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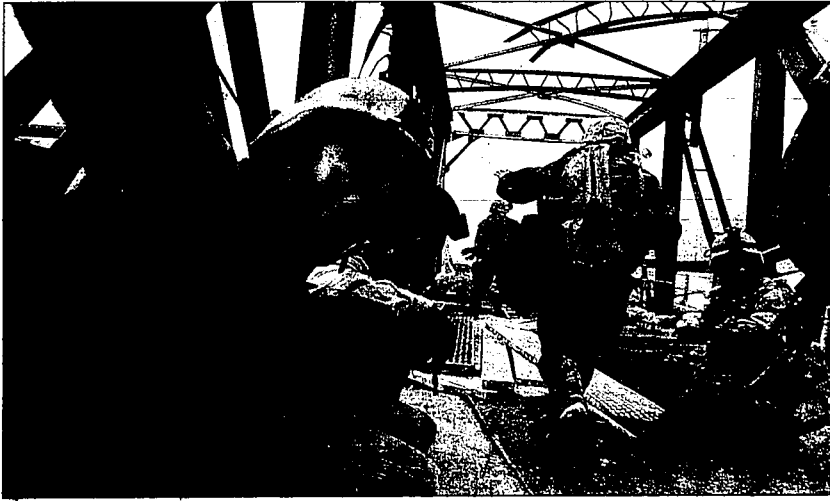
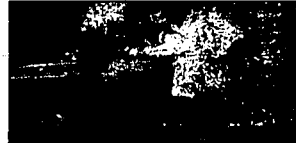
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# Bombs target Saddam

## Key developments

- **Looking for chemical weapons:** The Army tentatively identifies nerve gas at a military site. **Page A4**
- **Chemical All:** The Iraqi official who oversaw the gassing of Kurds is likely dead. **Page A4**
- **Brits control Basra;** some Iraqis take advantage of the chaos and loot stores, homes. **Page A4**

An Iraqi military vehicle explodes after it was destroyed by an Abrams tank Monday in northern Baghdad.



U.S. Marines from the 3rd Battalion - under fire - urge infantrymen to rush across the damaged Baghdad Highway Bridge Monday as they move forward into the southeastern corner of the city.

# U.S. acts on tip of his location

## But no word yet whether he was there; troops settle in around Baghdad

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The U.S. bombing of an upscale neighborhood where Saddam Hussein and top aides were believed to be meeting blasted a 60-foot-deep crater, ripped orange trees from their roots and left a heap of concrete, mangled iron rods and shredded furniture and clothes. At least three buildings were destroyed in Monday's 2 p.m.

attack on the western Baghdad district of al-Mansour, which broke windows and doors as far as 300 yards from the site. Rescue workers looking in the rubble for victims said two bodies had been recovered and the death toll could be as high as 14. They didn't release any names.



Saddam Hussein was hit very hard," said Marine

A single B-1B dropped four "bunker-busting" bombs on the district after U.S. military intelligence was tipped that Saddam, his sons Qadai and Qusai and other Iraqi leaders might be meeting there, U.S. officials said. "A leadership target was hit very hard," said Marine

Maj. Brad Bartelt, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Qatar. He said he could not comment on casualties or say how long it would take to determine the damage. Battle assessment typically involves ground reconnaissance or satellite imagery, though Bartelt would not say what method was being used.

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# As Baghdad fighting rages, civilians overwhelm hospitals

By Anthony Shadid  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD - Its sirens wailing, the cream-colored ambulance barreled into the compound of Baghdad's Kindi Hospital. Doctors in blue scrubs - some of them working night and day - rushed forward, swinging open its doors. Gingerly, they put Sabria Hussein on a stretcher, its leather still soaked in blood. They moved toward another stretcher, driving away hordes of flies, and rolled Abdel-Karim Yousef into an emergency room suffused with the stench of blood, dirt and disinfectant. Both were swathed in cream to-

conceal their burns, over both of Hussein's arms and along the face and hands of Yousef. The staff said nothing. The only sounds came from the slight clicking of their tongues, a subtle show of their disapproval. Civilian or soldier? one nurse asked. Yousef, groaning in pain, answered, "I'm a civilian." Then he blurted out, "My car was attacked. They attacked my car."

The scene Monday at Kindi Hospital held a human side of the grander military drama playing out across Baghdad: the seizure of presidential palaces along the Tigris

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Two crying men hug near building damage in the neighborhood of Al Mansour Monday in Baghdad.

# Troops find luxury, little sign of activity as they take over Saddam's palaces

By Chris Tomlinson  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The U.S. Army took the war to Saddam Hussein on Monday - to the heart of his capital city, to the dusty remains of his opulent palace, to his hot tubs and barbecue pit.

With little organized resistance, the Army's 3rd Infantry Division rolled through Baghdad, taking over major roads and settling into the New Presidential Palace. There, they found gold-painted faux

French furniture, fabulous views of the Tigris River and a television in every room.

Homey, it's not. "This used to be a nice place, they should make it like a Six Flags or something," said Spc. Robert Blake, 20, of State College, Pa., and the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

Saddam has many palaces, and the Americans visited two on Sunday, including another about two miles away.

This one, constructed recently near his Bath Party headquarters,

apparently was built as a residence and for entertainment, though it is unclear how much time the Iraqi president spent there. Troops found no personal effects, no "to-do lists" on the refrigerators, no needlepoint pillows on the beds.

What they found, instead, was a building that had all the ambience of a luxury, five-star conference center. And they immediately put it to use as a mobile command center, setting up a prisoner of war collec-

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# House votes for tax hike

## Lawmakers send half-cent rise in sales tax to Senate

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - Another tax is on its way to a wallet near you. It's a sales tax hike, but how much it adds remains to be seen.

On its 92nd day into the 2003 session, the House finally got around on Monday to passing a half-cent sales tax increase 39-31 - but not until members debated for more than four hours.

"We can stonewall it forever, but I don't think anything is going to change the fact we need a revenue increase," said Twin Falls Republican Rep. Leon Smith, who carried the bill. "If we don't do it, I don't think we are doing our duty as statesmen."

The Senate is indicating it will likely tack on another half-cent, which would raise it to a penny on the dollar, with some sort of sunset clause. The Senate might also attach some other taxes, though no one was sure what those were late Monday.

In January, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne asked for a 1.5-cent increase, but on Monday, his spokesman, Mark Snider, said the governor would settle for less - provided there were other "revenue enhancements."

Each cent of the sales tax raises about \$160 million.

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# Bill limiting protests heads to governor

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

BOISE - The Senate voted 28-7 Monday to considerably limit the public's ability to protest new water rights and water right transfers on issues not directly related to water.

A companion bill also was approved on a 30-5 vote that would require all counties in the state to hold public hearings whenever considering proposals for large confined animal feeding operations. County commissioners will at the very least have to consider the testimony of people within the respective counties living within one mile of the proposed sites. The bill tightens language from previous legislation which excluded Jerome County from having to hold public hearings.

If the governor signs the bills, from now on Idaho water law will no longer require the director of

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Plenty of sunshine and mild. Highs in the upper 50s to the lower 60s. Tonight: Clear and quiet. Lows in the 30s.

Tomorrow: Warm, continued sunny. Highs in the 60s to the lower 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and pleasant. Highs in the 60s. Tonight: Quiet and mostly clear. Lows in the 30s.

Tomorrow: Sunny and warm. Highs in the 60s to near 70.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities: Boise, Burley, Caldwell, etc. with High/Low and conditions.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and daily data.

Barometric Pressure

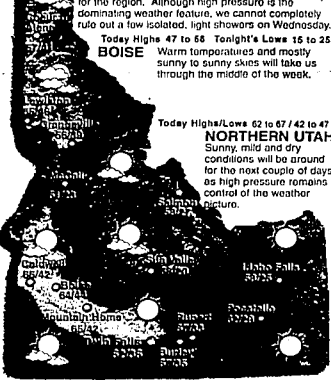
Table showing barometric pressure for various days and locations.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various days.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A couple of very mild, partly cloudy days in store for the region.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 87 at Lowell; Low: 11 at McCall.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases: April 9 First Qtr, April 15 Full Moon, etc.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for various days.

Snowpack

Table showing snowpack data for various locations.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing UV index levels for various locations.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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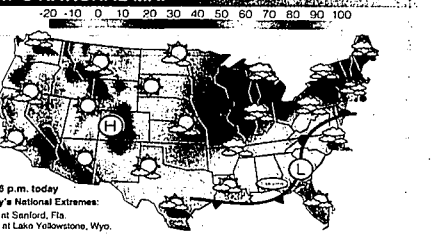
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Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday, Friday. Lists major cities and their forecast.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday, Friday. Lists international cities and their forecast.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Advertisement for 'Comunidad' featuring 'Every Thursday In The Times-News' and contact information.

Advertisement for 'CANADIAN FORECAST' with a table of weather for Canadian cities.

Classroom gunman kills one student at Louisiana school

NATCHITOCHES, La. (AP) - A gunman opened fire in a classroom at a Louisiana trade school on Monday, killing one student and wounding another, police said.

War

Continued from A1. Those close to Saddam have said the Iraqi leader is so obsessed with security that very few people would know about his movements.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY 20

Map of Iraq showing military operations, with text: 'U.S. troops hold ground in Baghdad. Coalition airstrikes blotted some 70,000 Kurdish troops operating in the region to push Iraqi forces towards Kirkuk and Mosul.'

Circulation information for the Times-News, including weekly and daily figures.

CORRECTIONS

Owner of Declo wrecking yard is a man. A headline on a correction in Saturday's paper incorrectly identified the gender of Joya Pearson.

splendor New Presidential Palace where Saddam once slept. Several miles away, two soldiers and two journalists were killed in a rocket attack on the 3rd Infantry Division south of Baghdad.

Times-News telephone directory listing various departments and their contact numbers.

Large advertisement for QwestDex, featuring the text 'LOOKING FOR SOMETHING Turn to QwestDex in the book and online at qwestdex.com to find all the information you need right when you need it.'

# Fed pieces together emergency economic plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Confronting new fears of recession, the Federal Reserve is refining an emergency economic rescue plan that includes further interest rate cuts and billions of dollars in extra cash for the banking system.

The Fed's effort would be aimed at pulling the country out of a nosedive that has seen 465,000 jobs evaporate in just the past two months, raising fears among economists that the weak recovery from the 2001

## U.S. has lost nearly 500,000 jobs since February

recession is in danger of stalling out altogether.

"Clearly, the Fed is in uncharted territory," said economist David Jones. "I think they will try some experimental moves."

One key element hasn't been used successfully in a half-century. Based on comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other Fed officials,

the central bank is expected to move beyond its traditional buying and selling of short-term Treasury securities held by banks to the direct purchase of longer-term securities in an effort to influence long-term interest rates.

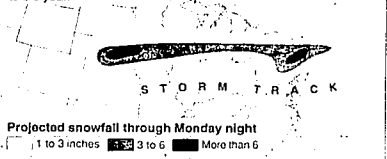
Also, Fed officials have indicated they are prepared in the event of an unexpected shock to the system to lend massive

amounts of money directly to commercial banks to make sure that financial markets do not freeze up.

And as a third policy option, Fed officials have indicated they would explicitly state that if the federal funds rate is moved below its current 41-year low of 1.25 percent, it is likely to stay at the lower level as long as needed to get the economy on its feet - which would help investors' worries about a sudden jump in interest rates down the road.

## April snow showers

Cold air from the North collided with wet, stormy weather flowing up from the South to produce freezing rain and uncommon amounts of snow for this time of the year.



SOURCES: Associated Press, AccuWeather, ESPR

## Court sides with business in punitive damages

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court on Monday threw out a \$145 million punitive damage award stemming from a car accident, a victory for businesses that have fought big-dollar jury verdicts. Justices split 6-3 over

whether the award was constitutionally excessive.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said that "courts must ensure that the measure of punishment is both reasonable and proportionate to the

amount-of-harm-someone suffers.

The justices did not give a specific formula for determining that, but Kennedy said it was clear that a Utah man was not entitled to \$145 million when his actual damages were \$1 million.

## Justices uphold cross-burn ban

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can punish Ku Klux Klansmen and others who set crosses afire, finding that a burning cross is an instrument of racial terror so threatening that it overshadows free speech concerns.

The court voted 6-3 to uphold a 50-year-old Virginia law making it a crime to burn a cross as an act of intimidation.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the majority, said the protections afforded by the First Amendment "are not absolute."

## Snowstorm pummels East

The Associated Press

Spring suffered a chilly setback Monday as an April snowstorm barreling along a 1,000-mile path from the Plains to the East Coast buried emerging tulips and daffodils, knocked out power and canceled baseball home openers from Chicago to New York.

More than a foot of wet, heavy snow fell on parts of Nebraska and southern Minnesota, and a foot was possible in the highlands of Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains and northern New Jersey. Schools closed from Nebraska to New York City where 4 inches fell in Central Park before the snow turned to freezing rain and

sleet during the evening.

"This is like Christmas without the cheer," Steve Molteni said in Michigan's Macomb County. "I want it to be spring," complained 17-year-old Marissa D'Agostini at a shopping center in Carle Place, N.Y., where the snow blanketed tulip buds. "I want it to be warm again. This snow is insane."

## Taxes

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Kempthorne's target for raising revenue is about \$200 million. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, who was opposed by three of his own floor leaders and six committee chairmen, said it was time for the Legislature to get moving.

Since Jan. 6, the Legislature has been unable to agree with Kempthorne about how to balance the budget. Kempthorne wanted sales and tobacco tax increases, but lawmakers already have rejected his proposals.

On the other hand, Kempthorne has vetoed seven departmental budgets that did not meet his spending targets, and the Legislature does not appear to have the two-thirds majority needed to force them through. The impasse has led to a 92-day session. The record is 95 days, set in 1983.

"We don't have the ability to override, but have to balance the budget," Newcomb said. "And we're costing \$27,000 every day we are here."

Newcomb might have swung some votes by publicly acknowledging a point hammered home repeatedly by the conservative wing of his party - that educators have not been willing to negotiate budget cuts.

"We had an opportunity for public education to become part of the solution," Newcomb said. "I'm disappointed they have not stepped forward, but our constitutional responsibility is to balance the budget."

But certain lawmakers - including Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley - have kept alive some measures that could reduce the state's share of the public school budget. Those ideas include capping transportation appropriations, freezing the amount the state spends for teachers' and administrators' salaries, and freezing how much the state kicks in for property tax replacement.

The morning debate saw at least 25 lawmakers stand up to argue their positions, some of them at length. At a \$27,000-per-day expense of operating the Legislature, each minute of floor debate costs about \$37.50.

Still, lawmakers argued in favor of remaining at the Capitol another month if that's what it takes to defeat higher taxes.

"Staying here at \$20,000 a day will still be cheaper. If we don't raise revenue, we'll still be in better shape," Barrett said.

Kempthorne said the House

### How they voted

Here is the 39-31 roll call vote by which the House on Monday approved a half-cent sales tax increase to 5.5 cents. A "yes" vote was a vote to increase the tax, and there were 39 of those.

- **Republicans for (23)** - Black, Block, Botz, Bradford (Larsen), Carlson, Dell, Field (48), Gagner, Garrett, Jones, Kellogg, Meyer, Miller, Riddinger, Ring, Rydholm, Shirley, Smith (24), Smylie, Snodgrass, Trail, Willis, Newcomb.
- **Democrats for (18)** - Anderson,

Blater, Boe, Cuddy, Douglas, Herbest, Jaquet, Langhosi, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccarino, Ringo, Robison, Sawyer, Shepher, Smith.

- **Republicans against (31)** - Barnacloch, Barnett, Bauer, Bedke, Bell, Campbell, Clark, Collins, Crow, Denney, Ebelke, Edmondson, Ellsworth, Eskridge, Field (23), Harwood, Kulczyk, Lake, Langford, McGeachin, McKague, Moyle, Nilsson, Raybold, Roberts, Sali, Schaefer, Skippen, Stevenson, Tilsen, Wood.
- **Democrats against - None.**

debate, at times vitriolic, shows how hard the issue has become.

"It demonstrates, as you listen to the debate, that this was a very tough vote for everyone. I know, I went through it too. But those 39 people showed a lot of vision and courage to make sure we can continue to provide essential services," the governor said.

Later Monday, the House moved to amend a bill that would raise the cigarette tax to \$1 a pack. The amount is expected to be reduced when the bill comes up again on Tuesday.

Although House Democrats joined with the GOP to pass the sales tax hike, Senate members are hoping to tack on an amendment that would actually reduce the sales tax on groceries.

Each penny sales tax on groceries brings in about \$24 million in revenue, according to state figures.

An average Idaho family of four spends about \$8,760 in food costs, according to a 2000 comparison by the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

Accordingly, each penny in food tax relief would save the family about \$87 a year. That's a tax break many working Idaho families could use, said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum.

"We have no reason to support a tax increase unless we can figure out a way to help out the poor people," Stennett said.

However, he acknowledged, any amount taken out of the overall tax plan would have to be

increased from some other source.

A separate bill that would have made about 90,000 Idaho residents file quarterly income taxes was defeated in the House, but not before Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, tried several parliamentary maneuvers to kill it.

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America at war

# Iraqis storm Basra prison, seeking relatives

Others go on looting spree as British troops liberate southern city

By Keith B. Richburg  
The Washington Post

**BASRA, Iraq** — They came early to the abandoned Office of Public Safety Monday, an imposing high-rise in the Mazliq neighborhood that was Basra's most notorious political prison. Some came looking for clues to the fate of the missing. Others came looking for revenge.

Wamid Kadem arrived early, he said, because he wanted information on his torturer. Hani Sukany said he came to look for two cousins, even though he already knows they are dead. A 31-year-old man in black — he would not give his name — pedaled up on his rusted blue bicycle, saying he was looking for any documents that might shed light on the brother he has not seen in 11 years.

The day after Baath Party leaders fled Basra in the face of a British armored advance, scores of Iraqis swarmed onto the site, once synonymous with fear. Many said they came to look for photographs of missing loved ones. And amid the rubble of overturned filing cabinets and upended desks, they found some. One man brandished a photo of a relative who appeared bloody and lifeless, proof, he said, that the man had been tortured after he disappeared into the compound.

The cells were in the back of the building, small, airless enclosures made of cement with metal bars and doors painted bright red. Some were completely enclosed. A few had small slots at the top that might let in a sliver of light. One cell had a small window that had been sealed with brick, making the enclosure completely dark and airless when the door was closed.

The cells were on the perimeter of a U-shaped courtyard. In the center stood what appeared to be a large open holding pen, a cage also in red.

The prison stands a few blocks from the main police headquarters, which is now



Iraqi men leave the center of Basra Monday after looting shops and houses.

occupied by British troops of the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment. A small crowd also gathered at the gates of the police compound, imploring British soldiers to help them search the prison and various other sites believed to still hold prisoners. Most spoke no English, but they held up their hands to simulate their wrists bound together and pointed in the direction of buildings they wanted to search.

"They say there are prisoners locked up," Capt. Mike Taylor said. "There are a

lot of buildings around here, and we're already getting intelligence from the locals saying there are prisoners locked up in the basements, political prisoners."

The search for answers about the missing was one small part — although perhaps the most poignant — of the sweeping mosaic of what many Basra residents saw as their day of liberation from three decades of Baath Party rule.

For some, it was a day to hand flowers to British soldiers stationed in armored vehi-

cles at a traffic circle or to gawk at British troops patrolling the city on foot beside their armored vehicles. For others, it was a day to vent rage at icons of the former authority. The state oil company was looted and set afire, and a bank was set ablaze, too.

For many, it was simply a day to continue the looting that began Sunday, expanding the target list to the museum, the Central Bank, Basra University administrative offices, military compounds — even the Sheraton Hotel, where the beds and mattresses were loaded onto donkey carts, the Steinway grand piano was dragged through the street and a man with a red-and-white kaffiyeh threw chair cushions to the crowd from upper-floor windows.

But the day came with a heavy price. Hospitals were filled with civilians — many of them women and children — who said they were injured by British artillery shells or U.S. bombardment of the city during a siege that lasted more than two weeks. A 5-year-old girl named Iman Hassan lay in the public hospital with two mangled legs. Her father, Faqir, said their house was bombed, killing his wife and three other children, aged 5, 7 and 8.

In the same hospital, Saad Mansur, 26, lay on his stomach, his exposed back horrifically burned and his legs lacerated, as his mother, clad in black, waved a hand fan over him. An Iraqi tank stood next to their house, said his mother, and Mansur was standing in the doorway when a warplane dropped a bomb that destroyed it and, at the same time, damaged their home and killed two people in addition to wounding Saad.

Doctors described scores of similar casualties from the near-igniting shelling and air attacks on Baath Party and Saddam's Fedayeen militia positions. Many were still in the hospital Monday with amputated limbs or lacerations from shrapnel.

"More than 500 at least, children and old men," said Jasim Maliky, an assistant doctor at the hospital. "I don't speak about soldiers. This is a civilian hospital." Asked about the dead, he said, "Dead, more than 200."

"It's a disaster," said another doctor, who did not want to give his name.

# Army: Site may hold nerve gas

The Washington Post

**CAMP EAGLE 3, Iraq** — The U.S. Army said Monday it had tentatively identified nerve and other chemical agents in drums discovered at a military compound on the Euphrates River.

Commanders cautioned that positive identification of the chemicals by special Fox detection vehicles must be confirmed by more sophisticated analysis. A scientific "mobile exploitation team," or MET, based at Udayir air field in northern Kuwait was ordered to the suspicious site, but bad weather grounded the team's aircraft until Tuesday morning, Army sources said.

A 101st Airborne Division patrol discovered the chemicals Monday morning in 11 25-gallon drums from a 1957 Chevrolet. After initial field tests indicated toxic chemical agents, two Fox vehicles were dispatched to the compound, which lies on the river east of Karbala. Analyses from both Fox vehicles indicated a high probability of the presence of the nerve agents sarin and tabun and a choking agent believed to be phosgene.

If confirmed, the discovery would provide the first tangible evidence to substantiate Bush administration allegations that Iraq has secretly hidden caches of chemical weapons proscribed under terms imposed after the Persian Gulf War of 1991. But commanders at the 101st headquarters, south of Karbala, cautioned against a rush to judgment. Several purported discoveries in the last several weeks have proved to be false alarms. On Sunday, several soldiers close to Monday's site grew nauseous from a substance initially reported as nerve agent, further analysis determined that the suspicious drum contained a weak form of tear gas.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld echoed the skepticism of his field commanders by telling reporters, "Let the thing play itself out."

The scientific team is expected to arrive in two CH-47 Chinook helicopters. Procedures call for the team to cordon off the area, conduct field tests, and extract samples.



Ali Hassan al-Majid

# Brits: Attack likely killed official who gassed Kurds

**BASRA, Iraq (AP)** — Ali Hassan al-Majid, one of the most brutal members of former Saddam Hussein's inner circle, was apparently killed by an airstrike on his house in Basra, British officials said Monday. He had been dubbed "Chemical Ali" by opponents for ordering a 1988 poison gas attack that killed thousands of Kurds.

Maj. Andrew Jackson of the 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment told The Associated Press that his superiors had reported the death of the

man who was Saddam's first cousin, entrusted with defending southern Iraq against invading coalition forces.

Al-Majid apparently was killed on Saturday when two coalition aircraft used laser-guided munitions to attack his house in Basra. Jackson said a body that was thought to be his was found along with that of his bodyguard and the head of Iraqi intelligence services in Basra.

"We have some strong indications that he was killed in the raid," said

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon. "I cannot yet absolutely confirm the fact that he (al-Majid) is dead, but that would certainly make sense of the situation."

U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, at a daily briefing in Qatar, said he did not have any confirmed reports on whether al-Majid was dead.

Brooks said the coalition had seen evidence of Iraqi leaders in their homes recently and "we believe that Ali Hassan al-Majid — 'Chemical Ali' — may have been in a

home. "Where we have the opportunity, we may direct an attack against that," he said.

Jackson said the apparent discovery of al-Majid's body was one of the reasons the British decided to move invasion into Basra, because they hoped that resistance in the southern Iraqi city might crumble with the top leadership gone.

"The regime is finished. It is over, and liberation is here," said Gen. Capt. Al Lockwood, spokesman for British forces in the Gulf.

## Baghdad

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Friday, hospitals reported receiving 100 every hour. Iraqi military casualties in Baghdad — estimated in the thousands over recent days by U.S. officials — are taken to military hospitals.

The overall civilian toll of dead and wounded remains a mystery. Since U.S. forces arrived in Baghdad, the Iraqi government has stopped releasing its count. Neither hospitals nor the Red Cross keep a comprehensive total. "They're not even able to keep track," said Roland Huguenin-Benjamin, the Red Cross spokesman in Baghdad.

But the requests hospitals have made to the Red Cross suggest a growing number of casualties: body bags, surgical equipment, anesthesia and blankets, with too little time to wash the blood of other wounded from them. Some patients were left to their

own devices. Hussein Obeid carried bags of intravenous fluid for his brother, Saad, 34, who was struck by shrapnel in fighting near his home in Dora, on the southern outskirts.

Like others, Obeid, 22, seemed confused. Articulate and well-informed, he insisted U.S. and British forces had made clear in Arabic-language broadcasts on the BBC that civilians would not be harmed. He didn't understand what was happening.

"That was the promise they gave the Iraqis," he said. "They always said, 'We have nothing against the civilians.'" He was hurt, disoriented and angry. "We didn't do anything to them," Obeid said. "I was sure 100 percent they would not shoot at a civilian. Now I'm 100 percent sure they will."

“ Oh, mother! Oh, mother! ”

— Woman in Iraqi hospital

his wound still settling in. Just before, doctors had amputated his left foot, below the ankle. "Let's go! Let's go!" shouted a doctor. "Take him to the men's ward."

Down the hall, a woman in black chador sobbed, "Oh, mother! Oh, mother!"

The Red Cross estimated hospitals were receiving hundreds of wounded each day. During some of the most intense fighting

in Baghdad's outskirts. The injured moved through stations in brisk succession. After Hussein and Yousef were placed in beds, doctors called in Saeyid Hamid, a 24-year-old from Fahana, another village on Baghdad's outskirts. There was a missile that landed in front of my house," he said. His face was blank, the stock of

## Palaces

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point in the palace compound.

As Iraqis were captured in street fighting outside, they were brought to the palace for processing before being sent behind U.S. lines.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the reasons the British decided to move invasion into Basra, because they hoped that resistance in the southern Iraqi city might crumble with the top leadership gone.

"The regime is finished. It is over, and liberation is here," said Gen. Capt. Al Lockwood, spokesman for British forces in the Gulf.

They left no doubt that they were "in there." Soldiers used Saddam's toilets (for many the first indoor plumbing they'd seen in four months), filled through documents, helped themselves to ashtrays, pillows, gold-painted Arab glassware and other souvenirs.

At sundown, some troops plugged one of Saddam's televisions into a portable generator and watched a state-run broadcast. They scooped at a segment on an old man, wearing a turban and clutching an assault rifle. "That looks awfully like the Taliban to me," said one soldier.

Occasionally, some Iraqis would approach the walls of the compound. The Americans would fire warning shots, and the Iraqis would run away.

"I do believe this city is freakin' ours," boasted Capt. Chris Carter of Watkinsville, Ga.

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# Water

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The Department of Water Resources to consider all "affairs of the people in the area directly affected by proposed use." Under the doctrine referred to as "local public interest," in recent years neighbors of proposed large dairies and environmentalists have used that language to protest water right transfers for CAFOs because of such things as odor, flies and excessive traffic.

It was the first time in the history of Idaho water law that issues outside the use of water had entered into those discussions. No entity has ever completely lost out on a water right because of such "secondary issues," as described by supporters changing the language. But two Magic Valley dairies have been stalled for more than two years as protesters have managed to stall them based on secondary issues.



Sen. Laird Noh

What this legislation does is freeze water law where it is today," said Kimberly Republican Laird Noh, who chairs the Senate Environment and Resource Committee.

Jerome dairyman Adrian Boer is one of those stymied in going forward with his dairy because of local public interest protests. He was relieved to hear the legislation passed with so little resistance from lawmakers. Scheduled for another one of several hearings on his water right transfer for a proposed dairy on May 20, Boer said the decision won't affect him. However, "Others won't have to go through what we went through."

Other dairymen will have the right to withdraw current proposals in the system, though, in order to start over under the new law. And Water Resources spokesman Dick Larsen said he fully expects it to happen.

"Idaho farmers are very smart," he said. If they can see they stand to save time and money by going under the new language, of course, they'll do it, he explained. So far, no one in the Twin Falls or the Boise regions, where CAFOs are proposed, has done so, said regional managers for Water Resources on Monday.

Buhl environmentalist Bill Chisholm, one of the people who forced Water Resources to consider the secondary issues of CAFO water rights, said he was devastated by the Monday vote.

"I am fit to be tied, needless to say," Chisholm said. "It's a great disservice to the people of Idaho."

But Noh and others say the issue of allowing public protest is far from over.

"We as a Legislature have to come back and make sure the public has more access to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Quality on these issues," Noh said.

Canyon County Republican Patti Anne Lodge, whose home of 37 years has recently been inundated with dairy odors from new CAFOs, said though she voted for both bills, she could be back next year to change the wording in the measure that requires counties to hold hearings.

"I think dairies will have to become better neighbors, or I will be back to alter the one-mile limit," Lodge said.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, said he is also concerned about the bill requiring public hearings. He said people who live more than one mile away from proposed CAFO sites should learn about the hearings through newspaper publication and that county

boundaries should not eliminate comments from people who could be affected by proposals.

Jerome County Commissioner Veronika Liernan still doesn't like the siting bill, however.

For years, Jerome County used an administrative process whereby people are only allowed to speak in an appeals hearing on issues over which the county has some control. And odor and flies are not included in that.

"There is nothing we can address on that," Liernan said. "Counties are not in a position to address that. The state hasn't even established guidelines, and they have far more expertise in that than the various counties. We can't deny someone a permit based on something that doesn't have guidelines or standards."

But Boer predicts that things could be getting better as far as odor is concerned — simply because dairymen are anxious to

mitigate the problem. The flush system, notorious for odor because it calls upon dairymen to use the same water several times over to clean the waste out of barns, is becoming a thing of the past, he said.

"I know of a couple of people that have already gone from flush — voluntarily," Boer said. "They are finding this is alleviating some of the odor issues. I say dairymen are really doing what is their charge."

# Mob boss ends insanity ruse

NEW YORK (AP) — Mob boss Vincent "The Chin" Gigante admitted Monday that his bathrobe-clad jaunts through Greenwich Village and other bizarre behavior were an act to avoid prison. Then he revealed a glimpse of something long hidden: his personality.

The Genovese family boss entered a guilty plea on obstruction of justice charges and then publicly dropped his "Oddfather" persona for the first

time in decades. Gigante chatted amiably with his son, Andrew. He shook hands with defense lawyers and sipped water at a table in federal court.

He was animated and responsive, laughing at one point. Looking pleased and quite rational, Gigante gave federal judge J. Leo Glasser a broad wave before leaving the courtroom. "God bless you," he told the judge while heading for the exit.

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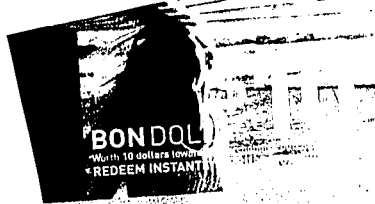
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WORLD

# Evidence grows that Taliban reorganizes

### Unpaid military, police hamper efforts at control

By Kathy Gannon  
Associated Press Writer

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Before executing the International Red Cross worker, the Taliban gunmen made a satellite telephone call to their superior for instructions: Kill him?

Kill him, the order came back, and Ricardo Munguia, whose body was found with 20 bullet wounds last month, became the first foreign aid worker to die in Afghanistan since the Taliban's ouster from power 18 months ago.

The manner of his death suggests the Taliban is not only determined to remain a force in this country, but is reorganizing and reviving its command structure.

There is little to stop them. The soldiers and police who were supposed to be the bedrock of a stable postwar Afghanistan have gone unpaid for months and are drifting away.

At a time when the United States is promising a reconstructed democratic postwar Iraq, many Afghans are remembering hearing similar promises not long ago. Instead, what they see is thieving warlords, murder on the roads, and a resurgence of Taliban vigilantism.

"It's like I am seeing the same movie twice and no one is trying to fix the problem," said Ahmed Wali Karzai, the brother of Afghanistan's president and his representative in southern Kandahar. "What was promised



Government soldiers search buses on Friday in Kandahar looking for suspected Taliban.

Afghans with the collapse of the Taliban was a new life of hope and change. But what was delivered? Nothing. Everyone is back in business."

Karzai said reconstruction has been painfully slow — a canal repaired, a piece of city road paved, a small school rebuilt. "There have been no significant changes for people," he said.

"People are tired of seeing small, small projects. I don't know what to say to people anymore."

When the Taliban ruled they forcibly conscripted young men. "Today I can say 'we don't take your sons away by force to fight at the front line,'" Karzai remarked. "But that's about all I can say."

But progress also is a question of perspective. Capt. Trish Morris,

spokeswoman for the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force, said civil affairs teams have spent up to \$13 million on projects affecting the daily lives of Afghans. "That may not sound like a lot of money, but that's hundreds of schools and clinics and bridges and wells all over Afghanistan," Morris said in Kabul.

# China raises SARS toll; experts eye animal link

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) — China reported another death from severe acute respiratory syndrome and revealed Monday that fatalities in recent weeks have been more widespread than previously reported.

In the country's south, international experts were researching whether the mystery disease might have come from animals on farms or in the wild.

Nationwide, the country's death toll was 53, state television reported, citing the Health Ministry. That included 43 deaths in the southern province of Guangdong, where experts suspect severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, originated, it said. More than 2,300 people have been sickened worldwide.

State television reported one SARS death each in the provinces of Shaanxi in the north, Sichuan in the west and Hunan in central China — the first reported fatalities in those areas and an indication the disease was more widespread than previously acknowledged.

China previously reported fatalities in Guangdong, Beijing

and the Guangxi region of Guangdong's west.

China's government has faced mounting criticism at home and abroad that it has released information about SARS too slowly.

"It would have been much better if the Chinese government had been more open in the early stages," World Health Organization director-general Gro Harlem Brundt said Sunday in New Delhi, India.

WHO experts searching Guangdong for clues to how SARS spreads and why it kills were studying whether it might have come from animals.

The team has not yet found clear evidence supporting the theory, but its members met with animal-health officials and discussed both farm animals and wildlife, including pigs, ducks, bats, rodents, chickens and other birds, said team leader Dr. Robert Breiman.

Experts have linked SARS to a new form of coronavirus, other forms of which usually are found in animals. Coronavirus is the virus family that causes the common cold.

# Fire breaks out in Russian school

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — A fire engulfed an old wooden school in the northern Siberian republic of Yakutia on Monday, killing 21 students and a teacher, emergency officials said.

Ten more students were hospitalized with burns and fractured bones after they tried to escape the flames by jumping out the windows of the two-story build-

ing, said Yelena Mineyeva, spokeswoman for Yakutia's Emergency Situations Ministry.

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# Reports: Cuba sentences dissidents

HAVANA (AP) — The first dissidents tried in a massive crackdown on Cuba's opposition will spend between 15 and 25 years in prison after being convicted of collaborating with American diplomats to undermine the socialist state, family members said Monday.

Prosecutors originally sought life sentences for at least a dozen of the 80 defendants, but no such sentences were among those announced Monday.

Oppositionist political party leader Hector Palacios, accused those originally recommended

for a life sentence, received a 25-year sentence," said his wife, Gisela Delgado. "This is an injustice," Delgado said Monday. "We are as Cuban as members of the Communist Party."

Independent journalist Raul Rivero received the 20-year sentence sought by prosecutors, family members said.

The communist government accuses the dissidents of being in the pay of Washington and collaborating with U.S. diplomats here to harm Cuba and its economy.

The last of the summary trials,

which began Thursday, were expected to end Monday, with all sentences announced before the end of this week.

The crackdown has been condemned by international human rights groups and press organizations.

Those arrested in last month's crackdown include more than two dozen independent journalists, leaders of independent labor unions and opposition political parties, and pro-democracy activists involved in a reform effort known as the Varela Project.



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Sabri Farag inspects an estimated 5,000-year-old mummy unvelled at the Sakkara burial site 25 miles outside Cairo Sunday.

# Egypt dig uncovers evidence of earliest mummification

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Archaeologists digging out a 5,000-year-old burial site outside Cairo opened a tomb containing some of the earliest evidence of mummification, Egypt's antiquities chief said.

Archaeologists on Sunday opened a number of intact wooden coffins found in a previously overlooked burial shaft in the Sakkara area, about 15 miles south of Cairo. One of the skeletons, lying in the fetal position and facing east, had been wrapped around parts of the body.

"This is the evidence of the oldest man ever mummified, done only on the legs," Zahi Hawass said.

The burial site is believed to date to the first dynasty of the pharaohs, about 5,000 years ago. A nearby tomb opened earlier supported that dating, Hawass said. It contained the body of a 35-year-old woman with evidence of blood around her. X-rays revealed a broken skull, an indication that she could have been murdered for a sacrifice, Hawass said. Human sacrifices were used only in the earliest dynasties of

Egypt, he said. Salah Sellman, an antiquities inspector at the site, said perfection of mummification came during much later dynasties.

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

#### Tourism tally

Twin Falls' tourism traffic started off nicely this season. Here's the visitor count from the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center, at the south end of the Pettie Bridge:

March 2634: 1,106  
That's up a hefty 26 percent from the 879 visitors during the same period in 2002 - good news to tourism-dependent businesses. The visitor center's season starts in mid-March.

Source: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Lithia Motors revises earnings prediction

TWIN FALLS - Medford, Ore.-based Lithia Motors Inc., new owner of the former Randy Hansen automobile dealership in Twin Falls - on Monday revised its full-year 2003 earnings forecast to \$1.50 to \$1.60 per share.

"Because of the war and continuing poor economic conditions, many of the markets where we operate are weak; however, we have continued our aggressive sales efforts and have taken new vehicle share in these markets," said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Sidney B. DeBoer. "Because of these efforts we expect sales in the first quarter to be in line with past guidance, however, the first quarter's earnings will be lower than current analyst consensus estimates, due to lower margins and higher costs in the new vehicle side of the business."

Lithia for now won't issue quarterly guidance "due to volatility and uncertainty in the current economic environment," he said. The full-year guidance assumes improvement throughout the year.

The economic environment, Lithia said, is boosting the company's acquisition opportunities.

"We are continuing to execute our growth plan," DeBoer said. "Year to date, we have made three store acquisitions; most recently a Chevrolet Cadillac and Suzuki store located in Twin Falls, Idaho; a Honda store located in Arden/Ancrage, Alaska; and a Chevrolet store located in Salinas, Calif. Combined annual revenues for the three stores total approximately \$75 million."

Lithia sells 24 brands of new vehicles and operates 72 stores and 136 franchises in 10 states and over the Internet.

### WestCoast Hospitality names new president, CEO

TWIN FALLS - Washington-based WestCoast Hospitality Corp. - owner of Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls - named Art G. Coffey president and chief executive following the retirement of Donald Barberi.

Coffey most recently was executive vice president and chief financial officer for WestCoast Hospitality, as well as president of WestCoast Hotels. He has been with the company for 22 years.

### Wendy's says March sales fell, but reaffirms earnings

COLUMBIANA, Ohio - Wendy's International Inc. on Monday said sales at company-owned locations open at least a year dropped 3 percent in March, compared with a rise of 36 percent a year ago.

However, the third-largest U.S. hamburger chain reiterated its 2003 profit forecast. Wendy's still expects earnings to rise 7 percent to 10 percent to \$2.02 to \$2.08 a share this year.

The mean estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call is for full-year earnings of \$2.03 a share.

The Dublin, Ohio, company posted a profit of \$1.82 a share.

Wendy's sales at its U.S. franchise restaurants slid 1.7 percent in March versus a 9.2 percent increase a year earlier. The Wendy's location in Twin Falls, Buvay and Jermy are franchisees owned.

Wendy's said the restaurant industry continues to go up against a barrage of challenges, including a sluggish economy, declining consumer confidence, concerns about the war in Iraq, cold weather in key markets, severe winter weather in the Mountain states and high gas prices in early March.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Franchises get name change

## UPS drops 'Mail Boxes Etc.' for 'UPS Stores'

The Times-News and Knight Ridder News Service

TWIN FALLS - Three shipping stores in Magic Valley now feature a closer tie with the United Parcel Service - and lower UPS rates.

Mail Boxes Etc., a packing and shipping business, is getting a new name and image, courtesy of its parent company UPS.

On Monday, the majority of Mail Boxes Etc. locations, includ-

ing franchised ones in Twin Falls, Burley and Ketchum, were renamed UPS Stores and now offer lower shipping prices with that carrier. The prices at the UPS Store are on average about 20 percent less than what Mail Boxes Etc. charged.

"On average, it's a 20 to 25 percent savings, but you may even find even greater savings," said UPS spokesman Steve Holmes. "One of the main objectives behind this whole thing is to not only extend the presence of the UPS brand and help the franchisees build their business, but it's also to provide cost consistency. What we found is that franchisees will charge different prices."

UPS bought Mail Boxes Etc.

from bankrupt U.S. Office Products in March 2001 for \$200 million. UPS said the majority of the 3,300 Mail Boxes Etc. locations in the United States are switching. For a limited time, UPS has offered to pay the cost of rebranding, which includes new signs and employee uniforms. The incentives total about \$12,000 per location.

Chris Johansson of the Twin Falls location said his store will get new interior graphics, and new signs outside.

UPS tested lower prices and various brand names in several markets. While the new pricing program had positive results in all markets, it was the UPS Store name, which was tested at 30 St. Louis and 60 Seattle locations,

that generated the greatest customer response. Those franchisees increased their UPS shipping volume by 70 percent.

With the new name, customers can still ship their packages using Federal Express, DHL or Airborne. However, the cost of shipping via FedEx will rise because Federal Express is eliminating discounts it used to give to Mail Boxes Etc. once they rename their stores after its competitor.

"We think those customers will continue to use FedEx services and go to an alternative FedEx location," said spokesman Howard Clabo.

DHL and Airborne have not yet said how they will react to the change to the UPS store.

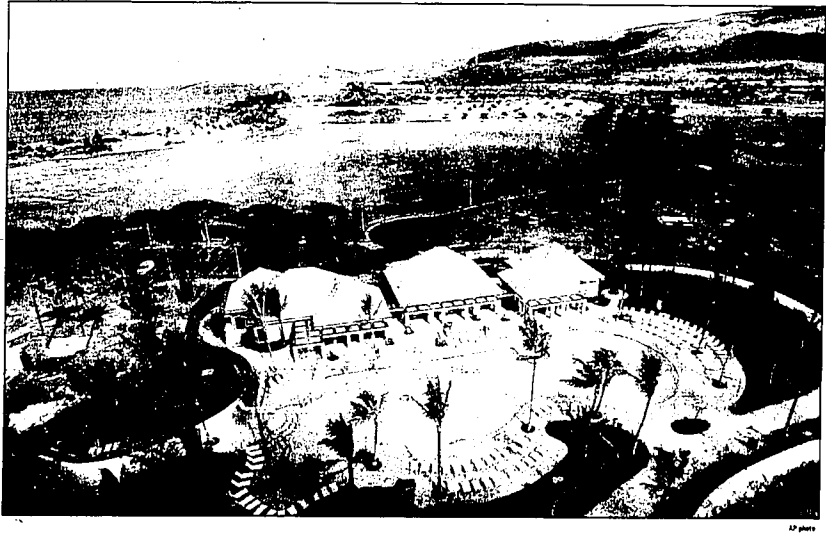
## COURT FILINGS

### The Times-News

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

- Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000**
- Ramon Rubalcava and Maria G. Rubalcava, also known as Maria G. Regalado, 313 N. Beverly, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40389.
  - Amber Danielle Koch, 260 Fifth Ave. W., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40516.
  - Mary Jess Adams, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 55, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40518.
  - James A. Hunter, 526 S. Meridian St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40521.
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  - Susanne Kiokl Anderson, also known as Susanne Jacobson and Susanne Malloy, 375 Jefferson St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40542.
  - Kenneth Davis, 284 E. Ave. C, Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40550.
  - Antonio Torres, also known as Antonio Torres Ambriz, and Maria Cleofas Torres, 324 E. U.S. Highway 30, N. Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40553.
  - Lam Sisombath, 181 Adams St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40555.
  - Wayne Myron Westin and Pamela Lorraine Westin, 319 Eighth Ave. E., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40556.
  - Risa Adenia Pena, 623 Sharon St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40534.
  - Rose L. Swan, 228 Ash St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40552.
- Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000**
- Monte Lavern Fernau and Mary Lorene Fernau, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 55, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40557.
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# HAWAIIAN HAVENS



The pool area of the Marriott Vacation Club, Ko Olina, a time-share resort, on the west side of Oahu, Hawaii, is shown Feb. 19. Vacationers are being lured to Hawaii by major hotel companies that are expanding their time-share development business. Marriott sells its Ko Olina product to one of every three invited customers.

## Time-shares help stabilize state's hospitality market

**The Associated Press**

HONOLULU - Ron and Linda Sparkman from Indiana recently had an ideal Hawaii vacation - a largely free one - with a week of complimentary accommodations, rental car and a \$50 gift certificate.

The Sparkmans were guests of Marriott Vacation Club, which in January opened the first phase of its Ko Olina Beach Club in West Oahu, the most ambitious time-share project in the company's nearly 20-year history.

The couple were among a rapidly growing group being lured to Hawaii by major hotel companies that are expanding their time-share development

business. Marriott sells its Ko Olina product to one of every three invited customers.

Industry officials say booming development and sales of Hawaii time-share property is a stabilizing force in the state's unsteady hospitality market, providing visitor accommodations that operators don't worry about filling even during war.

"Once people buy their units they're going to come back to use them," said Mitchell Imanaka, Hawaii chapter chairman of the American Resort Development Association.

Hawaii attracts roughly 500,000 time-share visitors a year. And with a relatively small inventory of units - about 1,600, or 6.5 percent of all vacation

units in the state - the islands are one of the most sought-after time-share markets in the country behind leaders Florida, California and South Carolina, according to Imanaka.

Developers are building on the industry's dramatic expansion that started here in the mid-1990s, and have at least 2,100 time-share units in various stages of development at seven projects on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island.

The development, which includes some of the most expensive projects to date, is being driven primarily by big hotel companies trying to diversify their business.

Part of the appeal for time-share builders are huge, rela-

tively quick investment returns, as opposed to returns spread over many years for a similar property operated as a hotel.

For instance, Starwood Hotels & Resorts expects \$100 million in sales this year from the 108-unit first phase of its Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort Villas on Maui.

Scheduled to open Sept. 1, project sales are up to \$8 million to \$9 million a month.

At Marriott's Ko Olina Beach Club, selling out the completed 103-unit first phase stands to bring in \$179 million. It would take the company more than 15 years to make \$179 million renting the same number of units at its average posted nightly rental rate of \$307.

## McDonald's cuts capital spending

**The Associated Press**

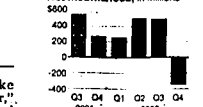
CHICAGO - Pledging to make McDonald's Corp. "better, not just bigger," the burger chain's new CEO disclosed plans Monday to sharply reduce capital spending and open fewer restaurants this year amid an unprecedented slump.

Jim Cantalupo, under pressure to revive McDonald's sagging sales and stock price, also unveiled a new marketing effort and said the company will improve its menu but overall "do fewer things and do them better."

Revealing more specifics of his turnaround strategy, Cantalupo told analysts in New York that his plan relies on improving sales at existing restaurants rather than more rapid expansion for the world's

## McDonald's looks back to the future

As part of its plan to return to profitability, McDonald's Corp. wants to sharply reduce capital spending and improve sales at existing restaurants rather than tackle rapid expansion for the world's largest restaurant chain.



## Exclusion for seniors on home-sale profits is dead

Question: I built a custom home for \$350,000 and moved in last November. But I am over 70, and the long commute from my new house to work is getting harder and harder.

Consequently, I am in the process of having another home built that's closer to work. It will be ready by June 2004. I was under the impression that I could promote my capital gains but was told recently that's not true.

If I sell my first house for \$800,000, how much tax will I have to pay? Can I get a one-time exclusion?

Answer: The one-time exclusion on profits from a home sale that used to apply to people over 55 is deadlier than the dole. It has been replaced by a rule that allows any homeowner to exclude as much as \$250,000 of profit as long as he or she has

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Liz Pulliam Weston

lived in the home for at least two of the last five years. Couples can exclude up to \$500,000.

Living in the home for less than two years doesn't necessarily count you out, as long as you have the right reason for moving. The Internal Revenue Service lets you claim a partial exclusion if the move was due to poor health, a change in employment or "unforeseen circumstances." The agency recently defined the latter to include a death, divorce, unemployment, the birth of

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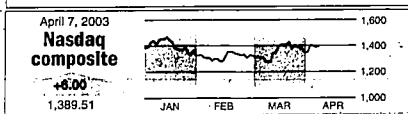
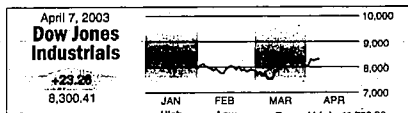
War optimism raises stocks slightly

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks jumped as U.S.-led troops swept into Baghdad and seized a presidential palace Monday, giving investors hope for a swift end to the war. But a burst of late-day profit-taking left stocks just modestly higher.

Analysts said the developments prompted some investors to bet that a victory would come in a matter of weeks rather than months. Better-than-expected profits from Alcoa also provided a boost, lifting the Dow Jones industrials as much as 243 points before they lost momentum.

"The outlook is the situation in Iraq is moving at a rapid pace now," said Michael Palazzi, managing director of equity trading at SC Cowen Securities. "As the headlines read over the weekend, it looks like the outcome is inevitable."

The Dow closed up 23.26, or 0.3 percent, at 8,300.41, having gained



16 percent in the previous week. The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 6.00, or 0.4 percent, to 1,389.51, following a weekly

McDonald's

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largest restaurant chain. The chain includes franchised locations in Magic Valley.

Cantulupo said the company now expects to spend \$1.2 billion on capital expenditures this year — \$700 million less than previously announced and \$800 million below last year's total.

"I am reminded that Magic will be used to strengthen the balance sheet and return cash to shareholders," Lower capital spending will continue until McDonald's achieves a "significant" improvement in sales, margins and returns, Cantulupo said.

Investors embraced the news. McDonald's shares surged to their highest level since Jan. 20

after the announcement, finishing up \$1.25, or 8.6 percent, at \$15.80 on the New York Stock Exchange.

"Growth comes from being better, not just expanding to have more restaurants," he said. "The new McDonald's is focused on building sales at existing restaurants rather than on adding new restaurants."

While Cantulupo didn't specify what projects the spending cutbacks will affect, he already has put the brakes on predecessor Jack Greenberg's plan to acquire many of McDonald's more than 13,000 U.S. restaurants and abandoned another Greenberg initiative — a \$1 billion technology program.

Shortly after he returned from

retirement to take over the top job on Jan. 1, Cantulupo announced the closings of 719 restaurants, more than previously planned.

The company now expects to open about 960 new McDonald's restaurants worldwide, although when planned closings are factored in that number is expected to total just 360 — down from more than 1,000 in 2002.

The company, one of the world's biggest advertisers, showed analysts some of its new creative work.

It also said it will pay down \$300 million to \$700 million of debt this year and targeted annual systemwide sales growth of 3 percent to 5 percent beginning in 2005.

Economists say investors are too upbeat

Knight Rider News Service  
WASHINGTON — With another 2 percent gain in the stock market on Monday, even the most optimistic economists worried that investors may be getting ahead of the economy.

As economists reopen their debate about whether the economy has double-dipped back into a recession, investors are looking ahead to a prosperous and profitable postwar economy, encouraged

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aged by almost every report from the front lines in Iraq.

But the bulls shouldn't want the war to end too quickly, Merrill Lynch chief economist David Rosenberg wrote in a morning note.

"Once the focus shifts from Baghdad to the domestic eco-

nomic backdrop, investors could be in for a rude awakening," Rosenberg said. "The economy is back on the precipice of recession."

Merrill Lynch expects only a limited rally in the stock market, which should run out of gas once the war is over of the picture.

"For a prolonged bull rally, you need improved fundamentals," said Rosenberg's colleague, Merrill economist Dan Shipley.

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twins or other multiples — even dozens from a terrorist attack.

Unfortunately, the IRS did not list "sick of the commute" as an acceptable excuse.

If you're actually having health problems as a result of the commute, a family doctor would attest to this in writing, you could take the position with the IRS that your health was prompting your move. You can expect an auditor to be a tad suspicious, however, particularly because you're putting the move off for so long and because any stress-related illness could stem as much from working at your age as from commuting.

Your other option is simply to wait a few more months before moving so that you will have remained in your current home for two years.

Otherwise, assuming no health exclusion, you'll pay a 20 percent federal tax on all your home sale profit, plus whatever tax your state might levy. If you wait, you'll pay a 15 percent federal tax that exceeds \$250,000 — which will save you more than \$71,000 in federal tax, assuming your home sale costs are about 6 percent of your selling price. You'll still have to pay Uncle

Sam a good chunk of change because you made so much money on your home. That's not a bad thing, despite how much pain you'll feel when you're writing the check to the IRS.

If you've enjoyed your recent column about scoring, but I need more insight.

Given how important FICO credit scores have become, do consumers have the same type of rights with FICO as they do with credit bureaus? Do we have a right to see the FICO report? Who is responsible for correcting errors? Can you tell us more about this new system?

FICO is the name of a type of credit score, not a whole new credit reporting system. Perhaps understanding how credit scoring works will lessen your confusion. Credit scores are three-digit numbers that are composed of information contained in your credit report — the files kept on you by credit bureaus. The leading credit score is known as a FICO score, named for its creator, Fair, Isaac & Co. The purpose of FICO, as with other credit scores, is to predict which consumers are more likely to repay their loans and which are more likely to default.

The FICO formula factors in a

variety of information, including the number and type of accounts you have, your payment history, your balances and other relevant credit data. It doesn't consider your income or your assets.

FICO is looking for patterns of behavior that are more or less indicative of whether you're a bad credit risk. The fewer such patterns you demonstrate, the higher your score. The higher your score, the easier it will be for you to qualify for credit and the less expensive it will be.

If there are errors in your credit report, you need to fix those with the appropriate credit bureaus. (There are three major bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.)

Your right to see your credit report is part of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. There's no equivalent law regarding credit scores. But you can order your FICO score, as well as credit reports from the three major bureaus, at www.myfico.com.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Times, 200 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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## EDITORIAL

### Let businesses and patrons opt for smoking restrictions

Rarely is Helena, Mont., known as a national trendsetter. But when city voters approved a ban on indoor smoking last year, the town of 26,000 gained some notoriety.

The Helena restriction banned smoking in public places such as restaurants and bars, to the glee of doctors and non-smokers. The ban lasted only six months due to a legal challenge. Astonishingly, however, scientific studies showed that heart attacks in Helena fell by more than 50 percent in that six-month span.

Now more cities are looking at ways to duplicate the Helena experiment; leaders in some Magic Valley communities feel inspired to consider joining in. But the decision is probably best left to a business and its patrons.

No one would question the value of a smoke-free environment. Whether a restaurant, the company break room, a bowling alley or even a bar, clean air makes working, dining, drinking and recreating more pleasant for non-smokers. More importantly, the Helena experiment suggests removing tobacco smoke from the air can yield powerful health benefits.

But a business and its customers should be the ones who determine whether it should be smoke free - not the government.

In today's commercial environment, the consumer has plenty of choice in whether he or she wants to patronize an

establishment that is smoke free or not. When customers object to cigarette smoke at their favorite eatery, they have every right to complain to the owner. Ultimately, they can choose to go elsewhere and eat in a smoke-free setting.

Many businesses have recognized these health-conscious consumers, and they implement "no-smoking" rules to accommodate and attract them. These businesses should be commended for their choice and helping keep the environment smoke-free while cashing in on consumers' desire to breathe clean air.

**Our view:** The decision to ban smoking in public places should be made by individual businesses, not a government mandate. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

smart move, but government shouldn't coerce it. Likewise, if some businesses want to cater to smokers as well as non-smokers, that should be the owners' prerogative.

Helena's results strongly suggest a public smoking ban promotes public health. But if government wants to get into the health-mandate business, it will have its hands full. Motorcycle helmets, fatty diets, sugary soft drinks - lots of consumer choices could become the subject of government mandates if health care becomes individual choice.

The free market and good sense are already moving many workplaces and public venues toward smoke-free rules. State and local governments don't need to snuff out private choices.

## G.I.s take priority over Iraqi civilians

Surely, we can agree that the priority of U.S. soldiers take over those of Iraqi civilians. Yet, listening to some really stupid questions raising that issue, one has to wonder.

It is a sensitive subject, but the hand-wringing over civilian casualties requires that we acknowledge the obvious pecking order.

PETER A. BROWN

No one wants innocent people to die. U.S. forces have made a Herculean effort to limit civilian casualties, and precision weaponry has hugely reduced their number. U.S. target-pickers even check with lawyers to observe international law.

And there are more than humanitarian reasons for this effort. The war's unpopularity in many parts of the world means that minimizing civilian losses is good public policy.

Of course, it was, including five children, were killed at a U.S. road checkpoint because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

But these deaths occurred two days after a suicide bomber killed four U.S. Marines by blowing up his vehicle as they approached it. There have also been cases of Iraqi soldiers dressed as civilians approaching coalition troops with surrender flags, then firing away, and of their using civilians as human shields.

Incidents like these explain why U.S. troops are authorized to use deadly force. If necessary, in dealing with Iraqis who might be innocent civilians or might be combatants.

Remember, this is war.

Soldiers' lives depend on making correct, lightning-quick decisions. They must be allowed to protect themselves, and, if necessary, act on the side of their own protection.

That's why the questioning of policies that put soldiers' safety first during Central Command's briefing in Qatar the day after the 10 civilians were killed could have tragic implications for U.S. forces.



The media don't set military policy. But their questions often reflect a skepticism that is a proxy for war critics' arguments. Often this gives and takes influence policy. This time the Pentagon had the good sense to brush the ideas aside politely.

During the 1991 Gulf War, "Saturday Night Live" had a field day spoofing news coverage that, to many people, showcased stunning media naivete about military matters.

But that parody wasn't too far from reality. Back then, some reporters actually asked if the Pentagon had a policy about how many Iraqi casualties it was willing to inflict and whether it had adequately considered the moral implications of the environmental damage the war might cause.

Since then, the news media and the Pentagon have made concerted efforts to give reporters a greater understanding of the military. Hence, the "embedding" of reporters and photographers with specific units.

After the checkpoint shooting, the Central Command briefing showed that some things just

don't change.

A reporter, not identified in the CNN transcript, opined that "since this (having checkpoints as key areas) - could be described as a policing operation, perhaps not, have you given any thought to consideration to the use of non-lethal force, since there are a variety of other means available - stun guns, tear gas, etc.?"

Had I - or most Americans - been taking questions rather than the politic Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, the reply would have gone something like this: "Are you crazy, or just stupid? Think about what you are suggesting. This is war. Do you understand how many of our troops could get killed in the process of trying to decide whether to use their rifle, a stun gun, which has limited range, or tear gas, which in open air is limited in effectiveness?"

Not be outdone, Nicole Winfield of The Associated Press chimed in, according to the CNN transcript:

"Don't you guys have to maybe recalibrate the way you deal with it, not just increasing your vigi-

lance, but, OK, assuming we're going to get a human shield coming at us, maybe we have to not pull the trigger as fast as we might have if it is just a suicide bomber. You say you try to avoid targeting human shields when you know that they are surrounding a weapons factory, why can't you try to recalibrate your increased vigilance if you know that human shields are going to be used as checkpoints?"

Brooks was too nice. The reporter should have been told: "Would you feel that way if your father, brother, husband or sister were one of the troops at those checkpoints?"

Let's be realistic. By any standard in the history of war, the U.S.-British coalition is going more than the extra mile to limit civilian casualties.

Of course, you might think differently if you don't think the lives of U.S. soldiers are more important than those of Iraqi civilians.

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## LETTER

### War on Iraq is pure aggression by U.S. leaders

To those of you who took my letter regarding French-bashing seriously, as did Lindsay McIntosh of Boise, I suggest you buy a dictionary and look up the word "irony."

To those of you who want people against the war to shut up and back the president: We will not shut up. We back the troops. We want them safely home, and we wish them rapid success but do not back the policy that put them there to die and kill for specious reasons. We think the war is aggression and an act that has discredited our country.

Consider Vietnam: Was it worth 58,000 U.S. servicemen's lives? Not many will say yes. We think it has been worth it if we had "won" instead of "lost" that war? Is "winning" that important? Does anyone even remember why we were in Vietnam? How many American lives are you willing to lose in Iraq? 100? 1,000? 10,000? When will it no longer be "worth it"? Do you know why we are in Iraq?

Before you attack my loyalty,

know this: My son serves in Kuwait and possibly in Iraq by now. I am proud of him because he is following orders and doing his job well and honorably. I served 20 years in the military and flew combat missions in 'Nam. So please refrain from the usual names. I am as good an American as you.

Some are shocked that many Iraqis are fighting. We are invading their country. I do not like the leadership in this country, but I sure as hell would fight if foreigners invaded to "liberate" us from it, and I understand Iraqi anger at our incursions.

Finally, take a good long look at Jim Lehrer's "News Hour." To close the program, they show pictures of the Americans who have died so far, one at a time, without martial music and without comment - just silent pictures of vibrant Americans now gone. Then tell me you still think this war is "worth it."

People of good will still have the right to disagree, and I emphatically disagree with this immoral war.

RON WEINERT  
Buhl

## France deserves our gratitude

This anti-French business has taken some interesting turns.

Many restaurants are renaming French fries "freedom" fries. Some people are refusing to buy French wine or French cheese.

There's even a dice jockey here in Washington who stood on a street corner selling "Freedom kisses" rather than - well, you know.

I, for one, think the French deserve our gratitude. It took their unique blend of hubris, cynicism and America-envy to expose the myth that the United Nations is the place to solve serious disputes among sovereign states.

The United Nations is in dire need of repair.

No destruction - the concept of a forum where nations can address common problems, such as hunger and human rights, can prove useful - but massive, wall-to-wall fixes.

Among those repairs should be a retreat by the United Nations from extensive involvement in matters of war and peace.

In this arena, the United Nations usually only makes things worse. Even if it didn't, we shouldn't require U.N. approval to defend our citizens and interests. Otherwise, we're essentially letting the parochial concerns of other nations dictate U.S. policy.

After all, support for coalition efforts to remove Saddam

### EDWIN FEULNER

Hussein should be a no-brainer. In addition to laughing off 17 resolutions ordering him to disarm, Saddam has gassed his own people, bombed his own retreating troops at the end of the first Gulf War and attacked three of his neighbors.

Now he has weapons that threaten the lives of literally hundreds of millions of people.

He works with terrorist groups who can supply impressionable youths to serve as suicidal "delivery vehicles."

And the French and Russians wanted us to get approval for an 18th resolution before we went to war, even though Saddam had thumbed his nose at the first 17.

Call me cynical, but something tells me to pull back this curtain and see what's behind.

And, *voila*, as the French would say. The arguments made by Paris, Moscow and Berlin may sound positively continental - peace hats and all. But it turns out their motives are more - how to put this delicately? - situational. All three have extensive commercial interests in Iraq, including expensive oil contracts and, as we discovered in the opening days of the war, sales of some forbidden weaponry.

And it's just barely possible these contracts - these deals with a devil - might not be hon-

ored under a new government. The United States has promised only that the oil and other resources of Iraq will be used to benefit the Iraqi people. France, Germany and Russia will have to wait to see exactly what that means.

The proposition that war is "illegal" unless it carries the Security Council's seal of approval is as laughable as the spectacle of our diplomats trying to coax Cameroon and Mauritania into voting for that elusive 18th resolution. Of the 200 or so wars fought since 1945, the Security Council has "approved" two - the Korean War and the first Gulf War.

Founding ideals aside, the United Nations is a debating society backed by one of the world's truly impenetrable bureaucracies.

Occasionally, when in its peacekeeping forces and its charitable organizations do some good, the organization rises to the soaring ideals on which it was founded.

But when it allows self-interested states to make political points at the expense of others while the world moves closer to destruction, it earns out what's respect, but our regret at what's become of those soaring ideals.

So merci, France. Quite a legacy.

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## LETTER

### April Fools' Day classifieds were filled with laughs

To The Times-News colleagues, whoever you are, regarding the classified ads on April Fools' Day:

Thanks for the great diversions we needed it. I especially enjoyed the car ads. My husband is always grazing the old cars for the find of a lifetime. The turns-left-only car really caught my eye. But they were all fun and we had a good time.

ANNETTE ELCOCK  
Jerome

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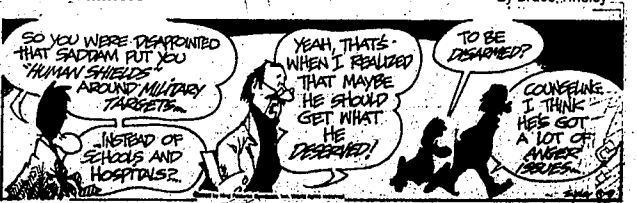
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OPINION

# Troop strength debate has long history

DAVID S. HOLLAND

One of the biggest skirmishes of the current war has been between Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and critics who say he failed to fully commit enough ground forces to the war against Saddam Hussein. Technology has changed wars are planned and fought, but history suggests that there is no magic formula to determine how many troops the United States needs to prevail in battle.

The bulk of the coalition ground forces on hand for the start of the war on Iraq consisted of four divisions: the Army's 3rd Infantry and 101st Airborne Divisions, the 1st Marine Division, and the British 1st Armored Division. The mission of this force was to seize southern Iraq up to Baghdad itself. In the Persian Gulf War in 1991, the mission was much smaller — to retake Kuwait and the southeastern corner of Iraq. Yet the number of U.S. divisions devoted to this much more limited task was nine. With British, French and Arab forces added, the number of divisions or division equivalents exceeded 13, more than three times as many as began the current Iraq war. As a result, the ground combat force in the earlier war was able to

form a fairly solid front several hundred miles long across the northern Saudi Arabian border, and then pinwheel to the north and east through southeastern Iraq and Kuwait.

Given the amount of territory they have had to cover in the current war, U.S. and British ground forces have only been able to establish a very porous, limited line in their advance to the north. That contributed to supply problems early last week but did not halt the advance to Baghdad by week's end. In Vietnam, the United States covered an even more difficult terrain with forces that were numerically inadequate. South Vietnam is approximately 700 miles long and 100 miles wide. Moreover, it has a long open border on the west with Cambodia and Laos. Yet the United States battled the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese army with, at the high point, just seven full divisions and perhaps an additional two division equivalents. Forming a line and sweeping across or up South Vietnam was out of the question. Almost by default, the strategy became one

of wandering the mountains, swamps and jungles hoping to trap the enemy. More often than not, the enemy found an unguarded avenue of escape. During World War II, large-scale ground operations consisted of forming lines and sweeping forward. In some cases, concentrated forces were needed in small areas. In the major battle with Japan in 1944 over Saipan, a 5-mile-wide and 12-mile-long island in the western Pacific, the United States used three divisions — two Marine and one Army. That worked out to one division for every 20 square miles, versus one division for every 8,000 square miles in Vietnam. That ratio might help explain why victory in Vietnam was elusive.

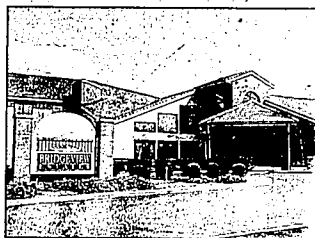
But the need for troops depends on the size, skill and spirit of U.S. foes. In the end, the answer to the question of how many ground forces are needed in a given war may be: however many it takes.

David Holland is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He began his military career with 2 1/2 years of service in Vietnam. His other periods of active duty include 10 months in the Persian Gulf during and after the Persian Gulf War.

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## LETTERS

### Consider Visser, Sinema for city street names

It has come to my attention that the city is renaming the avenues and streets after the early settlers of Twin Falls.

I would like to submit the names of Visser and Sinema. My grandfather, John Visser, was an early noted architect. He designed many buildings, including the Presbyterian Church, the historic Just A Mere Inn and the old Lund Auto building. He designed and built the old Times-News building. The last Visser home is the Swiss Chalet design on 11th Avenue.

My grandfather, Levi Sinema, and my father, Jake Sinema, arrived in Twin Falls in 1905. They lived in a tent while building a grocery store on Main Street and a home on Second Avenue East. My aunt, Grace Sinema, was one of nine in the first graduating class of Twin Falls High School. My father graduated a few years after and was a member of the famous 1910 or 1911 football team. He was director of the Twin Falls Highway District for 40 years. My sister, Verna Sinema, was society editor of *The Times-News* for several years.

GERALD A. SINEMA  
Phoenix, Ariz.

### Jerome principal handles punishments justly

As an eighth grade student at the Jerome Middle School, I have had almost two years of experience with Dr. Zumwalt's so-called "harsh" enforcement of school rules. I, myself, have not been in Dr. Zumwalt's or Dr. Thompson's offices too much, but the times I have, both of them took care of the situation and dealt out the proper punishments. Dr. Zumwalt is only doing his job. This whole ordeal has been blown way out of proportion and, personally, I think the parents need to stop it. I have two words to the parents

who do not want their child to be disciplined after he or she used poor judgment: home school!  
RACHEL WOODDELL  
Jerome

### Committee gave a jail proposal that saves money

As a member of the Twin Falls County Jail Committee, I feel compelled to respond to your blanket condemnations of a new jail.

First, we determined that there is no question that the jail cannot house the current number of prisoners. Now, your editorial board has proposed that mistreating livestock should become a felony. How do you propose to continue turning misdemeanors into felonies without building new jails?

More importantly, however, the editorial board needs to remember that the committee recommended a new jail be built using the \$400,000 that is now spent each year to house prisoners in other countries. These funds come out of current tax receipts, and if the county were to use them to build a new jail, there would be no need for a bond election and additional tax to pay for the jail. A bond election and the resulting increase in property taxes would land squarely on the backs of young couples buying their first homes and family farmers who own their ground but have poor cash flow.

The committee has given the county a workable alternative to a tax increase. The overcrowding in the jail is not likely to go away, especially with the methamphetamine epidemic we have in this county. If a bond election is eventually successful and the taxpayers get saddled with yet another property tax increase, remember that the committee offered an alternative which was dismissed out of hand by your editorial board.

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# Caro wins second Pulitzer, this for biography of Lyndon Johnson

NEW YORK (AP) — The 2003 Pulitzer Prize for biography was awarded Monday to Robert A. Caro for "Master of the Senate," the third volume of his biography of Lyndon Johnson.

It was the second Pulitzer captured by Caro, who won in 1975 for his acclaimed biography "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York."

"Master of the Senate" won the National Book Award in November. The third of four planned volumes, it deals with Johnson's rise from his election to national office in the late 1940s to his ascension as Senate majority leader in 1954. "You know, there's been a lot of struggle in

**The winners**

The 2003 Pulitzer Prize winners, announced Monday:

**JOURNALISM:**

- Public service: The Boston Globe
- Breaking news reporting: Staff, The Eagle-Tribune of Lawrence, Mass.
- Investigative reporting: Clifford J. Levy of The New York Times
- Explanatory reporting: Staff, The Wall Street Journal
- Beat reporting: Diana K. Sugg of The Baltimore Sun
- National reporting: Alan Miller and Kevin Sack of the Los Angeles Times
- International reporting: Kevin Sullivan

and May Jordan of The Washington Post.

- Feature writing: Sonia Nazario of the Los Angeles Times
- Commentary: Robert I. King of The Washington Post
- Criticism: Stephen Hunter of The Washington Post
- Editorial writing: Cornelia Grunnen of the Chicago Tribune
- Editorial cartooning: David Horsey of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer
- Breaking news photography: Staff, Rocky Mountain News of Denver
- Feature photography: Don Bartlett of the Los Angeles Times

**ARTS:**

- Fiction: Jeffrey Eugenides for "Middlesex"
- Drama: Nilo Cruz for "Anna in the Tropics"
- History: Rick Atkinson for "An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943"
- Biography: Robert A. Caro for "Master of the Senate"
- Poetry: Paul Muldoon for "Moy Sand and Gravel"
- General Nonfiction: Samantha Power for "A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide"
- Music: John Adams for "On the Transmigration of Souls"

The Pulitzer for drama went to "Anna in the Tropics" by Nilo Cruz, a "teacher" at Yale University. "Anna in the Tropics" is a play set in Florida in 1930. The romantic drama deals with a family of cigar makers whose loves and lives are played out against the backdrop of America in the midst of the Depression.

The prize for fiction went to "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides, a Detroit native now living in Berlin with his wife and daughter. His first novel, "The Virgin Suicides," was an international best seller.

Atkinson, who won a Pulitzer for journalism — for national reporting — in 1982 when he was with the Kansas City Times.

Atkinson, recently the assistant managing editor for investigations at The Washington Post, wrote most of that paper's lead stories during the first Gulf War.

The general nonfiction prize was captured by "A Problem From Hell: America and the Age of Genocide," by Samantha Power, a former war correspondent. The Wintrop, Mass., resident is executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

doing these books, a lot of attacks on me from the Johnson loyal-

ists," Caro said. "But I think I always held onto what I learned

in school, that if a book was done truly enough, it would endure."

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Washington woman dies in accident

ROGERSON - A 50-year-old Washington woman died at the scene of a rollover accident late Sunday on U.S. Highway 93 near 20-10 p.m., said sheriff's office spokesman Nancy Howell.

Two Magic Valley residents escaped injury in another wreck that was caused by the first, according to reports.

Julie Larson of Selah, Wash., was ejected from the cab of a 2000 Ford F350 pickup during the wreck, which happened at about 2:10 p.m., said sheriff's office spokesman Nancy Howell.

The truck was towing an empty horse trailer and was being driven southbound by Karl Toye, 50, of Lima, Wash. Howell said Toye apparently lost control when the rig hit a patch of black ice, and the vehicle spun and then flipped. Toye was taken by air ambulance to the Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls - where she was listed in fair condition late Monday.

Toye's children, Kara, 14, and Kenny, 17, were treated and released from the hospital, Howell said.

Denny Sharp, 43, of Twin Falls lost control of a 1992 Jeep Cherokee when he tried to avoid the wreck of Toye's truck, and the Jeep rolled, Howell said. But he and his passenger, Tammy Mendoza, 48, of Jerome, were not seriously hurt, Howell said.

### Judge denies motion by doctor's attorneys

TWIN FALLS - A driving under the influence conviction against a man who police say fired a pistol during a confrontation last summer won't be allowed as evidence in the trial of a Twin Falls surgeon, a 5th District Court judge ruled Monday.

A past DUI conviction against Robert Shawn Simons, 29, of Twin Falls is not relevant to the case against Dr. James Retmier, 52, Judge Nathan Higer said. Retmier's attorneys had filed a motion requesting permission to bring up Simons' conviction record during the trial.

Jury selection for Retmier's trial on an aggravated charge begins early today in Boise. Attorneys on both sides have said they hope to also get the trial started today. Higer earlier decided the trial should be moved to Boise because of the amount of publicity the case had gotten here.

The charge stems from allegations that Retmier fired a pistol near Simons' ear during a confrontation outside a Twin Falls bar on Aug. 20, 2002. Retmier - who held a valid concealed weapons permit - told police he fired a warning shot at two men he thought were trying to rob him, according to police reports.

### Judge won't dismiss charge against bail bondsman

TWIN FALLS - The trial for a Twin Falls bail bondsman facing a grand theft charge is still on, a judge ruled Monday.

District Judge Nathan Higer denied a motion to dismiss the charge filed by an attorney representing Charles Arlath Legg, 43, according to court records.

Legg's trial is set to begin on May 28 before Higer.

Officers with search warrants on Jan. 30 searched several sites owned or rented by Legg, including a home and business.

He was arrested on the grand theft charge that same day, but bailed himself out of the Twin Falls County Jail a short while later.

Compiled from staff reports

## Snowpack levels

| Watershed         | % of Avg. | % season |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Upper Snake River | 94%       | 91%      |
| Salmon Falls      | 67%       | 64%      |
| Salmon            | 103%      | 99%      |
| Chukwy            | 58%       | 56%      |
| Big Wood          | 95%       | 97%      |
| Little Wood       | 97%       | 93%      |
| Henry Fork/Teton  | 83%       | 81%      |
| Big Lost          | 72%       | 89%      |
| Little Lost       | 78%       | 78%      |

As of April 7  
Completion of basin snowpack on 10/1/03  
Snowpack is below average.

# Dealership withdraws from petition

## Latham Motor's decision keeps Old Towne BID going

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The withdrawal of one signature brought it back from the brink.

A public hearing before the City Council late Monday was expected to be a final formality marking the end of Twin Falls' historic Old Towne warehouse business improvement district.

But because the Latham Motors auto dealership recently decided to withdraw its name from a petition supporting the district, the district will stay in place.

Mayor Lance Clow said representatives of the Latham com-

pany had told city officials they decided to withdraw "because they wanted to remain neutral on the subject."

Even so, that was as good as supporting the district, because one signature was enough to tip things back in its favor, said Old Towne merchant Dave Woodhead - a key supporter of the disestablishment.

"Without Latham's signature, there simply won't be enough support," he said.

Even so, there's still dissatisfaction over how much business owners get in return for the fees they pay into the district, Woodhead said. The BID seems to have done little to stop the early demise of many businesses there, he said.

In place for about five years, the triangle-shaped business improvement district is bordered by Shoshone Street, Second Avenue South and Minidoka Avenue. The points of

the triangle are Depot Grill, Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery and Red's Trading Post. It was modeled roughly after the much older Downtown BID.

Now that the Old Towne district will stay, it might help both districts to combine some of their efforts, said Ryan Horsely. He said his family business, Red's Trading Post, is the only one that pays fees to both improvement districts.

Ron Stant was one of the investors in Muggers brewpub, an Old Towne centerpiece which recently closed. He told the council he still has faith in the Old Towne district and the viability of the property his business once occupied.

"Somebody's going to pick it up and do something with it," he said. "I still believe in it. I still support what you're doing down there."

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## T.F. buys land that might be used for aquifer recharge

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's nice to know it will be there if it's needed, members of the City Council said.

The council on Monday decided to spend about \$400,000 on 93 acres of property which might someday be used to recharge the aquifer from which the city draws its drinking water.

The parcel is west of Washington Street South and right next to the Low Line Canal. It was bought from Harvey Quessnell Ranches Inc., which for at least another year will lease the property back from the city and continue to farm it.

There has been concern that

changes in irrigation on much of the area's farm and ranch land and other factors is causing water levels in the aquifer to drop. The city could build holding lagoons on the Quessnell property, keep them filled with water from the canal and let the water seep back down into the aquifer, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

"That's a 'just in case' option for now, Mayor Lance Clow said.

"At this point, it's just land we're going to inventory away, for possible recharge use later," he said.

Another possible use for the land would be another public park.

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# Carey starts work on new school



Carey School Principal John Peck addresses school children as they watch groundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$4.75 million high school. The new school should be ready for occupancy by the fall of 2004.

## Crowd gathers for groundbreaking ceremony

By Barb Nelwert  
Times-News correspondent

CAREY - A fresh layer of snow did nothing to deter the dignitaries from their appointed task.

They assembled Monday for a groundbreaking ceremony for a new high school building for the Carey School.

Twelve officials, including Carey student body President Destry Simpson, wielded gold shovels and sported patriotic hard hats as ceremoniously turned over the first spadeful of soil at the location of the new high school. The event marked the beginning of an 18-month construction project to build a \$4.75 million high school approved by Blaine County voters as part of a plant facilities levy in 2000.

All studies were stopped as students poured out of the school building to watch as Principal John Peck praised the work of the community and school district for making a new facility possible.

"It's not very often that people get to build a new building," Peck said. "I feel blessed to be a part of it."

Blaine County School Superintendent Jim Lewis said a community gets a chance such as this only once every 30 years. He thanked the school board for supplying the opportunity to dream and the county residents for giving financial support for the new school.

The free-standing high school addition will be connected to the existing Carey School by a walk-

way and will be located to the south of the existing gymnasium.

Lewis said the school district "under-promised and over-delivered" on the school by originally planning for a 37,000-square-foot facility but instead being able to deliver a 43,000-square-foot high school. This is 25 percent larger and within budget. In addition, the facility will be completed a full year ahead of the original target date and will be ready for occupancy the fall of 2004.

Carey School educates 254 students. The new high school wing will include eight classrooms, a biology room, a chemistry room and laboratory, a media center, a new music room, a new art room, a new stage, an office area, teacher lounge and kitchen.

Lewis said the school board

wanted to make certain Carey School facilities are on par with other Blaine County schools. Rooms for the chemistry labs, media and arts centers and academy facilities will go toward that goal. In addition, future growth in the Carey area will be accommodated by the added space.

Carey City Council member Bob Simpson said he anticipates growth in Carey, partly due to the quality of education in Blaine County. While many people can buy homes and property cheaper in Richfield and Shoshone, many go to Carey based upon the superior reputation of the schools here, he said.

Times-News correspondent Barb Nelwert can be reached at wrtconnection@sunvalley.net.

## Idaho Power settles river Clean Water Act lawsuit

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Power Co. will contribute \$85,000 to Snake River wetlands project in a settlement agreement reached in a Clean Water Act lawsuit, the company announced Monday.

The environmental group Idaho Rivers United sued Idaho Power in federal court after the Army Corps of Engineers did not penalize the company for violating the federal water quality protection act.

A 15-acre wetlands project led by The Nature Conservancy of Idaho will catch runoff before it enters the river near Box Canyon. A drainage ditch owned by the Northside Canal Co. runs through the property owned by The Nature Conservancy. The property eventually is to be transferred to the state for a public park.

Jerome's sewer treatment plant and outflow from the Blind Canyon Aquifer farm drain into the ditch, in addition to irrigation runoff. Northside Canal Co., the fish farm and the city will be involved in the wetlands project along with The Nature Conservancy and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sediment ponds are a proven way to remove pollutants from water before it re-enters the river, said Lou Lunte, conservation programs director for The Nature Conservancy of Idaho. The project had been under consideration for some time, but no financing had been available until now, he said.

Bill Sedivy, executive director of Idaho Rivers United, said the settlement produces solutions that enhance water quality and support the integrity of the regulatory process.

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## Forest Service proposes to cut SNRA grazing numbers

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

STANLEY - Sawtooth National Recreation Area officials proposed substantial reductions Monday on two grazing allotments on the east side of the White Cloud Mountains.

The U.S. Forest Service released a draft environmental impact statement that concludes stream areas are suffering from grazing.

The U.S. Forest Service proposes to reduce grazing on the Salmon River by 182 cow-calf pairs from existing levels on the Upper East Fork allotment and by 324 cow-calf pairs on the Lower East Fork allotment.

Rancher Sidney Dowton of Ells and members of the Baker ranching family of Clayton would be affected by the reductions if they go into effect. Public comment will be accepted on the proposal until May 30. Ranchers contacted Monday had

no immediate response to the Forest Service's proposal, and others could not be reached.

The Forest Service considered three options: continue with current grazing levels, make reductions, or eliminate grazing altogether. The agency's preferred choice is to reduce grazing to protect riparian areas and threatened and endangered species.

"This area is very special to a lot of people. We cannot continue with the current management. Changes must take place if the Forest Service is to meet their responsibilities under the law as well as providing the opportunity for the permittees to maintain a viable grazing operation," SNRA Ranger Debora Cooper said in a Forest Service news release.

The inability to achieve desired conditions under current management by both the Forest Service and permittees is not

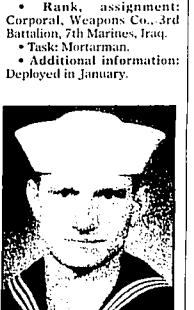
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## America at war

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.



Arlen Gentert  
• Age: 20.  
• Hometown: Wendell.  
• Local family: Parents, Roger and Sharon Gentert.  
• Service, date of enlistment: Marines, September 2001.  
• Rank, assignment: Corporal, Weapons Co., 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, Iraq.  
• Task: Mortarman.  
• Additional information: Deployed in January.



Travis Hyde  
• Age: 22.  
• Hometown: Twin Falls.  
• Local family: Parents, Wayne and Christie Hyde.  
• Service, date of enlistment: Navy, January 2002.  
• Rank, assignment: Airman, plane handler on the USS Kitty Hawk, Persian Gulf.  
• Task: Takes the planes that need repairs to the hangar bay.  
• Additional information: He was sent to the Middle East in mid-February.

Compiled by Annie Thompson  
For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Shiraz Baris at 735-2529 or e-mail shirazbaris@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.



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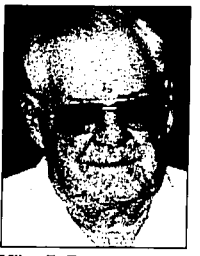
Teresa Carson

Teresa Carson, 96, of Burley, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2003, at Park View Care & Rehabilitation Center. She was born on November 14, 1906, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Bunn Smith. She grew up in Oakley, where she graduated from high school with high honors. When she was young, she would go with her older sister up Trapdoor Creek, where they had a cabin and would stay in the summer time. At age 19, she went to LaJolla, California, where she was a nanny for a few years. She returned to Oakley, where she married Leo Carson, on May 31, 1928. They farmed in View a few years and then bought a farm in Pella, where they raised their family. She worked with her husband on the farm. They were married 52 years before Leo passed away in 1980. When her family was young, she loved going to the mountains and fishing with her family. She was a very caring and giving person with a warm heart who was always doing something for her family and friends. She loved playing cards with her family. She was talented in music and played the piano for church and many dances. She will always be remembered for her wonderful fried chicken and homemade pancakes and syrup. She is survived by her children, Dorina Woodard, Larry (Dolores) Carson, Nelda (Harry) Knopp, and Thelma (Don) Knopp, all of Burley; Nancy Melissa of Fernington, Utah, and Ferris (Tooh) Carson of San Diego, California, one sister, Fanny Tanner of Declo, 31 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Leo,

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she was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Boyd Warwick; two great-grandchildren, Nicole Vales and Jarod Barnes; two brothers and eight sisters. The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the Burley 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 East 16th Street, Burley. Officiating will be Ormrod F. Burch. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Wednesday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Thursday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

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Miles E. Tracy

Miles Edwin Tracy, 76 year old Burley resident, died Monday, April 7, 2003, at his home in Burley. He was born April 22, 1926, in Yost, Utah, the son of Leo Edwin and Sarah Virginia Wright Tracy. He grew up and attended school in Yost. Miles served as a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Itasca during World War II. He was honorably discharged in July of 1946. He married Joy Roberts on August 19, 1947, in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Miles was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served as a home teacher, scout master, counselor in the Sunday School, Sunday School Superintendent, and as a counselor in the Elders Quorum. He worked for Pickett Ranch in Oakley and at the Burley Irrigation District as the Maintenance Foreman. Miles was the Quartermaster for the VFW and he enjoyed gardening, hunting, and especially caring for his family. Survivors include his wife, Joy of Burley; two sons, Brent (Jackie) Tracy of Burley and Robert (Wendy) Tracy of Rupert; his mother, Virginia Davenport of Raymond, Washington; four sisters, Leola Hurd of Snowville, Utah, Marion (Fred) Sanford of Aberdeen, Washington, Dorothy Stevens of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sherry (Bob) Aust of Raymond, Washington; thirteen grandchildren, and eighteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Tracy, and two brothers, Vagl Tracy and Clayton Tracy. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd & 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Avenue, with Bishop Steve Smith officiating. Musical rites will take place at the church under the direction of local veterans

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will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Grouse Creek Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and at the church from 9-9:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday.

COEUR D'ALENE



Terrance A. Gulley

Terrance A. Gulley went to be with the Lord, Friday, April 4, 2003, in Coeur d'Alene, ID. He was born on May 23, 1915, in Greenleaf, ID, to Everett and Lura Gulley. Terrance spent his childhood in Idaho and the SE area of Oregon, and attended Pacific College (now George Fox University) in Newberg, OR. T.A. married Wanda Jordan, Jan. 21, 1938 in Boise, ID. He worked for the Ontario Grocery Company for 6 years. Then went to work for the Bureau of Reclamation for 32 years. He worked on the Owyhee Project, Boise Project, and Black Canyon. He was also Engineering Aid in the Boise Project office. In 1955 he moved his family from Boise to Rupert where he was Watermaster of the Minidoka Project and the last 10 years of his career He was Chief of River Operations out of the Burley office. He received many awards for his long and meritorious service and was inducted into the Idaho Water Users Association Hall of Fame in 1977. Terrance and Wanda retired and moved back to the Boise valley in 1976. They had been active members of the Nazarene Church and the Friends Church. Terrance served many years as church pianist. His hobbies included fishing, playing music, hunting, and raising horses. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He was a quiet, gentle man with a great dry sense of humor. He and Wanda have lived in Coeur d'Alene since January 2001, during his extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Wanda, at home, his daughter and son-in-law, Buz and Linda Bloodgood, Coeur d'Alene, ID, his son, Torry Gulley, Caldwell, ID, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. His parents and brother, John, preceded him in death. Memorial Service will be Saturday, April 12, 2003, at Greenleaf Friends Church at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835.

DEATH

NOTICES

Tom S. Hirai

TWIN FALLS - Tom S. Hirai, 91, of Twin Falls died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at Santa Monica Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Don E. Drew

HEYBURN - Don Edward Drew, 70, of the Emato District in Heyburn, died Monday, April 7, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Don Wright and Pastor David Long officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, with military rites by local veterans.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at church. A complete obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Roberta J. (Bobby June) Claiborne-Brehm-Olson

JEROME - Roberta J. (Bobby June) Claiborne-Brehm-Olson, 69, of Graceland, Ill. and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday April 6, 2003, at her home.

The service will be held at noon Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Friends may call two hours before the service at the funeral home. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

J. Cruz Ruiz Murillo

HAILEY - J. Cruz Ruiz Murillo, 34, of Bellevue died Saturday, April 5, 2003, in an automobile accident south of Hailey. Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Julie Ann (Larson) Larson

SELAH, Wash. - Julie Ann (Larson) Larson, 50, of Selah, Wash., died Sunday, April 6, 2003, due to injuries received as a result of an automobile accident in Twin Falls County. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Elsie Amen Martsch

PAUL - Elsie Amen Martsch, 78, of Paul died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at her daughter's home. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Agreement preserves Coeur d'Alene wetlands. See story on page D4.

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SERVICES

Pauline Busmann of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Shirley Faith VinSant of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Demary Family Gooding Chapel; family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of the service Wednesday at the chapel.

Jason S. Russell of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert 3rd and 10th Ward LDS

Chapel, 526 South F St.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Clarence A. Parr of Heyburn, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Henry James "Jim" Martinez Jr. of Buhl, memorial service at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl.

Justin Sage Drake of Boise and formerly of St. Marcos, Calif., memorial celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Snake River Elks Lodge on Highway 93 in Jerome.

Blanche Margaret Detweiler of Twin Falls; celebration of life at 11 a.m. April 15 at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Marie Bickenstaf Scheel of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the United Presbyterian Church in Wendell.

Driver in pedestrian accident charged with inattentive driving

REXBURG (AP) - A driver has been charged with inattentive driving for an accident that killed one girl and hospitalized another. Bryan Rhodes, 27, is scheduled to appear in court Wednesday. He is accused of hitting 11-year-old Stephany Stimpson and 8-year-old Sarah Stimpson with a 1998 Ford Windstar minivan as they crossed the street on March 14. Stephany Stimpson died of her injuries. City prosecutor Stephen Zollinger said the misdemeanor charge is suitable after review-

ing accident reports, a reconstruction of the accident and witness statements. "Inattentive driving is the appropriate charge based on the facts," he said. Zollinger would not say why the charge was suitable. There was no indication that visibility had anything to do with the accident, he said, and Rhodes was not speeding. REXBURG officials have refused to release the accident reports. Under Idaho law, inattentive driving is punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$300 fine.

Court records Find Cassia County courts on page D4. The Times-News

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# Jury OKs back pay for former Burley city employee

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cory Smith, a former employee in the city of Burley's electric department, was awarded \$12,314 in lost wages by a jury at the end of a five-day trial Friday.

The jury deliberated for just longer than three hours Tuesday evening before deciding Smith should be paid for lost wages after he was fired in January 2001. Jurors also ruled that the city violated the Idaho Protection of Public Employees Act — commonly referred to as the whistle-blower act — in firing Smith. And the jury said the city violated the public policy exception to an at-will employee when Smith was fired.

Jurors declined to award

Smith any damages for lost benefits. And they said his firing was not a violation of the city's personnel manual and policies.

Smith filed a lawsuit against the city in March 2001. He claimed he was fired from his job as a lineman in the city's electric department because he objected to work assignments he and other city employees were given because they weren't properly licensed to do that work.

In an amended court complaint filed Sept. 30, 2002, Smith said the Idaho Electrical Bureau ordered the city to cease the work he complained about.

Smith also claimed his complaints to the state's insurance department were a breach of his employment contract and violated the state's whistle-blower law, which makes unlawful for any employer to take adverse action against an employee who in good faith is communicating the waste of public funds, property or manpower.

He first voiced concerns to City Administrator Mark Milton and Derlin Taylor, the city's insurance agent, about decreased insurance coverage, increased deductibles and a limited number of providers and delays in reimbursements or payments. When his complaints to Milton and Taylor resulted in little or no change, Smith wrote to state insurance department officials.

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The city argued Smith was an at-will employee and was fired without cause, as is allowed. City Attorney Randy Stone said Smith didn't have a vested interest in his employment and was therefore subject to the personnel rules and regulations of the city. Those regulations allow for discharge without cause and without notice, Stone said.

City officials also said Smith failed to exhaust his administrative remedies regarding his firing before he filed the lawsuit.

Smith worked as a lineman from August 1998 until Jan. 29, 2001. He now lives in Boise.

# Twin Falls Centennial Web site begins operating

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's new Web site is now operational, said Bonnie Lezamiz, the commission's executive director.

"We have been looking forward to having information about the Twin Falls centennial on the Internet," Lezamiz said. "I think this will be an important way for people to make a connection with our 2004 centennial year, whether they're Twin Falls residents or from anywhere else in the world."

The site can be found at [www.twinfallscentennial.com](http://www.twinfallscentennial.com). Site designer Cliff Jaro of CJG

Design has installed several pictures which constantly revolve on the home page — from historic Bisbee photos to modern-day BASE jumpers from the Perrine Bridge.

Visitors can see which 2004 events will be enhanced by the centennial, buy centennial merchandise, learn how to get involved in planning for various events or how to help sponsor the centennial.

Lezamiz said she and others on the Centennial Commission will continually update the information on the Web site to make sure it contains the latest information on events, promotions and ways for people to get involved.

# Cassia County commissioners amend zoning ordinance

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Amendments to Cassia County zoning ordinance which were approved by county commissioners Monday might be the first of many to come before the commission.

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said more amendments could be presented to commissioners once the county's comprehensive plan is revised this summer and fall.

County commissioners approved this week deals with definitions of confined animal feeding operations and notice requirements for public hearings for CAFOs.

Four people spoke at Monday's public hearing. None of the speakers opposed the proposed amendments, but several voiced stronger regulations.

Colleen Carson, who lives at 600 South 224 East near several dairies, wants the number of animal units allowed in the agricultural residential zone limited to 300, down from 800 now allowed.

Carson is concerned about the density of animals. The amended ordinance allows a maximum density of five animal units per acre.

Those living in the agricultural residential zone have accepted family-size dairies, Carson said, but it's the larger dairies that cause problems.

Industrial CAFOs should be held to industrial standards, Carson said. Officials don't allow the J.R. Simplot Co. or McCain Foods USA to pollute water or air, and large CAFOs shouldn't be allowed to either.

Another neighbor in the area, Reid Smith, voiced concern about policing regulations at CAFOs. When residents are trying to be good neighbors, "it shouldn't be our responsibility to turn our neighbors in," Smith said.

Smith asked whether notifying people who live within one mile of a proposed CAFO is enough, because a CAFO may affect more people depending on the way the wind blows.

Art Thornton spoke on behalf

of his mother, who lives near a dairy. She likes to work outside but sometimes can't because of the smell.

"Basically her house is worthless on the market," Thornton said.

Fern Bronson agreed. She asked commissioners who is going to buy her house when she dies, their tires and their smells, are all around.

Commissioners said they would send the suggestion of having only 300 animal units in the agricultural residential zone to the county planning and zoning commission for consideration.

Commissioners said a citizen committee is working with county employees to review the comprehensive plan, and public hearings will be held before any changes are made.

County Administrator Tim Hurst was about halfway finished reviewing the comprehensive plan when he quit working for the county, and McMurray hasn't yet tackled the document, he said.

One concern is that the comprehensive plan does not address CAFOs which "are a part of our county; a part of our county's future," McMurray said.

McMurray wants to have the review of the comprehensive plan finished by fall and begin work then on any additional zoning changes.

Other commission business included:

- **Junkyard ordinance** — Commissioners decided to review the county junkyard ordinance at their next meeting after hearing complaints about unsightly property.
- **Soil and water conservation districts** — The commission looked at funding requests from both West and East Cassia soil and water conservation districts. Each district asked for \$2,500. McMurray said money has been budgeted.

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# PLAYING WITH FOOD



DELO PITZER/The Times-News  
DeLo kindergarten student Sydney Searls paints a slice of bread during a lesson on nutrition Monday. Searls painted a rainbow on her slice, another topic the children have studied this year.

# Attorneys general ask judge to lower Philip Morris bond

The Associated Press

Attorneys general from Idaho and 36 other states and U.S. territories on Monday asked an Illinois judge to reduce the \$12 billion bond cigarette-maker Philip Morris USA must pay before reaching a settlement.

They said the bond requirement jeopardizes their payments under a national 1998 settlement with tobacco companies.

Those asking the court to be cognizant of the fiscal problems of sister states that may be affected "if Philip Morris must pay a large bond, said Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson, who is also president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

The world's biggest cigarette maker said a clarification lawsuit filed last month in Madison County, southern Illinois, in which Judge Nicholas Byron ordered the company pay \$10.5 billion to help pay for smokers into believing light cigarettes are less harmful than regular brands.

Philip Morris has said it will pay the bond but first requires it put up a bond. Byron gave the company until April 20 to post \$12 billion to cover the verdict and court costs.

Philip Morris has said the bond would drive it to bankruptcy, and certainly does not leave room to pay 46 states its share of the \$206 billion national tobacco settlement. Philip Morris owes a \$2.6

billion payment to the states by April 15.

"We are asking the court to exercise discretion and set a bond amount that accommodates Idaho's interests," Attorney General Lawrence Waddsen said.

Oklahoma's Edmondson hopes for a settlement that would be finalized Monday will persuade the judge to reduce the bond to protect the settlement money.

Illinois was among 13 states whose attorneys general did not sign the brief. The group also includes California, Texas, New York and Florida, among other states.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan probably will not take a position until Philip Morris' financial situation becomes more apparent, spokeswoman Melissa Morz said. Final documents of the company submitted during last month's trial are still under seal, and for all she knows, Philip Morris can meet all of its obligations, Morz said.

In last month's lawsuit, Byron ordered the company to pay its entire punitive damage award, \$3 billion, to the state of Illinois.

On Tuesday, a Cook County judge was scheduled to hear Philip Morris' motion to strike that order. Madigan's lawyers will argue in favor of it, Morz said.

Philip Morris officials have said Illinois gave up its right to further damage awards when it signed onto the 1998 tobacco agreement.

# Families of deployed soldiers get help for daily problems

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Her husband at war, the woman responsible for taking care of their children and paying the bills has hit an emotional wall.

She called the Family Support Center at Hill Air Force Base for help, telling Master Sgt. Kevin Padberg, "I haven't been an adult for so long, it's frustrating."

Padberg responded with four hours of daycare for the children and a pair of movie tickets for the mom and her cousin.

"She just cried in my office," he said.

As the war with Iraq intensifies, Padberg's anecdote underscores an emerging reality for those left at home. Men and women who played key roles at home are gone for months at a time, taxing families and putting spouses in exhaustive roles of being sole caregivers.

Tammy, Shawanna and Diane, three women whose husbands have been activated by the 49th Fighter Wing at Hill, know the feeling. Air Force officials asked them only the first names of their women, children and their husbands be used for security reasons.

Tammy's husband has been deployed once in each of the last 15 years. Shawanna says it has happened in seven of the last 10. The difference this time is the length of their husbands' absences, and the uncertainty of their return.

"With the active duty papers saying March 4, 2004. That was a shock," said Diane, 49, whose husband Jeff left for deployment Jan. 9.

The longest any of them has been without their spouses is four to five weeks. Now, it's going on three months.

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# BID

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Downtown districts will probably have to change their focus if they want to provide real help, said Larry Everton, owner of Everton Mattress Factory Inc.

The improvement districts have paid too much attention to things like landscaping and not enough to aggressive advertising and promotions to attract shoppers, he said.

"As it stands right now, you're not improving my business — I

am," he said. "The landscaping projects are very great aesthetically, but they haven't improved business one bit."

At the close of the hearing, Clow said it might be a good idea to combine more of the efforts of Downtown and Old Towne.

Councilman Trip Craig said there should be an effort made to get a wider cross-section of property owners in the district, on the Old Towne board.

# Water

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"It's nice to be able to cut through the legal posturing," he said.

Idaho Power's \$85,000 contribution brings closure to the issue and a mutually beneficial outcome for all parties involved, said John Prescott, Idaho Power vice president of power supply.

"It is our goal to operate our hydro facilities in strict compliance with regulatory permits and in an environmentally responsible manner," Prescott said in a company news release.

Idaho Power violated the terms of a 1997 U.S. Army Corps Engineers permit that allowed it to remove 5,000 cubic yards of rock and sediment from the tallraceway behind Bills Dam in the Snake River. The material, much of it deposited during high water years, needed to be removed because it was hampering the efficiency of the power plant, Idaho Power said.

The permit authorized Idaho

Power to use only 400 cubic yards of the dredged material riprap along the north bank of the river and 250 cubic yards for temporary work pads. The rest was to be removed from the site.

Instead, Idaho Power dredged about twice the amount of material allowed from below the dam and dumped nearly all of it along the river bank. The rest was used to build a boat ramp and an access road.

Idaho Power said its engineers underestimated the amount of material that would have to be removed and subsequently decided to place more rock on the river bank than their permit allowed.

The company asked the Corps of Engineers to modify the permit after the fact.

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# Council

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Money for the purchase will come from reserves in the water fund, which even after the purchase should stand at over \$4 million, according to city records.

In another water-related matter, the council approved a \$16,280 contract with JUB Engineers Inc. of Twin Falls for an evaluation of plans the city might use to meet federal requirements for minimum arsenic levels in public water. The new arsenic standards were

mandated by the federal government. The JUB study aims to find out exactly what it would take for Twin Falls to meet those standards and what it might cost.

Other council business included:

- **Equipment** — The council approved a lease of about \$53,000 to cover the cost of media equipment in the council chamber.
- **Water, sewer** — The council held a public hearing on an amendment to the city's zoning

code that would require centralized water and sewer for new subdivisions in Twin Falls or the city's area of impact. The matter will be considered again by the council on April 21.

- **Development** — Planned unit development agreements were approved with TKO Inc. and Albertsons.
- **Zoning change** — First reading was held on a request for a zoning change on property owned by R. Todd and Sherry Blass at 2007 Pole Line Road E.

The next reading of the request will be on April 21. A similar request for property at 395 Washington St., S., owned by Mel and Priscilla Moeller was withheld by the applicants.

- **Flat approval** — The council approved the final plat for Park View Estates Subdivision No. 2.
- **Police certification** — The council presented an intermediate certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy to Twin Falls police officer Chad Wington.

# Graze

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about finding and placing blame, Cooper said.

Most of the land involved with these two allotments is steep, rocky, covered with timber and exceedingly difficult to manage, she said.

The former sheep allotments were converted to cattle in the 1960s. But only 20 to 30 percent of the more than 13,000 acres on the two allotments produce abundant forage, is close to water and is not too steep for cattle.

"The decision that I am facing is not an easy one, nor is it simple," Cooper said. "We will con-

tinue to listen carefully to all interests. We do this because we not only have legislated mandates to properly manage these natural resources, but we care deeply about the effect our decisions have on the lifestyles and economic well-being of all who use and depend on our national forests."

In a legal victory last year by Jon Marvel's Western Ranchers' Project and the National Conservation League, U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill ordered the Forest Service to complete environmental reviews and grazing plans for all allot-

ments within the SNRA that were overdue. The Forest Service began reviewing the two allotments in Monday's proposal in 1997 but still had never issued a decision. The reviews must consider gray wolves, which were reintroduced in 1995.

Laird Lucas, the attorney who represented the environmental groups, said the SNRA holds tremendous value to the public.

The ranchers which run cattle on the two allotments up for review already have experienced some cuts in grazing numbers.

An average of 531 cow-calf pairs have been grazed on the

Upper East Fork allotment during summer months over the past three years, said Seth Philet with the SNRA in Stanley. An average of 914 cow-calf pairs have grazed on the Lower East Fork allotment over the past three years.

The Forest Service is proposing to reduce grazing on the Upper East Fork to 349 cow-calf pairs and on the Lower East Fork to 590 cow-calf pairs.

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LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Signed by governor

**HB110 (State Affairs)** - Creates oversight commission for Pend Oreille/Priest River Basin regarding water, natural resources and environment.

**H10174 (Resources and Conservation)** - Allows boats to exceed the no-wake limit if they are safely pulling a skier from a dock or dropping a skier off near a dock.

**SB119 (State Affairs)** - Expands alcohol and drug-free workplace law to public employers.

Sent to governor

**H238 (Ways and Means)** - Requires county commissions to adopt policies for siting confined animal feeding operations and to hold public hearings on an applications for such operations involving over 1,000 cows or the equivalent.

**H284 (Ways and Means)** - Limits the use of the water rights public interest doctrine to challenge land use proposals that will not directly affect water.

Killed by House

**H1399 (Ways and Means)** - Required taxpayers filing under the individual state income tax law to file quarterly estimated tax payments if they are required to make quarterly federal payments.

Introduced in Senate

**SB1179 (State Affairs)** - Imposes restrictions on the political activities of public school employees.

Feds press Freeman escape case

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) - Defense attorneys asked Monday for charges to be dropped against two men accused of using fake documents in an attempt to help a Montana Freeman leader escape from a South Carolina federal prison last month. "These documents don't pass a laughter test," said Billy Long, attorney for Donald Little. "Any federal employee who would take those seriously or recognize them, really need to be scrutinized themselves."

U.S. Magistrate Bruce Hendricks ruled during the preliminary hearing that there was enough probable cause against Little, 55, of Tacoma, Wash., and Ervin Elbert Hurlbert, 82, of Ravalli, Mont., for the case to be sent to a federal grand jury. The Greenville News reported. The men are charged with assisting in the attempted escape of Leroy Schweitzer from the Edgefield Federal Correctional Institution on March 24, according to warrants. Hurlbert also is charged with impersonating an officer. Both men are being held on \$25,000 bond.

The FBI says the men walked into the lobby of the prison and presented corrections officer with seven pages of fake documents that demanded the prison warden relinquish custody of Schweitzer to "Marshal Ervin Elbert of Hurlbert." "They did not hold themselves out as some type of United States official but as marshals from the country of Montana," said Horvey Young, an attorney for Hurlbert.

MINORITY CONFAB



Idaho House Democratic Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum, second from left, leads an impromptu meeting of House Democrats after Jaquet called for a break in the morning's session Monday inside the House chambers at the Statehouse in downtown Boise.

Oregon governor plans limited logging restrictions to help salmon

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Seventeen of the most fertile salmon streams in Oregon's Clatsop and Tillamook state forests could receive extra protection from logging under a plan proposed by forest managers and Gov. Ted Kulongoski. The plan offers a preview of the balance Kulongoski may strike between economics and the environment. The policy, which would cover 150,000 acres, could widen no-harvest zones on the streams, restrict road-building, and increase scrutiny of the impacts of future timber-cutting on wild chumook and steelhead. But its restrictions on logging fall short of more sweeping limits proposed in legislation by a large coalition of conservationists. The group is preparing a ballot initiative in case the legislation fails.

"This is an important step, but the governor needs to realize that a lot more work needs to be done," said Guido Fahr, president of The Wild Salmon Center and chairman of the Tillamook Rainforest Coalition. "What's missing is a clear policy that says salmon and clean water are the overriding priority in these watersheds." The Tillamook and Clatsop state forests contain hundreds of millions of board feet of Douglas fir that is reaching harvest size. Shifting the tracts sold for logging would mean the strategy would not decrease the overall planned harvest of 135 million to 223 million board feet a year. Oregon officials developed the plan from a proposal in 2000

by three conservation groups - Ecorust, Oregon Trout and The Wild Salmon Center. They cited research indicating that in poor, dry years, a majority of salmon die on a fraction of the available streams. Protecting those valuable streams, they reasoned, will give salmon a sanctuary in which to multiply. But Ecorust and The Wild Salmon Center have rejected the proposed strategy, saying it sacrifices conservation measures for logging. Conservation groups, fishing guides and coastal businesses in the Tillamook Rainforest Coalition are fighting to reserve half of the forest for the protection of fish, wildlife and water quality, with logging allowed only when needed to thin over-crowded timber.

Out of money, Fish and Wildlife seeks delays in critical habitat work

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says it cannot meet all of its court-ordered deadlines to develop protection plans for endangered species, plans that when completed could limit logging, farming and urban development. The agency does not have enough money to finish the plans, known as critical habitat designations, and will ask judges for more time on about two dozen cases. Fish and Wildlife spokesman Chris Tollefson said Monday. However, it will try to meet targets on high-profile species such as the bull trout, Rio Grande silvery minnow, California gnatcatcher and San Diego fairy shrimp, he said. If extensions are not granted, he said, the agency will run out of money for critical habitat and endangered species listings by

the end of June. "We are evaluating all our options at this point and completing as much work as we can, delaying things we don't feel are as essential," Tollefson said. "The real issue in our mind is that we need to come to some sort of understanding of what the best way of spending the limited amount of money we have is." Environmentalists countered that the agency is risking contempt of court citations simply because it has refused to ask Congress for enough money to do the job. "If they want extra time, they've got to stop giving away the whole ballgame in the interim," said Brent Plater, an attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, which is involved in many of the court cases. Protections on the land in question do not create a pre-

serve. Instead, it covers territory where the protected species lives, as well as places it does not currently live but would need if its numbers increase. Protection of such territory can have widespread economic implications. The bull trout's need for clean cold water could affect logging on national forests in the Northwest, for example, and the Rio Grande silvery minnow occupies waters used for irrigation by New Mexico farmers. The San Diego fairy shrimp and California gnatcatcher are in conflict with urban development. Fish and Wildlife would rather spend time and money dealing with the backlog of 260 plants and animals that are candidates for the endangered species list, instead of spending through the 54 critical habitat proposals that have been shelved, Tollefson said.

Court upholds ban on logging, building

Bush administration plans to change rules

BOISE (AP) - The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals won't reconsider its December decision upholding the Clinton administration's roadless rule that banned logging and road construction on a third of federal forests. The San Francisco-based court refused Idaho's petition to submit the ruling of a three-judge panel to the full court. The denial was issued last Friday without comment.

Bob Cooper, spokesman for Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, said he has not received the order. He said he would have to discuss the case with the state Land Board before a decision is made to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Since the decision, the Bush administration has begun drafting new regulations to replace the Clinton rule that was stopped by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge when the state of Idaho, the Kootenai Indian tribe, among others, sued. The administrative rule banned road building or other development in federal roadless parcels of 5,000 acres or more - 2 percent of the nation's land mass. The Idaho judge said it was hurried through the administrative process without informed debate.

When the Bush administration declined to appeal, environmental groups said and won last December's order lifting Lodge's injunction. "It doesn't change anything for sure," Idaho Conservation League Director Rick Johnson said. "But it does stall down the process. To make a new rule they're going to have to follow the process." The Bush administration has already called for speeding up environmental reviews for forest thinning to reduce the threat of wildfires. The original three-judge appellate panel split on Lodge's decision. The two-judge majority held that the logging industry and snaremobile groups were not irreparably harmed by the rules. "Unlike the resource destruction that attends development, and that is bound to have permanent repercussions, restrictions on forest development and human intervention can be removed if later proved to be more harmful than helpful," the majority stated. But dissenters Andrew Kleinfelder said the roadless rule increased fire danger by making remote areas less accessible and therefore changed the status quo.

Wife stands by husband as weapons trial looms

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - In a bizarre case against former submaster Kenneth Olsen, federal prosecutors contend the Spokane man intended to kill his wife with a biological weapon called ricin so he could marry his mistress. Trial begins Wednesday in what is clearly no ordinary domestic dispute. Carol Olsen is standing by her man and refusing to testify against him. But a biological warfare expert for the U.S. Army has told his wife he's talking some time away from the war with ricin, in a sign that seriously the government takes potential terrorism in post-Sept. 11 America.

return telephone calls Monday, but have repeatedly rebuffed defense attempts to minimize the case. "This is a very serious case," Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl Hicks said last summer when Olsen was arrested. A former software engineer at Agilent Technologies Inc. in suburban Spokane, and later a massage therapist, Olsen is the father of four and a longtime Boy Scout leader. He has been jailed without bail since his arrest. A search of the family home by dozens of agents wearing hazardous-material suits last summer touched off fears that Spokane had been targeted by terrorists for a chemical attack.

Fears subsided when it turned out to involve a rather banal case of adultery. No statute was returned. Federal investigators even drew blood from one of the Olsen's pet rabbits that had fallen ill, looking in vain for signs of ricin. "No evidence was recovered that suggests the rabbit was being poisoned," court documents said. U.S. District Judge Frem Nielsen ruled in mid-March that evidence concerning the rabbit could not be used in the trial. Hunt declined to say in advance what defense her client will mount. Olsen has said he was researching ricin and other toxins as a Boy Scout leader. Carol Olsen invoked spousal privilege in refusing to testify against the man she married in 1975. She lived with him for months after learning of the alleged plot, with the couple attending marriage counseling. "She knows he never tried to kill her," Hunt said.

Kenneth Olsen, 47, has pleaded innocent to a federal charge of intent to use ricin as a weapon. If convicted, he could face life in prison. The alleged would-be victim was not impressed with the government's case. "We look forward to the day he is proven innocent of the charges brought against him," Carol Olsen said in a statement released Monday by her attorney. "He is a caring husband and father." Her statement also sought prayer for U.S. armed forces, including their son Matthew, a Marine fighting in Iraq. Kenneth Olsen's attorney contends the government's zeal to crack down on any sign of terrorism is leading to the manufacture of ricin from castor beans, a favorite tactic of some terrorists - is a factor. This case "has been blown out of proportion," said Tim Home, the federal public defender representing Olsen. "Some of that is due to the 9-11 situation." Federal prosecutors did not



American Indian drummers Simon Strongheart-Smith, right, and Mario Tenague play songs as members of the Fort McDowell and Oneida National Indian tribes post colors during the National Indian Gaming Association's annual convention Monday in Phoenix.

Indian leaders seek to send message that gaming helps tribal members

PHOENIX (AP) - Indian leaders discussed tribal gambling's benefits and how to promote them Monday, acknowledging Indian gambling has encountered some opposition even as it has grown to a \$1.7 billion industry. "Indian gaming is working for the entire nation. It's rebuilding Indian communities, strengthening tribal governments and aiding nearby non-Indian communities that have fallen on hard economic times," Ernest L. Stevens Jr., chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association, told the group's annual convention. "But we have to make that clear." To that end tribal leaders heard a report about a newly launched publicity campaign expected to raise \$3 million to \$5 million to spread the word about the benefits of Indian gambling and attempt to influence opinions among the public and elected officials. The association, which represents 184 tribes, also hopes to

devote about \$1 million to compile a comprehensive report about the benefits of tribal gambling, officials said Monday. The report would be used to counter negative portrayals in the media and attempt to overturn unfavorable regulations and legislation. "It's just something we have needed for an incredible amount of time," said Valerie Spicer, one of the speakers leading up the project. "All of us are directly affected by this industry and we need this information to protect it, to preserve it." At Monday's opening session of the weeklong membership meeting and trade show, tribal officials voiced anger over what they see as negative portrayals in the press and public misconceptions. They also expressed anxiety that the successes and prosperity Indians have won since Congress legalized Indian gambling in 1988 are at risk.

Indians, told the crowd that tribal sovereignty is the number one issue for their group, Hall said. "The fight to reclaim and retain tribal sovereignty is the number one issue" for his group, Hall said. But casino-rich tribes have increasingly flexed their political muscle, pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into political campaigns, winning allies among lawmakers and influencing policy. Hall said tribes used to win 58 percent of cases before the Supreme Court, but since 1986 that rate has dropped to 23 percent. "The fight to reclaim and retain tribal sovereignty is the number one issue" for his group, Hall said. But casino-rich tribes have increasingly flexed their political muscle, pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars into political campaigns, winning allies among lawmakers and influencing policy.

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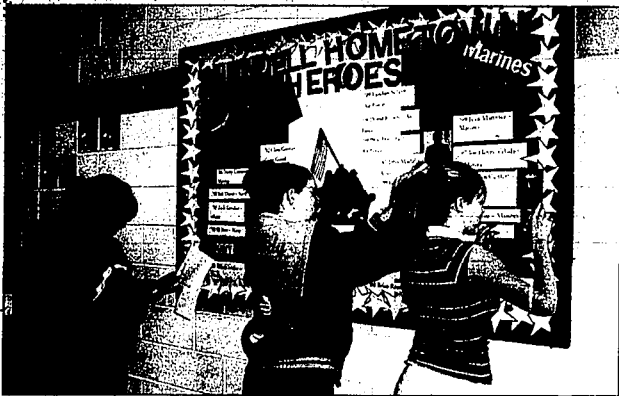
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Maira Roma, freshman class representative, cuts out a photo, while Jaynie Goodbody, sophomore class representative, and Katie Young, junior class representative, staple photo and information onto a bulletin board honoring the people serving in the armed forces who graduated from Wendell High School.

## Wendell H.S. honors military

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell High School social studies teacher Steve Goodbody thought it would be a good idea to recognize Wendell High School grads currently serving in the armed forces.

"So, he got the student council involved, and they have been gathering photos and informa-

tion from the community to add to their bulletin board at the school.

It brings attention to the seriousness of the situation to the students who personally know who are in the military, said Jon Goss, student council adviser.

"We've had excellent feedback from the school and from the community who had said it was

the right thing to do. The bulletin board was donated which helped us to be able to complete this project," Goss said.

"This is a great way to honor the people that are serving our country," said Erika Ferreira, member of the student council.

"We should know who is serving so we can pray for them," added Laura Ford, the Wendell High School cook.

## READY FOR THE BOOK SALE



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library

Volunteers, from left, Cheryl Laforgue, Marlan Anderson, Ben Stewart, Beverly Sturgill and Jerry Holman have sorted and boxed the thousands of books that are donated each year for the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation's annual Used Book Sale. This year's sale is scheduled during National Library Week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the library. Volunteers not pictured are Curt Stewart, Joan Adler and Susan Berg. For more information about the sale or the foundation, call Diane Van Engelen at 736-6205.

## RUPERT KIWANIS LEADERS



The Rupert Kiwanis Club has announced new officers. From left are Wally Studer, second vice president; Curtis Stoker, treasurer; Melania Irgoyen, first vice president; David Mollar, president; Dianne Schow, secretary; and Alan Hale, immediate past president.

Photo courtesy of ALICE SCHOW



The 2002-2003 Rupert Kiwanis Club officers and board of directors were announced. They are, from left: front: Wally Studer, second vice president; Curtis Stoker, treasurer; Margaret Doyle, Melania Irgoyen, first vice president; David Mollar, president; Dianne Schow, secretary; Margaret Cameron, Keith White and Alan Hale, immediate past president; back row: Ike Christiansen and Jerry Olson.

## T.F. man wins regional writing award

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - He's just 26 now. By the time he's 30, he hopes to have one film made. Dale Laughlin may be off to a good start. He recently won the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association Playwriting Award for the first play he's ever written. The play is entitled, "A Death or Two in the Family from the Files of Frank Hodge, Private Eye."

The Rocky Mountain region covers Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. The convention was held Feb. 12-15 in Denver, Colo.

"Seventeen scripts were submitted, and I tied for first," Laughlin said.

Scripts are critiqued, rated by actors, writers and directors, and points are tallied up at the end. In January, Laughlin was notified that he was one of the top three finalists, and had to be present at the convention for the staged reading of his play.

He received some positive feedback from some of the actors who read his script.

"It was kind of a good feeling to have the actors say they were reading something they enjoyed," Laughlin said.

He owed a great deal to the Friends of CSI Players because they were helpful in getting the play submitted, he said. In addition,



Dale Laughlin of Twin Falls won a regional play contest with his first full-length play.

HEATHER ABEL/The Times-News

## Another local winner

Sheila Coverdale of Twin Falls, a College of Southern Idaho theater student, was the winner of the theater critic competition at the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association annual convention. She competed against two other writers from western Wyoming and Denver, Colo.

She said the highlight of the conference was to study with legendary theater critic Jackie Campbell. After she obtains an associate's degree at CSI, Coverdale says she wants to go to Idaho State University to get her degree in secondary education.

"I just tried to do what I can to make it original and interesting."

Laughlin said. A former College of Southern Idaho student, he works with the Friends of CSI Players, a semi-professional theater group. Laughlin has been involved in acting and writing since high school. "I've always liked writing," Laughlin said.

Sheila Coverdale

## STORK REPORT

### Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Tyrr Andre Escobedo, daughter of Andrea Gail Coates of Eden, was born Monday, March 17, 2003.

Jace Stephen Lee Dugan, son of Phaydra Lynn Anderson and Sean Lee Dugan of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Jessica Mae Schmidgall, son of Rebecca Sue Biddle and Stephen Allen Schmidgall of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 31, 2003.

Lusander Richard Owens, son of Kristina Lee Owens of

Shoshone, was born Monday, March 31, 2003.

Mason Douglas Swafford, son of Christy Lynn Anderson and Shane Douglas Swafford of Twin Falls, was born Monday, March 31, 2003.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Noah Jayce Greenwalt, son of Sarah and Josh Greenwalt of Burley, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Cloe Q. Christensen, daughter of Suzin Q. and Brandon Lee Christensen of Burley, was born

Friday, March 28, 2003.

Bruce Kay Coombs, daughter of Mildred and Shawn Coombs of Burley, was born Friday, March 28, 2003.

Alexis Mariah Zapeda, daughter of Claudia E. Ortega and Alexander P. Zapeda of Burley, was born Monday, March 31, 2003.

Refugio Francisco Morales III, son of Andrea and Refugio Francisco Morales Jr. of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 1, 2003.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Alexis Faith Byington, daughter of Jennifer and Ty Byington of Bellevue, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Marika Michelle Versis, daughter of Danielle and George Versis of Hailey, was born Friday, March 21, 2003.

Celeste Marie Cortum, daughter of Lisa and John Cortum of Hailey, was born Sunday, March 23, 2003.

Melani Ortega, daughter of Maria-Aguero and Juvenel Ortega of Bellevue, was born Monday, March 24, 2003.

Noe Aaron Galvan, son of Elva and Sergio Galvan of Hailey, was born Monday, March 24, 2003.

Finnegan Bleu Etrzdort, son of Christina Etrzdort of Hailey, was born Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Levi Rhys Dill, son of Wayne and Dixie Dill of Dietrich, was born Thursday, March 27, 2003.

Mallyan June Violet Crommler, daughter of Fred and Kristing Crommler of Buhl, was born Sunday, March 23, 2003.

Jacie Christine Kimball, daughter of Larry and Julie Kimball of Jerome, was born Monday, March 31, 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 Or fax to: 734-5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3276

Camryn Paige Westin, daughter of Wayne and Pam Westin of Gooding, was born Monday, March 31, 2003.

## Show displays beauty of quilting

FILER - "United We Quilt" is the theme for the Desert Sage Quilt Guild's biannual quilt show.

"In a season of international turmoil, we wanted to emphasize that women have historically found strength in unity by working together on common projects such as quilting," said a show organizer, Susan Debaene-Gill about the theme.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Merchants Building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children, or \$6 for a weekend pass for adults and \$4 for children. Children age 4 and

under are free. Visitors can vote for their favorite quilts on Saturday, and prizes will be displayed on Sunday.

More than 200 quilted items will be displayed at this year's show, including quilts, antique quilts and wearable and decorative items. The items are made by guild members and other quilters from the West.

Much of the cost of the quilt show will be defrayed by the sale of raffle tickets for a quilt. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5, and can be purchased at the show or from guild members.

The guild's mission is to promote quilting. The group, which includes members from around

the Magic Valley, meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the KMVT community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The 120 members range from beginners to expert teachers.

The meetings include a show and tell, short session on tips, tricks and techniques, and a 20-minute workshop on a specific aspect of quilting.

Work groups within the guild donate dozens of quilts to the community yearly.

Guild members also participate in monthly challenges to improve their skills.

For more information, call Sheri Wills at 733-1934 or Sue Pollard at 733-4698.



Members of the Desert Sage Quilt Guild hold up a quilt that will be raffled at the upcoming quilt show. From left are, Susan Debaene-Gill and Emma Koffer, the organizers of the guild's biannual quilt show; Dixie McClain, who machine-quilted the quilt; Jan Fitzhugh, who pieced the quilt; and Sheri Wills, quilt president.

Photo courtesy of SHERI WILLS

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Members of the Twin Falls High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America, left to right, Amanda Brown, Casey Tucker, Teresa Arenz, Emily Ogden, team leader Leah Meeks and Jenna Benkula, conducted fire safety presentations for young children.



Photo courtesy of LORRAINE RAPP

## BPA members talk fire safety with kids, win prizes

TWIN FALLS — Sparks flew when the members of the Twin Falls High School Business Professionals of America teamed up with the American Red Cross Sawtooth Branch.

BPA members Teresa Arenz, Jenna Benkula, Amanda Brown, Leah Meeks, Emily Ogden and Casey Tucker visited seven elementary schools to give presentations to fourth-grade students on how to avoid home fires during the holidays.

The BPA students also showed the elementary students what to put in family disaster kits.

All fourth-graders were invited to participate in a poster contest, and first through third graders participated in a coloring contest. The American Red Cross and the Twin Falls Fire Department assisted by donating prizes. The Oregon Trail Elementary "TrailBLAZers" had the winning poster, which hangs in the American Red Cross Sawtooth Branch office in Twin Falls.

The six BPA members also entered the Chapel of Four Chaplains Project Lifesaver Community Service Award. This

is a national competition in which teams of six high school seniors complete a community service project and submit a detailed layout of the project. Out of 34 entries nationwide, the team from the Twin Falls High School Chapter of BPA had the best community service project, and won scholarships for post-secondary education. Leah Meeks, team leader, received \$1,000; Amanda Brown, \$750; Emily Ogden, \$750; Teresa Arenz, \$750; Jenna Benkula, \$750; and Casey Tucker, \$750.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Hansen student receives 'Distinguished Award'

United Dayirmen of Idaho announced the weekly winner of the Distinguished Student Award, which recognizes excellence in academics, citizenship and the role of education in Idaho.

Cody Fowers was selected for the week of March 24. Fowers is a senior at Hansen High School, has a 3.53 grade-point average, and is student body vice president and National Honor Society

president.

Fowers extracurricular activities include basketball, cross-country and track. In 2002, Fowers placed fifth in state in the 2-mile event, seventh in the 1-mile event and first at the state cross-country meet.

Fowers also volunteers with Natural Helpers, and cleaned an area in the city for a park as part of his National Honor Society service project. The students plan to attend Boise State University.

United Dayirmen works with the CBS television affiliates in

Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls/Pocatello and Lewiston/Moscow on the award program.

Each week, stations gather nominees from area high school principals and counselors. The station's selection committee chose a weekly winner. At the end of each school year, one student from each of the four major areas will be selected based on overall achievement, and a \$5,000 award will be presented to the winner's school.

## LINCOLN FEBRUARY EINSTEINS



Photo courtesy of Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls named its Einstein for the Month of February. They are, from left, top row: Krystyn Whittemore, Megan Maroych, Ryan Overton, Maddie Young and GJ Schwenson; middle row: Kimberly Bible, Edna Hukic and Jay Holton; bottom row: Samra Suljic, Alexis Orzoco, Macayla Osterhout, Kayla Thompson, Kyle Buntin and Noah Robinson; seated: Allyson Humberger, Wili Prara, Amber Hayes, Igor Djerichev, Naida Balic, Britany Weiss and Loralee Broeze.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Hollon graduates from mechanic training

Army Pvt. Justin J. Hollon has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

The student was trained to perform maintenance, troubleshooting and repair wheeled vehicles and related mechanical components, including suspension systems, internal combustion engines and power trains, wheel-hub assemblies, hydraulic brake and steer-

ing systems, and operate a wheeled vehicle crane, hoist and winch assemblies. Hollon is the son of Deanna M. Clubb of Twin Falls.

### Daughter of Hansen residents is deployed

Hansen residents Fred and Alicia Chavez have learned that their daughter, Hospital Corpsman First Class Connie Smith has been deployed to Spain. There, she helped set up a hospital. Smith joined the Navy

one year after she graduated from Kimberly High School with the class of 1987.

When she received her overseas orders, she was stationed in a Navy hospital in Washington state.

Her last overseas duty was in Okinawa with her husband, Chief Jeff Smith, who also is in the medical field.

He is receiving training to become a Navy doctor in a Washington Navy hospital. He is caring for their two sons, Gavin, 3, and 3-month-old Gabriel.

## LEADING BUHL HS CHEERS



Cheering for the Buhl High School Indians are, from left, top row: Morgan Peterson, Lisa Garsland, Janna-Heaton and Becki Offitt; back row: All Landa, Janessa Nye, Mandy Beland and Jocelyn Smith.

## THINGS TO DO

**Music**  
Snake River Arts Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 121 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-6047.  
Magic Valley Madrigals Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 48 Shoshone St. Men of all ages invited. Call 736-3037.

**Dance**  
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 424-6440. Couples welcome.

**Bingo**  
Silver and Golden Senior Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 201 Wilson, Eden. Doors and snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-5962.  
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center, 7 p.m. Wednesdays, at 218 S. Hill St. W. Shoshone. Must be over 18, call 866-2109.  
Golden Heritage Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome, call 424-4336.  
Golden Heritage Senior Center, 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2424 Overland Ave. in Burley, age 18 and older, call 878-6060.  
Golden Heritage Senior Center, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 702 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 416-1017.  
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls, 7:15 p.m. Fridays, 447 Scavron St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Arlene's, 412 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m., early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 736-3843.  
American Legion Hall in Wendell, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 526-6642.

Twin Falls Senior Center, 1:15 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays, call 714-5294.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley, 7 p.m. Saturdays, Call Alice at 679-9381.  
Snake River Arts, 7:30-7:45 p.m. Mondays at Eden, 406 E. 29th, Jerome, call 424-6260.

**West End Senior Center** - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center, 618 Hill, Burley. Elix Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at 1400 Oakley Ave. in Burley.  
**Snake Valley Bingo** - doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays at 800 Sunset, call 825-4695.  
**Moore Lodge 612** - 7:20 p.m. Wednesdays and 2:20 p.m. Sundays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 734-6657.  
**Western State College** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 400 Madison, Chama, call 736-7095.  
**Buhl Moose Lodge 305** - 7 p.m. early bird, 7 p.m. regular bingo, call 1101 Main St. Call 544-1415.  
**Singles**  
**Chow Mein Singers** - Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Four-square Center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, call 734-9252.  
**Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singers** - For activities, call 735-9044.

**Cards**  
Pinhole - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Minidoka County Senior Center, 705 11th St. in Rupert, call 456-9107.  
Twin Falls Senior Center pinhole, 1 p.m. Thursdays, call 734-5094.  
Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge Room, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

**Snake Valley Pinhole Club** - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.  
**Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinhole Club** - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 621 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 733-5531.  
**Pinhole club** - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E., anyone invited, call Tracy at 233-2847.  
**Snake River Elix Pinhole Club** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Elix Lodge, 402 E. 200 St., Jerome, next to 141 Golf Ranch. Everyone welcome.

**Other**  
Magic Valley Iris Club - meets for luncheon and meeting, Call Dienna at 734-0040 or Vicki at 848-68. New members welcome.  
Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6115.  
Honor Hutton Club, 9:30 p.m. First Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5255.  
Senior Citizens Fellowship Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Front Street at Herrett Center on CSI campus, call 736-2847.  
Honor Hutton Club and Pinhole Club indoor game - 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 20 off, moderate priced callers, call Susa at 324-5940 or Larry at 733-4213.  
Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesdays at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie, call 736-3118.  
Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrett Center, call Nick Peterson at 734-6771.  
Widows' Night Fellowship - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 654 Rose St. N., No. 36 at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Dorie at 416-2899.  
The Knitting with Paul Guild - 5:30-7 p.m. first Thursday, Street to Street, 628 Main Ave. N., call Christy at 735-8425.  
Moore Lodge 612 dance lounge - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 837 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, Call Dennis or Ron at 734-6637.  
Snake River Regals - Chapter of Gold Properties of America - meets last Saturday, Call 670-0119 or 536-6252.

**West End Senior Center** - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center, 618 Hill, Burley. Elix Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at 1400 Oakley Ave. in Burley.  
**Snake Valley Bingo** - doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays at 800 Sunset, call 825-4695.  
**Moore Lodge 612** - 7:20 p.m. Wednesdays and 2:20 p.m. Sundays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 734-6657.  
**Western State College** - 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 400 Madison, Chama, call 736-7095.  
**Buhl Moose Lodge 305** - 7 p.m. early bird, 7 p.m. regular bingo, call 1101 Main St. Call 544-1415.  
**Singles**  
**Chow Mein Singers** - Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian Four-square Center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, call 734-9252.  
**Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singers** - For activities, call 735-9044.

**Cards**  
Pinhole - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Minidoka County Senior Center, 705 11th St. in Rupert, call 456-9107.  
Twin Falls Senior Center pinhole, 1 p.m. Thursdays, call 734-5094.  
Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge Room, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

## M.V. Duplicate bridge announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

March 27 club championship: tied for first, Mary Ferrell and Sue Skinner with Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Harold and Renee Bulcher; and third, Gloria Hann and Susan Morris.

March 29: first, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Heckley; and tied for second, Fatti Cooper and Sue Skinner with Riley Burton and Evelyn Meyer.

March 31: first, Milo Pearson and Duane Schmeberger; second, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Dick Finney; third, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner; and tied for fourth,

Nancy Strand and Dar Wagner with Mary Tucker and Dorothy Young.

April 1 for north/south: first, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeffer; second, Don and Lorna Bard; and tied for third, Jim Holden and Joann Jackson with Enid Cook and Betty Sabo. East/West: first, Mary Ferrell and Mary Ann Siegel; second, Fay Kohnfein and Madeline Sawaya; and third, Betty Grant and Sam Smutny. A going-away party was held for Noreen Cregan, who was presented with a book about Idaho and a bouquet of roses. Cregan and her husband are moving back to County Tipperary, Ireland.

April 2 for north/south: first, Riley Burton and Kay Higgs; second, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; third, Joy Astorquia and Jessie Lingnaw; and fourth, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson.

East/West: first, Eunice Anderson and Bobette Plankey; second, Evelyn Meyer and Polly Mulliner; third, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem; and fourth, Enid Cook and Wally Hobirk. The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

### Port of Hope seeks personal hygiene products

TWIN FALLS — The Port of Hope, 425 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls, is in need of personal hygiene products for men and women. Items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner and razors.

### Desert Sun Dancers holds dance Friday

SHOSHONE — The Desert Sun Dancers will hold a regular dance Friday at the 1600th Hall on West B Street in Shoshone. Rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m. Members should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Glenn Bradley at 886-2808.

### Chiropractic office hosts women's health luncheon

GOODING — Brockman Family Chiropractic will host the third annual women's health luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. "Love Strategies" will be discussed. The luncheon is free. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is encouraged. The public is invited. For more information, call 934-5000.

### T.F. Christian Women's Club holds luncheon

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls

Christian Women's Club will hold a Women's Connection luncheon from noon to 1:15 p.m. April 15 at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Hart's Tax and Gowns will present a wedding apparel fashion show, and Sandi Ausland from Oregon will talk about a "Getaway Beside the Sea." Ausland is a gourmet cook, artist, Swiss bells musician, and owns a bed and breakfast. The cost is \$10. For complimentary child care or lunch reservations, call Betty at 736-4592 or Linda at 736-2425.

### Jerome woman celebrates 92nd birthday with friends

JEROME — Beulah Easton of

Jerome celebrated her 92nd birthday on March 28 with 30 family members and friends at the Rebekah Hall in Jerome.

Guests included her daughter, Janet and husband, Carl Weis of Albuquerque, N.M. and her sister, Wanda and husband, Dick Broadwell of Milwaukie, Ore. Local guests included Dona and Carroll Cone, Tom Roberson, Katherine Rolfe and Peg Roberson. Also in attendance were her three grandchildren and their spouses, two great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

### CSI North Side Center announces classes


GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side

Center announced the following upcoming classes:

"Dutch Oven Cooking" will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday at Wendell High School, 750 E. Main St. The class will show how to season, cook with, clean and store Dutch ovens, as well as their versatility and sampling of recipes. The fee is \$15.

"Garden Art Flowery" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 26 at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. Participants will decorate a terra cotta pot with paint, decoupage, instant verdigris, aging, stencils or glimmering metallic. Linda Devaney will instruct the new course, and the cost is \$20. Students should bring a half flat, a full flat, small round paintbrush and terra cotta pot of any size to class. All other supplies are included. For more information, call the center at 934-8578.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## GPS rankles aficionados of Indian art

Some think vandals could abuse technology

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Bob Forsyth, a retired private investigator living in Las Vegas, takes his Jeep into the high-desert backcountry once or twice a week, searching for the elusive artwork of prehistoric American Indians.

With a global positioning system receiver mounted on his dashboard and plugged into the computer laptop by his side, Forsyth enters the no-man's land surrounding the Vegas glitz.

"I think of the people that were there, where you are, 1,000 years ago. You're walking in their footsteps," he said.

The question is: With exact GPS coordinates displayed across the Internet, are too many people now walking in those footsteps?

Most of the ancient artwork carved and painted into the rock walls and boulders of the American West have survived for thousands of years in quiet obscurity. But technology has changed that.

These days, art that once took years for a person to stumble upon can be quickly pinpointed with a GPS, and discoverers can post the coordinates on the Internet. That leaves the ancient, priceless art vulnerable to what the Bureau of Land Management calls "digital vandalism."

"It certainly has changed how we think about our jobs. There's a breathless feeling that the public is ahead of us now," said Dale Davidson, a BLM archaeologist based in Monticello, Utah.



Kevin T. Jones, archaeologist for the State of Utah, displays his GPS receiver while sitting next to a 1,000-year-old Fremont Indian pot and other artifacts in his lab in Salt Lake City, Wednesday.

A quick peek at the Internet auction site eBay confirms the sites are being plundered and sold piecemeal, said Kevin Jones, Utah's state archaeologist.

It's not just the treasure hunters who concern the rock art

aficionados. Some of the sites simply can't withstand public adoration.

The use of GPS "hasn't changed the nature, but the scale" of those who are finding the sites, Jones said.

Indians occupied the slickrock desert country of the Southwest for at least 10,000 years. Much about them and their lives is a mystery to archeologists. What is known about them is gleaned, in large part, from the pictures etched on the rocks: hunting scenes, handprints, ceremonies, even the arrival of pioneers.

There are "huge concentrations" of ancient rock art in Utah, Jones said. He estimated that, throughout the West, there are thousands, and perhaps hundreds of thousands, of rock art sites.

When Forsyth, the Las Vegas adventurer, finds the treasure he seeks, he writes down the GPS coordinates and takes a digital photograph. Within hours, the photos - and sometimes the GPS coordinates - are added to his personal Web site, <http://www.forsythlv.com/>.

Forsyth wants to bring a glimpse of ancient cultures to the public. But he often withholds directions to sensitive artwork. The photo on his Web site of graffiti-covered rock art show why.

"This is the reason that the BLM and private organizations are either restricting access or being very secretive about the locations of petroglyph sites," he said on his Web site. "Second, this is the reason why I am trying to locate and photograph all the sites that I can. I want to see them before vandals have completely ruined them."

Even the selective access afforded by GPS on Forsyth's Web site doesn't sit well with others who are known for their secrecy about their favorite sites.

"We share coordinates between close, personal friends, but not with strangers," explained Nina Bowen, vice president and archivist for the Utah Rock Art Research Association.

## FBI faces legal, technology challenges on Internet calls

By Anick Josdamann  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Wiretapping takes on a whole new meaning now that phone calls are being made over the Internet, posing legal and technical hurdles for the FBI as it seeks to prevent the emerging services from becoming a safe haven for criminals and terrorists.

The FBI wants regulators to affirm that such services fall under a 1994 law requiring phone companies to build in surveillance capabilities. It is also pushing the industry to create technical standards to make wiretapping easier and cheaper.

But privacy advocates fear that because online eavesdropping technology is crude, tapping into the data stream for voice means getting more than what a court ordered - including possibly e-mail and other digital communications.

Service operators also question who should pay.

The increasingly popular "Voice over Internet Protocol," or VoIP, technology breaks phone conversations into data packets, sends them over the Internet and reassembles them at the destination.

Such calls, made on handsets or using computer microphones, are more efficient and cheaper than traditional calls, which require that a dedicated circuit remain open.

The technology creates gray areas in applying the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. That law required that then-emerging digital phone technologies, which are more difficult to wiretap than analog circuits, be designed so authorities could monitor them.

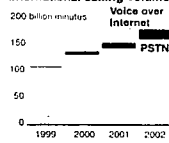
Lawmakers exempted information services like the Internet, but didn't anticipate Net-based voice calls.

Now, as the Federal Communications Commission

### Internet calls

The volume of international long-distance calls traveling over the Internet - as opposed to the traditional Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) - has grown from less than 2 percent in 1999 to an estimated 10 percent in 2002, according to TeleGeography Inc.

### International calling volume



SOURCE: www.TeleGeography.com

CONSIDERS the extent that high-speed Internet services through cable and DSL should be free of regulation, the FBI and the Justice Department want assurances that those services also build in surveillance functions.

Because VoIP is so new, standards don't exist for setting up networks, let alone for eavesdropping. Several groups, including the Telecommunications Industry Association, are working on VoIP surveillance standards.

In January, the FBI convened a summit for law enforcement and industry representatives to identify core issues.

"We're seeing major changes in the network, and we are trying to be ahead of the curve," said Les Swajkowski, the FBI's unit chief for electronic surveillance.

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## Burning of DVDs gets cheaper

By Mike Langberg  
Knight Ridder News Service

Recording DVDs with a personal computer is about to become as common as recording CDs.

Prices for DVD "burners" are plunging, with some as low as \$40 after mail-in rebates, while blank DVDs cost as little as \$2 each.

There is an ugly format war underway among major manufacturers. But, in a rare exception, consumers won't get hurt if they pick the wrong side. You can even buy an elegant, if somewhat expensive, DVD burner from Sony that supports both contenders.

This is all a bit easier to understand by taking a step back to look at CD burning. CD drives that record, or "burn," CDs are now almost universal on both desktop and laptop PCs; only the very cheapest new PCs don't have CD burners. There are two kinds of blank CDs: CD-Rs, which can be recorded only once and are compatible with most music CD players; and CD-RWs, which can be recorded, erased and rewritten many times, but mostly play only in CD-burning drives.

CD-Rs are so inexpensive, at 25 to 50 cents a disc when purchased in bulk, that they are increasingly a replacement for the slowly vanishing floppy disk. If you've got a two-megabyte file to give to a friend, too much for a 1.4-megabyte floppy, often the easiest way to share is burning the file on a CD-R. And, of course, CD burners make possible rampant copying - both legal and illegal - of recorded music.

DVD burning is headed down a similar path, with DVD burners likely to completely displace CD burners on new PCs in perhaps two to three years.

The only wrinkle is the format war. There are two contending approaches for write-once DVDs: DVD-R (pronounced "DVD dash R") and DVD+R (pronounced "DVD plus R"). The two formats continue their separate approaches in rewritable discs, with DVD-RW and DVD+RW. DVD-RAM, a third technology for rewritable discs, which also supports DVD-R, is falling behind the other two and isn't likely to become common in personal computers.

## Device Manager gives new life to keyboard

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. I recently replaced my computer keyboard, the result of a nasty incident with a sick feline. I installed the keyboard according to the directions, but every time I boot up the computer, I must unplug and replug the keyboard into the CPU before the keyboard will work.

Do you have a suggestion as to what I may have done wrong when I installed the keyboard?  
-Mary Ellen Henry, Woodbury, Conn.

### Computer Q&A

A. That new keyboard acts like a hailball because your computer now thinks it has two keyboards attached, Ms. H.

A part of Windows called the Device Manager remains set to treat the keyboard that encountered your cat-astrophe as the default. Each time you reinstall the new keyboard's software, the machine uses it for that one session, but it continues to go for the default every time you restart. You need to disable the Device

Manager setting for the old keyboard, and then plug the new one in.

Click on the My Computer icon on the desktop and then chose Device Manager. Look for the keyboard listing and click on the plus sign next to it to get a list of both keyboards.

Now highlight your old keyboard and click the Disable choice in the box below. Now the computer will see only your new keyboard.

May I add that I have two very old cats at my house and know your plight all too well.

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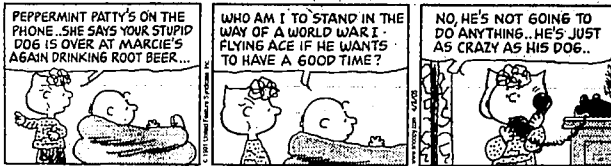
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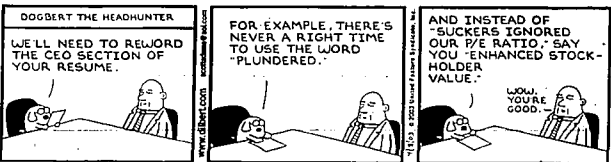
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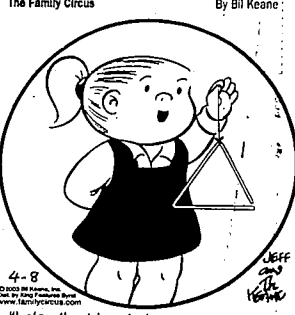
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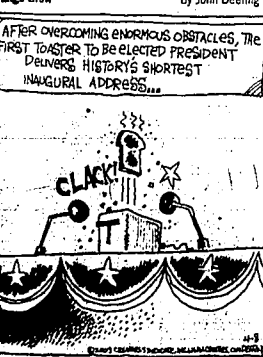
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Couple should stand firm against in-laws

DEAR ABBY: I just finished the letter from "Marriage Bound and in a Bind," the young Catholic woman who is engaged to Harvey, the Jewish gentleman whose parents refuse to attend their wedding if a priest is present.



DEAR ABBY: I was hoping the young couple could make his parents see reason by being conciliatory. However, a slew of readers agreed with you. Read on.

that wouldn't happen if she converted - which is what his parents may be angling for.

Abby, this is not a problem that requires counseling, as you advised. The issue here is whether this young woman is marrying the right man - a man who will stand with her against opposition from the outside. There doesn't need to be any "meeting of the minds" with regard to the parents and the couple. The engaged couple should make their own decisions jointly and stand united against any opposition from either set of parents.

Harvey's parents have put him into the position of having to choose. My guess is that it is not the first time it has happened, nor will it be the last. Mama and Papa want Harvey to marry a nice Jewish girl, and no amount of compromise on "In a Bind's" part will make them happy, because she's the "wrong" religion.

DEAR ABBY: You advised "In a Bind" to get both sets of parents together socially, and that she and her fiancé seek premarital counseling - preferably from a nondenominational counselor. I disagree!

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the young Catholic woman marrying the Jewish man, please suggest that she obtain three copies of Cokie and Steve Roberts' book, "From This Day Forward," one for each set of parents and one for the couple.

If that young man can't stand up to his parents for one day - his own wedding day - how will he handle their demands over the next few decades? Will there be a battle every December - blue lights on a Christmas tree and red and green candles on the menorah? How about a Passover bunny? And bedtime prayers? The possible conflicts are endless.

The book includes a lovely and compelling description of their Jewish-Catholic marriage (with kids).

If Harvey and his bride have decided to marry with a priest and a rabbi in attendance, that is their decision. We're faced with the same quandary, my husband's and my response to anyone who tried to blackmail us with, "We won't come if..." would be, "Then we will miss you on our special day."

Take my word for it, if these two back down now, his parents will run their life. They'll tell them, how to raise their children - the list goes on and on. Now is the time for "In a Bind" to discover if she's engaged to the right man. Semogah, I doubt she is.

- OLDER AND WISER IN CALIFORNIA

- TRYING TO HELP IN RENO

DEAR TRYING-TO-HELP: I have heard the book is wonderful, but one copy for "In a Bind" would be enough. Her parents seem to be accepting of the union. And his parents do not appear to be open to any opinion other than their own. T

DEAR OLDER AND WISER: I see what you mean. Of course,

Authors like desires to surge

A scholar after a study of today's romance novels says each and every heroine has a "surging desire." Not just sexual, though that's paramount. But a "surging desire" for whatever: A milk shake. Sand between her toes. A tennis ace. Snow in her hair. A good cry. "Surging desires" are big now.

ROUGH SPORT



Megan Robins, facing, gets a head up on Para Draine during their boxing match Thursday at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Winory. Draine won the match after four rounds.

Q. What was the first barbiturate prescribed by doctors?



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

A. Barbitol sold in 1903 under the trade name Veronal.

Statistical ology suggest one of your feet is bigger than the other, and you know that, but don't know which one.

The crafty cunning murderer is the exception, police statisticians say. IQ tests of convicts indicate most murderers aren't too smart.

Q. No, sir, Paris merits that distinction. It started numbering houses 29 years before Columbus first sailed west.

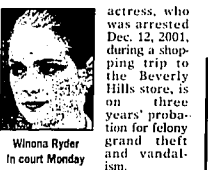
Q. What's a "polymath"?

A. Somebody who knows something about everything, or almost.

The zero is all right. You and I like it. But a lot of suspicious souls in the Middle Ages thought it was conceived by the Devil. A symbol that either means nothing or changes the number it follows? Beware!

Judge commends actress for community work

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - A judge commended Winona Ryder on Monday for completing 480 hours of community service at a hospital as part of her sentence on a shoplifting conviction.



Winona Ryder in court Monday

actress, who was arrested Dec. 12, 2001, during a shopping trip to the Beverly Hills store, is on three years' probation for felony grand theft and vandalism.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox told the 31-year-old actress during a brief court appearance that she can return to her career, and that he wouldn't object to her filming outside California, or even outside the United States.

On Dec. 6, 2002, the judge imposed a \$2,700 fine, a restitution fine of \$1,000 to the court and restitution of \$6,355 to Saks Fifth Avenue. A probation report said all payments had been made.

chandise, as Saks Fifth Avenue, or donate it to a worthy cause, as Ryder's attorney has suggested.

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Flirtation brings unexpected consequences for Sagittarius

IF APRIL 8TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you're undergoing a refining process and change in value system. You are independent and creative; life has taught you to be self-reliant. Despite setbacks this summer, you will double bounce back. Being in love is your natural state, and you will discover a new hobby or sport. It will be a year of conclusions and finding your true talents. Number 54 is strongly.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): There is an emphasis on domestic matters. Harmony is the key. Get your priorities in order, and many of your fondest desires could materialize.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You receive a letter regarding a contract. Don't sign on the dotted line. Time is on your side. Someone may be keeping a secret from you. Lie low.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You receive an offer or proposal that is career- or job-related. You could arouse envy, but stick to your guns. Don't give away your secrets.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A misplaced article is located. Do your homework. Make a concession. Focus on partners. Bingo! Your name will be called. Capricorn is on the offensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your roar is not loud enough. You need to be heard! The circus goes on around you can't fake you. It's a question of timing. Not all that glitters is gold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Are you ready for change? Unexpected diversions and travel

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in the air. Ferret out where you stand, where you're going. Taurus is in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You hear music and want to dance to your own tune. Domestic adjustments are brought to your attention. Meet immediate needs, make a cooperative effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Project is completed. Define your terms. A broken relationship is based on misunderstandings. If you desire, an apology will be successful. Sagittarius, Pisces play roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): A flirtation gives you more than you asked for. Be discreet as your words will be quoted. Secret fears turn out to be a laughing matter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic partnerships take on a new meaning. You're very sensitive and reflective. You long to dine with wine and candlelight. Cancer, Pisces play roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are rebellious and short-fused. Be diplomatic. You consider yourself on a mission. There are hidden talents for doing good. Pisces, Gemini represent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You feel attractive and desirable. You want answers to questions. Love relationship takes on new twist, but it is only sexual attraction? Happiness beckons.

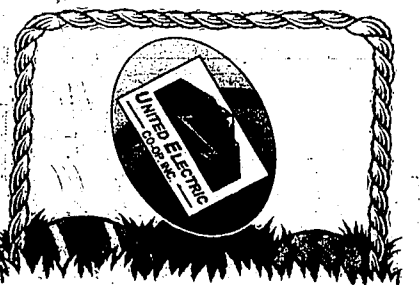
Texas university gets Watergate papers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The University of Texas at Austin announced Monday it is paying \$5 million for the Watergate papers of Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

documents will be available to the public within a year, said Thomas Staley, director of the Ransom center.

But documents protecting the identity of secret source "Deep Throat" and up to several dozen other previously unidentified sources will be kept confidential until the death of the source.

Woodward and Bernstein said a trustee will be chosen to eventually help release the sources' identities. Details of how that will be done have not yet been worked out.



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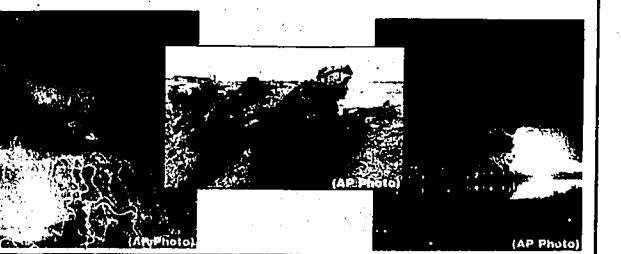
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Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Price. Includes items like Birth Records, Marriage Records, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS section containing various notices such as Logala, Lost & Found, and Employment Wanted.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE section listing various properties for sale, including homes, farms, and commercial buildings.

MERCHANDISE section listing various items for sale, including furniture, electronics, and household goods.

732-0931 advertisement for a business opportunity, likely related to the newspaper or a related service.

TRANSPORTATION section listing various services such as trucking, delivery, and vehicle services.

MEDICAL section containing information about medical services, including physical therapy and medical equipment.

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Large advertisement for The Times-News, featuring the headline 'EARN EXTRA CASH' and 'The Times-News is accepting applications for Walking Routes in Twin Falls'. Includes contact information and a graphic of a person walking.



RESTAURANT-... 1st shift supervisor, exp. in fast-food... \$24,000 Add'l work

RESTAURANT-... Waitresses, PT, food & beverage experience preferred...

SALES-... 1st shift telephone sales position open... No experience required...

WELFARE REPRESENTATIVE-... We are currently accepting applications for independent carriers...

TRAINING SPECIALIST-... We are currently accepting applications for independent carriers...

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES-... \$24,000 FIRST YEAR potential, working from home...

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE-... We are currently accepting applications for independent carriers...

WALKING ROUTES AVAILABLE-... We are currently accepting applications for independent carriers...

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PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE-... Selling property? Don't pay any fees until the end...

BELLEVUE HALEY KETCHUM-... Both Carrier & Substitutes needed

BUHL New home-... 4 bdrm, 2.75 bath on 5+ acres...

BUHL By Owner! 2600 sq ft, on .125 acres in nice neighborhood...

JUST LISTED-... 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage with pool...

BARKER-... Real estate employment information from Barkers...

FAX OR EMAIL-... Your Ad To THE TIMES-NEWS CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

Twin Falls 208-734-5538-... Burley 208-677-4543

FLORIAN NO BANKS!-... Own your own home now! 3 or 4 bdrms...

VR CAMP CO. COM-... Vacation Rentals, Home Sales, Business Change of Ownership

INVESTMENTS-... PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE: Big profits usually mean big risk...

GOODING-... 1.50 acre and 2 bdrm, home with fireplace...

GOODING NE 2180 sq ft-... 4 bdrm, 2 bath, pasture, shop, 1 acre...

HAGERMAN-... 11 Bolt Rapids Rd, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2182 sq ft...

SS WE BUY LOANS \$3-... Receiving payments on real estate loans?

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP.-... CASI, needed at Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts...

OPEN HOUSES-... CLASSIFIED ADVERTISERS RESPONSIBILITY: Please check your ad on the first day it is published...

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

HOME INSPECTIONS-... 200+ since 1993, Bill Baker, 326-5115

HOW to Sell Your House Without an Agent-... 10 inside tips to selling your house by yourself...

INTERMOUNTAIN HOME INSPECTIONS-... 30 yrs. construction exp. Jim Viet 837-6357

JEROME-... This and Here! Just around the corner from Jerome County Club...

BUHL New home-... 4 bdrm, 2.75 bath on 5+ acres...

BUHL By Owner! 2600 sq ft, on .125 acres in nice neighborhood...

JUST LISTED-... 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage with pool...

JEROME \$129,900-... 1600 sq. ft. custom built, w/wooden landscape...

JEROME 2004 sq. ft. 4-5 bdrms, 2 bath, oak kitchen...

JEROME Must See!!!-... '98 Guerdon 2 bdrm, 2 bath w/wood carpet...

JEROME Must Sell!-... '96 Manufactured home, 3 bdrms, 2 bath...

JEROME SALE/LEASE-... Now 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2200 sq. ft., 2 car garage...

KIMBERLY'S-... 1.50 acre and 2 bdrm, home with fireplace...

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SHOSHONE-... Attention commuters- 30 miles to town on River Valley and Twin Falls...

KIMBERLY Acreage 1.077-... 762 Willow Court, 1600 sq. ft. main level...

RUPERT approx. 2 acres, south of town, Charming 4 bdrms, 1700 sq. ft., hardwood floors...

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1100 sq. ft. unfinished basement...

TWIN FALLS 2 yrs old, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2150 sq. ft. Many extras & upgrades...

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1100 sq. ft. on cul-de-sac...

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THE TIMES NEWS Classified Department opens at 8:00 am thru Fri. Take care of your classified business before you need to call...

THINKING OF BUILDING?-... The Affordability- The Resumption Team at 737-3900 or cell phone 410-2907.

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BUHL 0.75 acre in Melon Valley w/irrigation, leading shed, gated pipe, & water shooks \$45,000 943-4149

BUHL Waterfront 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1700 sq. ft. on 1.28 acres SLN. Please call 736-9416

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JEROME Extra nice, double wide, 2 bath, 2 bdrm, 1100 sq. ft. Refs. Call 328-8887

JEROME house/office, commercial, 4 bdrms, 4000 sq. ft. \$400,000. 326-3338

KIMBERLY 2 bdrm, appls, w/lockable VW, \$500 + \$4,000. 326-3338

HAZELTON 201 East Blvd, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$400 month + \$400 deposit. Call 652-3331 or 432-5311

TWIN FALLS Newer all brick 3 bdrm, 2 bath, country home. \$100,000 + \$500 deposit. Call 736-9416

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, with appliances, double garage, fenced yard, no smoking/pets. \$700 month + \$400 deposit. 736-6668 after 6 p.m.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, W/D hookups, lg. living area, \$475. No smoking/pets. \$575 includes city utilities + \$400 deposit.

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom 1 bath, with appliances, no smoking. \$550 month + \$300 deposit. 736-9416

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath, appls., no smoking. \$550. \$500 dep. 1032A Addison Ave. 736-9416

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, references. \$500 month. 2520 2nd. 736-9998

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 story Victorian home. Spacious! No smoking/pets. \$500 dep. 410 5th Ave. E. Call 734-4504

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GOODING 2 bdrm, 1 bath, bonus room, \$450. Call 736-9416

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, upstairs apt. appls., commercial. \$500. 326-3338

JEROME New 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bdrms, \$525. 326-3338

JEROME Nicolson 2 & 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, \$450-550. 326-2744 or 420-1011

KIMBERLY 2 bdrm, 1 bath, W/D hook-up, \$450. \$500 dep. 432-4669

KIMBERLY Affordable studio, appls. included. \$275. no pets. 312-2117

KIMBERLY Large clean 1 bdrm. apt. No pets/smoking. \$325/month + deposit. 736-9416

QUALITY, PRICE & LOCATION-... Landlord friendly, \$475. From \$421 and up. Storage, pet friendly, plenty of parking. Much more. Call for all the details!

FAWNBOOK APT. 047 Fawnway, No. Handicap accessible, EMO

Hear the quiet! Laurel Park Apartments 176 Mauree Street, Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS 1 bdrm, kitchen appls. No pets/smoking. \$375-00. Call 736-9416

TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom furnished, no smoking, utility \$400. 736-9416

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 1 bath, gas, fireplace, all appliances, pet friendly. \$400. 736-9416

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Tuesday, April 8, 2003

# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"More is better than nothing, true  
But nothing's better than more,  
more, more  
Nothing's better than more."  
— Stephen Sondheim

|              |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NORTH        |            | EAST       |            |
| ♠ A Q J 8 7  | ♠ K 10 9 6 | ♠ K 10 9 6 | ♠ K 10 9 6 |
| ♥ K 7        | ♥ Q J 9 5  | ♥ Q J 9 5  | ♥ Q J 9 5  |
| ♦ Q J 10 9 8 | ♦ 6        | ♦ 6        | ♦ 6        |
| ♣ Q 10 4     | ♣ J 7 5 2  | ♣ J 7 5 2  | ♣ J 7 5 2  |
| SOUTH        |            | WEST       |            |
| ♠ 3 2        | ♠ A 8 3 2  | ♠ A 8 3 2  | ♠ A 8 3 2  |
| ♥ A 3        | ♥ A K 5 4  | ♥ A K 5 4  | ♥ A K 5 4  |
| ♦ K 3        | ♦ 7 3 2    | ♦ 7 3 2    | ♦ 7 3 2    |
| ♣ A K 3      | ♣ A K 3    | ♣ A K 3    | ♣ A K 3    |

This week's deals were played by Zia Mahmood, Tony Forrester, P.O. Sundelin and Sami Kehela aboard the SS Canberra. Today, Zia (South) reached three no-trump. Many declarers here would settle for their two chances of success—the spade king on-side or a 3-3 spade split—but Zia wanted more.

On Tony Forrester's deceptive lead-of-the-diamond Jack eyes, a heart would have been better. Zia won in hand and had to decide how to tackle the spades. If the fineness of the spade queen lost to the king, he could always assume reasonable breaks—generate three tricks in the suit, which was all he needed. But what if East ducked the first round of spades, and when Zia repeated the finesse, won the second round? Now Zia might need two entries to dummy to establish the spades, but only the heart king would remain as an entry.

The spade queen is key enough. By striking two, Zia simply played a spade to the seven. East was pleased to win a cheap trick in the suit, but because Zia had lost the first trick in spades while he still had a spade in the dummy, he could win the club return and lead a spade to the queen. This lost to East's king, but established three spade winners, with the heart king in dummy as an entry. The three tricks in spades plus two in each of the other suits gave Zia his contract.

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

|       |      |       |          |
|-------|------|-------|----------|
| South | West | North | East     |
| 1♠    | Pass | 1♥    | Pass     |
| 2NT   | Pass | 3NT   | All pass |

Opening lead: Diamond Jack

**BID WITH THE ACES**

Single holds:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ♠ | A | Q | J | 8 | 7 |
| ♥ | 3 | 2 |   |   |   |
| ♦ | 9 | 8 | 6 |   |   |

South West North East

|     |      |     |      |
|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1♠  | Pass | 2♥  | Pass |
| 2NT | Pass | 3NT | Pass |

ANSWER: Bid two hearts, suggesting two or three hearts and up to 10 points. You have a maximum, but there's no reason to assume game will make unless partner has extras—in which case he will probably bid again. Do not rebid spades here and play in a possible 5-0 fit, when there are at least seven hearts between the two hands.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at [bobby@bridgegator.com](mailto:bobby@bridgegator.com).

**616 ROOMMATES WANTED**  
TWIN FALLS female roommate wanted for 2 bedroom. Call 525-5010 731-2091.  
TWIN FALLS Spectacular, super clean 2 bdrm. W/D hook-up, most utilities. No pets. \$455. + dep. 733-8294

**607 OFFICE & RETAIL RENTALS**  
JEROME Modern office, employee or inventory. W/D hook-up, large and central. 377 Mar. St. Dr. Unit #3 & #4. Call Mike Newby 736-6850 or 212-2752.  
TWIN FALLS Quaint 1 1/2 bedroom home. 5325. Includes garage. Call 525-5010 deposit. Call 733-5038

**608 COMMERCIAL RENTALS**  
HAGERMAN For sale or lease. \$1000. 4000 sq. ft. commercial building. downtown. 4 bay mechanics/ auto wash. 5100 W. Main. Call 539-6402.  
TWIN FALLS Secured 4 acres with office and shop. Call 539-6402.  
ELDRIDGE Ask for Howard or Bill 973-6880

**610 STORAGE & WAREHOUSES**  
TWIN FALLS Competitive rate on 3000, 6000, 9000 sq. ft., 18 ft. clear, full set-up, dock, paved site on Eastland Drive. Clean & ready for business. Call 539-6402.

**605 ROOMS FOR RENT**  
JEROME Holiday Motel Under new management. Nice, clean, comfortable rooms. 401 W. Main. 324-2321

**609 ROOMS FOR RENT**  
TWIN FALLS HHO, microwave & refrigerator 1 person \$120 weekly. Call 537-6452  
TWIN FALLS 5100 w/c. \$375 mo. Quiet, microwave, ref., & uti. 973-1988.  
TWIN FALLS MOTEL 3 Daily and weekly rates 2152 Kimberly Rd. 733-9026  
TWIN FALLS HOTEL 3 Newly renovated rooms Cable TV+HBO Weekly rates \$15 and up. No Pets 248 2nd Ave W. 733-6630

**608 ROOMS FOR RENT**  
TWIN FALLS Rooms, \$90/week, microwave, refrigerator, utility. Full bath. Cable TV, no pets. 1201 Kimberly Rd. 733-5232

**606 ROOMS FOR RENT**  
BURL 2 bedroom, 2 bath, \$400/month + deposit. No pets. Call 545-0079 or 731-5664.

**701 LIVESTOCK & POULTRY**  
**CONNECT WITH CUSTOMERS WHO NEED YOUR SERVICE**  
Advertise in the Service Directory 733-0931 ext. 2

**BULLS reg. Angus yearlings, 8 to choose from. \$1500. 543-5283 or 539-2813**

**CATTLE Angus Bulls 2 yr old long yearling bulls. 1100 lbs. High Growth Bulls. 208-436-3138 days, 205-428-0723 evenings**

**CATTLE 12 Jersey heifer calves. Good 4-H prospects. Call 678-5300**

**CATTLE Black Angus bulls, reg. EPD numbers available. Somers, Rich tested & delivered. Call 934-8552 or 329-2827.**

**CATTLE Quality yearling bulls, ranging from 1000 lbs. Call 532-4319.1 msp.**

**CHICKS are HERE !! Come see us at Page Old Farm, 215 W. Main, 253 W. Union. 324-3888**

**LAMBS & PIGS 4-H & FFA Sale. Flier Fairgrounds. Call Art. 1011. For more information call 837-8894 or 735-7447**

**LIVESTOCK ADVANCED CONSIGNMENT**  
Tuesday, April 8, 100 head running age stock cows & pairs  
PRODUCERS: WERTZ, JOCK Jerome, Idaho 208-324-4346

**PIGS For Sale Young boars, sows, good blood. Call 539-2393**

**703 HORSES & TACK**  
CHARMACK low repair, many extras, excellent condition inside and out. \$2300. Call 438-2344

**GELDING registered, good blood, trail riding and packing—y-3-year old; fully jugged. #87-2512 or 539-2512**

**HORSE 5 year old reg gelding out of "Sensitive, San Pappy and Doc O'Leary" weanling at training and show. cutting prospect for rearing/buying barrels. Needs experienced rider. \$800/offer. 3-year old reg. OH, green broke, trail riding, good personality. \$1500/offer. Call 833-8355**

**HORSE 6 yr. old Mustang mare. Good showing horse. Good size and packed up. \$700/offer. 326-8687**

**HORSE TRAILER '01 EX15, 4 horse, aluminum living quarters. \$25,000. Please call 731-0103.**

**MARE AQHA race brood mare. PMA mare 2 yrs. old, both are broke and gentle. 432-5348 or 539-9937**

**PALOMING 7yr. old paint gelding, rody. In mountain ewe every weekend summer '02. \$1200. Call 539-4926 ewes. 934-4955**

**PALOMINO REG. METHA-BLUE papered 20 year old mare. Call 423-6988**

**QUARTER HORSE yearling colts. Well bred. Also 2 Blue Hen appendix yearling colts. Call 431-7149**

**QUARTER HORSE, gelding, 8 yrs. old. Ride or pack. \$600. More info. 734-2993 or 731-7153**

**SADDLE Circo A barrel saddle. \$500. Call 538-6359/760**

**THOROUGHBRED 12 mo. filly, bro. 18 yrs. old, dam of 3 winners at race track. Ready for breeding. \$500 Call 438-3883**

**WANTED Deceptively Seeking a 4-H horse, for 9 yr old daughter please call. 423-6387 or 687-0877**

**704 PIRANHA SUPPLIES**  
AUSTRALIAN Shepherd puppies, registered champion lines, all colors, fit stock. 208-986-2644.

**BYRDPOOD Sweet Harvest, McBirds. Call 733-9969. 2002. Zip/Corn Call 734-6364**

**705 FARM EQUIPMENT**  
BAND SPRAVER-36 row mounted on 7 1/2 MD Case tractor. Complete work, controls & pump. Very good condition. \$40,000. 670-5760 or 430-5670.

**FERRUSANTO 30 hydraulic loader. Also comes with tractor. 438-6743**

**PLANTER 600 Miltron 6, row bearings, 0.500 bushels. Call 525-5010**

**SPRAYER, ATV 12 row backhoe, 2 wheel sprayer. \$200/offer. Call 208-538-5642**

**SILVER QUEEN portable tank. 4 x 10 ft. polyethylene w/rot case. \$950/offer. 487-2190 or 731-2100**

**TRACTOR new 204 Jimna 4 X 4 wheel, power steering, 3 point & PTO. special \$8850. with loader \$9500. Randy Rich Equipment. 438-5700 or 431-5701**

**TRACTOR Ford 1439XL, will fit any JD tractor, 1 1/4 miles 10' aluminum manure. 280-3777.**

**TRACTOR John Deere 7330, 2700 hrs. 1999 model, 18 x 34 tires, JD 900 loader, 5000 lb. capacity, 3 yrs. warranty. Call Scott Olson at 208-589-2448**

**WANTED 48 ft. 10L JD tractor or 6110 and working order. Also wanted 6 ft. heavy duty side and packer. 3000 hydraulic finish disc for 32 hp tractor. 366-2118.**

**706 FARM & RANCH SUPPLIES**  
BEE HUTS-wax & 4x4 sides available. Good space, best offer. Call 436-6978 or 438-6978

**FUEL TANK 300 gallon + stand. \$75. Free Motor for 8-11.50. Call 733-3825.**

**707 BRIGHA RIG**  
CLYDE'S PIPE REPAIR. Range lines, main lines and wheel lines, (even in the hole). Call 431-7149.

**BIRCH PUMP, filters, and 2000 gal. capacity. \$400 for complete set up. Call 326-2226.**

**GATED Pipe Aluminum. Call 530-6201**

**MAINLINE, aluminum, 50' 10". 6" or all in good cond. 731-3248**

**PIPE patch 6"-12" PVC, 26" 12"-24" steel pipe. 837-4897 near Hwy. 60**

**PIPE MEN**  
Broken irrigation pipe? Call us. 208-432-2380

**WATER RIGHTS-SHARES Daily-1/4-acre commercial. \$2500. Call 735-3825.**

**WESTERN WHEELERINE (2) 1/4 mile long. 5 ft. wheels. Brake down & ready to be used. 539-1103. Phone of Shoshone, 731-0103.**

**WHEEL LINE 7 1/4 miles. 60" wheels, 1000 lb. 10 hp. power converter. (ideal for 1 plow). \$500. Call 438-3825. 4 days. 733-3894 ewes.**

**Magic Valley Compost**  
Soil tests, consulting, Reduce inputs. Break the chemical cycle. Call 208-290-1586 or 208-324-4690

**CUSTOM FARMING**  
Small acreages. Corrigating, Discing, Replanting, Mowing, Seeding, Spraying, Fertilizing, Quality Work, Custom Prices We Travel. 208-324-7420

**FENCING**  
Corrals, Ranch Cedar & Pole Fence Chain Link & Barbed Wire. Repair work. 20 years exp. Full line of farm & ranch fencing needs. Call 208-934-0915

**IRESSION SALES & REPAIR**

**DEUTZ**  
Oregon Idaho Diesel 43-72-1268 Nyasa, Oregon 733-3825

**MANURE HAULING**  
Manure hauling available. Reasonable rates. 208-250-1933

**PIPE REPAIR**  
**THUNDERFOOT PIPES**  
Repair your own Sprinkler pipe 3/8 inch pipe press! All cuts included. See prices display. 248 Farms Irrigation 6 Jerome 830-667376

**PIPE REPAIR**  
Clyde's Sprinkler Pipe Repair  
Whether its wind damaged in the field or clogged in the bore pipe. Hand Lines & Hand Lines \$19. 208-931-7149

**POULTRY**  
Page Chicken Ranch  
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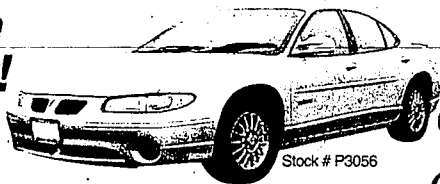
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# SPORTS

## Coming Wednesday

Wood River and Buhl meet Tuesday in SCIC baseball.

The Times-News

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Section D

### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

“ I think this building kind of owed us one. ”

Syracuse coach Jim Boehem, on winning in the Superdome Monday after the Orangemen lost by one to Indiana 16 years ago on the same floor

#### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
  - Wood River at Buhl, 3:30 p.m.
  - Twin Falls at Burley, 4 p.m.
  - Jerome at Century, 4:30 p.m.
  - Kimberly at Filer, 4 p.m.
  - Minico at Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
  - Twin Falls at Boise, 3:30 p.m.
  - Jerome at Wood River, 4 p.m.
  - Kimberly at Filer, 4 p.m.
  - Minico at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track**
  - at Bonneville, 3 p.m.
- High school golf**
  - at Pleasant Valley GC, 1 p.m.
  - at Twin Falls Muni GC, 1 p.m.
  - at Burley GC, 2 p.m.
- High school tennis**
  - Gooding at Twin Falls JV, 3:30 p.m.
  - Jerome at Minico, 3:30 p.m.

#### IN BRIEF

### Pee-Wee Basketball tips off today at TFHS

TWIN FALLS - "Tuesday Night" girls and boys Pee-Wee Basketball starts today at 5 p.m. at Twin Falls High School. Boys in grades 2-4 and girls in K-2 grades are encouraged to participate. Cost is \$25 with all proceeds benefiting the TFHS girls basketball team. For more information, call Steve Irons at 732-6830.

### Pleasant Valley GC starts twilight league

KIMBERLY - Pleasant Valley Golf Course has started a new men's Twilight league beginning Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Six different formats will be offered with weekly and monthly winners receiving prizes. For more information, call 423-5800.

### Muni men's twilight play tees off Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - Men's Twilight golf begins Wednesday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. The season lasts 12 weeks and has three different formats and payoffs including an overall payoff. Call 733-3326 for more information, or to reserve your spot. Space is limited to 24 four-person teams.

### M-C Bulldogs start season off with loss

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia Bulldogs kicked off their Rocky Mountain Football League schedule with a 21-16 loss to Idaho Falls on Saturday. Quarterback Mike Manning threw scoring strikes of 23 yards to Lonnie Edwards and 20 yards to Dallas Hakes for Mini-Cassia. The Bulldogs had one final play for the win but Manning's pass on fourth and 20 was tipped away and the Mustangs ran out the clock. The Dawgs (0-1) face Treasure Valley on Saturday at 7:45 p.m. at Minico High School.

#### Correction

TWIN FALLS - The low gross and low net winners for the Cove-Pepsi Best Ball tournament were reversed in a report Monday. Steve Call and Dutch Pullman were men's gross winners while Brad Scheele and Bart Miller won the low net title. Virginia Undheim and Linda Fennell won the ladies gross side.

## McCracken, Eagle edge Twin Falls

### Shelley golfer Higham shoots tourney-low 69

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

**BUHL** - If three-time state golf champion Twin Falls needed any incentive for winning a fourth straight girls golf title, the Bruins received it Monday.

Courtney McCracken shot an even round 72 as the Eagle High girls beat the Bruins by two strokes Monday to win the Class A portion of the Buhl Invitational Golf Tournament at a sun-soaked Clear Lake Country Club.

Eagle teammate Jennifer Swanson shot 78 as the Mustangs carded a 332. The Bruins, who were led by the 10-over 82 of sophomore Jennifer Hedberg, were two back at 334 for second.

Twin Falls won last year's tournament by 41 strokes over runner-up Skyview of Nampa, which took third this year behind the 78 of Westfield IJGA champion Kull Quick.

Tournament organizer and Buhl golf coach Mike Gemar said Eagle's win was a wake-up call for the Bruins.

"It certainly surprised me, no question about it," he said. "I think they woke up a lot of people today."

Shelley's Katie Higham shot a 3-under 69 for the day's low

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round. Higham was the state runner-up a year ago here in Buhl.

"Higham just lit it up. Shelley played pretty tough," Gemar said.

But as good as Higham's score was, Snake River won the Class B team title with a 395, 11 strokes better than Shelley, which settled for second at 406. Weiser came in third with a 419, and Buhl was seven strokes back in fourth.

All four teams were the same top four at the state tournament, won by Weiser, last year, said Gemar.

"That just shows me it will be a battle come state tournament time," he said.

And if Monday's play is any indication, Twin Falls could be in for its own battle come May.

Hedberg wasn't concerned with the team score as she was her own. After a bogey 5 at the 250-yard 10th, she followed up with a birdie on No. 11. A wedge approach to within 3 feet set up the birdie.

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Valley junior Brenton Black sizes up a putt during the annual Buhl Invitational girls golf tournament at Clear Lake Country Club on Monday. The Vikings took sixth place out of eight teams in the Class B competition.

### NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Orangemen alert

## Syracuse KO's Kansas, wins first national title for Boehem

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The Syracuse Orangemen were playground players early, a bundle of nerves late. They juked, jammed and barely held on for a victory that gave coach Jim Boehem his long-awaited championship.

Freshmen Carmelo Anthony and Gerry McNamara did the scoring. Hakim Warrick came up with a huge block at the end Monday night to lift the Orange to a thrilling 81-78 victory over Kansas.

"We played the best first half we could play, and then we just hung on," Boehem said.

Warrick, who missed two free throws that would have sealed the game with 13.5 seconds left, made up for it by coming from nowhere to swat a 3-point attempt by Michael Lee that would have tied it.

Kirk Hinrich, cold all night, shot an airball at the buzzer and the Orangemen (30-5) ran to the floor to celebrate their first-ever title. Boehem threw his arms in the air and ran to shake hands with Roy Williams, the 15-year Kansas coach who was deprived once again of the championship.

McNamara hit six 3-pointers in the first half to finish with 18 points. Anthony showed he is certainly ready for the NBA if he chooses, fighting off a bad back to finish with 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

"We never talked about him being the best freshman in the country," Boehem said. "We talked about him being the best player in the country. I think in this tournament he proved it."

He made Boehem the winner in the marquee coaching matchup of brilliant tacticians who had never won it all.

Sixteen years ago, Syracuse lost by one to Indiana on Keith Smart's game-winning with four seconds left on the same Superdome floor. Boehem said he wanted to get the last four seconds right this time, and he did -

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Syracuse guard Carmelo Anthony (15) reacts after winning the NCAA national championship game 81-78 against Kansas at the Final Four Monday at the Superdome in New Orleans. Anthony was named the tournament MVP.

## Wrist injury may keep Jagr on ice for playoffs

The Associated Press

ODENTON, Md. - After years of beating the Washington Capitals in the playoffs, Jaromir Jagr finally gets a chance to help them win a series.

He just has to figure out a way to play with his sore right wrist.

"I cannot do things I could do before," said Jagr, staring at the wrist he broke nearly one month ago. "I have to change it some how. ... It's not good, but I'm not going to miss the playoffs."

The uncertainty over Jagr's

wrist dampens the excitement of his first playoff appearance with the sixth-seeded Capitals, who open their Eastern Conference series Thursday at Southeast Division winner Tampa Bay.

"I think everybody in the Washington organization has been looking forward to the day when Jaromir Jagr puts on his skates for his first playoff game," coach Bruce Cassidy said. "We know how much he enjoys being the go-to guy in the playoffs - I just hope his health allows him to

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## A finale worthy of the Superdome

NEW ORLEANS - Roy Williams led us to believe he wouldn't cry if this particular Kansas team did not win the national championship. But that didn't last long.

“ Dick Weiss ”

“ The Jayhawks coach is an emotional person and his heart went out to his players after the Jayhawks lost, 81-78, to Syracuse Monday night in the NCAA championship game before a massive crowd of 54,424 at the Louisiana Superdome. Williams had coached Kansas to the Final Four four times in 15 years. But this may have been his best shot at winning it all at this Big 12 school. Kansas had beaten Arizona in the West Regional finals at Anaheim. And mighty Kentucky wasn't here. ”

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Women's championship All Times MDT Tennessee (33-4) vs. Connecticut (35-1) On TV: ESPN, 6:30 p.m.

## Storyed programs meet once again for women's title

Chicago Tribune

ATLANTA - She will take the court with a thought in the back of her mind, an eye to the stands and a prayer sent out across the ocean.

The NCAA women's basketball title will be at stake Tuesday night at the Georgia Dome, and so will bragging rights between Connecticut and Tennessee, the two most storied programs in the sport.

Tennessee has won six national titles, more than any other women's program. Connecticut is going for its fourth.

And Tennessee guard Kara Lawson, a senior playing in her third Final Four, has repeatedly wants to add to the Lady Vols' loot, to close out her college career with the one thing that has remained maddeningly out of reach.

The little girl who began dribbling a basketball at the age of 4, who played youth football to toughen up, who survived a paternal boycott of her basketball games, because she chose Tennessee over Stanford, has her sights unwaveringly fixed on a title.

A year ago, Tennessee showed up at the Final Four in San Antonio, only to be unceremoniously dismissed 79-56 by eventual national champion Connecticut in the semifinals.

"I think we made tremendous strides from last year's team to this year's team, our ability to

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Washington Capitals' Jaromir Jagr works the puck past Pittsburgh's Ricki Fata (59) in the first period Saturday in Washington. After years of beating the Capitals in the playoffs, Jagr finally gets a chance to help them win a series.

SPORTS

Rookie's homer lifts Arizona over Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lyle Overbay couldn't stop smiling... His first major league home run, a two-run shot in the 12th inning, gave the Arizona Diamondbacks a 6-4 victory over Los Angeles on Monday in the Dodgers' home opener.

"You kind of dream about it," he said. "I was wondering if it was over or not." The 26-year-old rookie need wonder no longer. Pinch hitting for Matt Mantei (2-0) with two outs and a runner at first, Overbay hit a 1-0 pitch from Andy Ashby (0-1) into the right-field pavilion. Craig Counsell had singled to lead off the inning.

"I was just trying to get a good pitch and drive it in the gap," Overbay said. "To stay through a ball, that's the big thing. I knew I was close. I wasn't taking advantage of my pitches, I was fouling them off."

Overbay began the season as Arizona's first baseman, but was just 2-for-15 this year (.133) and 4-for-27 as a major leaguer (.148) when he came to the plate.

Scott Service, Arizona's sixth pitcher, got three outs for his first save since Sept. 22, 2000, for Oakland at Seattle. It was the 16th save of his career.



Arizona Diamondbacks rookie pinch hitter Lyle Overbay watches his go-ahead two-run home run in the 12th inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium on Monday. The Diamondbacks beat 6-4.

The Diamondbacks overcame a three-run deficit to stop a four-game losing streak. Adrian Beltre and Fred McGriff homered for the Dodgers.

Braves 3, Marlins 0 ATLANTA — Gary Sheffield,

Florida loaded the bases in the eighth off Roberto Hernandez, and Kevin Gryboski got Ivan Rodriguez to ground into a double play. John Lott pitched the ninth for his second save. Carl Pavano (0-2) gave up the homers.

Giants 7, Padres 4 SAN FRANCISCO — Rich Aurilia and Jose Cruz Jr. each homered twice and Edgardo Alfonzo hit his first home run for San Francisco as the Giants won their home opener.

At 7-0, the Giants are off to their best start since moving to San Francisco, topping the 6-0 mark that began their pennant-winning 2002 season. When the franchise was in New York, the Giants started 7-0 in 1930 and 9-0 in 1918.

New manager Felipe Alou won his debut in Pacific Bell Park, where he was joined by younger brothers Jesus and Matty to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Tim Worrell (1-0) pitched the final 1-3 innings. Bynum allowed three runs and three hits in the eighth, while Bynum (0-1) was the loser.

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z-list game was a win AMERICAN LEAGUE Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Colo 0-0) at Cleveland (Ric. Rodriguez 1-0), 1:05 p.m. Minnesota (Mays 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pelitte 1-0), 2:05 p.m. Anaheim (Ra. Ortiz 1-0) at Seattle (Moyer 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

Montreal at Chicago Cubs, p.p.d., snow Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, p.p.d., rain Atlanta 3, Florida 0 San Francisco 7, San Diego 4 Arizona 6, Los Angeles 4, 12 innings

Today's Games Milwaukee (Ray 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 0-1), 12:20 p.m. Montreal (Duffy 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Wells 0-0), 4:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Leter 1-0) at Atlanta (Friedman 1-0), 5:05 p.m. Atlanta (Marquis 0-0) at Philadelphia (Wolf 1-0), 5:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Dempsler 0-0) at Houston (Oswalt 1-0), 6:05 p.m. St. Louis (Simontacchi 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 7:05 p.m. Arizona (Villareal 0-0) at Los Angeles (Ishii 0-1), 8:10 p.m. San Diego (Peavy 1-0) at San Francisco (Moss 1-0), 8:15 p.m.

NHL

Jagr played well early as the Capitals struggled, then hit a December goal drought that sapped his confidence even as the team zoomed into first place. Just when team, player, and coach were all hitting stride together, along came the wrist injury that cost him six games down the stretch.

Jagr returned two weeks ago against Montreal, but he hasn't been the same. He didn't score in the final six games, ending the season with a team-high 36 goals. "Every day I'm getting better and better," Jagr said. "I might have come back too early, but I had to come back because I wanted to get into shape and be ready for the playoffs."

Cassidy is concerned Jagr will put too much pressure on himself in the first few games against Tampa Bay. Jagr's reputation, his huge contract and the fact that the Capitals haven't won a playoff series since 1998 combine to make this series a near must-win for the franchise. "If we don't put too much pressure on him in the first round, and that extra couple of weeks helps him, it allows him to be the guy," Cassidy said. "But the spotlight's on him. He knows it. He releases it."

Women

Continued from D1 focus and keep things in perspective," Lawson said. "We just want to seize the moment."

To do that, the Lady Vols will have to neutralize the impact of Connecticut consensus All-American Diana Taurasi, whose numbers—17.6 points and six rebounds per game—are good but don't reflect her penchant for big plays.

Against Texas on Sunday night, Taurasi almost single-handedly took over the game, hitting big shots, making perfect passes, even knocking in the ball twice as the Longhorns drove for the final, tying shot.

"The sign of greatness is that you can make those shots," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said.

And that you take those shots. "She is fearless," Lawson said. "She takes on responsibility, but she is confident that she can handle it for her team."

Lawson and fellow senior Gwen Jackson play according to form—a double-double in the first 19 points and 10 rebounds in five tournament games—the Lady Vols could take the title back to Knoxville.

"I know without question the reason Kara Lawson and Gwen Jackson chose to come to Tennessee is they wanted to have a national championship experience," Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said.

Though her pride compels Lawson to obsess about victory, perspective, in the form of her aunt and uncle, Ellen and Daniel Burke, reminds her that winning is far from the only thing.

The Burkes will be sitting in the stands Tuesday night, watching Lawson perform her job, while half a world away, their son Kevin, a military man doing duty in the Middle East, tries to perform his.

Perspective will also appear in the form of Bill Lawson, who didn't see his daughter play college basketball until last season, when the Lady Vols took on Connecticut.

Now, said Lawson, with the boycott over, she and her father are closer than ever.

"Sometimes with relationships, you have to take a step back before you can take a couple of steps forward," Lawson said. "The Lady Vols are hoping the same holds true in basketball."

NCAA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP Familiar foes meet for the women's title

Connecticut is back in the title game against their bitter rivals for supremacy in women's basketball — the Tennessee Lady Vols. The Huskies beat Tennessee in the 1995 and 2000 title games and defeated them last year in a semifinals encounter to the championship over Oklahoma.

Table with columns: Team, Points per game, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, FG pct, 3P pct, FT pct, Turnovers, Fouls, Blocks, Blocks/game. Rows include Tennessee (33-4) and Connecticut (36-1).

Keys Tennessee's Diana Taurasi without letting one of her teammates have a big game. If it's a close game, try to force someone other than Taurasi to take the shot. Connecticut's goal rebounding that has been a trademark for the Lady Vols in the NCAA tournament. Keep forwards Gwen Jackson involved offensively. Other players need to help guard Kara Lawson deal with Connecticut's trapping defense.

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Syracuse

Continued from D1 just barely. "I think this building kind of overcame me," he said.

In the first half, it didn't look as if he'd have to sweat it.

The Orangemen built their lead to 18 during a breakneck first 20 minutes. They then ground to a halt in the second, and it was Boehm's famous 2-3 one that closed out the game.

When it was over, bad free-throw shooting by Kilduff and the Jayhawks (30-8) they missed an amazing 18 of 20. They also never really found the outside touch to force the Orangemen to guard them up high.

Inters, Boehm's 'D' came close to turning Kansas into a one-man show. All-American forward Nick Collison was valiant — he finished with 19 points and 21 rebounds. But in the end, he simply didn't have enough help against the tall and long Syracuse players and that well-coached defense. There was one other fatal flaw: The 6-foot-9 senior was 3-for-10 from the line.

McNamara was relentless, unabashedly hoisting shots from 23, 24 feet and making almost all of them. By the end of the first half, he was 5-for-8 — his season high — and the Orangemen led 53-52. The 53 were the most points scored by one team in the first half of a title game.

Before his back started acting up, Anthony Look destined to join Dwayne Wade as Maquette as the second player with a triple-double in this year's tournament. As it was, he finished three assists shy.

"We just came into the tournament and proved everybody wrong," said the Orangemen guard Josh Pace said.

Even with Anthony struggling down the stretch, Kansas couldn't play catch-up well enough to tie or take the lead. A great chance came with 14 minutes left when, trailing 61-58, the Jayhawks picked off a bad pass and started rushing downcourt. But Kansas turned it right back, and Anthony made a 3-pointer to keep the Orange ahead.

It was another bitter defeat for Williams, who stayed without the one victory that would have rounded out an otherwise impeccable resume.

Now, his next job is to decide whether he's interested in the opening at North Carolina, his alma mater, or wants to return to Kansas to try to complete his still-unfinished business.

Checked up, as he normally is when the season ends, he angrily dismissed a question about the Tar Heels job.

"I've got 13 kids in that locker room that I love," he said.

Finale

Continued from D1 But Syracuse's two freshman stars — forward Carmelo Anthony and guard Gerry McNamara — ruined his night, changing the perception forever that youth couldn't beat experience.

Anthony scored 20 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had seven assists. McNamara scored 18, making six of nine three-pointers.

You may have to send your condolences to Chapel Hill. Williams could be the head coach at North Carolina by the next text week. He most certainly will be at the top of the Tar Heels' wish list to replace Matt Doherty, who resigned last week amid reports several of his players were unhappy with his coaching style and were threatening to leave or turn pro.

Expect Dean Smith to make the phone call, urging a loyal son to come home to save a program in crisis. If Williams says yes, the press conference could be as early as tomorrow.

"I know the journalistic part of you has to ask that question," Williams said when the subject was finally broached. "But I told the truth. I haven't spent one second thinking about it. I said on the air, 'I don't give a blankety blankety about North Carolina.' Williams said he will fly back

to Lawrence with the team. He has meant so much to this program, reestablishing it as one of the pillars of the sport. Maybe his players — particularly his beloved seniors Nick Collison and Kirk Hinrich — wanted it too much for him.

The 69 Collins, the most complete player in college basketball, scored 19 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, but was just 3-for-10 from the line before fouling out with 30 seconds to play. The gritty Hinrich, playing with a gimpy ankle over the last few minutes, finished with 16, but shot just 6-for-20 and was only 3-for-12 from the three.

This is what broken dreams look like. "This is one of those times I feel so inadequate as a coach and person," Williams said. "There's nothing that can change the way the kids feel, nothing that can change the way I feel."

"I don't like moral victories, but for Syracuse to come out and beat North Carolina in the first half and for us to get back in the game is something I'll never forget."

"As much as I hurt, I'm happy for Jimmy Boehm," Williams said.

Columnist Dick Weiss writes for the New York Daily News

Golf

Continued from D1 Teammate Samantha Stanger, who transferred to Twin Falls this year from Minnetonka, said she was excited to play with the best program in the state.

"Minico was fun, but the opportunity to come to a championship team ... I thought, why not?" she said.

Stanger, playing the No. 2 slot for the Bruins, shot 88, four back of teammate Whitney Cleland's 94. Heidi Reitsma finished at 90, an 18-hole lead when she came in at 105. Many of the players said the greens were fast, but all of them

were just happy to be on a sunny golf course. "I don't think we've played in sunshine yet, so this is great," said Boise golfer Katie Neely, who carded an 83.

Gemar said for many of the reasons, it was the first opportunity to play a complete round. "It was their first look at 18," he said. "I was pretty excited when I woke up and didn't see any rain or any snow. (The course) was in great shape."

Gemar admitted he would have liked to see some lower numbers for his top golfers,

Courtney Gemar and Jessica Brown, both of whom shot 100. "It would've liked to have seen them in the low 90s. They said they gave some strokes away on the greens," he said.

But to finish only one shot above the state qualifying number of 425 was a nice surprise this early in the season.

"Things went well. It is certainly a measuring stick," he said. "There's no doubt for us to finish in the top four (at state) is really one, and I'd like to see us in the top three. When (Higham) beats my No. 1 by 21 strokes, it's

pretty tough to make up the difference."

Both hosts the Class 3A District Four tournament May 13 at Clear Lake.

Team Standings: Boys: 1. Clear Lake, 2. Twin Falls, 3. St. Ignace, 4. Boise, 5. 1. (M) Higham, 2. (M) Idaho Falls, 3. (M) Idaho Falls, 4. (M) Idaho Falls, 5. (M) Idaho Falls. Girls: 1. Clear Lake, 2. Twin Falls, 3. St. Ignace, 4. Boise, 5. 1. (M) Higham, 2. (M) Idaho Falls, 3. (M) Idaho Falls, 4. (M) Idaho Falls, 5. (M) Idaho Falls.

SPORTS

MLB batters ahead of pitchers after one week

By Ronald Blum Associated Press writer

Home runs, scoring up in first week

NEW YORK — Look out, pitchers! The lowly Chicago Cubs had the biggest opening-day win by any team in 52 years, with Corey Patterson driving in seven runs.

Table with columns for 2003 Games, 2002 Games, Home runs, and Runs. Includes a 'Time of Inning game' table with columns for 2:48, 6:50, 7:22, 1:14, and 1:17.

It seems as if the temperature goes down, scoring goes up. Games in the first week averaged 10.03 runs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's statistics bureau.

Angelenos Kings. The weather was more suited to a pond than a diamond with a temperature of 39 and wind at 20 mph.

The 196 homers in the first week set a 2.18 per game, up 15 percent from the 1.90 average last year but well below the 2.74 in 2000.

Arizona's Carlos Baerla said, "I've seen some lopsided scores," Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Truex said. "I don't know why."

On a freezing March 31 at Shea Stadium, the Cubs raised the New York Mets 15-2, the largest margin of victory on opening day since the Chicago White Sox beat up the St. Louis Browns 17-3 on April 1, 1951.

The Chicago White Sox, Detroit, Kansas City, Philadelphia and St. Louis also started at home in bad weather, and the openers for the Chicago Cubs, Cleveland, the New York Yankees and Pittsburgh were postponed Monday by snow and rain.

BASEBALL

NL BOXERS

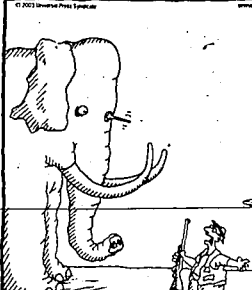
BRAYES 3, MARLINS 0

Scoreboard for Florida Marlins vs Atlanta Braves. Includes batting order and game statistics.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



"Well, that didn't even faze him. You'd better hand me the big gun."

GIANTS 7, PADRES 4

Scoreboard for San Diego Padres vs New York Giants. Includes batting order and game statistics.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Western Conference standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

DIAMONDBACKS 6, DODGERS 4

Scoreboard for Los Angeles Dodgers vs Arizona Diamondbacks. Includes batting order and game statistics.

PGA TOUR Money Leaders

PGA TOUR Money Leaders table listing player names and earnings.

WTA TOUR Money Leaders

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LPGA Money Leaders

LPGA Money Leaders table listing player names and earnings.

NASCAR Winston Cup Leaders

NASCAR Winston Cup Leaders table listing driver names and points.

WTA Tour Family Circle Cup

WTA Tour Family Circle Cup table listing player names and earnings.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 25

Collegiate Baseball Top 25 table listing team names and records.

BASEBALL

Association

Baseball Association table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

WRESTLING

Wrestling table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Soccer

Champions League, Real Madrid vs Manchester United, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

Baseball

MLB, Angels at Mariners, ESPN, 3 p.m.

WCHL Playoffs

Friday, April 11, 8:30 p.m. Vancouver @ Los Angeles

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BOXING

Fight Schedule

Boxing Fight Schedule table listing fight details and dates.

GOLF

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hagerman-bred Buddy Gil sidelined for two weeks

ARCADIA, Calif. — Buddy Gil will run in next month's California Derby, but the 3-year-old gelding will be sidelined for two weeks after bleeding in the Santa Anita Derby.

Rockets' Griffin arrested on marijuana charge

HOUSTON — Rockets forward Eddie Griffin was arrested and charged with marijuana possession after the car he was driving was stopped by police.

Bulls GM Krause resigns citing health problems

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Jerry Krause had a rare eye for talent, assembling two very different championship teams that yet to be Krause's legacy, though.

Arbitrator warns Jets KR Chad Morton to Redskins

WASHINGTON — Kick returner Chad Morton was awarded to the Washington Redskins on Monday by an arbitrator who ruled that the New York Jets failed to meet all terms of an offer sheet.

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