Just listen to your favorite cable station or read your local newspaper. You will hear the cacophony of voices, some pure journalist, other military now posing as journalist or analyst, saying that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld hasn't

put enough ground troops into the mix, that it was a mistake to predict a quick result, that the military planners aren't prepared to fight a guerrilla type of war, and on and on. In this day of instantaneous, 24-hour communication we are now seeing instantaneous, 24-hour second-guessing.

My point isn't to criticize the criticism. As my experience at the Naval War College demonstrated, questioning assumptions and looking at alternatives is a free press. It comes with the territory. It's what we do. And, in the long run, it's healthy. Having an outside observer criticize is a safeguard against making the same mistake endlessly. The history of any totalitarian regime, where criticism of leaders is verboten, is replete with complex of officials doing really dumb things over and over again because nobody is willing to say they're dumb.

But there is also a need for perspective and context. The op-ed pages in the last few days have been filled with retired officers blasting Rumsfeld for not having enough heavily armored Army divisions in place at the start of the war. Military officers I have known and respected, such as retired Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, who is now a television analyst, are making it clear that they believe it was foolish to allow long supply lines to be so exposed and to over-rely on a theory of flexibil-

ity and maneuver.

Majority they commanded ground forces in the first Gulf War and speaks from experience. But he also speaks as an Army ground commander who sees war in a particular perspective that might no longer be relevant or might not have been relevant to the particular goals of this campaign. The U.S. forces had to move quickly to secure the oil fields and prevent Iraqi missile attacks on Israel from the western part of the country, for instance. The Rumsfeld plan achieved those objectives brilliantly.

What I am really trying to say is that I simply do not know yet whether the Bush administration made a major tactical blunder in how it decided to fight this war. And saying "I don't know" might be the hardest three words for any journalist to utter these days. If I were sitting in a television studio with time to fill, a reply of "Geez, I don't know" would get me fired pronto - even if it were the most accurate statement I could make. And he assured, a television producer is going to find somebody who is willing to say, "I told you so" in a tiny sound bite.

The question of the moment is whether Rumsfeld and his acolytes have blundered in not having enough ground troops. I don't know and let's put it around the table until some time before the second-guessing begins.

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LETTERS

A blind boycott is mindless patriotism

Patriotism at this time is a noble and wonderful thing. As Americans, our hopes, prayers and support should be with our troops in Iraq. However, in our patriotic zeal, we can become misguided and counterproductive. A case in point would be the recent movement to change the name of French fries to "American," "Freedom" or even "Idaho" fries or boycott all things even sounding French.

Last week, French's mustard company received many letters and e-mails complaining about the company name. One former customer said, "Even though I know you are American, I just can't buy your products because the name remains French's." That type of thinking is dangerous and counterproductive to our economy. Here in the Magic Valley alone, we stand to lose more than 750 potato processing jobs and who knows how many related jobs due to "normal" market conditions. For the public to insist that companies change the name of French fries to something else sounds like an easy thing to do, in reality, would cost companies thousands of dollars in new packaging and marketing costs. These companies would have no choice but to pass on the cost to the consumer or reduce costs which could lead to lost jobs.

Chances are the next time you have fries here in the Magic Valley, they were made within driving distance of where you are by your own friends and neighbors. It is our right as Americans to express our opinion and feel free to colloquially call fries anything you like. If you insist on

boycotting French products, make sure they really are from France. The best statement you can make to countries that oppose America is to buy American, and preferably Idaho products, and strengthen our economy.

So please don't let patriotism become mindless. Make a statement and show confidence in our country by supporting our economy. The job you save might be your own.

GREG ROGERS
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Greg Rogers is the regional labor economist for the South Central Idaho Department of Labor.)

do away with cars. And let's outlaw smoking - that costs a lot in health-care costs also. The list goes on and on but do we really want to do that?

Then there is the caring police officer who just want people to be safe. I certainly like to think that they do really care; however, I would suggest that if they spent less time writing tickets and enforcing unconstitutional laws, maybe when I call in a report of someone on the roofs of businesses at 11 p.m. in a high crime area, we could get a police response in less than one hour.

A. WAYNE FRANSEN
Twin Falls

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Armed forces move carefully to save lives

I would like to start by saying that I personally have never been proud to call myself an American. I am a veteran of the United States Navy and the Persian Gulf War. My wife is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. My brother is currently a Navy chief stationed in Brunswick, Maine, and is on standby for Operation Iraq Freedom.

That being said, I would like to express my extreme pride for and gratitude to the men and women of our military. The professionalism they are displaying is exceptional. Make no mistake about it, our military men and women are the best of the best. They are making the ultimate sacrifice of an unfinished life for our freedom and security. Our country must respond, however, to the killing of innocents by terrorists and the regimes that harbor them.

While our soldiers and their commanders would be the first to tell you that one of the principles they are defending is the right to disagree with our actions in Iraq, it is important to consider that our citizens' support of the troops, once committed to the battlefield, is crucial. Propagandists who negatively affect morale or extend any encouragement to the enemy are surely risking consequences they may not want to be responsible for.

Most of us will never have the opportunity to express our gratitude and deep respect to personally. But we are resolved to stand behind those that stand behind us.

TODD STAY
Twin Falls

Seat belts don't make drivers any safer

I have been following the editorials and letters regarding seat belts with great interest and some amusement. I see that some newspaper editor, I believe with the Statesman, is bemoaning that critics of mandatory seat belt laws are "making it a personal choice issue rather than a public safety one." Well, get a clue, it is a personal choice issue. I am still waiting for someone to explain how it makes the public any more safe if I choose to wear a seat belt or less safe if I choose not to. I doubt that anyone has doubts that it affects my own safety, but that is my personal choice.

As to the argument that injuries are more severe to those not wearing belts, again no question. But if we are going to use that as an excuse to interfere with personal freedom, then we must also stop asking, My driving, my own choice, and my life. We should really reduce the costs of automobile accidents and just

Protests strike at the confidence of our troops

It is both humbling and sobering to witness the bravery of young Americans in this current conflict, some of whom are making the ultimate sacrifice of an unfinished life for our freedom and security. Our country must respond, however, to the killing of innocents by terrorists and the regimes that harbor them.

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Senate decides to spend away

The U.S. Senate last week behaved like a drunk who meeting that at a temperance meeting that has seen the evil of his ways and vows to become sober but then, on his way home, yields to temptation while passing a saloon, goes in and gets plastered.

Fearful that President Bush's proposed \$726 billion (over 10-year) tax cut would allow taxpayers to keep too much of their own money, "moderate" Republican senators joined most Democrats to have to the president's proposed tax reductions on the pretext that there is a war to pay for and a "large" tax break is not affordable at this time. If senators had taken the temperance pledge when it comes to spending, one might conclude they had finally seen the light and their "testimony" could seem credible. But, alas, most of our elected tax-and-spenders cannot resist the temptation to spend more, and so they make sure we have less.

Republican congressional leaders strongly resist as much of the rejected tax cuts as they can when the Senate and House confer on final details, but don't look for the "moderates" to be persuaded and, thus, the final bill is most likely to resemble the Senate version.

While positioning themselves as guardians of the nation's financial security, many members of Congress, in fact, bring the spending battle with all the gusto of a confirmed and unrepentant drunk.

Legislation Against Government Waste (CAGW) will release on April 9 its annual "Plig Book," detailing some of the most outrageous, unnecessary and annoying examples of government waste spending. It will include such gems as \$500,000 to the Bureau of Land Management for Idaho weed control; \$400,000 for the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum; \$283,000 to the Mystic Seaport for a "facilities and conversion project" of the American Maritime Education and Research Center; \$250,000 for Family Communications, Inc. to implement a National Preschool Anger Management project in Lowell, Mass.; \$200,000 for the help taxpayers manage their anger for spending on something like this?; \$180,000 for Forum Francophone des Affaires to facilitate exports to French-speaking markets in Maine (given American attitudes toward the French these days, this one ought to have been cut more than butter on a hot crossbun, with about some Americans are boycotting); and \$90,000 for the Carving Studio in West Rutland, Vt., for "building monuments."

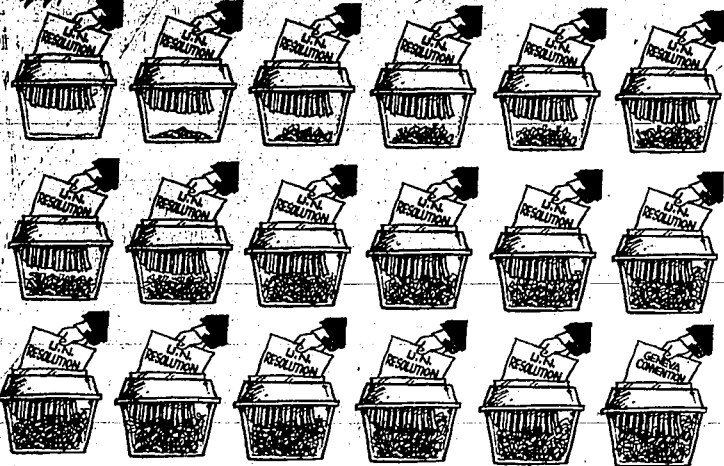
According to CAGW, the proposed current budget represents a \$201 billion increase in pork barrel spending. If affordable, it is the primary cause of the Congress should emulate the World War II Congress and reduce, not increase, spending. According to CAGW researchers, between 1939 and 1942, non-defense spending was cut by 22 percent. During the Korean War (1950-53), non-defense discretionary spending fell 25 percent. In the Vietnam War, President Johnson tried to produce "guns and butter." He dramatically increased domestic and defense spending. He lost the war in Vietnam and started an inflationary war on our wallets.

Therefore, anyone who says close to April 15, shouldn't be too close to Congress why it can't "afford" to let us keep more of the money we earn. It never asks whether we can "afford" to pay for the expenditures on the Cowgirl Hall of Fame and the National Peanut Festival. Congress should be required to make the case why it spends on "fiscal responsibility."

The correct approach to deficits is not to tax people more (or reduce a larger tax cut), but to spend less. It is our responsibility to make the money to be the primary determiners of how and when to spend or invest their own money. Government waste is not a burden; it takes less of our money and allows us to keep more. The cost of the deficit, because it spends too much, is not a burden; it is a burden. Why don't they go on the wagon?

Ed Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

SADDAM'S SURRENDER



Beware of Saudi interests in rebuilding Iraq

With war still raging, the State Department is planning to hold a "Baghdad Conference" a mere six weeks after the conflict ends to determine an interim leadership and to establish a framework for its new government — something that many inside the administration fear could give the House of Saud undue influence in a post-Saddam Iraq. The plan is modeled after the Bonn Conference, which Zalmay Khalilzad, now U.S. special envoy to Iraq, oversaw to prepare a transitional government that eventually succeeded the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Administration officials and various outside experts agree that a Baghdad Conference, if it happens, would be simply the latest attempt by State to undermine the umbrella organization of democratic Iraqi opposition groups, the Iraqi National Congress.

State is already placing — or attempting to place — pro-Saudi individuals in important positions in a post-Saddam Iraq:

- Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Maura Harty recently tapped Keith Payne — who one senior State official says "enjoys a cozy relationship with the Saudis," even though her job has been to recover abducted American children trapped in the desert prison — to take over the consular section at the new Baghdad embassy.

- State last month forced the Pentagon to appoint longtime diplomat Barbara Bodine, who temporarily refused the FBI entry into Yemen to investigate

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the USS Cole bombing — to be civilian administrator in Baghdad. Bodine has extensive ties to Iraqis — but not the right ones.

Notes a senior administration official, "She only knows the Ba'athists, because that's who she dealt with, and she's never bothered getting to know the democratic opposition very well."

With a long career centered mostly in the Middle East, administration officials describe

Bodine as an Arabist who favors traditional "stable" Arab regimes — the kind where democracy does not flourish.

- State's top pick for ambassador to the post-Saddam Iraq is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Ryan Crocker, who shares Bodine's worldview. But State may not get Bodine into Baghdad; the Pentagon is pushing back to get someone else in that position.

And Crocker will undoubtedly run into opposition from the White House, where the president's vision of a democratic Iraq is diametrically opposed to Crocker's view of the Arab world.

The greatest friend of the House of Saud might have in the post-Saddam Iraq, though, is Adnan Pachachi, the octogenarian former foreign minister, who is openly backed by the House of Saud. State sees Pachachi as the most viable alternative to the INC, and even gave its tacit approval to a conference he organized in London last week as part of a campaign to undermine the staunchly pro-democratic INC.

One administration official says that Khalilzad is "so obsessed with Pachachi that he forced Jalal Talibani (leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, an INC member organization) to put Pachachi on the Iraqi opposition leadership council."

But Pachachi was not interested, at least not in being part of the same leadership committee as Dr. Ahmad Chalabi, the head of the INC — and he said as much

in a Financial Times column last month.

"Yet State persists in wooing Pachachi.

But perhaps the greatest threat to the INC and democracy — and the greatest boon for the House of Saud — is the proposed Baghdad Conference. If held soon after the smoke clears, only the Ba'athists would be likely to come forward.

Since anyone of significance in Iraqi society is a Ba'ath Party member, some party members will necessarily be in the new government — but weeding out Ba'athists will take longer than six weeks.

Likely the only people willing to come forward from within Iraq right after the fall of Saddam's regime are people who were part of it because, as one administration official notes, "It takes time for the fear to wear off."

State's attempts to thwart the INC have gotten so bad that a group of five Republican senators — Jon Kyl and John McCain of Arizona, Sam Brownback of Kansas, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Norm Coleman of Minnesota — recently sent a letter to President Bush, calling on him to "personally clear the bureaucratic roadblocks from within the State Department" and get funding and other support to the INC. "As American lives are at stake."

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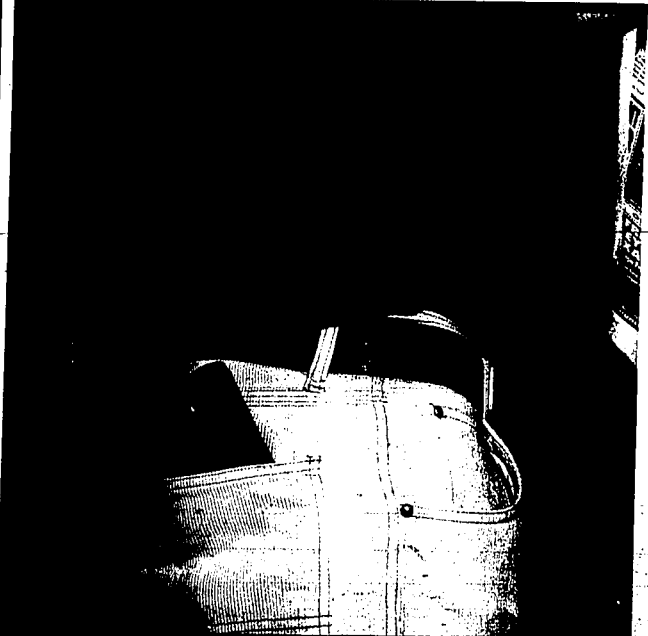
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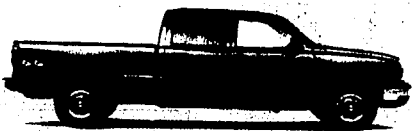
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Section B

The Times-News

Sunday, April 6, 2003

And here we have Eidaheux

Let's not get carried away with all this Francophobia.

For France, you see, is pretty well embedded, to coin a term, in our way of life here in La Ville.

Exhibit A would be the 820 Twin Falls jobs dedicated to the manufacture of, um, french fries. Exhibit B would be the street where I live, Teton, which if all French names were anglicized tomorrow would translate, euphemistically, to Big Bottom Street.

Plus, I've done a bit of research about how many of your unsuspecting dollars, spent on brand-name products you cherish, end up as francs.

For starters, there's the Nissan Sentra parked in your driveway; the company is controlled by Renault. And the B.F. Goodrich tires on which it rides; BFG is owned by the friendly folks at Michelin.

You might want to write all this down - here, use my Bic pen, which, incidentally, was manufactured in Lyons.

Or you can wait and watch it on your RCA television, manufactured by Thomson Electronics of Boulogne.

You see, the Wild Turkey Bourbon in your cupboard (Bernard Ricard, headquartered in Paris), the Car & Driver magazine on your coffee table (Hachette Filipacchi Medias of Levallois-Perret) and the Lee Ann Womack album on your 8-track (her record label, Universal, is owned by Vivendi, the Paris-based multinational) are all as blue-white-and-red (the colors of the French flag) as can be.

Even that icon of American unpretentiousness, Motel 6 ("We'll leave a light on") is owned by Accor Groupe de Paris ("Nous gardons une lumière").

And if all that brings tears to your eyes, don't reach for an Allegra tablet. It was made in Strasbourg, by Aventis Pharmaceuticals.

And let's face it, in a place where every passing *voyageur* named something or other during the 19th century, Idaho would sound downright odd without French words.

If we ethically cleaned our language, our state's capital would be Treés, *Coeur d'Alene* would be Needle-Hearted and the *Malad* River would just be Sida.

Chief Joseph would have been the legendary leader of the Nasal Piercing Tribe, and Idaho's largest body of water, *Pend Oreille*, would be Lake Dangling Earrings.

Meanwhile, back on Big Bottom Street...

T.F. will make SIRCOMM payment

By Mark Holitz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the city of Twin Falls apparently ready to resume its payments to the regional 911 dispatch center, the center's payroll should be secure for the foreseeable future.

Even so, the city leaders say they still plan to pay less than what was asked for.

City Business Manager Gary Evans said Friday that a \$50,000 city check had been written to Twin Falls County for the Southern Idaho Communications Center.

But the county hadn't received that check as of Friday. Mayor Lance Clow said he wanted to hand-deliver the check

to the county commissioners - possibly sometime this week - but hadn't scheduled the meeting as of Friday.

"I wanted to personally hand it to them and explain to them what our concerns were," Clow said.

More money will come from the city, Clow said.

"We have budgeted to pay \$200,000 for the year, and this is our first installment."

County Commissioner Bill Brockman, a member of SIRCOMM's board of directors, said Friday he had heard nothing about the payment.

Clow declined to comment on exactly what concerns he planned to express to the county. But the city's general concerns

about SIRCOMM are still the same, he said.

Clow and City Manager Tom Courtney also declined to say exactly what prompted the city to start paying again.

Citing what they thought was mediocre service from SIRCOMM, and contending the city was paying too large a share of the center's costs, the city officials this fiscal year opted to quit making payments.

Twin Falls County collects payments for dispatch funds from the city and from other entities in the county and then hands that money over to SIRCOMM.

SIRCOMM provides emergency dispatch service in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties. Its biggest

customer is the city of Twin Falls, which was scheduled to pay about \$250,000 in the current fiscal year.

But city leaders have contended that Twin Falls should pay less, because the city recently opened its own non-emergency and service call center in the Twin Falls police station. That frees SIRCOMM from a lot of non-emergency calls, city leaders contended, so it would be only fair for the city to pay less money.

That assertion is a source of contention with the SIRCOMM board - and with Twin Falls County, whose sheriff, Wayne Towsley, also serves as SIRCOMM's director.

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WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN' GOIN' ON



CSI Veterinary Technology students Michael Miller, left, Charly Johnson and Nikki Deacon react as they are showered with soapy water by Indle, one of many dogs dropped off for a bath and tonal trimming Saturday. The annual fund-raiser, which raised \$300 last year, helps fund activities for the students. According to Johnson, part of this year's fund-raiser will be given to either the women's shelter or to the Wishing Star Foundation.

Vet students spend Saturday washing dogs

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It must be a law of nature: all dogs shake when wet.

"You gotta love that," said one CSI Veterinary Technology student as "Jessie" shook after being sprayed down at the program's annual dog wash Saturday.

However, sometimes it was the person with the sprayer who got the other dog-washers wet. Laughter erupted after first-year student Kathy Rose missed the dog and blasted fellow first-year Tara McHutchison.

Students in the vet tech program honed their skills while having fun by offering a wash and nail clip for dogs Saturday at the program's downtown building.

The event raises money every year for a community service project. Last year money went into creating a raptor cage for birds recovering from injury, said second-year student Charly Johnson. This year the money will be used for a project at the women's shelter or the Wishing Star Foundation.

Students learn skills for restraining dogs and keeping them calm along with checking ears and clipping nails.

"It's invaluable, quite honestly," Johnson said.

And while students worked hard to have the dogs looking their best, Johnson said the dogs would immediately be dirty again.

"I'm positive they're going directly back outside," Johnson said.

Students agreed the event was fun as well as a way to practice skills.

Terin Bailes, a second-year student in the program, said her favorite part was working with the different breeds. Her favorite had been a Rotweiler.

"You think they're mean, but they have such a sweet face. She was so good. She just sat in the tub saying, 'I'm loving this,'" Bailes said.

Johnson kept a small dog named Susie quiet during bath time by talking with her.

"You got to stay in there," Johnson said as the dog tried to step out of the sink. "Where are you going?"

"You're a dirty girl," she added in that voice people reserve for babies or pets. "Don't you ever wash your face?"

Dog wash business was pretty steady, Johnson said students washed 20 dogs in the first two hours. "We haven't stopped since 9 a.m."

At 1 p.m., an hour before the close of business, 38 dogs had been washed.

For those attempting to wash a dog at home Johnson had these tips:

- Keep soap and water out of a dog's eyes and ears.
- If the dog is scared, put it in a tub or gently pour water over it, rather than using a hose.
- And of course, "Just be prepared with lots of towels; they'll shake all over."

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Jerome police force gets new drug dog named Buster

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - You've heard of Turner and Hoock. Well, have you met Buster and Clark?

They are a new team of drug-busting partners on the Jerome police force.

Officer Dennis Clark has been on the city of Jerome police force for three years; Buster, for about two years.

"And Jerome's newest officer hasn't wasted any time. In his first five days on the job, he has netted three drug-related busts."

The 18-month-old chocolate Labrador retriever was born and trained at Cedar Home Kennels in Stanwood, Wash. He has received three months of intensive training.

Clark received two weeks of intensive training with Buster at Cedar Home Kennels, where Clark learned how to give Buster commands that he can understand.

"Clark and Buster got acquainted with one another and bonded."

Police Chief Bill Reid said Buster came from the same kennel as Sonny, Jerome's retired drug dog.

"We got 12 good years out of Sonny. Sonny was a good dog. We have high hopes for Buster," Reid said.

Buster has been trained to detect all illegal drugs currently in circulation. If new drugs appear, Buster can be trained to detect them, too, Reid said.

Clark said Buster will be a working drug-detection officer as well as one of Jerome's best public relations tools. He will be available for demonstrations at schools, fairs and other public events. Buster will also be available to the Idaho State Police and to Jerome County for backup when their dogs are unavailable.

The IS2 has one dog for Region 4 and Jerome County has two dogs for the county.

Buster can search a car in about 10 seconds. He is able to detect a sizable amount of drugs in a vehicle from the outside. When drugs are present, he scratches and bites at the specific area where the drugs are located.

Drug dogs are so effective that their homes are kept secret. People who have been arrested as a result of a dog's drug work sometimes seek out the dog to hunt it, Clark said.

More than \$6,000 has been invested in Buster and his training. Clark said many companies and individuals have helped with money and donations for Buster. For example, one store is donating his dog food, a local vet is donating veterinary services, and one church organizes a fund-raising drive to purchase Buster.

And all members of the Jerome Police Department were involved in soliciting donations.

City Administrator Travis Chaney is grateful to all those who donated to the cause.

"As a result of all the donations, the city only had to come up with \$125 toward Buster's purchase. The dog will be an asset to the community," Rodwell said.

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.

Zachary K. Broadie

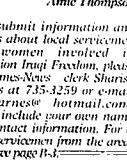
- Age: 20.
- Hometown: Hailley.
- Local family: Parents, Kyle and Sherry Broadie.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, April 2002.
- Rank, assignment: Lance corporal, Logistic Vehicle Systems and Motor Technology, Kuwait.
- Task: He's trained to transport cargo and support equipment.
- Additional information: Deployed in January.



Cristofer Hatt

- Age: 21.
- Hometown: Burley.
- Local family: Mother, Karen Kehlhofer; father, Mickey Hatt.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, July 2000.
- Rank, assignment: Lance corporal, 1st Marine Division communications, location unknown.
- Task: Fixes radios and other communication devices.
- Additional information: Deployed in January.

—Compiled by Amie Thompson



To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News' Clark Shorsia Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharsibarnes@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information. For a list of servicemen from the area, please see page B-2.

Hailey man dies in crash on highway

The Times-News

HAILEY - A Hailey man died early Saturday morning after a one-vehicle crash on State Highway 75, a release from Idaho State Police said.

J. Cruz Murillo-Ruiz, 34, was traveling northbound on Highway 75 when his 1984 Mercury Marquis went off the right shoulder near the intersection of Countryside Boulevard, the release said. He overcorrected, crossed the highway, struck a gate into the airport and was ejected from his vehicle.

Murillo-Ruiz was not wearing a seat belt and alcohol was a factor, the release said. The crash is still being investigated.

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Mary Thelma Crouse 1913 - 2003

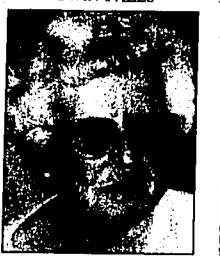
Mary Thelma Turnpseed Crouse, 89, of Filer, Idaho, went to be with the Lord Friday, April 04, 2003, from SunBridge Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Thelma was born September 12, 1913, in Filer, Idaho, the daughter of Felix and Ratta Cox Turnpseed. She grew up and attended school in Filer. As a young woman, at the age of 22, she married the love of her life, Earl Crouse. To this union were born two children. Thelma spent most of her life very active and involved in the Methodist Church. She was the custodian for the Filer Methodist Church for 20-plus years and also assisted with many church activities. She was a member of the Filer Kiwanis Lunch Program, and she also worked with her husband at the Filer Appliance Store. Thelma also enjoyed flowers, especially tending her flower garden and canning vegetables and fruit. She won several ribbons at the Twin Falls County Fair for her long canning abilities. She also enjoyed playing the piano.

Thelma was a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She will be missed by all who know and loved her. Survivors include her loving husband of 68 years, Earl, daughter, Marjorie Balos of Los Angeles, CA; one sister, Edith Smith of Twin Falls and by one grandson, Richard Lewis of Kuna, ID. Her parents, one brother, Paul Turnpseed, one daughter, Hazel Bowman, and one grandson, Erlone Lewis preceded her in death.

Funeral Services for Thelma will be held Monday, April 7, 2003, at 3 p.m. at the Filer Methodist Church in Filer, Idaho, with Rev. Sandy Kimbro officiating. Interment will follow at the Filer Cemetery, Filer, Idaho. Friends may call Monday, April 7, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the church.

TWIN FALLS



Blanche Margaret Detwiler Detweiler August 20, 1910 - March 12, 2003

Blanche Margaret Detwiler Detweiler left us peacefully on March 12th. She was born 92 years ago in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the daughter of Bess and Rudy Detwiler. Rudy brought Bess, Blanche and her brother, Randall, to the Salmon Tract in 1911. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1928 and attended the University of Idaho-Blanchette married K. Duane Hodges on July 25th, 1936, in Twin Falls.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Blanche was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls where for many years she was superintendent of the sewing school, participating in all aspects of teaching and children's activities; and she was a member of Circle S. She was hostess of the 1940s, and was a member and past president of PEO Chapter Bp. Blanche worked in an office manager for both CC Anderson and Anderson's Inc.

Following the death of her husband, Duane, in 1976, Blanche married George H. Detweiler on August 14th, 1978. She was an avid gardener, having learned from her father. She raised beautiful crops of vegetables and flowers which they shared with family and neighbors. Blanche was a creative flower gardener, producing striking displays of color in her yard year after year. She shared love and plants with her daughter who has carried on the tradition. Blanche is survived by her

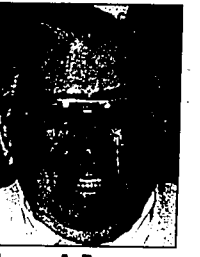
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daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Willy Pressley of Beaverton, Oregon; her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Peggy Hodges of Vista, California; step-son, George C. Detweiler of Twin Falls, Idaho; and granddaughters, Kristin Pressley, Merodiah Park, Amy Shaffner, Lisa Detweiler and Erin Detweiler. She was preceded in death by her beloved grandson, Kermit, her parents, her brother, and her husbands, Duane and George.

The family will hold a celebration of Blanche's life at 11 a.m. on April 15th at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. Remembrances may be made to Central Oregon Home Health and Hospice at 2698 NE Courtney Drive, Bend, OR 97701; First Presbyterian Church at 205 5th Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or Twin Falls Public Library Foundation at 434 2nd Street East, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Whoever makes a garden Has, oh, so many friends: The glory of the morning The dew when dawning hands. For rain and wind and sunshine And dew and fertile sod: Works who who makes a garden Works hand in hand with God.

HEYBURN



Clarence A. Parr 1897 - 2003

Clarence A. Parr, 78-year-old Heyburn resident, died Wednesday, March 26, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. He was born July 30, 1924, in Anaheim, California, the son of Charlie and Nellie M. Abbott Parr. He married Maiba E. Miller in 1947, in Elko, Nevada. He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy after serving during WWII. Clarence was a pioneer of Raft River, where he farmed with his two brothers for twenty-five years. He was past president and a member of the National Potato Council, co-founder and president of the Potato Growers of Idaho, past chairman of the Idaho Department of Water Resource Board, a member of the National Potato Promotions Board, and he was inducted into the Idaho Potato Hall of Fame in February of 2000.

Survivors include a son, Galen (Betty) Parr, of 47 years, three grandsons, Christopher, Timothy and Ryan, two nieces; and two daughters by his parents, his wife, Maiba E. Parr, two brothers, and two sisters.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 South 200 West of Rupert. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the World War II Memorial Fund, American Battle Monuments Commission, P.O. Box 98147, Washington, D.C., 20098-8147 or to the University of Idaho Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 443147, Moscow, Idaho, 83844-3147. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

BUHL

Pauline Busmann 1922 - 2003

Pauline Busmann, 79, of Buhl, passed away peacefully in her sleep Thursday, April 3, 2003, at Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. She was born August 2, 1922, in Buhl, the daughter of John Kelly and Georgia Pearl Hann Kelly. She attended school in Buhl from the first to twelfth grade, graduating in 1942. Pauline married Charles L. (Bud) Busmann on August 21, 1942, in Buhl. Bud and Pauline lived and farmed in Buhl until their children were born and raised: Michael, Patrick, and Dennis. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, who passed away in 1989; one infant daughter, Rebecca Ann; her parents and her sister, Maxine VanOrman, who passed away in 2001.

Pauline was a member of the First Baptist Church of Buhl. She is survived by her three sons, Michael L., (Connie) Busmann, Pat (Martha) Busmann, and Dennis Busmann, all of Buhl, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Memorials are suggested to the Buhl Elks Lodge and the First Farmer Funeral Chapel in charge of the arrangements.

RUPERT



Rupert

death by his mother, Peggy Ann Buckman. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Rupert 3rd and 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 526 South F Street, with Bishop Gary Mecham officiating. Entombment will be at the Durfee-Rodgers Family Cemetery at Conner Creek. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Tuesday, from 6 until 8 p.m., and at the church on Wednesday, from 10 until 10:45 a.m.

They spent the next 20 years farming in the Mini-Cassia area and running their own businesses. In 1921 they moved to Rupert, and Verne began working for Kraft Foods. He retired after 15 years and continued to pursue his dream of running his own business by opening J's Bar in Rupert.

For 52 years, Verne was Wilma's best friend, as well as being a patient and kind husband. He was a devoted and loving father to his surviving children: Gail Johnson of Oregon City, OR, Andrew Johnson of Rupert, Matthew Johnson (Lisa) of Boise, LuAnn Johnson (Malcolm Smith) of Bloomington, IN, and John Johnson of Rupert. Verne was also a playful and instructive grandfather to seven grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, five children, seven grandchildren, four sisters, and one brother. His parents preceded him in death, as did an infant son, Verne Eugene Johnson, Jr., and one brother and one sister.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Luthoran Care Center in Jerome (currently under construction). Donations can be mailed to the Luthoran Care Center, 909 6th Street, Rupert, ID 83350.

RUPERT



Jason S. Russell 1974 - 2003

Jason Scott Russell, 28, of Rupert, died Thursday, April 3, 2003, at his home in Rupert. He was born October 31, 1974, in Sacramento, California, where he received his education and graduated from high school. He moved to the Mini-Cassia area in 1996, where he was since resided. Shortly after moving to Idaho, Jason was seriously injured in an auto accident where he lost his left hand. He was a caring individual and very much a people person. He loved his family and enjoyed time spent with them. He had many attributes, especially being talented in music. He loved to play the piano, which brought him much joy and in support of his family, will miss his wonderful character and loving friend.

He is survived by his parents, George and Lyla Russell of Rupert; his siblings, Robert Meracie of Oregon, Steve Meracie of Burley, Allen E. Meracie of Boise, Eric Russell of San Francisco, California, Kyle (Lisa) Howell of Boise, Robert (Janette) Sogel of Helena, Montana, and Heidi Meracie of Boise; his grandparents, George Russell of Galt, California, Lloyd Allen of Roseburg, Oregon, and Audrey Durfee Hoyle of Burley; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in

BOISE

Justin Sage Drake 1970 - 2003

Justin Sage Drake, 32, of Boise and formerly of San Marcos, CA, died on March 3, 2003. He was born on Mountain Home Air Force Base on April 23, 1970. He attended elementary and high school in Twin Falls and Palomar College in San Marcos. He was a Construction Supervisor with 15 years in new home construction and remodeling.

Mr. Drake is survived by his children, Alexa Drake of Boise, Cameron Drake of Twin Falls; his mother, Elaine Drake of San Marcos, CA; his father, Mike Drake of Twin Falls; his grandparents, Robert and Kathryn Peterson of Cayucos, CA; and his aunt and uncle, Janis Peterson and Carl Gonzalez of San Rafael, CA. A memorial celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on April 12, 2003, at the Snake River Elks Lodge, on Highway 93, Jerome, Idaho.

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Eden
Marine Lance Cpl. Arlo G. Lott Jr., Kuwait.
Navy Aviation Technician 3rd Class, Joseph Schmehl, on the USS Nimitz.
Army Sgt. Joshua Valley Schmidt, Camp New Jersey, Kuwait.
Air Force Aliman (Jade) Stoen, Qatar.
Army Spc. Hank (Tate) Williams, Kuwait.
Kimberly
Marine Lance Cpl. Deepak Benson, Kuwait.
Army Spc. Lucas Holdomann, Kuwait.
Air Force Staff Sgt. Bradley Eugene Kerr, location unknown.
Marine Cpl. Andrew J. Ledbetter, Kuwait.
Air Force Master Sgt. Scott Livingston, Saudi Arabia.
Air Force Staff Sgt. Matthew Murphy, Qatar.
Marine Lance Cpl. Philip Steen, Kuwait.
Marine Sgt. Sean Watson, Kuwait.
Marine Cpl. Brandon Vollmer, Iraq.
Kuna
Navy Gunners Mate Ryan Watson, aboard the USS Nassau.
Murtzough
Navy Aliman Matthew Koch, aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in Bahrain.
Paul
Marine Cpl. Josh Marsch, Kuwait.
Marine Staff Sgt. Charles L. McGregor, Kuwait.
Twin Falls
Army Pfc. Jeremy Ajelt, Kuwait.
Army Ranger Spc. 5th Class Trint Aston, location unknown.
Navy Seabee Steel Worker First Class Wado Alired, Kuwait.
Army Sgt. Jacob Babcock, Kuwait.
Army Spc. Frank Eugene Carroll, Iraq.
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Army Cpl. Matthew Decker, Kuwait.
Marine Sgt. Kenneth Shaun Dudley, in Iraq.
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Army Cpl. Kevin Cotton, Kuwait.
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Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason N. Hooker, Saudi Arabia.
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Air Force Aliman 1st Class Brandon Midhun, unknown location.
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Army Pfc. Danny J. Feighner, Wendell, Kuwait.
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Compiled by Times-News staff. Last updated April 4.

Smart family hires entertainment lawyer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Elizabeth Smart's family has hired a Los Angeles entertainment attorney to help them screen movie and book proposals about Elizabeth's abduction and remarkable return. Kelly Crabb, who reportedly has negotiated contracts for Paul McCartney, Dave Matthews and Muhammad Ali, was hired a week ago, said Chris Thomas, the family's spokesman. According to his firm's Web site, Crabb's areas of practice include motion picture, television and other programming production and financing; composer agreements, personal appearances and motion picture distribution. "These kind of contracts are very specialized," Thomas said. Crabb received bachelor's and master's degrees from Brigham Young University before earning a law degree from Columbia University in 1984. He also worked for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. Elizabeth, 15, was abducted from her bedroom on the night of June 5. On March 12, she was found in a Salt Lake suburb with her alleged kidnappers.

Sandpoint citizens protest police presence

SANDPOINT (AP) - About 20 residents gathered at the Bonner County Courthouse on Saturday to protest what they consider to be harassment by sheriff's deputies and local police officers. The group held placards proclaiming "Not Everybody Drinks Or-Ues Drugs," and "Probable Cause Revisited." Steve Aver said he has been targeted by law officers and his complaints are routinely brushed aside. "There's some bad apples amongst some real pearls, but the Sheriff's Department and the local police do not want to separate the good from the bad," said the 43-year-old Colburn man. "They'd rather just sit there and keep their code of protecting their brother than take care of the situation." Many of the complaints involve the city and county patrols targeting drunken drivers. "I've been here for 30 years and I hear that people are afraid to go out to dinner and have a glass of wine because they're afraid they might get pulled over," Sandpoint resident Nancy Edwards said. But at least one person showed up to protest the protest. "They're just doing their job," said Sagle resident Ken Ziegler. "I've lived here a long time and how many times have I been pulled over and harassed? None." Sandpoint Police Chief Mark Lockwood defends the DUI patrols. "Northern Idaho has some of the highest statistics for fatal accidents and severe-injury accidents involving DUI drivers of anywhere in the state," he said. Lockwood also disputed protesters' claims that police are more interested in generating revenue through tickets than getting impaired drivers off the road. The city, with a \$13 million budget, made only \$60,000 from fines last year, nearly half of which came from parking citations.

DEATH NOTICES

- Medford W. Roland
TWIN FALLS - Medford Wayne Roland, 84, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.
The funeral will be held in Sublette, Kan. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
Shirley F. VinSant
GOODING - Shirley Faith VinSant, 57, of Gooding, died Friday, April 4, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Demary's Gooding Chapel with Bishop Chuck Turner officiating. A private family graveside will follow the service. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. the time of the service Wednesday at the chapel.
Della M. Scheel
BOISE - Della Marie Scheel, 88, of Boise, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, in Boise.
The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the United Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Shriners' teleclinic takes travel out of kids' care

BOISE (AP) - Once a year, Aubrey McCutchen and her mother made the nearly 9-hour drive to Salt Lake City so doctors at Shriners Hospital could examine the growth of Aubrey's malformed leg. But now they can make the relatively short trip from Baker City, Ore., to Boise and meet with the same orthopedic surgeon using a video camera, audio hookup and the help of staff of St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. "We just use a communications line and video equipment, and a room in the physical rehabilitation department as a space for the patients," Lance said. "It was a little nerve-racking at first, trying to figure out the camera angles, but by the end of the first clinic we were pretty sure what we needed to do." The clinic ran smoothly at Aubrey's appointment. Once the camera was adjusted for Aubrey's height, Dr. Steve Santora appeared on the big-screen television in front of her and asked, "Hi, my name is Dr. Steve Santora. How are you?" She replied to his questions in little more than one-word answers: "Fine. Good. It's OK."

Santora, an orthopedic surgeon at Shriners Hospital, instructed physical therapists in Boise to measure the girl's X-rays. When prompted, Aubrey lifted her club foot or balanced precariously on her tiptoes. Because her feet are nearly one full shoe-size different in length and one leg is shorter than the other, a physical therapist helped keep her from tipping over. "The whole purpose of having a physical therapist doing the clinics is that they actually become the extension of the doctor's hands," Lance said. By the time the camera panned back over to the screen filled with X-rays, Aubrey had become comfortable in front of the lens, twisting the skirt of her ruffled white dress and watching the doctor watch her. "Good," said Santora, at the close of the exam. "Send those x-rays to me so I can take a closer look." Santora told Haskins that Aubrey will likely need another surgery next year so doctors can stop growth in her long leg and allow the short one to catch up. They make plans for future appointments, and Santora's image blinked away. Afterward, Aubrey said she liked the video visit. "I thought it was kind of cool. It's like, 'Hey there, Mr. Doctor man,'" she said, holding an imaginary camera and skipping down the hospital hall. Besides saving families time and money, Lance said, the telemedicine clinic lets doctors get more done. Santora was in surgery the morning before he saw Aubrey, then attended a different clinic before turning into St. Alphonsus' telemedicine clinic. "Just like scheduling time is tough for us, it's no different for doctors," said Haskins. "Especially in the winter. They would have clinics here occasionally and fly the doctors out, but if their flight is late or canceled then there could be 45 people waiting on the doctor."

'Candy Bomber' wants to lift spirits of Baghdad kids

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) - The pilot known as the Candy Bomber for dropping handkerchiefs and gum to the children of Berlin in 1948 wants to do the same thing for the kids of Baghdad. "I'd give my right arm to do it," retired Air Force Col. Gail Halvorsen told the Associated Press. "I had the experience of the reason of the kids on the ground. It just couldn't be done." Halvorsen later got permission, and he and his colleagues ended up dropping 23 tons of candy to the German children. Halvorsen still makes his trademark candy drops. In 1994, he flew a C-130 cargo plane over Bosnia and dropped candy-bag parachutes to the children there. And over the past

year, he's made a dozen similar flights in the United States to demonstrate the drops to school children. Halvorsen said he plans to ask his friends in the Air Force if he can make a candy drop over Baghdad once the war is over. "I'm planning on how to do that when the dust clears," he said. "I'm going to make a request." Halvorsen, 82, was in Dayton to speak at an aviation symposium to mark the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight. However, he said the candy drops brought hope to the children of Berlin. "That's what the airplane would bring to Iraq," he said. "They've been mistreated so long, with resources diverted to other things. The bottom line is it would lift their spirits." Halvorsen said such a drop would be a humanitarian gesture rather than a propaganda move. And he believes it would show the Iraqi people how Americans feel about them. "It would be a ray of hope, a symbol that somebody in America cares," he said. "That makes all the difference in the world on a global."

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Declo High School athletes Hillarie Mendenhall, Bjorn Christiansen, Trae Jones and Terry Darrington run on the track outside the school. Declo residents raised money to install a rubberized surface on the track, which is now asphalt.

Declo residents pay for high school track

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

DECLO - If it quits snowing and temperatures rise, a track resurfacing project at Declo High School could get finished quickly. "We're just sitting here waiting for Mother Nature," said coach Kelly Kidd.

Nearly \$50,000 has been raised since Atlas Track company employees agreed to do the job. They need five or six days with temperatures 60 degrees or warmer.

The track at Declo High School is made of asphalt. Lane markers are spray-painted on. The track team still practices there, but Kidd said, there is a greater chance of injuries running on an asphalt track.

Home meets aren't hosted on the track because of its condition. Instead, the school hosts home meets at nearby high schools. A Declo meet had been scheduled at Minico High School Friday but was canceled because of weather, Kidd said.

The track was worked on in 1995 by Sprint Tracks, a

Massachusetts firm, Kidd said. But the track quickly deteriorated. The school won a lawsuit against the company, but the settlement money hasn't yet been paid.

"So the community and school went to work," Kidd said. Through fund-raisers and pledges, more the \$57,480 needed for a new rubberized track surface was collected. Extra money will be used to buy new hurdles, starting blocks and other equipment.

It's pretty typical for the community of Declo to come together and raise funds for a needed project, Kidd said. A few years ago the community raised money for an ag shop and two years ago people helped build a softball field.

It took just a month to gather the money needed for the track, Kidd said. Donations came from Declo alumni, the senior class, student council, athletics department and renaissance funds.

Having a good track helps create a top-notch team, Kidd said. "You build a top-notch facility and kids want to participate."

Ball will raise funds for Wilson Theater

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

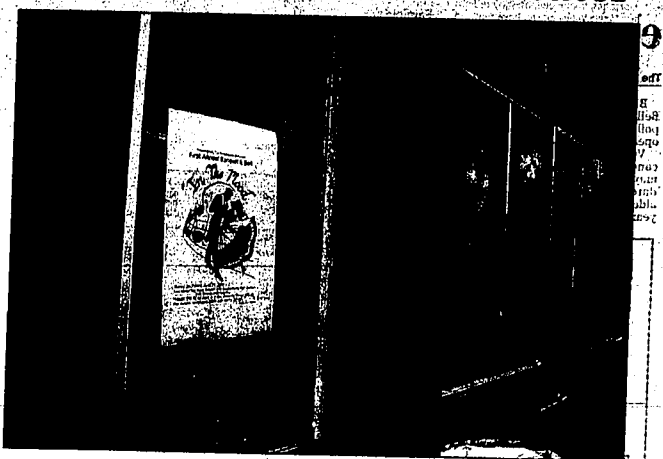
RUPERT - When a person comes to work day after day at the Wilson Theater, it seems like nothing ever changes. But things are happening - grant money is coming in, projects are being finished. To be able to see the progress, Renaissance Arts Center board member Earl Corless posted a list of projects near the office door and marks them off one by one when completed.

"Then we can see the progress," said Chris Jackson, Renaissance Arts Center Director. Many things have been crossed off. Finish framing in balcony entrance, remove ventilator, install steel angle iron to support sagging ceiling in balcony.

Some are still there: fill in foundation below east display window, build caset for display window, raise the old office floor, remove upstairs and concession area water faucets, cut opening in the brick wall between the coal bin and dressing room under the stage, remove graffiti from east wall and scratches on the front pillar, replace orange brick above freight door, construct roof and attic access shafts.

The projects on the list are "smaller, bite-size pieces," Jackson said, items anyone can help with. Bigger projects that need to be taken care of include renovating the street-level storefronts and the upstairs convention center. The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Foundation of Vancouver, Wash., awarded the project \$200,000 as long as the money is matched locally. The first \$100,000 came in two payments in November and February, Jackson said. "We're to raise the middle part, then they'll finish it off."

That's where Friday's ball comes in: profits will help match the Murdock grant funds. Nearly \$60,000 of the match has been raised, and organizers want to raise \$20,000 at the ball. And in future years - organizers plan for the ball to become an annual event. Profits from the ball will be used for maintenance and operation of the building,



Renaissance Arts Center Director Chris Jackson hangs a poster for the 'In the Mood' ball in the window at the Wilson Theater.

Wilson Theater fund-raiser
What: Dinner, auction and dance.
When: Friday - social hour and auction preview begins at 6 p.m., dinner begins at 7 p.m., live auction and dancing begins at 8 p.m.
Where: Burley Inn.
Cost: \$25 a person for the entire night; tickets for auction and dance only are \$25.
Tickets are on sale until Wednesday at the Renaissance Arts Center office at 604 Fremont St., in Rupert. The Bookstore at 515 Fifth St., Rupert, or by calling 436-2787.

ing, which grants don't always pay for. Plans call for the storefronts and convention center to generate enough revenue to cover expenses of having those parts of the building open, Jackson said. The greatest hope for the theater is it will generate 60 percent of needed revenue. A second annual fund-raiser is

planned each fall - a 100-hole golf scramble in which golfers collect pledges and are paid for how many holes of golf they play. The scramble raised \$12,000 last fall, Jackson said.

The first \$100,000 from the Murdock Foundation will cover costs to install steel beams for ceiling and roof support, create the west exit stairs and the grand stairway and install vertical beams for the storefronts, Jackson said. Those projects are to be finished by August.

The last \$100,000 from the Murdock Foundation will help finish remodeling in the storefronts, making them ready for businesses to occupy. Jackson said beginning to rent out the storefronts and bringing conventions to the center will add to the revenue stream.

The auction during Friday's ball offers unusual items for bidders, Jackson said. Among the items on the auction block are a replica of a wash stand from the Richfield Hotel, a handmade

fishing pole, a Robert Moore painting, a Robert Murphy sculpture and a boat ride from Centennial Park to Shoshone Falls, including dinner.

The original poster advertising the event will be auctioned off, Jackson said. A silent auction will also be held. Music for the dance will be provided by CSt's Canyonside Jazz Orchestra. The music has a big band sound to compliment the "In the Mood" theme.

The Wilson Theater can benefit all of Mini-Cassia when complete, Jackson said. People coming to the theater may stay in Burley motels and take advantage of places like the City of Rocks National Reserve, too. "It's a Mini-Cassia project, not just a Rupert project," Jackson said.

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Patriotism runs deep in small-town Wyoming

POWELL, Wyo. (AP) - Sharon Earhart walks along Bent Street, past the row of flags that have flown since Sept. 11, 2001, hand-drawn and star-spangled signs for display in downtown storefronts.

Even the few business owners who privately confess their opposition to the war in Iraq have agreed to post the sign "Powell Valley Supports Our Troops."

"People in town are happy to live here and in a free country, and they feel indebted to our troops," says Earhart, leader of the Chamber of Commerce. "Anyone who comes to Powell will know we're patriotic."

But in this conservative farming community of 5,400 people - where this past week one family buried a son killed in the war in Iraq, Marine 1st Lt. Shane Childers - patriotism runs far deeper than hanging a flag on the front porch or wear-

ing a yellow ribbon. It is saying a prayer at St. Barbara's church for Krystel Hetzel and her Army National Guard unit as they head to the war.

It is writing letters and sending care packages to loved ones in Iraq. And it is bringing military parents like Anna Paris and Leslie Kalleem together in a support group to share their fears about having a son or daughter in harm's way, a world away from the dry buttes and alfalfa fields of home.

"All we can do is show support for our kids and our troops," says Kalleem, a college snack bar worker who used to milk with her son, Eric Short, every day, but now must wait for letters from the 22-year-old Marine. "We are at a loss, and it's terrifying."

Patriotism in Powell is instinctive, residents say, a product of a small-town upbringing in which

love of God and country is instilled early. Students at South Side Grade School say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning and flag flap from pickup trucks bearing "Bush-Cheney 2000" bumper stickers.

"We don't know any other way," Eric Buchan, 55, says between drags on his cigarette at the Classic Lanes bowling alley. Not everyone here supports the war, but opponents seem to be a very quiet minority.

There are no peace signs; there have been no demonstrations. And veterans, a big part of this northern Wyoming town's largely older population, say they don't expect to see any.

Martha Wutzke painted the names of "Powell's Bravest" on the window of her Time Out lounge, a sports bar where these days the TV tuned to cable news instead of basketball so she can lis-

ten for familiar names. "Everyone seems to know someone over there," she says. The Army and Navy uniforms of James Blevins' relatives fill the front window of Powell Office Supply.

"Patriotism is something deep in our hearts," Blevins said. Vickie and Louis Hetzel, who served with the Marines during Vietnam, say they've always talked with their children about the importance of freedom, fighting for what's right and helping others in need. Their 20-year-old daughter, Kristy, is preparing for deployment to the Persian Gulf region with her Army National Guard unit.

"Obviously nobody wants war. But sometimes you have to fight for your rights and defend the rights of your neighbors," Vickie Hetzel says from the kitchen of the family's farmhouse.

Study says Utah residents paid more taxes in 2000

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah residents spent more of their incomes on taxes in 2000 than the previous year, the Utah Taxpayers Association reported in its annual study of taxes.

Utah residents went from carrying the 10th heaviest tax burden in the nation to being the ninth most heavily taxed, the study shows.

However, when fees are added into the tax mix, that ranking switches. It was ninth highest in taxes and fees in 1999. In 2000, it was the 10th highest.

Fiscal year 2000 is the latest year in which economic numbers from the 50 states are available, said Mike Jerman, vice president of the Taxpayers Association.

"It has gotten worse here" as far as tax burden goes, said Jerman.

"We're faced with a difficult situation. We have high taxes. Our public school class sizes are large. It's a function of our age demographics large families, high birth rates," he said.

In combination with Utah's family-oriented culture are other drawbacks low wages and huge areas of federally owned land that don't generate local property tax revenue, said Jerman.

SIRCOMM

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The first two quarters of SIRCOMM's fiscal year passed with no money from the city, according to budget records.

The third quarter opened Tuesday with no payment from the city, County Clerk Bob Fort said.

Even so, the county is more concerned about whether the money is paid than when it's paid, Fort said.

"There was never any real agreement on when payments would be due. I put the billing out quarterly, just for convenience," he said.

And it wasn't clear Friday or when the lingering issues between the city and county over SIRCOMM would be resolved.

Clara Courtney and Brockman said they knew of no impending formal discussions on the matter. Tousey said he also knew of no

such talks being scheduled. Most of the funds collected from Twin Falls and other agencies and entities in SIRCOMM's coverage area go toward payroll and other personnel-related expenses.

With the city apparently willing to pay again, the payroll will be in good shape, Tousey said. "It will keep us going, and it's just to make sure we don't have to dip into our reserves," he said.

Crump

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"But, why, Monsieur Kook, 'Teon?'"
"They were named by a band of French trappers who were a long way from home," Cooke tried again.
"I still do not understand why you called him 'Teon, monsieur.'" Cooke cleared his throat. "A band of French trappers who had been a long way from home FOR A VERY LONG TIME."
The French reporter was silent for a moment.
"Monsieur Kook," he continued, "can you describe to me other American features that were named by French trappers who had been a long way from home for a very

long time?"
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Bellevue council, mayoral election will take place Monday

The Times-News
BELLEVUE - On Monday Bellevue residents can go to the polls to cast their votes for four open seats on the City Council. Voters will choose one of two candidates to serve as Bellevue mayor and which of five candidates will take the three open alderman seats. All seats are two-year terms.



Larry Platt is challenging Mayor John Barton for his post. Alderman incumbents Vivian Irie and Tammy Schofield are being challenged by Eric Allen, Monte Brothwell and Robert Mays.

Alderman Dale Stapee is not seeking another term, and Alderman Wayne Douthitt has withdrawn his name from consideration for re-election.




The top three vote-getters will be elected to fill the alderman seats. Irie and Schofield were both out of town on vacation last week and were unavailable for interviews with *The Times-News*.

The polls will be open noon to 8 p.m. Monday at City Hall. Unregistered voters may register at the polls with proof of residency and a photo identification.

Mayor candidates

- compiled by Barb Nelwert	
	
John Barton Incumbent	Larry Platt
Age: 41 Occupation: carpenter Years in Bellevue: seven Political experience: served as a commissioner on the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission for two years; has served two years as Bellevue mayor	Age: 65 Years in Bellevue: 13 years Occupation: international police consultant and retired executive director of the Idaho's Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy; homeland security trainer Political experience: Bellevue City Council alderman for three years
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WHY ARE YOU BEST CANDIDATE	

City Council candidates

- compiled by Barb Nelwert		
		
Eric Allen	Monte Brothwell	Robert Mays
Age: 26 Years in Bellevue: five Occupation: employed by Star Heat Masonry Supply Political experience: served on the Bellevue Transit Committee and as chairman of the Bellevue Library Board	Age: 48 Years in Bellevue: 48 Occupation: manager of Altkinson's Market in Halley Political experience: served 10 years on the Bellevue council, three years of which were served as mayor	Age: 47 Years in Bellevue: 12 Occupation: carpenter Political experience: none
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Therapy prepares inmates to survive without drugs

OROFINO (AP) — The "Hug-a-Thug" program is turning drug addicts, dealers and manufacturers into better neighbors, say officials at the Idaho Correctional Institution here.

"Most of the (prisoners) here are going to be living in north Idaho," notes Dean Allen, director of the prison's innovative "therapeutic community."

Regardless of how prisoners serve their time, 95 percent of them will get out someday, said Allen.

With that in mind, the prison created the 54-bed therapeutic community in 1998 as a way to help prisoners shed drug and alcohol dependence and gain the behavioral skills to make more successful lives on the outside.

Now, five years down the road, the program has the numbers to back up its claims.

Only 22 percent of inmates who have completed the program have returned to prison on new charges, according to Allen.

That compares to 60 to 65 percent from the general prison population who will be back.

The program makes sound economic sense, said Allen. At the rate of about \$45 per day to house prisoners, keeping just a few from returning to prison would pay a staff salary, which averages about \$30,000, said Allen.

"We want to move them from here to where they can pay taxes. That's what it's all about."

Another measure of success may be that early skeptics have long since dropped the disparaging Hug-a-Thug tag for the program.

"At first the officers didn't think much of it," said correction officer John Mertins. "At first other prisoners called it 'them.'"

Now, he said, some prisoners shy away from the program for another reason.

"They say, 'There's no way I could do it, man. That's too hard.'"

For a minimum of nine to 12 months, inmates in the therapeutic community get up at 6 a.m. and have a one-hour workout at 8 a.m.

They spend the remainder of the day in school, therapy groups, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings



Therapeutic community inmates at the Idaho Correctional Institution in Orofino bring a close to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting with a group hug March 14. The prison created the 54-bed therapeutic community in 1998 as a way to help prisoners shed drug and alcohol dependence.

and in Bible or study time. They have an hour or two of free time after 10 p.m. Lights go out at midnight.

But there is no solitary confinement, no hard labor, no prisoner pecking order, no threats of physical or mental retribution for broken rules.

"We approach them and treat them with dignity," said Allen. "(We) try to give a model of how to make life successful."

The therapeutic community occupies its own wing of the prison and inmates have no contact with the general population.

The staff also places more trust in the inmates. "We're going to believe what they tell us until it's proven wrong," said Mertins. "Unlike the general population where if their lips are moving, they're probably lying."

Allen emphasizes the therapeutic community is not made up of

low-risk inmates unlikely to reoffend. "We get the ones on their second or third violations."

Although it's a crowd of "pretty tough cookies," as one inmate puts it, there has never been a fist fight.

In five years, one man was removed from the program for using tobacco and two or three others were removed for making threats, Allen said. Almost every inmate who starts the program decides to stay with it after making it through the first 90 days.

"It's just like a micro-community," said Derek Collison, 21, of Coeur d'Alene, "but we don't cook our own food."

He is serving time for drug offenses and is scheduled to "top out," or finish his full sentence, in 2005. If he successfully completes his time in the therapeutic community, he will get out sooner.

"It's alcoholics and addicts helping each other," Collison said. Dressed in jeans and a green T-shirt like his "brothers," Collison is soft-spoken and serious.

He said the program has taught him how to identify the behaviors that got him past trouble, earning him the nickname "Collison."

When he gets out, he plans to work construction, say clean.

Another difference in the therapeutic community is the camaraderie among inmates. Collison refers to himself as part of "the family" and, like the others, has adopted the jargon of his counselors, who term reprimands as "pull-ups" and punishments as "learning experiences."

The treatment program constantly reminds inmates to look beyond themselves. It's a tough lesson for a group typified by "loners and isolationists," Allen said. "The lesson starts with the first organized activity of the day, the morning exercise conducted on a

small field encircled with chain-link fencing topped with razor wire on a hillside about 40 yards from the prison buildings.

River through century-old ponderosa pines, the men lift light weights, run or walk around the track and have team exercises.

"Everybody loves to come outside," said Rick Dorcheus, 45, of Boise.

Dorcheus, dark-haired with an easy smile, said he will return to his profession as a baker after he completes this prison term, his second for possession of methamphetamine.

"I know we can change," he said, but it's an idea that didn't come easily. "When I first got up here, I swore up and down I would not do it."

Life in the program is tough. It taught him to respect himself and find pride in a small accomplishment. "Now I run every day."

Counselors also want inmates to get healthy and find pride in a small accomplishment. The monotonic routine of therapy and exercise goes on seven days a week, month after month out. The inmates find it kind of a challenge, said inmate Kim Jones.

"Traditional education is boring. These guys can't get their heads on a book for 10 hours a day in group therapy sessions and classes and living with men who are tasked with keeping one another in line, the cracks start to show up, said Jones.

The behaviors counselors hope to change surface, and can be confronted and replaced. Despite the program's rigor, or perhaps because of it, the inmates praise the program.

The only real criticism comes from a man who said he'd been in prison more than 20 years. His education only goes to the fourth grade.

"My biggest fear is that I have no job skills."

Although the program offers training for job habits, he said, it would be better if someone else could leave prison with actual skills.

Concern over making an honest living once on the outside follows the men into their smaller group therapy sessions. However, among so many two- or three-time losers, there are no voices of defeat.

One man said it was a loss of hope that landed him in prison. Now he has hope, but admits he is worried about what comes next.

"I hope there's something out there for me now. I hope I can even make it."

Another inmate said, "All I had to hope for was to live the way I was and die. I'm pretty optimistic now."

Loved to death? Two giant sequoias fall in Yosemite National Park

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Standing upright, they reached 30 stories into the sky. For more than 1,000 years, the two giant sequoias thrived in the Mariposa Grove along Yosemite National Park's southern border.

When they fell several weeks ago, a hole the size of a football opened in the forest canopy.

It may be months before park biologists determine what did in the trees. It appears that one sequoia growing near a creek collapsed and toppled the other.

It's possible that foot traffic around the base of the trees and erosion along the creek damaged their shallow roots. It's also possible that a trail built more than 50 years ago diverted too much water toward the trees, loosening the soil.

"We just don't know yet," said park ranger Deb Schweizer.

Park officials have tried to protect the big trees, fencing off some of the larger sequoias. Long gone are the days when a truck-sized hole could be carved through a living sequoia, such as the grove's Tunnel Tree, which collapsed in 1969.

But rangers know that even a hug leaves a scar from human hands that can eat away at the bark.

"We just need to find a balance," Schweizer says. "We may be loving them to death."

Between 1853 and 1864, about 653 people visited the grove. Now, more than a million people each year walk among the world's oldest and largest trees, which grow naturally only in the western slopes of California's Sierra Nevada.

While more visitors means additional tourist dollars, park managers here and elsewhere struggle



Park Ranger Deb Schweizer walks past one of two fallen giant sequoia trees March 5 in the Mariposa Grove in Yosemite National Park.

to find a balance between protection and exploitation. Managers say that task has been tougher since the September 2001 attacks because resources have been diverted from wild stewardship to homeland security.

In Yellowstone National Park, it's the fight over snowmobile access to the backcountry. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the nation's most visited with 9 million tourists annually, sits in a haze of air pollution, in part because of all the vehicles on park roads.

Managers at Virgin Islands National Park struggle to protect fragile coral reefs, while in Alaska's Denali National Park and Preserve, some fear degradation from motor and access.

"It's really a fine line," says Michelle Jaspersen, associate director of the National Parks Conservation Association's Pacific regional office. "But what can we

do, fence off every park? That's just not logical."

Last year, 277 million people visited the National Park Service's 388 parks, monuments and historic sites. In 1960, there were just 80 million visits.

"You end up with a conflict between the philosophy of preserving things versus providing more recreation," says David Barna, the park service's top spokesman in Washington. "Our dream is that everyone in America can stand on this mountain and see this beautiful scenery, but our worst nightmare is that everyone decides to do it on the same day."

The challenge for park managers, he says, is to learn from the past and understand the changing future.

Rangers used to feed bears in front of the tourists at Yellowstone, where Old Faithful Inn, a

National Historic Landmark with 327 guest rooms, was built near the great geysers in 1903.

"If we were doing it over, we

wouldn't do that," Barna says. "We say we'll preserve these places for future generations and provide for visitor use and access, but those two things conflict. Any time you want to build a parking lot in a park, you're satisfying half the needs, but you're also impairing the resources."

In many parks, officials are taking steps to reverse the human impact.

The controversial \$441 million Yosemite Valley Plan calls for, among other things, reducing parking spaces and improving a shuttle bus system. Officials say it will ultimately result in a park with fewer facilities but a better visitor experience.

Yosemite's ranger Schweizer says that one of the fallen giant sequoias and marvels at how their waxiness saved them from the anoxia more than a century ago.

When logging companies began to cut sequoias in the 1860s, they discovered that the wood was so fragile that the trees splintered as

they fell. Sections were used for grape stakes, pencils, shingles and toothpicks, but loggers stopped cutting them by 1900.

"They're pretty noble things, pretty impressive," Schweizer says. "And there's just something about people that makes them want to connect with these trees."

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Forest's timber sale stalls on grizzly impact

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A timber sale in the Kootenai National Forest on the Idaho border has been delayed as officials consider its impact on grizzly bears.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has withdrawn its approval for the White Pine timber sale, pressured by a lawsuit filed by Alliance for the Wild Rockies.

The suit alleges there is new information about bears living in the area that would be logged. The group said it will likely withdraw its lawsuit if authorities protect the grizzlies.

"We're committed to ensuring that threatened species like the grizzly bear get the legal protection they need and deserve," said Michael Garrity, alliance executive director. "If that protection can be ensured without further court action, all the better for everyone."

The environmental group was especially concerned by what it contended were plans to build or rebuild 70 miles of roads in the forest, increasing the likelihood of encounters between bears and humans.

Steve Johnson, a wildlife biologist for the Cabinet Ranger District, said the White Pine project includes the logging of about 3,100 acres of live trees and would yield about 23 million board feet of timber. About 900 acres would be clear-cut. The remaining acreage would be commercially thinned.

Johnson also said the White Pine project only called for 6.6 miles of new roads, 19 miles of rebuilt roads, 39 miles of "spot reconstruction" and about five miles of temporary roads. He said grizzlies would be placed on the new roads, so there would be no public use.

Grizzlies have not been documented in the White Pine drainage since 1987, but three grizzlies were spotted in the mountains between Noxon and Heron last summer. Between 30 and 40 grizzlies are estimated to live in the Selkirk-Cabinet-Yaak area.

A second lawsuit, by the Ecology Center and Lands Council, seeks to stop all five timber sales planned in the Kootenai and challenges the cutting of so-called old growth timber. No action has been taken in that lawsuit.

Wyoming county tops U.S. in avalanche deaths

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — An unprecedented surge in avalanche deaths has lifted Teton County to the No. 1 ranking in the nation for such fatalities.

Ten people have been killed by avalanches in the county over the last three winters, more than 10 percent of the 94 avalanche fatalities in the United States over that period, according to research by the Jackson Hole News & Guide.

"Our community has certainly established itself as the leader in avalanche fatalities in modern times," said Bob Conroy, an avalanche forecaster with the Bridger-Teton National Forest. "It's a very significant statistic and very significant to the community."

A study of the deaths shows that most victims were young male skiers caught in steep terrain when the slide danger was considerable.

"That fits all the criteria they teach at the national avalanche school," he said. "Their skiing skills exceed their avalanche skills."

Nine of the 10 were men. Seven of the deaths were in the southern Teton Range. Six were skiers, while three were snowboarders and one was riding a snowmobile.

Seven of the victims did not have to extend themselves to reach dangerous slopes, such as Teton Pass on the Idaho border.

"With Teton Pass, the access from Targhee and Jackson Hole

Mountain Resort, you have instant access to very active avalanche terrain," Conroy said. Equipment also has contributed to easier access.

Today there is "just a tremendous difference in the availability of equipment for non-tele-mark backcountry skiers," he said. "It's a lot easier for an accomplished alpine skier to ... get into this avalanche country

from these access points."

In 70 percent of the deaths, terrain was a key factor; the victims were either swept over cliffs, trapped in gullies or carried significant vertical distances, some approaching 1,000 feet.

All of the victims or someone in their parties, triggered the slides.

Conroy said avalanche information is available online and by phone. He said about 250,000 people contacted the avalanche Web site and hot line this winter.

"Are people paying attention to the forecast?" he asked. "That's a hard thing to gauge. Did they check the forecast before they went? If they did, did they put that into their decision-making process?"

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Officials: Smallpox planning detracts from core health

SEATTLE (AP) — Federally mandated smallpox preparations are stealing scarce resources away from essential public health efforts such as childhood immunizations and tuberculosis prevention, health officials across the country say.

The Homeland Security push to make local health districts the first defense against bioterrorism, combined with draining public health budgets, have contributed to Seattle's worst tuberculosis outbreak in 30 years, said Dr. Alorzo Plough, public health director for Seattle and King County.

"It has forced trade-offs in everything we do," Plough said. Health officials warn that as budgets shrink and bioterrorism demands grow, people should expect more outbreaks of tuberculosis, hepatitis and other preventable diseases.

"The basic communicable disease areas we work in will start to suffer," said Patrick Libbey, executive director of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

While Seattle's tuberculosis outbreak may be the most dramatic example, many health districts are cutting bread-and-butter services as they devote people, money and money to Homeland Security's smallpox vaccination program.

In Snohomish County, health officials have pulled out of clinics and health districts to help with the vaccination program. In Spokane County, health officials have reduced the number of health

districts, even as the demand for services grows.

In Memphis, Tenn., some childhood immunizations and diabetes screenings have been put on hold. Camden County, N.J., health officials have canceled family planning clinics. In Raleigh, N.C., workers have delayed some programs and canceled client visits to meet the demands of smallpox planning.

"This situation has led to questionable preparedness, poor response to community requests for service and an overextended staff — not a good combination," said Dr. Harris, community health director for Wake County, N.C.

In a recent survey of 718 local public health agencies by the National Association of County and City Health Officials, 83 percent said smallpox and bioterrorism planning was taking away from other public health services. In the same survey, 79 percent said the focus on smallpox was detracting from other bioterrorism preparations.

The smallpox campaign began last December when President Bush ordered the voluntary vaccination of 450,000 civilian health workers.

The bulk of the budget for carrying out the plan fell to state and local health departments. County health officials in Washington said they had to shove people into the streets to get them vaccinated, such as, "auntie, you need to get vaccinated," said one health official.

IDAHO

Mackay student wins geography bee

LEWISTON (AP) - After a year of studying the atlas, Jacob Lambert's work paid off when he won the Idaho Geographic Bee at Lewis-Clark State College.

Lambert, of Mackay, won \$100 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May, where he will represent Idaho in the national contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Christian Brandt, of Moscow Junior High School, and Lambert, both 12, were the last contestants left Friday.

The final question was: After an economic collapse in the late 1900s, which South American country declared the U.S. dollar to be its official currency, replacing the sucre?

"Venezuela," answered Brandt.

"Bolivia," said Lambert.

Both wrong.

The correct answer is Ecuador, said Lewiston Mayor Jeff Nasset, bee moderator.

That left Brandt with two misses and Lambert with one.

Brandt has traveled a good deal in his short life and said he crammed the night before.

Lambert, who won third place last year, said he has been studying all year, using flash cards he made himself and studying maps of the world.

Brandt won \$75 for second place and third-place winner, Alec Bradshaw of Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene, won \$50 for third place.

One hundred students from fourth to eighth grades participated in the contest.

Suspect in fatal accident pleads innocent

CALDWELL (AP) - A man charged in the deaths of a Caldwell father and his infant daughter in a freeway crash faces a July 8 trial after pleading innocent to three charges.

Edgar Vasquez Hernandez, 30, is charged with two counts of vehicular manslaughter in the deaths of Shawn Marti and his daughter, Sage, and with aggravated driving under the influence.

Natalie Marti, Shawn's wife, was injured in the crash. She has

recently emerged from about a monthlong coma and is recovering slowly.

Vasquez was driving a pickup caboose in the westbound lanes of Interstate 84 on Feb. 27 when his truck struck the Martis' car head on, police said.

Vasquez was drunk at the time, according to court records.

An open bottle of beer and an open container of Mad Dog 20/20 wine were found in the truck, records said. The passenger in the

pickup told deputies that Vasquez was drinking the wine.

Prosecutors will not release toxicology reports indicating Vasquez' blood-alcohol level. They said that information will be used at trial.

Vasquez, who lost his left hand in the crash, is being held in Canyon County jail on a \$250,000 bond.

Immigration officials also have a hold on Vasquez. They will not provide details about his citizenship.



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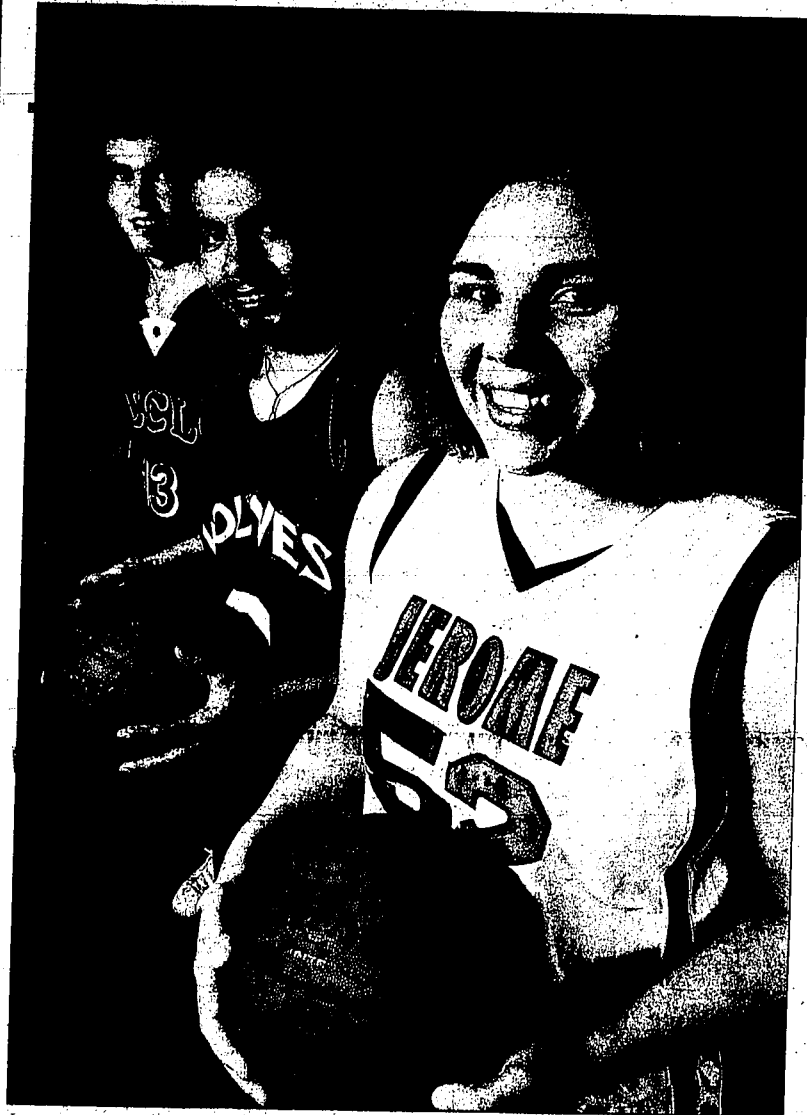
The women's national championship game is set for Sunday's final four.

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MAGIC VALLEY'S FINEST

Head of the hardwood Trio of seniors leads All-Area basketball teams



By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

The race for boys basketball player of the year couldn't have been closer. DeClo's Marc Christensen and Castleford's Elvis Medina ultimately shared the honor since there was no way to separate the accomplishments of either guard who did everything for their respective state championship teams.

Despite the quality of play by the girls in the Magic Valley, that race wasn't close.

Jerome's Jennifer Pond was, simply put, peerless — head and shoulders above the rest.

Joining Pond on *The Times-News*' All-Area first team were: Buhl senior center Sherry King; Jerome junior point guard Whitney Clark; Dietrich senior guard Ray Parker; and Burley senior guard Liz Brice.

Jerome's Michelle Skyles was the pick as coach of the year in leading

the Lady Tigers to their second state championship game in three seasons. Rounding out the boys first team were: Twin Falls senior guard Brent Stokes, another do-it-all player, who received serious consideration for player of the year; Minico junior guard Travis Noble; and Kimberly senior post Chance Askew.

Just as their point guards shared player of the year honors, Castleford coach Andy Wiseman and DeClo coach Loyd Garey were picked as coaches of the year as both led teams that were expected to win state titles to the brass ring.

Ten boys and 10 girls were also picked for the second team. Selections were ultimately decided by *Times-News* sports staffers Kevin Hall, Scott Thompson and Joe Paisley based upon personal observations over the course of the season and several dozen conversations with area coaches and basketball observers.

Jennifer Pond

Pond's impact this season could be felt miles away — literally.

At the state tournament, she had the Class 5A tournament crowd at The Idaho Center in Nampa

Player of the Year talking following a 30-point monster performance against Sandpoint in the first round of the 4A tournament at Timberline High School in Boise. That game helped the Tigers to a 61-57 overtime victory over Sandpoint.

Pond — who else? — made the shot to send the game into overtime just before the buzzer. She then hit all the big shots in OT as Jerome eventually advanced to the state title game, falling to Post Falls 32-29.

"In the locker after the (Sandpoint) game, the Please see POND, Page C2



Jennifer Pond

Elvis Medina

Medina's list of accomplishments can fill a book. His selection as co-player of the year in basketball comes on the heels of being named *Times-News* football player of the year this past fall after leading the Wolves to a state championship on the gridiron as well.

Player of the Year Medina also led the Wolves to a second-place finish at the state tournament in basketball as a junior and to the state semifinals in football his first three years.

"He's the one who took them where they went," said Carey coach Dick Simpson. "Who else has led their team to two championships?"

In short, Medina is a winner, who delivers best in the clutch.

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Elvis Medina

Marc Christensen

Christensen is hardly one to back away from a challenge.

Two torn anterior cruciate ligaments in his knees as a junior — including one in the Hornets' loss to Snake River in the 2002 state title game — couldn't persuade him to give up athletics or his dream of winning a state championship.

Player of the Year "I had plenty of people tell me to (quit)," Christensen said. "But I guess I'm just too stubborn to listen to them and put in too much work to do that."

It paid off for the wiry guard, with mind-boggling quickness and cat-cup reflexes, as he came back to lead the Hornets with 17.3 points, 5.8 assists, 4.3 rebounds, 6.5 steals a contest to the title. He also rebounds, 6.5 steals a contest to the title.

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Marc Christensen

Jennifer Pond, foreground, Elvis Medina, center, and Marc Christensen, far left, are *The Times-News* high school basketball players of the year for the 2002-03 season. All three are seniors and led their respective teams to state championship games.

NCAA FINAL FOUR

Syracuse sends 'Horns home to the range

Boheim joins Jayhawks coach Williams in search of elusive title

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Carmelo Anthony stole the show and Syracuse earned another chance to win the national championship, in of all places, the Superdome.

The super freshman scored a season-high 33 points and had 14 rebounds, and the Orangemen's 2-3 zone defense was tough enough for a 95-84 victory over Texas on Saturday night.

Syracuse (29-5) will play Kansas (29-5) in the final seconds of the same court to have a chance to win it all 16 years ago.

Indiana's Keith Smart stole the game in the final seconds to beat the Orangemen 74-72.

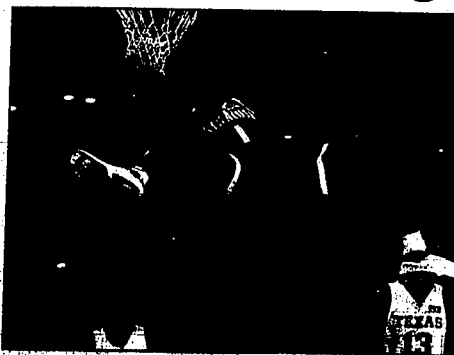
Syracuse will get a shot to win the title.

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the school's first national championship.

Brandon Mouton had 25 points for the Longhorns (26-7), the only No. 1 seed to reach the Final Four.

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Syracuse's Brandon Mouton (left) and Sybil Derris (right) break during the first half of their NCAA tournament semifinal game in New Orleans.

Kansas wallops Marquette

Teams play fourth-most lopsided game in Final Four history

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Kansas shook the Superdome with rim-rattling dunks, a fast break that couldn't be stopped and a blowout of historic proportions.

It was as close to perfect as basketball can get, and now the Jayhawks and Roy Williams are one step closer to their elusive national title.

All-American Nick Collison scored 12 points and had 15 rebounds Saturday night to lift the Jayhawks to a 94-61 victory against Marquette, the fourth-most lopsided game in Final Four history.

"Some people could say we reached the pinnacle of our game today," Williams said. "I hope there's still something left in us."

Marquette coach's mother hospitalized

The Associated Press

The mother of Marquette basketball coach Tom Crean was hospitalized Saturday night after complaining of numbness and tingling in her arms during the Golden Eagles' 94-61 semifinal loss to Kansas.

Marjorie Crean was in good condition at Medical Center of Louisiana-Charity Hospital, said Diane Angillio, spokeswoman for LSU Hospital.

Angillio said she was admitted as a precaution and for overnight observation.

Crean learned of his mother's illness after his postgame interview and went directly to the hospital, two blocks from the Superdome, site of the Final Four. She had been in the stands watching the game.

— The Associated Press

In his 15th season as coach at Kansas (30-7), Williams stands one win away from the national title, he needs to fill out an otherwise impressive resume.

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SCORES AND STATS

LETTER

BASEBALL

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Football: Arena, TBA, NBC, 10 a.m.
Auto Racing: NASCAR WC, Aaron's 499, Fox, 10 a.m.
Golf: PGA, BellSouth Classic, final round, NBC, 1 p.m.
Baseball: Marlins et Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.
Basketball: NBA, Wizards at Celtics, ABC, 11 a.m.

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After all, it's only a game

To Sam G. Adler Jr.: I too, share the disappointment with Sam in our College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team not being the national champs this year. They are a quality and talented team. However, they did not play up to their potential at the tournament. I do take exception with Sam for slamming coach Beach. Coach Beach and his staff are a class act. They do not instruct the players to miss shots, double dribble or any

of the other turnovers that do occur. They do encourage the players to do their best at all times. So the coaches, staff and players give it their all when on the basketball court. They do provide us with a high quality of ball and it is very entertaining. It is only a game. Sam, enjoy it.

In reference to Bobby Knight, I assume you may have attended his charm school. Maybe he has an opening on his staff for a public relations person like I am. A.R.V. SKARRONSKI Twin Falls

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hageman-bred horse wins, heads to Kentucky Derby

ARCADIA, Calif. - Buddy Gil won his last two races by a nose and a head. His biggest asset might be his heart. The 4-year-old bay gelding overcame a coughing fit and defeated Bob Balfour's Indian Express by a nose to win the Santa Anita Derby on Saturday, earning a trip to the Kentucky Derby and the recognition that has eluded him most of the year.

Gil, whose owners include Donnie McAdden of Hageman, covered 1-1/8 miles in 1 minute, 49.36 seconds with jockey Gary Stevens aboard. The margin of victory was the second smallest in the race's 66-year history. Four horses won by a nose.

Buddy Gil paid \$14.60, \$5.80 and \$3.80 at 6-1 odds. Indian Express returned \$21.60 and \$7.80 at 35-1, while Katwain paid \$3.20 to show.

The victory was worth \$450,000 to Buddy Gil's owners McAdden, Scott Guenther, Charles Johnson, Rogers Severson and Tom Schriber.

"We kind of figure we're kind of a Rocky Balboa going against Hulk Hogan, Mr. Frank Apollo Greed," McAdden said.

Report: Pocatello coaches will be 'reassigned'

POCATELLO - Century football coach Layne Coffin and Pocatello boys basketball coach Greg Evans reportedly are being "reassigned" to junior high schools by the District 25 School Board, the Idaho State Journal reported Thursday.

District Superintendent Linda Powell said a decision was made demoting Coffin and that "one other coach" was "being reassigned."

The newspaper reported two unidentified sources as saying the "other coach" was Evans. Neither coach said they had been notified of any decision and in fact, Coffin was awaiting official word at the school board's monthly meeting on Tuesday. Evans denied any move.

"I have not been reassigned," Evans told the newspaper. But Powell reaffirmed that Coffin has been removed from Century.

"Basically what I can tell you is he is being reassigned. The decision has been made," she said.

Powell refused to identify the other coach because of the season work of the matter. Both Coffin and Evans coached state championship teams in the past with Century Union in winning back-to-back Class 4A football titles in 2001-02 and Pocatello winning 5A basketball championships in 1999-00.

Burley Booster Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club is holding a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the school's conference room. It is important that all parents interested in the direction of Burley athletics attend the meeting since plans are being made for next year. Call 677-4345 or 678-3044 with any questions.

Twin Falls American Legion will meet Monday

TWIN FALLS - A meeting for American Legion Baseball parents and board members will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday in Room G2 at Twin Falls High School.

The group will finalize plans for the April 24 fund-raising auction and also discuss the summer season. For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Blaine County Rec offers youth track

HAILEY - Blaine County Recreation District will offer its popular Youth track and field program for students in first

through eighth grades beginning Monday.

The program is for students at Hemingway, Hailey and Carey elementary schools, as well as Wood River Middle School students. Bellevue Elementary students start Tuesday.

The program concludes with the Hershey's area track meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Carey.

Registration will be held at the school on the first day of practice. Cost is \$29 per child and includes three weeks of practice and a T-shirt. Scholarships are available. For more information, call (208) 788-2117.

Hansen Rec registers for baseball, softball

HANSEN - Youth baseball, T-ball and softball sign-ups will be held on Monday and Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at the Hansen Elementary gymnasium. Boys and girls aged 4-12 are eligible to participate. Cost is \$20. Coaches are needed for all teams and programs. For more information, call for more information in the evenings at 212-5247.

Earnhardt Jr. wins Busch race at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. - Dale Earnhardt Jr. had just enough gas to cross the finish line Saturday and win the Busch Series race at Talladega Superspeedway.

Earnhardt, who has three consecutive wins at Talladega, earned a \$1 million prize but not have enough gas to win the race under a green flag.

But a caution with two laps to go allowed him to slow enough to conserve fuel by pulling down on the apron and moving his car back and forth to move the gas around. That let him make it across the finish line to go 2-for-2 in Busch Series events this year.

Earnhardt, who won the season-opener at Daytona, ran out of gas right after he crossed the finish line for the Aaron's 312. He needed a push from Jason Keller to make it back around the track.

Shane Hmiel, in a sponsor attack line for the Aaron's 312, finished third and was followed by Ron Hornaday and Mike Bliss.

Hamm opens WUSA season with goal, assist

CARY, N.C. - Mia Hamm scored in the 59th minute and added a 4-1 goal for the Washington Freedom heat the Carolina Courage 2-1 in the WUSA season opener Saturday.

Hamm, who assisted on Abby Wambach's goal in the 44th minute, scored on a shot that bounced off rookie goalkeeper Meghann Burke's hands. Birgit Prinz scored for Carolina, which beat Washington 3-2 last year in the league's championship game.

Dayton coach Purnell will take over at Clemson

DAYTON, Ohio - Dayton coach Oliver Purnell has accepted an offer to coach Clemson, Flyers athletic director Ted Kissell said Saturday.

Kissell said he talked to Purnell on the telephone Saturday morning, and the two parted on good terms.

Clemson would not confirm Saturday whether Purnell had been hired. Larry Shyatt resigned as Clemson head coach last month.

"Negotiations are ongoing," Kissell said. He is speaking with Tim Bourret said.

The 49-year-old Purnell guided Dayton to a 24-6 record and the Atlantic 10 championship this year. The Flyers finished in the first round of the NCAA tournament, but were ranked as high as No. 16 in the AP poll.

Compiled from staff, who reports

BASKETBALL

Table showing scores for various basketball games. Columns include team names and game scores. Includes 'Utah State 84, Idaho 78' and 'Idaho 78, Utah State 84'.

SPORTS

Mavs pound Magic, remain No. 1 Soaring Jayhawks will meet sizzling Anthony

Bulls edge Bucks in overtime

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 29 points and Steve Nash added 28 as the Dallas Mavericks retained their lead in the Western Conference with a 108-90 victory over the Orlando Magic on Saturday night.



Dallas forward Eduardo Najera pulls down a rebound during the Mavericks' win over the Magic Saturday in Dallas.

Bulls 117, Bucks 115, OT

CHICAGO — Jalen Rose scored 31 points and Donyell Marshall had 19 points and 13 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls reversed a 19-point deficit in regulation and beat the Milwaukee Bucks 117-115 in overtime Saturday night.

Suns 111, Timberwolves 94

PHOENIX — Bo Outlaw had

season highs of 19 points and 15 rebounds to help the Phoenix Suns improve their playoff chances with a 111-94 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday.

Kevin Garnett had 25 points and 17 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Hawks 97, Grizzlies 91

ATLANTA — Jason Terry scored 23 points and Dion Glover added 20 as the Atlanta Hawks sent the Memphis Grizzlies to their seventh straight loss.

Cavaliers 79, Hornets 76

CLEVELAND — Ricky Davis scored 17 points, and Cleveland blocked 13 shots in a victory

over the New Orleans Hornets that assured the Cavaliers they won't set a new mark for the worst record in franchise history.

It was the 15th win in the season for Cleveland, which has six games remaining. The Cavaliers won 15-17 in their inaugural season of 1970-71 and in 1982.

Cleveland snapped a five-game losing streak.

Syracuse faces third straight Big 12 foe

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Now Kansas becomes Syracuse's problem and Carmelo Anthony becomes the Jayhawks' headache.

Kansas blistered Marquette 94-61 with a jaw-dropping display of flawless basketball in the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday night before Anthony's 33 points carried Syracuse past Texas 95-84.

That set up a Monday night championship game matchup between Roy Williams of Kansas and Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, two of college basketball's most successful coaches each seeking his first national title.

Boeheim has coached Syracuse to 652 victories in 27 seasons, plus a title game in Indiana in 1987 and the NCAA tournament semifinals Saturday night before Anthony's 33 points carried Syracuse past Texas 95-84.

Anthony (22.0) and McNamara (13.0) were the top freshmen scoring duo in the country this

season, accounting for 44 percent of Syracuse's points.

Boeheim admires his team, which has just one senior on the roster.

"They're young enough to think they can do anything," he said. "I'm not going to tell them differently."

Kansas turned the first game into a rout early, scoring 59 first-half points, the second most in Final Four history. The 33-point margin made it the fourth-most lopsided game in the annual's 47th event.

Kirk Hinrich scored 18 points and said Kansas would try to play even-better in the title game.

"We're going to try," he said. "You always try to play the perfect game although that never happens."

The Jayhawks came awfully close, though.

"Some people could say we reached the pinnacle of our game," Williams said. "I hope there's still something left in us. You're still dealing with 19, 20, 21-year-old kids. Who knows what the mood will be. Our focus is to execute hard, and hope we play our best game of the season, Monday night."

Kansas put its whole game on display against Marquette. The Jayhawks ran and dunked and left the Golden Eagles with very few options.

"They played a great, great basketball game in every facet of the game," Marquette coach Tom Crean said.

Aaron Miles, who had 16 points, tried to downplay Kansas' dominating performance.

"A win is a win," he said. "Whether you win by one point or 100 points, it doesn't matter. All it did was guarantee us a spot in the national championship."

Syracuse

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The Jayhawks beat Marquette 94-61 in the other semifinal on Saturday.

That means Syracuse will play a team from the Big 12 for the fourth time in its six tournament games. The Orange men beat Oklahoma State in the second round, top-seeded Oklahoma in the East Regional final and Texas.

Anthony, a second-team All-America who was second among freshmen in the nation in scoring at 22 points per game, played the entire second half with three fouls. Just 11 seconds after his biggest lead of the game with two great plays that showed his versatility.

He hit a jumper from just inside the 3-point line with 7:17 left to make a 75-60 lead. A Texas turnover, he threw down a two-handed power dunk that had the Syracuse fans in the crowd of 54,400 screaming.

Texas was not about to go away without a fight and got within 85-

81 with 1:06 left, but Syracuse's other freshman, guard Gerry McNamara, made four straight threes.

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Kansas

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Whether he gets it or not Monday against Syracuse, he will go home knowing his team set a standard for Final Four excellence.

Pulling the ball at will, out-jumping and outlasting Marquette (27-6), the Big 12 regular-season champions shot 53 percent and that was despite a long dry spell when the reserves were on court at the end of the game.

They made eight 3-pointers and many times simply embarrassed the Golden Eagles, snatching loose balls out of their hands, beating them downcourt for uncontested layups and dunking no fewer than 15 times.

Wichita State in a third-place game in 1965.

"We've played a lot of good teams, some conference champions, and I would put them as good as anyone we've faced," Marquette coach Tom Crean said.

Collison, who had 33 points and 19 rebounds in Kansas' 69-65 win over Duke last week, came in to assist away from joining Marquette's Dwyane Wade as the second player in this month-long NCAA tournament to record a triple-double.

In a Final Four full of stars, he was outlined Wade, a fellow All-American. The Marquette junior closed out a remarkable career, and likely his college career, on a frustrating 19-point night that included all-around and inadvertent — slip in the face from Collison. It happened while the Kansas game was twisting to go up for a shot.

It was one of many modifying moments for Marquette, which last week's top-ranked Kentucky in last week's Sweet Sixteen final to make its first Final Four since 1977.

The late Al McGuire led the team there, then known as the Warriors. Dwyane Wade's college career that started, but on the night, the mark of '77 certainly wasn't with them.

Energetic Taurasi leads Huskies to Final Four

ATLANTA (AP) — Diana Taurasi took a while to fit in at Connecticut.

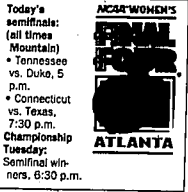
"Coming out of high school, there was a no-serious side to her," Auriemma recalled Saturday. "Everything was a joke. Everything was a lark."

Three years later, Taurasi is all grown up. She's the best women's player in America, hands down.

She led the Huskies (35-1) to their fourth straight Final Four, where they'll meet Texas (29-5) in the national semifinals Sunday night.

On the court, at least, Taurasi really hasn't changed all that much. She exudes the sort of very natural grace that's often missing from college stars, even a venerable coach such as Texas' Jody Conradt still complains about players being "too nice."

"Just because the camera is on me, I'm not going to adjust the



Today's semifinals: (all times Mountain) • Tennessee vs. Duke, 5 p.m. • Connecticut vs. Texas, 7:30 p.m. Championship Tuesday: Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

way I play," said Taurasi, who won The Associated Press national all-player of the year award Saturday. "When something good happens on the court, I'll be the first one to let you know. I wear my emotions on my sleeve."

losing in the Big East conference game to Villanova. They quickly rebounded, winning their first four NCAA games by an average margin of 23 points.

Texas knows it will have its hands full trying to contain Taurasi, who leads UConn in virtually every category: scoring (17.4 points per game), rebounding (6.2), assists (4.6) and blocks (1.2).

"She can do whatever she wants to do, whenever she wants to do it," guard Tai Dillard said.

Conradt, who guided Texas to its first Final Four since 1987, hopes to slow Taurasi with a guard-by-committee approach, including Dillard, Kala Bowers and Heather Schreiber.

"We will guard her with any number of people, with the purpose of trying to keep her from running away with the game," Conradt said.

So far in the NCAA tournament, no one has been able to stop Taurasi. She had 21 points and seven assists in just 22 minutes against Boston University. She poured in 35 points against TCU. She had 26 points and 12 rebounds against Boston College. Finally, she scored 21 points against Purdue in the East

Regional final, sending the Huskies to Atlanta.

This season, Auriemma spurred on Taurasi by insisting this would be a rebuilding year. He said UConn would be fortunate to break 500 after losing starters Swin Cash, Sue Bird, Ashia Jones and Tameka Williams from the team that went 39-0.

"We kind of listened and snickered," Taurasi said. "We knew we had the potential to be really good if we could put it all together."

While the Huskies rely on one superstar, Texas got to Atlanta with more of a team effort. The only non-No. 1 seed in the Final Four — the Longhorns were No. 2 in the West Regional — has three starters averaging in double figures and five other players scoring at least 4.0 points a game.

Their most important player might just be 5-foot-6 guard Janelle Carey, who transferred from Stanford after missing the past two seasons because of repeated concussions. Cleared to play, she averaged 10.7 points and brought much-needed toughness to the Longhorns.

"This is the sweetest team I ever had," Conradt said.

UConn's Taurasi, coach Auriemma garner AP awards

ATLANTA (AP) — Geno Auriemma and Diana Taurasi earned coach and player of the year awards Saturday during the year award ceremony in leading Connecticut to a record winning streak and its fourth straight Final Four.

It's the fourth AP coaching award for Auriemma, who has only Taurasi back as a starter from last season's unbeaten national championship team.

Auriemma received 20 of the 44 votes from the national media panel that chooses the weekly AP Top 25. LSU's Stu Linton had eight votes. Texas' Jody Conradt had six and Villanova's Harry Perretta five.

Auriemma, 49-99 in 18 seasons at UConn, also won AP award in 1995, 1997 and 2000. No other coach has won it more than once. Taurasi received 23 votes to

become the fifth Connecticut player to win the AP player award, which was started in 1995. Only two other players received votes: Duke's Alison Baard had 15, and Mississippi State's LaToya Thomas six.

A 6-foot junior from Chino, Calif., Taurasi had led UConn after playing alongside four seniors last season. She responded by leading the team in scoring

(16.3), rebounding (6.2) and assists (4.6) during the regular season.

"She understands how to play with a flair that brings a little excitement to the game," Auriemma said. "She's from California. They do that for a living out there. She's a product of her environment. She grew up doing Magic Johnson and I think she tries to play like that."

SPORTS

Twin Falls misses chances in split

The Times-News

BOISE - Fifteen stranded baserunners cost the Twin Falls Bruins against Centennial Saturday as the two high school softball teams split a noncon-

ference baseball games between the College of Southern Idaho and Salt Lake Community College teams were snuffed out Saturday, according to the Bruins' Web site. No make up dates were listed.

Schools Scheele-Miller team leads Cove-Pepal Best Ball

TWIN FALLS - The twosome of Brad Scheele and Bart Miller shot a 4 under 30 in the men's championship flight for a two-stroke lead after a snow-shortened first round of the Cove-Pepal Best Ball golf tournament Saturday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. All two-player teams played nine holes due to a morning snow flurry.

Ken Seelos and Bob Nelson were two back with a 32, one stroke better than the teams of Steve Call and Dutch Pullman and Robert Anderson and John Irwin. Five twosomes were at even par 34.

Lynn Cooper and Wilma Thode led the women's championship flight with a 40. The teams of Kathy Clancy and Val Wardie and Chris Sterling and Cori Sterling were each one back at 41.

In other flights: Kevin Jones and Chris Meyerhoefer shot 35 for a two-stroke lead in the men's first flight; Mike Cova and Ken Blake were tied with Rocky Reece and Doug Freeman at 37 for the men's second flight; and Rae Nae Reece and Cheri Freeman shot 41 for a two-stroke lead in the ladies first flight.

Play concludes today with a scheduled 18-hole round.

College baseball CSI games snowed out SALT LAKE CITY

The Twin Falls Bruins missed chances in a split game Saturday at Centennial as the two high school softball teams split a noncon-

High schools Snow wipes out games

TWIN FALLS - Once again, snow canceled or postponed a host of high school athletic activities on Saturday.

A total of six baseball and softball doubleheaders were scratched from the schedule. For baseball, Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, Jerome at Bull, Valluvis at Burley and Shelley at Filer were all scrapped.

Softball games involving Century at Minico and Wood River at Filer were canceled.

None of the meetings had been rescheduled as of Saturday afternoon.

Several tennis matches were also erased including Jerome at Gooding, Minico at Wood River and the four-team competition with Capital, Timberline and Idaho Falls at Twin Falls.

Snow showers Thursday postponed the Jerome Invitational golf tournament and the Brad Matthews Memorial track meet at Minico High School on Friday.

Late results Track Jerome sweeps at Blackfoot

BLACKFOOT - The Jerome boys and girls won the team titles Friday at the Blackfoot track tri-meet powered by multiple-event winners Jennifer Pond, shot put and high jump, Alicia German, long and triple jumps and for the boys, Cory Musgrave in the long

jump, triple jump and 300 hurdles.

The Jerome boys won with 79 points to 61 for Hillcrest and 45 for host Blackfoot. In the girls team race, Jerome recorded 75 points to 51 for Hillcrest and Blackfoot.

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Drag racer dies in crash during qualifying

MADISON, Ill. (AP) - Drag racer Phil Burghard was killed in a crash Saturday at an Auto Gateway International racing event. Burghard was in control of his car in an NHRA competition. The 33-year-old driver crashed his Corvette during his second qualifying run for the Spring Sportsman Challenge XI. His car reached a top speed of 155.76 mph.

Burghard crashed in the sand traps at the end of the track's shutdown area, according to race officials. Emergency crews airlifted him to St. Louis University Hospital Trauma Center, where he was pronounced dead. "It is a sad day for all of us in the Gateway racing community," said club vice president and general manager Matt Strode. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the Burghard family, and with the racers."

Burghard, from the Columbus, Ohio, suburb of Washington, finished 15th last year in the NHRA Division 3 North Central standings.

Drag racing Nampa's Vander Meer reaches final 16

LAS VEGAS - Jerome native Dick Vander Meer advanced to the round of 16 Saturday at the

Larry Dixon was second, finishing in 4.527 seconds with a national-record speed of 332.75 mph.

Whit Bazemore and Greg Anderson also topped their divisions in the \$1.8 million event at The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Bazemore claimed his first No. 1 qualifying effort of the season in Funny Car by covering the quarter-mile distance in 4.788 seconds at 324.44 mph. Gary Denham was second, finishing in 4.796 with a track-record speed of 326.56, also the second-fastest Funny Car speed in NHRA history. Anderson led the Pro Stock competitors.

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Janzen takes over lead at BellSouth

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Lee Janzen surged into the lead in the third round of the BellSouth Classic, shooting a 5-under 31 on the final nine holes Saturday for a two-stroke advantage over Bob Twry.

Janzen, who hasn't won in five years, finished with a 5-under 67 on the rain-softened TPC at Sugarloaf, which had played hard and fast in the opening two rounds. He had a 13-under 203 total. Heavy rain caused a delay of about an hour in the morning before the leaders teed off, and the

weather left the course vulnerable. Twry, mixed in an eight-year losing streak, held the lead most of the day before a bogey on No. 17. He rallied with a birdie on the last hole, shooting a 59 to stay within two shots of the lead. More rain is in the forecast for Sunday afternoon, with officials moving the start of the final round up to 7:40 a.m.

Sorenstam stays in front at Office Depot Championship
LOS ANGELES — Annika

Sorenstam putted well early but struggled later on the greens, shooting an even-par 72 to keep the lead at the Office Depot Championship on Saturday.

Sorenstam began the second round with a two-stroke lead over Cindy Figg-Currier and finished it two shots in front of Heather Bowie. Looking for her first win in three tournaments this year, Sorenstam was at 4-under 140 through 36 holes of the 54-hole event. Bowie had a second-round 70 to

move into contention. Figg-Currier struggled to a 75 that left her seven shots off the lead.

MI-Hyun Kim was 4 under for the day and 2 under for the tournament when she had to stop on the final fairway because of darkness. She'll finish the hole Sunday morning before beginning the final round.

Defending champion Se Ri Pak, who finished one stroke in front of Sorenstam last year, shot a second-round 71 that left her at even par, four shots off the lead.



Lee Janzen follows through on his tee shot Saturday during the third round of the BellSouth Classic in Duluth, Ga.

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U.S. Congress Working for Idaho Dairy Farmers

Idaho dairy farmers may have a few friends on Capitol Hill. A bi-partisan effort in our Nation's capital is working toward controlling some of the milk protein concentrate (MPC) and casein-based importation. If all goes well in the House and Senate chambers, Idaho dairy producers may find themselves in a more equitable position for the sale of their product in the world market and here at home. Senate Bill 560 "Milk Import Tariff Equity Act of 2003," co-sponsored by Senator Larry Craig and Senator Mark Dayton (D-MN) and its companion House Bill 1160, were recently introduced to the members of the U.S. Congress. These bills would impose Tariff-Rate Quotas on milk protein concentrates and casein-based food and animal feed products imports.

Currently, these milk products enter the United States with a duty equaling .0017 cents per pound and no quotas. The proposal before lawmakers would raise the duty to .71 cents per pound, the same duty imposed on other similar imported dairy products.

The key problem with allowing unfettered importation of milk protein concentrates and casein-based foods is that the imported supply displaces domestically produced products. When demand for homegrown goods slides, so does the price producers receive for that product. "This legislation is an important piece of the puzzle to help bring supply and demand of these products in line," said Bob Naerebout, executive director of Idaho Dairy Farmers' Association. "We hoping this measure will ensure that dairy producers will be able to sell their product and receive a fair price."

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Milk protein concentrate is used as an ingredient in a variety of foods such as infant formula, desserts, baked goods, toppings, lowfat spreads, dairy-based dry mixes, dairy-based beverages, sports-nutrition beverages and foods, weight-loss beverages and some processed cheese products and foods.

Currently, the majority of the milk protein concentrates used in the United States comes from Australia, New Zealand and from the European Union. Oversea supplies have more than doubled in the last three years, from 111 million pounds to 266 million pounds. For many lawmakers, the increased importation equates to reduced reliance upon locally produced goods and that's not good for American farmers.

"This bi-partisan effort is an example of the enormous support for these bills. It illustrates how both political parties are working together to do what is in the best interest of our farmers and the America public," Naerebout added.



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By Miles Carson

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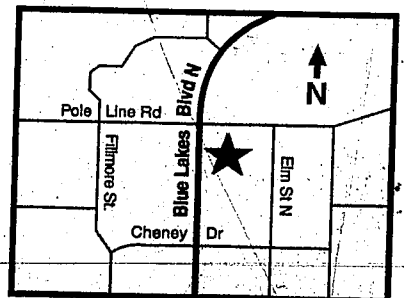
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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Schools offer business program scholarships

TWIN FALLS - Scholarships are available for high schoolers to attend Idaho State Week 2003, an intensive, hands-on business program in a university setting.

BSU and U of I will award college scholarships to eligible participants. Larry Koomler, scholarship chairman, is acquiring scholarship dollars from Idaho's businesses, civic groups, associations and individuals to support the attendance of up to 350 Idaho high schoolers and 25 educators at this summer's program.

Kraft Foods will release its first-quarter financial results
RUPERT - Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc. will release a cheese plant in Rupert - plans to release its first-quarter financial results at about 2:05 p.m. April 15, then host a conference call for investors from 3 to 4 p.m.

Magie Valley Medical
TWIN FALLS - Magie Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday with Dr. David Madlock, office, 325 Martin.
Christy Davies will speak on a job interview survey, and voting for Medical Assistant of the Year will take place.

Completed from staff reports



A new commercial hangar on the east side of the Twin Falls airport is one of the first to take advantage of the new taxiways the airport recently installed.

T.F. home building breaks 100-permit mark

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - On the strength of home builders' hustle, the Twin Falls construction sector in March put itself on the path for year-over-year growth. Despite less commercial activity, the city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$4.94 million - that's a 453,964, or 10.1 percent, more than in March 2002 - for combined construction types.

Building starts are an important economic indicator for business people to watch. But monthly construction totals typically swing above and below year-to-year levels as the year progresses, and the overall trend could still return to negative territory. But the new-home sector is clearly in a rapid growth mode.

Fueled by continued record-low mortgage rates, the new-residential side last month contributed permits for 40 new single-family homes in the city - up substantially from the 30 of March 2002 and the 23 of two years ago.

Meanwhile, the average estimated value for new single-family homes permitted in Twin Falls slipped to \$35,630 in March from \$39,000 in February.

The March report
Estimated values for construction that received permits in March from Twin Falls city:

Recent numbers at a glance
Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

Speculative space
Developers of Twin Falls' truck-truck transloading site southeast of town hope a new warehouse-and-office facility will help the city land a new light manufacturer, or encourage expansion of an existing one.

Bliss has no prospective tenants lined up but said he has received several inquiries about the planned building in the past week.

completing the interior. Depending on tenant needs, owners might invest up to a couple of hundred thousand more dollars in the project, Bliss said. He hopes to finish the shell by May 1.

Building for Baptists
Grace Baptist Church averages about 150 attendees in its auditorium on Sundays and anticipates some growth, the church's Brent Walker told The Times-News recently.

Walker has said the new auditorium, seating around 275, will cost about \$400,000 from the congregation's contributions and loans.

Hangar happenings
As the community grows, so do its needs for aviation services at Joslin Field.

Magie Valley Bank's \$20,000 third-floor remodeling of its new home at 113 Main Ave. W.

Elsewhere in town
Other March permits of note: Cafe Michelle's \$75,000 remodeling project at 1703 Addison Ave. E. to convert a retail use in a dwelling to a first-floor restaurant.

Top-performing funds of Q1 recall more bullish time

By Jonathan Burton
CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - Most stock mutual funds lost money in the first quarter as investors fretted about an unfolding war and a waning economy, yet share-owners in funds that buy large growth companies - and of all things, technology - had much to celebrate.

None other than Amerindo Technology (AICHD), the top fund of 1999 with a scorching 251 percent blitz, was again back on top. This poster fund for the tech bubble bear all other funds with a 28.5 percent quarterly gain through Thursday - achieved by stashing about half its assets in three Internet stocks: eBay (EBAY), Expedia (EXPE) and Yahoo (YHOO).

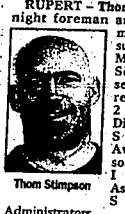
roughly 1.6 percent and large-cap growth was up 1.2 percent in the quarter through Thursday. Lippser says: Science and technology sector funds alone scored 3.4 percent during the period. That compares to a loss of 1 percent

Mutual funds: the best and the worst
Here are the best and worst funds as measured by rate of return during the year-to-date return, as of March 27.

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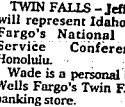
Thom Stimpson



Thom Stimpson
RUPERT - Thom Stimpson, night foreman and outdoor maintenance supervisor at Minico High School, was selected to receive the 2002 Distinguished Service Award sponsored by the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

Tim Ferrigot, assistant principal of Minico High School, nominated Stimpson. The award will be presented to Stimpson at the association's School Leaders' Summit on June 24 in Boise.

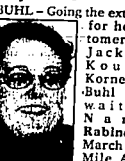
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Jeffrey Wade
TWIN FALLS - Jeffrey Wade will represent Idaho at Wells Fargo's National Sales & Service Conference in Honolulu.

Wade is a personal banker at Wells Fargo's Twin Falls Main banking store. "Wade is among an elite group of Wells Fargo team members nationwide who have earned this recognition," said Pat McMurray, regional president for Community Banking in Idaho. "The Honolulu conference is a chance for him to meet with other top performers, share ideas and celebrate his share of their accomplishments."

Nancy Rabine



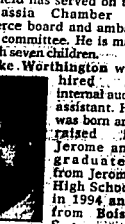
Nancy Rabine
BUHL - Going the extra mile for her customers - at Jackson's Country Korner in Buhl won Bank's attention. Nancy Rabine took home the March Extra Mile Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

Being thoughtful to recommend what dieters can order at a reasonable cost made an impression on one of the bank's customers, earning her the award nomination. Mayor Barbara Gletzen presented Rabine with a plaque and a sack of gift certificates, prizes and flowers from Buhl merchants.

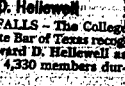
Bank employees

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank announced two recent staff changes.

- Ward Maxfield accepted a position as a commercial loan officer for the Minico-Cassia area. Maxfield graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Idaho State University in 1971. He has 14 years' banking experience in the Magic Valley as a branch manager and in a commercial loan department.
- Mike Worthington was hired as internal audit assistant. He was born and raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1994 and from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2002.



Ward Maxfield
Maxfield has served on the Minico-Cassia Chamber of Commerce board and ambassador's committee. He is married with seven children.



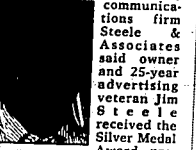
Mike Worthington
Edward D. Hollowell
TWIN FALLS - The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized Edward D. Hollowell as one of its 4,330 members du-

ing its Annual Awards Luncheon on March 14 in Dallas.

The college is an honorary society made up of lawyers who try to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels by attending a large number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Hellewell was raised in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School. He received a bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and his law degree at Texas Tech. He is the son of S. Doyle Hellewell of Filer and the late Dale Hellewell.

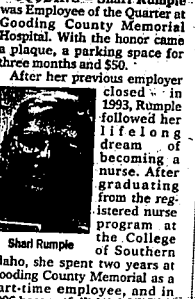
Jim Steele



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POCATELLO - Marketing communications firm Steele & Associates associated with the firm's 25-year and 25-year advertising veteran Jim Steele received the Silver Medal Award, presented annually by the Idaho Advertising Federation in conjunction with the American Advertising Federation.

admitted to the GMAC Real Estate Medallion Club for achieving high production in 2002.

Shari Rumpke



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GOODING - Shari Rumpke was employee of the Quarter at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. With the honor came a plaque, a parking space for three months and \$50.

Manufacturer honors Magic Valley Zimmatic dealers

OMAHA, Neb. - Lindsay Manufacturing Co. recognized its dealers in the top Zimmatic dealers in North America during the company's awards banquet Jan. 31. The winners were selected from more than 200 Zimmatic dealerships.



Eric Beck



Dale Adams



Doug Butler



David Butler



Gary Loveland

Diabetes association gives St. Bens award for program

JEROME - The American Diabetes Association Education Recognition Certificate for a quality diabetes self-management education program was awarded to the St. Benedicts Diabetes Management program Feb. 27.

The association said the Jerome program offers high-quality diabetes self-management education that is an integral component of effective treatment. The certificate assures that education programs meet the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs, developed and tested under the auspices of the National Diabetes Advisory Board in 1983 and revised by the diabetes community in 1994 and 2000.

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"The process gives professionals a national standard by which to measure the quality of services offered," said Ann Bybee, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and director of diabetes management at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center. "And, of course, it assures the consumer that he or she will likely receive high-quality service."

Education recognition status is awarded for three years.

Rietkerk Dairy earns high honor from Glanbia Foods

TWIN FALLS - The Rietkerk Dairy in December brought home Glanbia Foods Inc.'s highest honor.

The award, John Rietkerk and his farm crew had to be thorough in maintaining a healthy herd and keeping the milking parlor and equipment free of impurities. Rietkerk Dairy maintained an average somatic cell count of 69,000, and a better than 90 percent average score on Idaho Department of Agriculture inspections. The Rietkerks earned a quality bonus payment for each of the 24 pay periods during 2002.

Agency also received a Silver Rockie and a Citation of Excellence for self-promotion

This year, more than 500 agencies were submitted by companies all across Idaho, and nearly 450 people attended the show. Winning work is forwarded to the Northwest Addy's Competition.

Local quality awards went to 4-Bros. Dairy No. 2 in Shoshone, Astorline Dairies No. 1 and Clin Wendell, Abernathy Dairy in Gooding, Atkinson Dairy in Bluff, Ballard Dairy in Gooding, Blom Dairy in Jerome, Bokma Dairy in Shoshone, Crawford Dairy No. 3 in Wendell, C-Bar M Dairy in Jerome, Chrisham Dairy in Wendell, Clarkson Dairy in Shoshone, Fairview Dairies No. 1 and 2 in Bluff, Fitzgerald Dairy in Burley, Heritage Farms in Bluff, Holland Farms in Gooding, DPH, Sellen Dairies in Wendell, Johnson Dairy in Richfield, Landers Dairy in Wendell, Lathis Dairy in Mountain Home, Lawton Dairy in Wendell, M & N Dairy in Gooding, Pollock Dairy in Carey, Northside Dairy in Jerome, Pockey Ranch Dairy in Gooding, Rietkerk Dairy No. 2 in Wendell, Sweet Briar Dairy in Jerome, F & F Dairy in Wendell and T3 Dairy in Jerome.

Glanbia calls itself the Pacific Northwest's largest cheese producer. More than 430 people work at Glanbia's four Magic Valley locations.

U.S. Bancorp announces its BusinessWeek rating

TWIN FALLS - U.S. Bancorp, ranked 26th among companies evaluated in the seventh annual BusinessWeek 50 listing of top performers on the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, and earned a third place showing among 29 banks listed.

BusinessWeek noted in the April special issue that management "has reshaped the new entity in Firststar's image - a retail bank with excellent customer service." It added that "the bank's high-margin payment services business has grown 26 percent, helping to fuel a 95 percent increase in net income last year."

William Kopper, president and publisher of BusinessWeek, commented in a letter to Jerry A. Grundorf, president, chairman and chief executive of U.S. Bancorp, that in a year of economic and geopolitical challenges, only the best companies do well.

"That U.S. Bancorp has weathered these tests and prospered in the face of them is a testament to your leadership," Kopper wrote.

Jeremy Watson

TWIN FALLS - Kineticco of Magic Valley said employee Jeremy Watson has become WQA-certified. The certification program is administered by the Water Quality Association, the international trade association that represents manufacturers and dealers of water treatment products. To become certified, water treatment professionals must pass an exam. They must meet continuing education requirements to maintain certified status.

While certification is not required for all water treatment professionals, Kineticco owner Kerry Pentingill employs two WQA-certified people and is encouraging other employees to become WQA-certified.

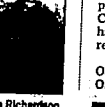
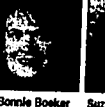
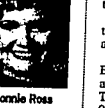
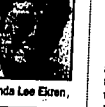
Robert Nelson

OAKLEY - Robert Nelson of Boise and Fon Brown of Mesa, Ariz., invented the Brownel Charging System, a device that charges batteries efficiently. The system reduces charging time, improves battery performance and extends battery life, promoters say.

Nelson and Brown started developing the Brownel Charging System in September 1993 in Mesa. The idea is being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new-product development, especially the battery products aid industry. They hope to have the invention in production and available to the public soon.

Real estate agents

JEROME - Canyonside Realty Inc. GMAC Real Estate announced its 2002 Medallion Club members.



Realtors Joye Jones, Jamie Ekren, Kitty Martin, Linda Lee Ekren and Amy Harper; broker Bonnie Ross; and appraisers Bonnie Booker, Suzie Richardson, Greg Wokosien, Barry Brackett, Dan Selt and Sandra Ceppe are the new Medallion Club members. The sales professionals were

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More employers suspend contributions to 401(k)s

NEW YORK (AP)—A growing number of companies, searching for ways to cut costs, are suspending their matching contributions to workers' 401(k) retirement accounts.

While many companies have pared or suspended their contributions to retirement accounts recently, most have been employers with so-called "variable" matches that are linked to profits, said David Wray, president of the profit sharing council.

Most cases temporary, efforts to cut expenses. When companies do return to matching, Hensenthaler said, many will more clearly tie 401(k) plans to company profits.

Some of the companies that have suspended matches said worker participation in 401(k) accounts has dipped slightly during the third quarter of 2002, said McGillion.

decided not to sign up for plans because of the depressed stock market and reduced company matches, Hensenthaler said.

Court strikes down credit clarity law Gender pay gap closes - sort of

By Joan Quigley Knight Ridder News Service

On its face, it sounds like a good idea: require banks to tell consumers how much their credit-card debt will cost over time if they only make the minimum monthly payment.

Yet a recent California law that did just that drew the opposition of the banking industry - sparking a court battle that might deter other states from seeking to curtail a similar rule in requiring more extensive credit-card disclosure.

The idea is to inform consumers about the true cost of credit, said Shelley Curran, spokeswoman for Consumers Union, which sponsored the law.

How interest adds up

Cost of making only minimum payments on credit card balances, assuming a 17 percent interest rate and a minimum payment of 2 percent of the balance:

Table with columns: Balance, Total cost, Total time to repay. Rows show balances of \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and corresponding costs and repayment periods.

California state required credit-card companies to include a warning with monthly bills for customers who routinely made a minimum payment of 2 percent of their balance.

U.S. District Judge Frank C. Dammell Jr., a Clinton appointee and former California deputy attorney general, agreed, issuing a permanent injunction in December to block the state from enforcing the statute against all federally chartered credit-card companies.

seen since the boom years of 1986 and 1987 - with 14 percent of income diverted to debt service during the third quarter of 2002, said McGillion.

With its potentially chilling effect on consumer spending, California's disclosure law - believed by lawsuit participants to be the first of its kind - prompted a high-stakes court battle, with the state appealing its loss to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"The fundamental issue becomes a states' rights vs. federalism agenda," said Robert Murphy, a Fort Lauderdale lawyer and consumer advocate.

"I'm not sure how much yet another law and yet another regulation will make people pay attention to statements," said Steve Rhoads, president of Myvesta, a nonprofit financial advice organization.

Sill, consumer groups say they remain undeterred by their loss - and hope other states will enact similar disclosure requirements.

Jobless professionals look to make ends meet

By Barbara Rose Chicago Tribune

It's kind of a complex routine, but it's a routine. John Wilkins, software specialist who now works at UPS and a counseling agency

178,000 people this year. The unanticipated number of applicants? Between 1.5 million and 3 million, Milburn says.

Job counselors say even part-time jobs are becoming harder to get. "It's not that easy these days," says Jay Maguire Dooley, director of adult services at Home Township in Illinois, who facilitates three groups for job-seekers.

But his 32-hour-per week job at Best Buy brings in 45 percent of his former Motorola salary. "It's fun, but it doesn't pay," Fuller says.

He figures that if his job search doesn't yield something higher-paying within the next 12 months, he and his wife will have to put their home up for sale and move to a less expensive housing market, he says.

"You can be stubborn and try to find a job in telecom or IT," says software engineer Scott Zucker, "or you may maybe think outside the box and get a job at Home Depot or Best Buy."

Employers such as Home Depot report a surplus of applicants. "Our human resources managers see a large increase in the number of professionals applying for positions," says Cindy Milburn, senior director of staffing at the retailer's Atlanta headquarters.

Wage gap narrows

By T. Shawn Taylor and Carol Kleiman Knight Ridder News Service

The wage gap - the difference between the income of working men and women - is smaller than it has ever been. In 2001, women as a group earned 76.3 cents for every male dollar, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures, up from 73.7 cents in 2000, the largest annual gain in 13 years.

"It's not because women have done so much better but because men have done so much worse," is how David Ellwood, a labor economist and professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, explains the narrowing of the gap.

Why, 40 years after passage of the federal Equal Pay Act, does the gender wage gap persist? Experts agree that these days there is less overt discrimination against women, but there remain the pervasive, stubborn issues of the male-dominated jobs and hierarchies that never stop penalizing women for taking time off to rear children.

For some, there is the realization that without a recasting of women's roles in society, the gap is as good as set for the future.

"That's a pretty depressing state of affairs," said Jill Miller, executive director of Women Work, an advocacy group in Washington. "I don't see anything terribly positive on the horizon."

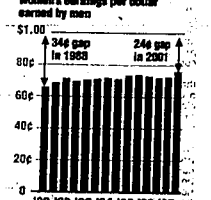
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The gap between pay for U.S. female and male workers is the smallest ever. Women's earnings per dollar earned by men.

more flexible work arrangements and technology makes it easier to work from home, being unseen in the workplace can be quicksand in a woman's career - and drive down wages.

As the baby boomer generation ages, it is daughters who most likely will have to make the difficult choice between working and caring for mom or dad. There are no easy solutions for this driver of the wage gap.

But outright discrimination, which some women's advocates argue is still a factor in the gap, has a solution - and it can be found in the courts.

"Today women are more critical to the work force than they've ever been. It would seem it would be in the best interest of employers to have fair wage practices in order to recruit the best employees," Miller said.

But Richard Epstein, a labor law professor at the University of Chicago, said wage discrimination is rare today and that women earn less because they work fewer hours and have children.

"If discrimination was a problem, you wouldn't see entry-level women earning as much or more than men," he said. "Family leave doesn't get you promoted; it just gets you out of the corporate loop."

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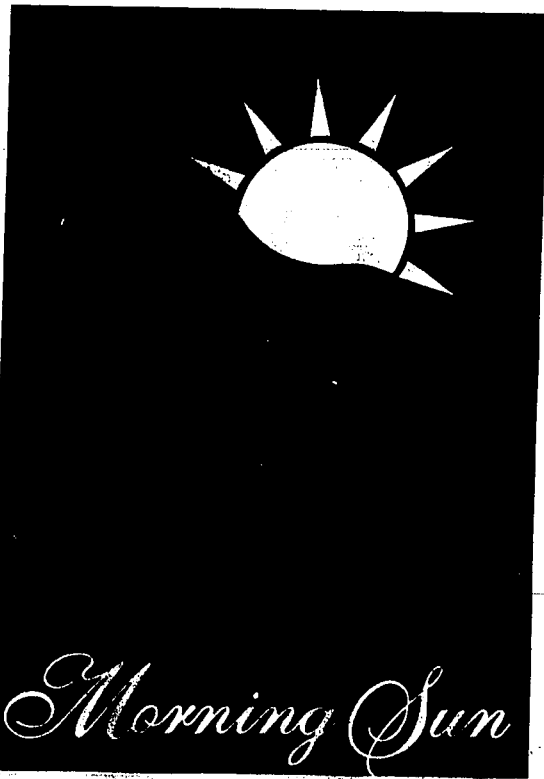
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Working Whether fired or laid off, stay positive. By Carol Kleiman

In a job interview, what's the best way to answer the question about why you lost your job?

"Being fired, downsized or laid off, they're all euphemisms for the same thing - losing your job," said Paul D. Storfer, president of HR Technologies, Inc.

"In a job interview, you always need to be honest, because the truth will out - if you were downsized, put a positive spin on what happened. If it's true, say the company ran into trouble, and, as a result, there were no longer the kinds of opportunities you were looking for."

"It's important how you answer the question because it indicates your competence in dealing with adverse situations," he said. Employers want to hear what you've learned from the experience.

"In 1981 I lost my job as part of a downsizing at a major communications firm in New York," he said. "I spent a month licking my wounds, and then I did a thorough self-examination to find out what I really wanted to do."

"From it, I learned it's important to be on the cutting edge but not ahead of the blade," he said. "In my second business now and it's going strong."

"What really happened is I got caught in a political situation and I was out," Storer said. "But the way I describe it was that we had a divergence in the way we looked at things, how we would proceed - and it didn't make sense for me to stay. And that was the truth."

While the process of mourning the loss of a job is understandable, Storer said, don't bring up your disappointment at the job interview.

"Let it go," he said. "If you were laid off, the job probably wasn't a good fit for your capabilities. Look at it as an opportunity to find a situation in which you can succeed."

Bonnie Boersma, placement coordinator at Robert Morris College in Chicago, suggests being philosophical about being downsized or laid off.

"Sometimes those things happen," she said. "You want to be careful not to say anything negative about yourself or your employer. Say your company was being restructured, your position was eliminated and it was time to move on. But never say you were fired."

Use the time off to make yourself more marketable, she advised. At job interviews, talk about what you've been doing - networking, joining various professional associations, taking courses (and) keeping your computer skills updated. This indicates you are working to improve yourself and have even acquired more skills since your last job.

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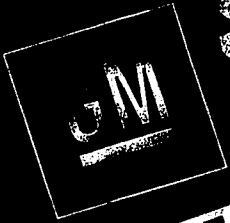
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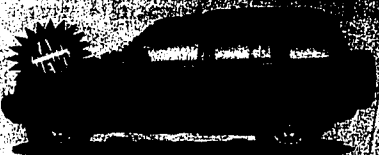
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Springtime brings urge to clean

Ah, spring! Gardens, sunshine, baseball — and spring cleaning.

Where I grew up, my family's Southern roots demanded that we celebrate "Spring Cleaning" as if it were a holiday. You were allowed to keep your house so-so during three seasons of the year, but everyone in town would go into cleaning frenzy mode in April.

It was more than a family affair. It was a community affair of the highest order.

Some people would even get so carried away that they would offer to "wash down" other people's walls. Then everyone would cook fried chicken and catfish and pecan pie and mess everything up again.

These days, spring cleaning isn't so orchestrated. Much of mine revolves around figuring out what to do with junk drawers and closets.

I worked-up the courage to open one of my junk drawers last week and found stuff like old Girl Scout pins, a three-year supply of twist ties and several dozen Magic Markers that probably haven't worked since my 17-year-old son was in first grade.

I have no conscious memory of ever putting any of those things there.

I guess some people's — junk drawers hold real treasures. Once, I happened upon a Web site where you can actually send in a list of the contents of your junk drawers and win something.

The winner's list included items such as a Japanese fan, an electric fuse, Christmas lights and Super Glue.

Amateur stuff, in my opinion, though I did like "a new can opener I got when I couldn't find a can opener because they were all lost in the junk drawer."

I have a "saveaholic" friend in Ohio who should submit a list to that Web site, but she might be disqualified because she doesn't actually use junk drawers. Instead, she stacks up the stuff that belongs in her junk drawers in piles all over her house. Then she color-codes everything.

She's almost as bad as my father, the original junk-drawer king, although he preferred shelves to drawers. Dad was big on inventing stuff. So much so that Mom and I would find his "inventions" everywhere. We would walk into the bathroom and find something that vaguely resembled a bunch of wires and a few bells wrapped around the clock. Or we would find rolls of toilet paper hanging from the ceiling on some kind of device that didn't vaguely resemble anything.

We were never allowed to discard broken TV sets or tape recorders, either. We would buy new ones, but Dad would also keep the old ones, "just in case I ever have time to work on them."

Eventually, our basement was filled floor to ceiling with TV sets and tape recorders, possibly making it the first media room in America. Except nothing in it worked.

Not exactly junk drawers, but close.

I'm not sure my growing-up years prepared me for spring cleaning. Most likely, I grew up with a sort of dysfunctional cleanliness mindset. But I do try.

My husband thinks, somewhere along the way, I went overboard and became an impossible neppnik.

I do remember that when I first got married and realized I had not married someone who shared my obsessive ways, I spent a lot of time bagging my husband about keeping everything spotless. Eventually, like most happily-married couples, we settled on a compromise.

Today, my spouse helps me keep the house spotless. He can't see the storage bins and nest and mess — and I've never been sole owner of the garage.

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"For most people who haven't been divorced before, nothing really equips them for what happens."

— Ross McNurlin



Flo and Ross McNurlin and Vicki DeBruin lead a DivorceCare support group at Twin Falls Reformed Church. They say in divorce, conciliation is always a better alternative than confrontation.

A kinder, gentler divorce

Many choose conciliation over confrontation

Meet some people who broke away, found their true selves

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They all have divorces in their backgrounds, and Ross and Flo McNurlin and daughter Vicki DeBruin, agree on one thing:

Divorce is almost always more painful — to the partners and to their children — than it needs to be.

"Sooner or later, you have to forgive," said Flo, who with Ross and Vicki helps divorces — and divorcees-to-be — through a DivorceCare support group at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

So the McNurlins and DeBruin, along with much of the professional counseling community and a growing percentage of the legal profession, are all in favor of a movement toward kinder, gentler divorce.

"Ideally, divorce would be a mediation process instead of an adversarial legal process," said Harriet Shaklee, a Boise-based family development specialist for the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service.

"I suppose there will always have to be a lawyer involved, but it could be as an adviser, not necessarily as an advocate."

Although Idaho's divorce rate continues to decline — it was 5.3 per thousand population in 2001, the lowest since 1972 — there were a record number of divorces in the state in 2000 and only slightly fewer — 7,025 — in 2001.

Half of all Idaho marriages,

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By the numbers

Magic Valley	By county, 2001
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2000 — 854	Castia — 104
1999 — 851	Jarvis — 154
1998 — 978	Minidoka — 95
1997 — 904	Blaine — 74
1996 — 887	Gooding — 48
1995 — 871	Lincoln — 16
1994 — 862	Camas — 3
1993 — 865	Idaho — 7,025
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the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reports, will eventually be legally dissolved.

"For most people who haven't been divorced before, nothing really equips them for what happens," Ross McNurlin said. "One month you're living in a fancy house with a nice car and you're able to pay the bills, and then you find yourself in a little apartment with no money and you only see your kids twice a month."

"That process provokes anger, and children are often parents' weapon of choice."

"I wish people who are divorcing were not so quick to pull out their checkbooks when they walk into an attorney's office," said Paula Brown Sinclair, a Twin Falls lawyer. "It's a process that works best for everyone involved, including the children, when there's a willingness to talk

and compromise."

Like a growing number of attorneys, Sinclair is also a trained mediator — skilled at finding conciliation and points of agreement. She wishes there were more mediators available to fragmenting families.

"Divorcing families need help finding solutions."

But divorce-system reforms, most notably the adoption of parenting-apart classes mandated by Idaho's judicial districts, have helped move divorce in that direction, says Charles Brumbach, a 5th District Magistrate judge.

"To its credit, I think, the legal community has recognized that need," he said.

Resolving child custody is the linchpin to resolving divorce disputes, Brumbach believes.

"After that, the property and debt distribution issues pretty much solve themselves," he said. But education about divorce is still critical, the judge says — preferably before couples are at the point of splitting up.

"I think much of the anger that accompanies divorce is because of surprise and the unanticipated consequences," Shaklee said. "To get through a divorce, a couple will need about 25 percent more income. And, of course, they don't have it, so their standards of living suffer."

Shaklee is convinced that the biggest advantage of parenting-through-divorce classes is teaching parents the folly of trying to

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Chicago Tribune

Divorce — Sometimes you just know.

Zack Fishman knew. He was standing in a futures trading pit at the Chicago Board of Trade last July, about a half-hour into his Wednesday morning. As he did many days after the Sept. 11 terrorism, Fishman was thinking about his independent portfolio, which was deep into airline and aeronautical industry stocks.

Fishman turned to a fellow trader and pit competitor from Goldman Sachs.

"How would you like to buy everything in my portfolio?" asked Fishman, a 44-year-old father of two grade schoolers.

"Yeah, sure, if it means we can get you out of the pit (as a competitor)," said the other trader, who promptly called his boss.

The boss came down to the trading floor. He asked Fishman, "What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to open up a chess business teaching kids how to play," Fishman said.

"Wow, that sounds great," said the Goldman Sachs boss. "We'll buy the portfolio from you Friday."

Life can change from Wednesday to the weekend. Or it can take years to discover the "breakthrough step" toward a more fulfilling life.

These days, more people are urgently inspecting their future and the purpose of their lives.

Dealing with the money issue — E3

They are looking to make the right changes. Sept. 11 is a big part of that, and so is the current uncertainty about conflict with Iraq.

"We have seen significant jump in clients during January and February" who are assessing the meaning of their lives, said Nancy Mollitor, a faculty member at Northwestern University Medical School and Wilmette, Ill.-based psychologist speaking for herself and members of the Illinois Psychological Association.

"People are very concerned about the impending war and heightened security."

Maryann Troiani coaches a wide range of people about making changes in their lives. She also is a motivational speaker and author. Her phone has been practically ringing off its base station during the last eight months.

"There is definitely a renewed interest among people who want to take control of their lives," said Troiani, who with her husband, Michael Mercer, operates the Mercer Group in Barrington, Ill.

Just how we wrest back control is where the breakthrough step enters a stagnant life situation, otherwise called a rut or slump.

But chances are that when you

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How to house-guest

Maybe the houseguest you'll be staying in someone else's house. Here are some tips for making sure your host's house is a good one.

- Bring gifts when it doesn't have to be large.
- Pitch in with the chores.
- Keep your schedule and work around the host's, particularly if your host has children.
- Be sensitive about your host's schedule and work around it.
- Arrive on time and depart on time. Don't expect to be

- Offer to take your hosts out to dinner.
- If you're a smoker and your host is a non-smoker, smoke outside. They may be too polite to tell you.
- Keep your room neat and the bed made throughout the stay.
- Before you leave, strip the sheets off and wash the bed with the spread.
- Write a gracious thank-you note promptly after your visit.

Younger men in vogue for older women

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Min. — There are no good men left. Who hasn't heard that lament? But maybe instead of griping, women should increase their pool of prospects.

That's what Chris Rolli did. She was 40 and divorced with a teenage son when she met her future husband. He she'd taken his age into account, she might have ruled him out. Rick Rolli was a 20-something who was attracted to her lively personality. They dated for more than a year before he proposed in front

of their church congregation.

Now married for 6.5 years, acquaintances often assume the Rolis are about the same age. "They do a double take when they find out how far apart in age we are," she says. The difference is 14 years. "I was married the first time to someone older than me. He was kind of a stick in the mud," says Rolli, who taught her current husband how to ski, to lose weight and to skate. "I have a lot of energy, and I wanted someone who had as much energy as I do."

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Photo courtesy of Chris Rolli. Director Guy Rittsack is nearly 10 years younger than his wife, Madeline.

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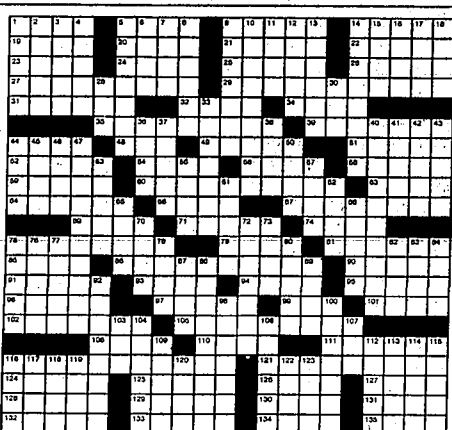
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Widow wants star billing in her role as grandma

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To my husband's credit, it was his wish that I receive his insurance and pension when he died. When our son tragically died at age 23, Beth and I reconciled. I then remarried and after two years was widowed again - which made me a wealthy woman. I have chosen to help Beth and her family financially, and I know they are grateful.

I'm not sure I agree. The person who was "betrothed" was your first husband. He left you for a younger woman. When your daughter went to live with them, she was young and impressionable and Eve befriended her. It's 75-year-old now, "Laurel," stole the show on the dance floor. She was cute as the dickens.

Eve is still on the scene 11 years after my husband's passing, and my 6-year-old grandson refers to her as Grandma. At times he blurts out that he has "three grandmas" - his father's mother, Eve and me.

See nothing to gain and much to lose by trying to rule via the purse strings. Please resist the temptation. One day your grandson will realize what the facts are. Be patient and take the high road.

DEAR FEELING BETRAYED: I feel I should be at center stage without an "imposter" waiting in the wings. Should I make this an issue of ego? I feel my daughter is disloyal by allowing this to continue.

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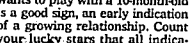
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Go easy on big brother - it's part of his interaction with baby brother

Q: When my husband and I realized we were guilty of having created a child-centered home, we began cracking down on our spoiled 5-year-old and began "correcting" our marriage. After three months, things are going well, with one exception. Our son enjoys playing with his 10-month-old brother, but there have been some times when the baby has started crying and when we check, big brother has a guilty look on his face. When big brother is banished to his room for these incidents, he is obviously more upset about being punished, than about hurting his brother. As a result, we've put baby brother off limits for a time. Are we expecting too much?



PARENTING John Rosemond

A: When a 5-year-old boy and a 10-month-old boy interact on a daily basis, the younger one is bound to experience occasional pain. This is the almost inevitable consequence of having two boys, and you are going to go slowly insane if you assign yourself to the impossible task of preventing this from happening.

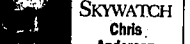
He's being punished for being, at worst, clumsy. When incidents of this sort happen, you should take the opportunity to help big brother understand the baby's limits.

For at least the next three to four years, until the physical discipline begins to level out, the younger one will experience more play-related insult than the older

one. This isn't bad. It's just the way it is.

It's a marvelous night for a moonance

One of the celestial phenomena I particularly enjoy viewing through a telescope is the motion of Jupiter's brightest moons.



SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

The Galilean satellites are quite bright, orbiting their parent planet with periods ranging from about two days to a little over two weeks. That means that even within the course of an evening, you can watch their positions change. It's exciting to see the celestial clockworks in action, giving their shadow on the planet (a shadow transit), and passing behind the planet (an occultation). A total of seven events unfold between dusk and dawn for the diligent telescope owner willing to look a night's sleep; provided, you have fairly good optics and clear, steady skies.

By 10 p.m., Io will have completed its crossing, but its shadow will linger until 11:11 p.m. In the meantime, at 10:31 p.m., Callisto will stand out pretty well against Jupiter's bright clouds. At 7:43 p.m., Io also begins to transit, but Io is much harder to spot against Jupiter's face due to

This Thursday night brings an opportunity to see quite a variety of Jovian moon events. Five of the four perform various maneuvers, including passing in front of the planet (a transit), casting their shadow on the planet (a shadow transit), and passing behind the planet (an occultation). A total of seven events unfold between dusk and dawn for the diligent telescope owner willing to look a night's sleep; provided, you have fairly good optics and clear, steady skies.

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Call goes out for a new motherhood - page E6

The grate origins of the football

DEAR EDITOR: Can you explain how the word "gridiron" came to be associated with football?

-C.M. ARLINGTON, TEXAS

WORDWATCH Merriam-Webster's

"iron" in the 19th century to form the word "grid."

DEAR C.M.: Most modern American football fields are marked with horizontal white lines at five-yard intervals between the two end zones. These were introduced as part of a rule change enacted in 1882 by Walter Camp, one of the early pioneers of the sport. This new rule demanded that the offensive team would be forced to surrender the ball to the other team if they failed to advance the ball at least three tries or less. (The current rules, of course, call for ten yards to be gained in no more than four tries.) The lines were added to the layout of the field as a means of enforcing the rule.

DEAR EDITOR: I once heard a story that the word "bedlam" actually originated from the name "Bethlehem." How can this be true?

-C.I. YONKERS, N.Y.

The name "gridiron" came to be used to describe the gridlike pattern formed by the parallel lines, perhaps reminiscent to some of a grate or griddle used for broiling food.

DEAR C.I.: "Bedlam" actually comes from the name of the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem, originally founded in 1247 as a priory in London for the order of St. Mary of Bethlehem by a former city sheriff named Simon FitzMary.

The history of the word before its use in football is also interesting, as "grid" is not merely a compound formed-out-of-"grid" and "iron."

In succeeding centuries the priory came to serve as a hospital for the poor and ailing ancients, while under control of the throne, as an asylum for the insane. Popular reference to the institution in speech contracted the name "Bethlehem" to "Bedlam."

The Middle English forms "gredire" and "gridrine" developed from the Middle English "gred" and "gred" which later went on to influence the modern word "griddle." How the "i" of the older words came to be replaced by an "r" is not entirely known, but it is probable that folk etymology came to associate the endings of these later forms with the Middle English "ire" and "iren," meaning "iron."

Due to lack of adequate specimens, abuses of patients by the staff were common, and Bedlam soon became infamous for its brutality. In his diary for 1657, the author John Evelyn noted that in Bedlam he "saw several miserable creatures in chains."

Daughters go to work; are sons next?

Knight Ridder News Service

On April 24, the Ms. Foundation for Women will sponsor Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, an opportunity for 12-year-olds of both genders to spend Mom or Dad at the workplace.

Launched in 1993 as Take Our Daughters to Work Day, the event originally was intended to expand girls' understanding of career opportunities and encourage equal opportunities for women in the workplace.

to bring the boys to work alongside the girls and take on the issues that they will both confront in the workplace.

For more information and suggested activities, visit www.daughtersandsonstowork.org

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors...

Monday: Chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, beet salad, muffin, dessert.
Tuesday: Barbecue pork, pea salad, vegetables, fruit salad, cream puffs...

Monday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot clinic; make appointment.
Tuesday: Trip to Jackpot at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: All-you-can-eat dinner buffet; \$4 for seniors.
Monday: Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Tuesday: Exercises from 7-8 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinner served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3.00.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St., Kimberly
Monday: Menu not available.
Tuesday: Menu not available.
Wednesday: Menu not available.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

306 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Lemon pepper cod, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, plums, french bread, pudding.
Tuesday: Turkey liver and onions, potatoes, gravy, peas and pearl onions, mixed fruit, corn bread, rhubarb dessert.

Monday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday: Trip to Jackpot at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Fried chicken, beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade rolls, carrot cake, orange juice, milk, coffee.
Tuesday: Split pea soup, tuna fish sandwich, cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee.

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Meatballs, gravy, California vegetable mix, green salad, hot rolls, apple brown Betty, orange juice, milk, coffee.
Wednesday: Split pea soup, tuna fish sandwich, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday.
Suggested donation for seniors is \$3.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Monday: Ham and beans, corn bread, cold slaw, apple pie.
Tuesday: Pot roast, scalloped potatoes, peas, biscuits.
Friday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, pumpkin pie.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hatley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday: Chicken cordon bleu, broccoli, new potatoes, stuffed celery, lime salad, orange cake with caramel frosting.
Wednesday: Baked potato and salad bar.

Mindokota County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Beef stew, fruit bowl, biscuits, ice cream.
Tuesday: Fruit cup, tacos, beans and rice, ice cream.
Wednesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, biscuits, Jell-O.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Spanish-riced, vegetables, corn bread, applesauce, rainbow cake.
Tuesday: BLT, potato soup, apple salad, brownie.
Wednesday: Birthday dinner.
Thursday: Hot beef sandwich, potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, tossed salad, peaches, ice cream.

Table with statistics on divorce and remarriage. Columns include 'Divorced', 'Remarried', and 'Total divorces'. Rows show percentages for different age groups and years.

Divorce

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harm their spouses by using their children. "Look, this is rarely a friendly process," she said.

Attorneys, whose livelihood is often tied to the complexity and duration of divorce cases, need to resist the temptation to resort to legal remedies without examining the alternatives, she says.

Break

Continued from A1
reach that breakthrough step, you will likely sense it even if you don't fully recognize it at the time.

Barbara Fears is a 44-year-old Naperville, Ill., woman who was laid off from Lucent Technologies in October. But losing her management job of providing phone service packages to businesses was not her breakthrough step.

A better choice was a flash of a thought she experienced five years ago while driving to work one day. She "heard" an inner voice say, "You have five years left at Lucent."

Maybe her breakthrough step was deciding to enroll in the Garrett Theological Seminary master's program in Evanston, Ill., on the Northwestern University campus-despite having to make an 80-mile round trip twice a week for classes. She started in September 2001, more than a year before being laid off.

"That year my grandmother died," said Fears. "It turns out my grandfather, who was a minister, had left me some money for my education. We discovered it long after my undergraduate degree (from the University of Kansas), but the money became available just as I decided to attend Garrett."

There were other "indicators" for Fears to realize she deep down wanted to become a theology professor or Methodist minister or both.

"I just didn't understand them at the time," Fears said. She revealed some of those indicators: attending her first play as an 8-year-old and loving that "gifted people could express themselves and their talents"; being mentored by a 6th-grade teacher who recognized Fears' eagerness to share knowledge with others and made the Kansas City, Mo., school girl a mentor to that end; at 17, learning what it meant to get a PhD degree then deciding on the spot to get one someday.

After Fears finishes work on a master's degree, she will apply to PhD programs at Garrett and other schools. She plans to teach at either churches or universities-or maybe both.

"People have been telling me for 10 years I should be in the ministry (including several pastors)," said Fears, who is smiling frequently these days. "I'm finally catching up with myself."

Sometimes the breakthrough step shows up in the silliest of places to challenge the most serious of expectations.

"I sang 'Happy Birthday' to a boy at a (sports theme) restaurant just for fun on my waitress' job," recalled Lindsay Reitz, a 24-year-old Chicagoan. "The boy's father came up to me and wondered if I sang professionally."

Reitz laughed. No, she said, her experience was limited to waitress crooning and singing with her mom while cleaning the house on Saturday afternoons.

Turns out the boy's father had a friend who owned a recording studio in Oak Park, Ill. He wanted to take her there to maybe work on a demo tape. Reitz did what any responsible,

said. Yet divorce is never a bloodless exercise, Ross McNurlin says. "To get through a divorce, you have to go through the same stages as you would with the death of a loved one," he said.

Attorneys, whose livelihood is often tied to the complexity and duration of divorce cases, need to resist the temptation to resort to legal remedies without examining the alternatives, she says.

"Especially when there are children involved, the question should be asked whether this approach is best for them," she said.

Don't let money be a roadblock to a new life

Making a significant change in your life is easier with the right support.

Pat Brownson, author of the current bestseller 'What Should I Do with My Life?' (Random House, \$24.95), interviewed hundreds of Americans about their life situations.

One common denominator is it helps people "to hear" their inner voice that you want to change your life.

Brownson said each of us should reassess who is in our inner circle of advisers. It might be time to "replace some of the people at the table," he said.

Another important move: Be yourself. "Lots of people turn off their voice by sticking to a daily routine that is more nut than reverse," said Brownson, author of two successful novels: "We can make the mistake of half-listening to life's inside of us."

Patting full attention can motivate changes, but a breakthrough step might seem next to impossible by glancing at bank account.

Don't let money stop you, said author and financial adviser Stephen M. Pollan.

Among the general barriers to what Pollan calls "your second act," money is actually the easiest to overcome. That's because we can control a good portion of what we spend.

One of the most important choices is deciding what percentage of income to spend on housing. Reducing this amount can go a long way toward financing your life change, said Pollan.

In his new book "Second Acts: Creating the Life You Really Want" (Building the Career You Truly Desire" (HarperBusiness, \$22.95), Pollan offers detailed plans for increasing income and reducing expenses.

To increase personal revenue, he recommends these possible strategies: Ask for a raise, take a part-time job, increase your rates, collect your inheritance early, convert assets to cash (and live up to your New Year's resolution to clear the clutter from your life), rent your home when you travel and reassess your investment accounts.

Reitz cut a demo tape and started studying with a vocal teacher "to find out how to sing like myself." She stayed with it for a couple of years during nights and weekends while working a day job as an assistant for an options trading firm at the Board of Trade.

"She was well liked at the firm. Her bosses thought she showed great potential as a trader. Yet the same bosses encouraged her "to follow your dreams."

The demo tape attracted interest and a contract offer from a small independent label in New York. Reitz gave notice at the trading firm in July 2001 to pursue the contract and her music.

The contract didn't pan out, but her musical dream is thriving. She played recently at Life's Too Short in Chicago and has appeared on about a dozen bills in the last year, including a performance at the Double Door in Chicago.

"This was my goal for 2002, appearing at the Double Door," said Reitz, who books all of her own dates for her band.

Younger

As women become more successful, independent and confident, they're dumping the old rules and making up new ones. No longer are younger men out of the question. Just look at Madonna, Courtney Cox, Julianne Moore, Geena Davis and Raquel Welch. All married men eight to 15 years their junior.

In Minnesota, for example, 14 percent of women in 2000 married younger men. That's almost double the number of women who married younger men in 1975.

"Each generation becomes more tolerant and progressive," says Susan Winter, co-author of "Older Women, Younger Men: New Options for Love and Romance."

The old stereotype of a Mrs. Robinson pursuing a younger man for sex is myth rather than reality, she says. Winter, who studied 200 couples for the book, says men are usually the ones pursuing the moves on older women. What attracts them are the older woman's accomplishments, sophistication and self-assurance. Plus, that older woman might look much younger.

"You've got to realize that older women now take much better care of themselves as a group," says Winter, 47. "We get more healthily go to the gym and spend more time taking care of ourselves."

Advertisement for Louise's Smile, an in-office accelerated whitening system. Includes contact information for John Roberts, D.D.S., and phone number 733-5346.



The Miss MHS 2003 contest was held recently at Minico High School. From left are, back, Rupert Police officers Mark Andrusch and Logan Haugsh...

Minico names Miss MHS

BURLEY - Sydney Smity is the new Miss MHS 2003. Presented by the Minico High School Sports annual staff...

Phillips, received a \$300 scholarship; and second runner-up, Callie Uker, received a \$200 scholarship.

competition, they were escorted by officers of the Rupert Police Department.

THE SUBJECT IS WATER

The Jerome County Historical Society general membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Jerome Civic Club Memorial Library...



Photo courtesy of Jerome County Historical Society

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Jasmine Anna Drown, daughter of Lauraine Ann and Andrew Dwain Drown of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303

DAR members receive honor for years of service

TWIN FALLS - Three members of the Daughters of the American Revolution Twin Falls chapter were recognized at the organization's February and March meetings for their years of membership and service.

and Visually Impaired. She also is working toward a rehabilitation teaching degree, and studying at College of Southern Idaho.

Minidoka County Fair Board searches for theme, art

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the fair board office in the McGregor building at the fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

Rupert, ID 83350 or delivered to the fair board office. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CSI offers computer workshops this spring

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer several zero-credit workshops this spring. "Computers for Seniors" will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays, April 26 through May 24 in Shields Room 101 at CSI.

American Legion Auxiliary meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the post home, 447 Gearhart St. in Twin Falls.



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Shoshone Decathlon team defends title

By Betty Taylor The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone High School Academic Decathlon team successfully defended its state title in Boise March 14-15 at Centennial High School.

The Shoshone academic decathletes have been runners-up in each of the other four years

that the school has participated. Academic decathlon is a national program sponsored in Idaho by the State Department of Education.

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Students start community service early

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Having success with the Key Club for high school students, Kiwanis International now has the K Kids Club for the younger set.



MARY LOU POTTS/The Times-News

The Buhl K Kids Club organized last fall, and has about 37 members. The students develop leadership skills and the knack of learning to work with others on community projects and small projects within the elementary school, organizers say.

The officers and advisers of the newly-formed K Kids Club, sponsored by the Buhl Kiwanis Club, present funds to the West End Senior Center. From left are, front row: treasurer Iasoni...

Club's charter. The students also held a can drive to build their treasury, collecting 831 pounds of aluminum for a profit of \$249, which Winn presented to the club.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

with to share. All unit officers and committee chairmen are urged to attend because yearly reports will be given.

For more information, call Helen at 734-1435.

Booths available for the Family Fair at high school

BURLEY - The Family Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 12 at the Burley Junior High School.

Competition raises money for Cancer Society

TWIN FALLS - The third annual Canyon Rim Dance Classic Dancers for Cancer competition will be held from 2-9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday in the gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho.

So far, \$10,500 has been donated to the American Cancer Society in the name of Dancers for Cancer.

For more information, call Joyce Thompson at 735-0904.

Recreation Club holds men's cook-off Saturday

WEST MAGIC - The West Magic Lakes Recreation Club will hold a men's cook-off Saturday at the Burren West Resort on West Magic Road in West Magic.

Northside Head Start holds health and safety fair

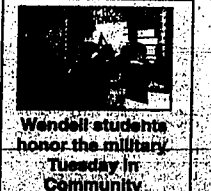
JEROME - Northside's Head Start will hold its annual health and safety fair from 5-7 p.m. Thursday in the Messersmith Building at the Jerome County Fairgrounds, 200 Main St.

Businesses, government officials and organizations will hold demonstrations and offer information on health and safety issues.

The public is invited, and there is no charge.

Junior Miss Scholarship tickets are available

BURLEY - The Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held at 7 p.m. April 16 in the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave. in Burley.



Wendell students honor the military Tuesday in Community

ENGAGEMENTS

Aging can be a laughing matter



Travis Rothweiler and Amy Denton

DENTON-ROTHWEILER

TWIN FALLS - Ralph and Frances Denton of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Denton, to Travis Rothweiler of Jerome, son of Dave and Debbie Rothweiler of Great Falls, Mont.

Denton, a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School, earned a bachelor's degree in English from Boise State University and a master's degree in counseling psychology from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. She is currently a student assistance specialist with the Twin Falls School District.

Rothweiler, a 1990 graduate of CM Russell High School in Great Falls, Mont., has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's of public administration degree from Montana State University. He currently serves as the Jerome city administrator.

The couple is planning a small, family wedding in August.

The Hartford Courant

Weight gain and memory loss. Hot flashes and wrinkles. Gray hair and chin hair. Aging is no joke, right?

Wrong, say authors Sydney Altman and Zoe Lazar. The two middle-aged Massachusetts women insist that while you can't stop the aging process, you can start laughing about it - and they've written some books to help.

"Victoria's Rejects" is a collection of "essential but unavailable products for the middle-aged woman," including knee-fattifiers (to gently hoist the excess flab that has gathered around your kneecaps), Alpha-Epoxy cream (to bond your wrinkles to your hairline) and Big Banner Car Locator (to end those frantic searches around the parking lot).

In "Mother Goose Tells the Truth About Middle Age: A Collection of Wise and Witty Poems for Adults," Jack and Jill are over the hill, Mary has had too much lamb and needs a diet support group, and Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater has become Rita, Rita, Prozac Eater. "You go along thinking you're never going to get old," says Altman, 53. "Then one day you realize that it's happening, and there's not much you can do about it. Middle age may not feel like the best time of your life, but you're stuck with it, and a sense of humor is the best defense."

Altman says she and lifelong friend Lazar, 54, realized that whenever women over 40 gathered, the Silent Passage often turned into a loud and raucous group tour.

"Someone would say, 'Is it hot in here, or is it me?' or any of the other classic things middle-aged women say, and we'd all get hysterical," says Altman. "It was great to be able to share what we were going through and to be able to laugh about it."

The friends, both psychologists, searched stores for humorous books on the aging process. When all they found were serious tomes on menopause and middle age, they decided to write their own. Underwritten by a series of rejection slips from publishers, the pair created Baboom Press, self-published and set up a Web site, www.baboompress.com, to sell the irreverent works themselves. The result, says Altman, has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Failing eyesight, failing marriages, thickening waistlines, thinning hair - OK, it may not feel like the best time of your life," says Altman. "But we've sold hundreds of copies to women across the country who say laughing about it makes it easier."

That's not surprising, says Regina Barreca, author of several books on women's humor. The country's 70 million baby boomers, who came of age in the 1950s and blew the lid off a number of taboo topics, including sex and bodily functions, are now taking on middle age with the same fervor.

"These women don't see middle age as a Tennessee Williams gothic horror," says Barreca, an associate professor of English at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, who also has a weekly column in The Hartford Courant.

"I think it's great. It's so much healthier than whispering about things in the back room. The more you dispel the myths, the less women feel a sense of shame about what is happening to them. And the more women can share their experiences, the less isolated they feel."

LUTZ-McBRIDE

FILER - Donna and Dennis Lutz of Filer announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Ruth Lutz, to Jonathan (J.J.) McBride, son of Janet and Michael McBride of Twin Falls.

Lutz is a student at the University of Montana. McBride is employed at Grant and Kim Porter's Middle Fork Rapid Transit in Stanley.

The wedding is planned for autumn in the Twin Falls area.



Marjorie Lutz and Jonathan McBride



Michell Cosgrove and Blake Shropshire

COSGROVE-SHROPSHIRE

TWIN FALLS - Cheri Randall of Pocatello and John Cosgrove of LaCombe, Ida., announce the engagement of their daughter, Michell Cosgrove, to Blake Shropshire, son of Pam and Bill Shropshire of Twin Falls.

Cosgrove is a graduate of San Dimas High School in San Dimas, Calif., Citrus Community College in San Dimas and College of Technology at Idaho State University. She is employed at Financial Management in Pocatello.

Shropshire attended Twin Falls High School. He is employed as a drywall finisher in Pocatello. The wedding is planned for April 19 at the Filer United Methodist Church. A reception will be held after the ceremony.

HANSEN-ZARYBNISKY

BURLEY - Emily Hansen and Eric Zarybnisky announce their engagement.

Hansen is the daughter of Bruce and Nancy Mitchell of Lincoln, Neb., and Bob Hansen of Amarillo, Texas.

She graduated from Harvard with a master of education degree and currently is teaching third grade.

Zarybnisky is the son of Jack and Mary Zarybnisky of Burley. He will graduate this spring from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a master of science degree.

The wedding is planned for April 26 at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Eric Zarybnisky and Emily Hansen

A reception to honor the couple will be held later in the summer.

The couple will reside in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he will begin his pilot training at Shepard Air Force Base.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE GERBERS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gerber of Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

Gerber and Phyllis Petersen were married April 12, 1953, at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Twin Falls since their marriage.

He started as an architectural apprentice to James G. Lash. Currently still working in southern Idaho and Nevada, he has been a member of the American Institute of Architects for nearly 50 years. For many years, he was a member of the Rotary Club and Magic Valley Sports Car Club and still is an active member of the Toastmasters Club. She spent her first married years working at EW McRoberts



Phyllis and Harold Gerber

& Co., and later as a secretary at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. She spent the next several years as mother to their five children. She later became the Twin Falls Welcome Wagon hostess and enjoyed welcoming newcomers to her hometown for nearly 17 years. She has remained an active member of



the First Presbyterian Church, American Legion Auxiliary and Girls State.

The couple has five children, Mark (Stephanie) Gerber and Lisa Dresner, all of Brookfield, Conn., Wade Gerber of Twin Falls, and Sheila and Stacey Gerber, both of New York City, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

THE HARMONS

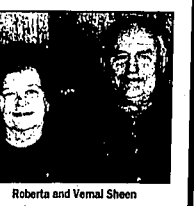
BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Burton Harmon will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 2-4 p.m. April 13 at First Church of the Nazarene, 300 Broadway N., Buhl.

Harmon and Edna Brabb were married April 11, 1943, at the First Baptist Church in Buhl. The couple farmed in the Magic Valley area until retirement from farming in 1980. He worked for the Twin Falls Canal Co. from 1981-1985. In 1986, he went to work for the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, where he is still employed during the summer season. She is a homemaker, devoted to her family and friends, and is active in their church.



Burton and Edna Harmon

The event is hosted by two of their sons, Delbert (Edith) Harmon of Buhl and Lynn Harmon of Shoshone. Their son, Harlan (Cecelia) Harmon of Alaska, is unable to attend.



Roberta and Vernal Sheen

THE SHEENS

BUHL - The family of Vernal and Roberta Sheen will host a 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Friends and family are invited to an open house and barbecue from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the home of Jay Sheen, 2119 E. 3950 N., Filer.

The couple was married April 15, 1953. They have lived in the Buhl area for the past 13 years.

They have four children: Jay Sheen, Trudy Sheen and Roy (Karlene) Sheen, all of Filer, and Cindy Eckenberg of Mattawa, Wash., 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

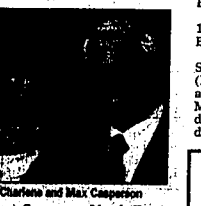
THE CASPERSONS

TWIN FALLS - Max and Charlene Caspersen of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house and dance for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 7-11 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St.

They were married April 10, 1953, in the Manni LDS Temple in Manni, Utah.

The Caspersens farmed in the Burley area for 13 years before moving to Twin Falls, where they spent a year and home store until 1978. They are owned by Charne-Valley Co.

The event is being hosted by their children, Sandra (Creed) Robinson, Jimmy (Doug) Larson, and Eric (Kings) Craig.



Charlene and Max Caspersen (Anna) Caspersen, Lloyd (Tara) Caspersen and Clayton Caspersen, all of Twin Falls, Kevin (Todd) Messersmith of Galt, Calif., and Chris (Cody) Campbell of Kayville, Utah. The couple has 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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WEDDINGS

DRAPER-JENSEN

KIMBERLY - Emily Lea Draper and Gary Louis Jensen were married March 22 in the Boise LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Stuart M. and Victoria T. Draper of Kimberly.

The bridegroom is the son of Dure and Veya Jensen of Bliss.

A reception to honor the couple was held that night in Kimberly, hosted by the bride's sisters, Teresa, Cathrine and Debra Draper, Amy Fliegel and Shelly Kemp. Jack Kemp was the photographer.

The bride is employed at Maxi's Pizza in Kimberly. The bridegroom is attending



Gary and Emily Jensen

the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in engineering. He is employed at Dell Computer Corp. The newlyweds reside near Bliss.



Ryan and Heather Langer

GAREY-LANGER

BOISE - Heather Nicole Garey and Ryan Ole Langer were married March 1 in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Marilyn Carriero of Jerome and Richard Garey of Filer. She is a graduate of Jerome High School. The groom's parents are Kathy Earnhart of Meridian and Ralph Langer of Eagle. He is a graduate of Eagle High School and is currently employed at Langer Dental Arts.

The newlyweds reside in Boise.

Choral group hits high note at festival. Monday in School days.

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