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# U.S. solidifies gains

But they come at cost to U.S., Iraqi military, civilians, journalists

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - U.S. forces battled the tattered remnants of Iraq's army for control of downtown Baghdad on Tuesday, crushing a counterattack and seizing a military airport. Saddam Hussein's fate was unknown after an attempt to kill him from the air.

Inside the capital to stay, some Army units routed Iraqi fighters from a Republican Guard headquarters. Others discovered a 12-room complex inside a cave, complete with white marble floors, 10-foot ceilings and fluorescent lighting.

Marines battled snipers as they fought deeper into the capital from the east. They seized the Rasheed Airport and captured enough ammunition for an estimated 3,000 troops. Ominously, they also took a prison where they found U.S. Army uniforms and chemical weapons suits possibly belonging to American POWs.

The toll on civilians from four days of urban combat was unknown. But the World Health Organization said Baghdad's hospitals were running out of supplies to treat the burns, shrapnel wounds and spinal injuries caused by the fighting.

Two cameramen were killed and at least three others wounded when an American tank fired a round into the Palestine Hotel, headquarters for hundreds of journalists. Commanders said hostile fire had been coming from the building, although the journalists said they witnessed none.

Separately, the Arab television network al-Jazeera reported that a U.S. warplane attacked its office on the banks of the Tigris River, killing a reporter.

In the city's northern side, Army forces set a Republican Guard barracks ablaze. Warplanes flew their bombing runs unchallenged, and smoke poured out of the Ministry of Planning building in the city's center.

State-run Iraqi television was knocked off the air, depriving the regime of a key source of influence over a population thought increasingly eager to help the



U.S. Navy Corpsman Romualdo Humarung, of San Diego, attends to a wounded Iraqi man after he and other Iraqis stormed a Marine compound Tuesday in southeast Baghdad in buses and trucks. U.S. military officials estimated 50 Iraqis died in this and other assaults around the city and one U.S. Marine was killed.

forces of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Four days after Americans first penetrated the Baghdad outskirts, the city showed the effects of the war. Civilians roamed the streets with Kalashnikov rifles in hand,

uncollected garbage piled up, and there were long lines at the reduced number of gasoline stations still open.

There were also military losses for the Americans. An A-10 "Warthog" warplane was shot

down near Baghdad. The pilot ejected, was recovered by ground forces and was in good condition.

A U.S. F-15E jet fighter also went down Sunday and a search was still under way Tuesday for its two-man crew.

## Does pile of rubble contain body of Saddam?

### Grieving workers dig for remains of friends, relatives

By Anthony Shadd

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Bulldozers rumbled over hills of rubble Tuesday in the wealthy neighborhood of Mansour. They lurched, careful not to fall into a 30-foot-deep crater. Relatives sobbed as they watched workers recover several dismembered and battered bodies of the 13 residents they said were buried in the ruins.

The target Monday of four 2,000-pound bombs was President Saddam Hussein, who was possibly hiding in one of the homes with his two sons, Uday and Qusay. U.S. officials have stopped short of claiming they killed the Iraqi leader, and the mystery may not be answered for some time. No security forces



An Iraqi woman arrives with her wounded husband and son at Kindi hospital Tuesday in Baghdad. Officials at Kindi said they had treated about 200 patients that day.

were visible here to witness the excavation: in a rapidly crumbling police state, the police were nowhere to be seen. Whether or

not Iraq's president survives, government authority receded across Baghdad Tuesday. There were scattered scenes of a func-

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## Panel sends tax hike to full Senate

Lawmakers likely to seek some changes

The Associated Press

BOISE - A half-cent sales tax increase would add about \$80 annually to the tax burden of an average Idaho family of four, according to the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

The Senate tax committee on Tuesday advanced the proposal, already passed by the House.

The full Senate in an attempt to solve Idaho's financial crisis. The tax would raise less than \$80 million of the estimated \$160 million deficit in the 2003 state budget.

Senate Republicans, who caused heated closed doors for nearly three hours Tuesday morning on the budget crisis, hope to build a majority for raising the five-cent tax a full penny and possibly adding other specialty taxes. Leaders remained unclear whether they had a majority for that plan.

Democrats intend to propose tax breaks either on food or the income tax to help offset the effect of the higher sales tax. Low-income families would feel more effect because a greater share of their income is spent on taxed necessities.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley, the only member of the House leadership to support the half-cent hike in the sales tax, said earlier that the Senate plan, if successful, would likely find tough sledding in the House.

Sen. Curt McKenzie, a conservative Nampa Republican who also served on the budget committee, said a tax hike has to be enacted.

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## Bill allowing heavier truck loads rolls on

By Julie Penco Times-News writer

BOISE - It might not be long before Idaho trucks will be barreling down highways with their trucks almost 20 percent heavier than today.

The Senate Transportation Committee passed a bill to the Senate floor on Tuesday on a 5-4 vote that would increase the allowable weight from 105,000 to 129,000 pounds. Sponsored by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, it has already passed the House with a 49-15 vote.

Allowing truckers to haul more at one time will increase efficiency for fertilizer, potato, grain, hay, dairy, sugar beet and gravel companies, Newcomb said. It would also enhance the economic poten-

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## Doctor's attorney claims self-defense as trial begins

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

BOISE - Was Dr. James Retmier unwilling to pay a \$20 bet on a pool game, or was he just a victim of teenage almost half his age?

It will soon be up to a Boise jury to decide. The aggravated assault trial of Retmier, a prominent Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon, got under way Tuesday. Retmier is charged with firing a handgun near the left ear of

### Jury selection proves interesting - B1

Robert Shawn Simons, 29, during a confrontation Aug. 20 outside Woody's Sports Bar in Twin Falls' Old Town.

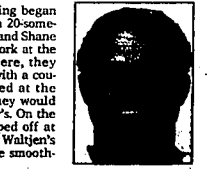
According to Twin Falls County deputy prosecutor Wells Ashby, the doctor decided to settle a pool bet with a gun.

he repaid their friendship with a gun. Ashby told the 12 jurors and one alternate, a group made up of six women and seven men.

In late September, Retmier, 52, pleaded innocent to the charge of aggravated assault, with a possible penalty enhancement for using a weapon, after being indicted by a grand jury. Retmier told police he was chased that night by two men who tried to rob him in the parking lot of Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S., so he fired a warning shot to stop them.

tioning bureaucracy, most notably red, double-decked pub-

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Dr. James Retmier

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mild and sunny. Highs in the 60s.

Tonight: Clear and quiet. Lows in the 30s.

Tomorrow: Warm and partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s to the lower 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny and warm. Highs near 70.

Tonight: Clear skies and dry conditions. Lows in the mid 30s to near 40.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Tomorrow: Continued warm and mostly sunny. Highs in the 70s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for various Idaho cities.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and daily data.

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Table with 2 columns: Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, Snowpack. Includes times and percentages.

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Table with 2 columns: U.V. INDEX, Pollen Count. Includes index levels and pollen types.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

With high pressure continuing to dominate the weather, conditions will continue to be very mild with partly to mostly cloudy skies.

NORTHERN UTAH

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BOISE

Today Highs 43 to 55. Tonight's Lows 18 to 28. Warm, sunny days and mild party cloudy nights will take us through the rest of the week with highs well into the 60s and lower 70s.

Regional Forecast

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for Boise, Bona, Burley, etc.

MOON PHASES

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Date, Moonrise/Moonset. Lists times for Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists forecasts for Boise, Bona, Burley, etc.

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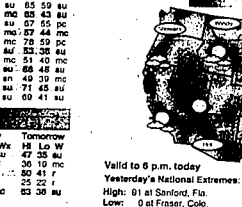
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Today's National Map



Taxes

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Closing the cafeteria

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said Tuesday he intends to shut down the House cafeteria after Friday to save costs and spur lawmakers to bring their record- long session to a close.

LOADS

Continued from A1. trial of a possible ethanol plant and these plant on his own turf in the Mini-Cassia area.

HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES

Roads designated for 10-year pilot program allowing loads of up to 125,000 pounds for trucks.

IDAHO HIGHWAY 25

Idaho Highway 25 from the intersection of State Highway 20 to Hazelton.

Balancing the budget

Idaho lawmakers say they need a \$920 million budget; the Senate wants \$930 million; and the governor's recommendation is \$943 million.

UNRULY FAMILY RUINS NIGHT OUT

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TRIAL

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# Lawmakers look to bypass tax-cut trouble

## GOP leadership moves toward budget deal that leaves Bush tax plan for later deliberation

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate Republicans moved Tuesday toward striking a deal that would let the two chambers pass a compromise 2004 budget this week but settle their differences over the size of a tax cut later, aides said.

Under the proposal — which still needed sign-offs from many lawmakers and on which some final decisions remained — the budget would let the more conservative House write a tax bill later this year with a deeper tax cut than the more moderate Senate has approved. The two chambers would then have to agree to a common figure before the tax bill could be sent to President Bush for his signature.

The plan was, in effect, a decision to postpone resolving the sim-

mering House-Senate dispute over the size of the tax cut until many weeks from now. It was described by aides from both Republican-run chambers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It also provided hope to Bush that the 10-year, \$726 billion tax cut he has proposed to energize the economy would not be cut in half, as the Senate voted to do last month. Bush's tax package — which would eliminate individuals' taxes on corporate dividends and accelerate some income-tax cuts — is one of the cornerstones of his domestic program this year.

Congress' budget sets revenue

and expenditure totals for the year, and does not need the president's signature. Subsequent tax and spending bills make actual changes in law.

Passage of a budget has been crucial to GOP tax-cutting plans because the measure can protect a tax reduction from Senate delays, or filibusters, that take 60 of the chamber's 100 votes to halt. Republicans have badly wanted to give Bush's tax cuts that procedural protection from the Senate's 48 Democrats, who mostly oppose even a \$550-billion reduction, citing massive federal deficits.

The House included a \$726 bil-

lion tax reduction in the budget it approved last month.

The Senate budget, however, endorsed a \$550 billion tax package. The chamber included that lower figure in its budget after moderates from both parties demanded a limit on tax reductions because of soaring federal deficits and the costs of war with Iraq.

Aides cautioned that under the proposed compromise, each chamber's tax-cutting number would not necessarily be the figure it approved in its initial budget.

The unusual agreement, if completed, means the House and Senate would probably be able to approve a \$2.2 trillion budget-for-2004 by late this week, when lawmakers plan to begin a two-week recess.

# Expect gas prices to continue downward trend, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — After falling nearly a dime in three weeks, gasoline prices are expected to keep sliding to a national average of \$1.56 a gallon this summer thanks to lower oil prices and optimism about the war in Iraq, the government says.

The Energy Department's statistical agency revised its price forecast sharply downward Tuesday to reflect the recent fall in crude oil prices. But it also warned of uncertainties that could cause prices of both crude oil and gasoline to rebound.

The price of crude, which hit a high of nearly \$40 a barrel on Feb. 27, was around \$28 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Tuesday. It has dropped by about 20 percent since the war began in Iraq.

A month ago, before gas prices would average more than \$1.70 a gallon through the sum-

mer, hitting 1.76 this month.

Instead, gasoline prices have dropped about 10 cents a gallon over the past three weeks from a high of \$1.73 a gallon in early March. The national average was \$1.63 a gallon on Monday, according to the EIA.

Kyle Cooper, an energy analyst for Citigroup in Houston, said there are still so many uncertainties — from the pace of recovery of Venezuela's oil industry and problems with Nigerian oil supplies to questions about Iraqi exports — that the trend might not hold up.

And OPEC producers may pull back on production when they meet April 24 amid their concern over declining prices. The 10 OPEC countries, excluding Iraq, pumped an average of almost 26.34 million barrels a day on March 6, according to Platt's, or 2.4 million barrels a day over their agreed quota.

# Reading study reveals mixed results for U.S.

WASHINGTON — Fourth-graders in the United States score better in reading than many of their peers around the world, but poor and minority U.S. students still lag behind other U.S. learners, a new international study shows.

Students in U.S. public schools outperformed 23 of 34 other countries in the project, known as the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study of 2001. Those countries ranged from top scorers, including Sweden and England, to such lower performers as Iran and Kuwait.

Among the highlights: 65 percent of U.S. students received more than six hours of reading instruction per week, compared to the international average of 28 percent. Almost all U.S. students attended schools with curriculum that emphasized reading, while 78 percent of students international-

### Nation in brief

like for many obese youngsters nationwide. They are teased about their size, have trouble playing sports and suffer physical ailments linked to their weight.

Its domestic program this year. Congress' budget sets revenue

actual shuttle flight, said former astronaut Sally Ride, one of the board's newest members.

What's more, a team of engineers involved in the study realized they needed more data. They asked NASA officials to seek pictures of the orbiting shuttle, Ride said.

### Astronauts wrap up final spacewalk at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts aboard the international space station ventured outside for more than six hours Tuesday to wrap up maintenance tasks on what was probably the last spacewalk for months.

Commander Ken Bowersox and science officer Don Pettit finished their work early and spent almost

or 80 minutes collecting tools and tethers that had been left outside during previous spacewalks. The pair and Russian flight engineer Nikolai Budarin are supposed to return home in early May after they are replaced by astronaut Ed Lu and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko.

The current crew has been on the station since November. They had been scheduled to return to Earth in March, but their stay was extended after space shuttle Columbia's accident Feb. 1 grounded the shuttle fleet indefinitely. The space station's next crew must be smaller because they must travel aboard the more compact Russian Soyuz, which can't carry as many people and as much equipment as a shuttle.

— compiled from wire reports

### Study finds relatively low self-esteem in obese kids

CHICAGO — A study has found a startling level of despair among obese children, with many rating their quality of life as low as that of young cancer patients on chemotherapy.

The research published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association offers a sobering glimpse of what life is

### Investigators say NASA relied on too little data

HOUSTON — The Columbia accident investigators said Tuesday that the computer model that told engineers a falling chunk of foam hadn't harmed the shuttle's wing at launch was outdated and lacked the right information.

The analytical model had never been used before to predict damage from falling debris during an

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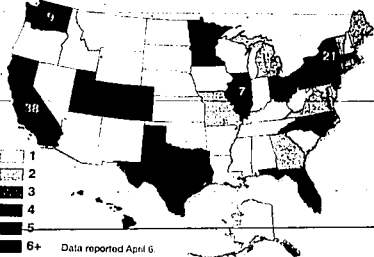
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WORLD

SARS cases grow, no related U.S. deaths

Severe acute respiratory syndrome, SARS, continues to spread throughout the world from Asia. In the United States, there are 148 cases in 30 states with no deaths.

Number of suspected cases under investigation



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SARS shows no signs of letting up in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — The new flu-like virus has shown no signs of letting up in Hong Kong, where health officials warned Tuesday the crisis could worsen even as new infections in China's Guangdong province have tapered off.

The global death toll climbed to at least 104 with new fatalities announced Tuesday in Hong Kong and Singapore from severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, and public worries were also on the rise.

Fanciful Thai residents and some medical personnel blocked the cremation of a Hong Kong man who had died of SARS in Thailand, fearing the deadly virus would spread through the smoke.

A health official in the southern town of Hat Yai, Dr. Wichien Kaenploy, said he was "100 percent, even 1,000 percent sure" the cremation posed no risks of spreading the disease. But neighbors, doctors and nurses were scared, and the body was placed in a mortuary freezer until a solution could be found.

More than 2,600 people have now been infected worldwide with SARS, most of them in mainland China and Hong Kong. The United States has had no deaths from the disease but reports 148 suspected cases in 30 states.

A scientist from the World Health Organization is visiting

Guangdong said the hunt for the cause of SARS was progressing, but it wasn't clear when — or if — it would be identified.

Dr. Samson Wong, a microbiologist at the University of Hong Kong, warned SARS might infect 80 percent of the population within two years, and eventually everyone could be infected.

Hong Kong has been reporting double-digit increases daily in the numbers of people infected. It reported two new deaths on Tuesday, bringing the toll to 25; there were 45 new cases of infection for a total of 928. Hospitals have braced for a worst-case scenario of 3,000 patients, about four times the current number, by the end of the month.

"It's looking like it's going to be a long, long, drawn-out battle," said Dr. Gavin Leung, director of the intensive care unit at the hard-hit Prince of Wales Hospital. "We don't know where the end is going to be. One of the major stresses that we are dealing with is not knowing where this is going to go."

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra warned SARS is sowing mistrust among Asian countries and hampering economic recovery by choking off regional tourism. Thailand, with 11 suspected SARS cases and two deaths, has imposed strict measures, including a 14-day stay-at-home quarantine for Thais returning from affected areas.

Israeli plane fires missile at car in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An Israeli warplane fired a missile at a car in Gaza City after sundown Tuesday, killing at least five people including a Palestinian militant and women and children — in the first Israeli airstrike in Palestinian territory since the war in Iraq began.

At least 47 people also were wounded — eight of them critically — by the missile strike, doctors said. The wounded were civilians ranging in age from 6 to 75, doctors said. Witnesses reported a huge explosion in the Zeitoun neighborhood in Gaza City, known as a stronghold of the militant group Hamas, which is responsible for dozens of attacks that have killed hundreds of Israelis in 30 months of fighting.

One of the dead was identified as Saed Arabedeh, 38, a senior Hamas commander.

The Israeli military refused to comment. Since the war in Iraq began March 20, Israel had scaled back its incursions and military operations in the West Bank and Gaza, but Israeli forces have arrested dozens of suspects in nightly sweeps and raids in the

West Bank.

Israel has carried out many similar attacks targeting suspected Palestinian militants, Palestinians and human rights groups have condemned the strike.

Ask Your Pharmacist

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N. Korea keeps lower profile during U.S. war with Iraq

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has surprised many by hunkering down instead of taking advantage of Washington's preoccupation with Iraq to further its nuclear ambitions on the Korean Peninsula.

The subdued behavior leaves observers wondering: Does this signify a change in North Korean diplomacy? Or is Pyongyang just waiting for the Iraq war to end before pushing the standoff further — or bringing it to a close?

"North Korea will be in a dilemma right now as to what it should do next," said Paik Hak-soon, a political analyst at the Seoul-based Sejong Institute research center.

Though the North has issued some of its characteristic bombastic statements in recent days, there is less talk of nuclear war in the communist state's media. More importantly, South Korea says there has been no sign the North started reprocessing spent fuel rods that could yield enough plutonium to make several nuclear bombs.

Observers say television pictures of U.S. tanks and warplanes rolling through Iraq may have intimidated North Korea's leaders and may prompt them to seek a peaceful solution to the Korean crisis.

But the images also may reinforce their determination to arm themselves with nuclear weapons as a deterrent against U.S. invasion. "Watching the war in Iraq on television will scare them. But no one really knows what they will do," a spokesman for South

Korea's Unification Ministry said on condition of anonymity.

Tensions have run high in the region since October, when the United States said North Korea admitted having a secret nuclear program in violation of a 1994 pact. The North then kicked out U.N. nuclear inspectors.

Pyeongyang will watch closely when the U.N. Security Council meets today to discuss North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The International Atomic Energy Agency, a U.N. body, referred the issue to council in February, saying North Korea was not complying with nuclear safeguard agreements.

The Security Council eventually could discuss imposing sanctions against North Korea if a political solution is not found. North Korea has warned that it would regard such a move as a declaration of war.

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# America at war



Buildings in the at-Mansour neighborhood of Baghdad lie in ruins Monday afternoon after a U.S. warplane dropped four bunker-busting bombs on the site where Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was believed to be meeting with his sons.

AP photo

## Baghdad

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lic buses that ran their routes, even during the most intense fighting Tuesday morning. But more common were signs of collapse.

Trash piled up on sidewalks, and streets were deserted. A few government officials managed a brave face, but they spoke only blocks away from American tanks, and briefly.

Against the backdrop of artillery, tanks rounds and gunfire, a wholesale exodus of civilians continued, with miles of cars moving bumper-to-bumper along the snarled highway to the north. Much of the traffic moved past a banner fluttering outside the al-Nida Mosque that read, "Iraq will remain steadfast, victorious and lofty under the leadership of the leader, his excellency President Saddam Hussein."

Iraqi soldiers were still evident, though in fewer numbers. With rifles and grenades, they stood in bunches, wearing green khakis, desert camouflage, civilian clothes or a mixture. A handful of military vehicles moved through the streets, some with Republican Guard insignia, but the mobilization that the capital witnessed 48 hours ago was far less pronounced.

Many sandbagged positions were abandoned, and some of the outposts that blanketed Baghdad in a black haze had gone out. In the fifth day of a blackout, the lone commerce were shops displaying generators and suitcases.

In much of the capital, U.S. forces were the predominant military presence. American soldiers occupied palaces and ministries, bridges and the Rashid Barracks. U.S. jets screamed overhead. For the first time since the war started, Iraqi television went off the air for good. Gone was the diet of Saddam footage, patriotic music and nationalist poetry. Although Iraqi radio remained on the air, the government was left without its most effective means of propaganda, an instrument it fought dearly to keep operating.

The toll from the war overwhelmed Iraqi hospitals. Kindi Hospital, where many wounded civilians have been treated, at least 200 patients were admitted Tuesday, said Taleb al-Saadi, an orthopedic surgeon. By late afternoon, he said he'd performed 12 surgeries, including two amputations, as hospitals struggled with shortages of equipment and anesthesia.

"They are hitting civilian houses, roads and cars," he said. "They are hitting everybody."

There were similarly desperate moments at Mansour, where the U.S. strike leveled several houses in an attempt to kill Saddam. The snorts spread destruction for blocks in a district that's home to government officials and many of the capital's diplomatic compounds. The Sa'a Restaurant, said to have been visited by Saddam on a tour of Mansour on Friday, was gutted. Red and black steel support beams, door-knobs, and shattered furniture were thrown 200 yards away.

Along the crater, orange trees were uprooted and date palms were split like twigs. Not a window was left intact in the grocery stores, bookshelves, travel agencies and electric appliance shops lining nearby 14th of Ramadan Avenue.

"Look at the area," said Hassan Amin, as he pointed to debris and chunks of rubble and masonry scattered in the streets. "Until now, I haven't heard an explosion like that. It was exactly like an earthquake."

Some neighbors gazed at the crater. Others helped civilian workers try to recover the bodies. At one point, a man called out, "They found something! They found something!" Neighbors ran to help. In the rubble was the torso of Lava Jamal, 20. A few feet away, they found what was left of her head, her brown hair matted with blood.

They put both in white blankets trimmed with blue and left them against a nearby wall, where flies soon gathered. Sitting in a chair down the road, her mother cried uncontrollably into her hands, and then vomited.

Less than an hour later, another scene unfolded. This time, there were no shouts. Atef Yusuf had found his nephew, Raad Hatem, 6. He lifted the boy's body, coated in a gray dust except for the gaping wound on the back of his head. For a few minutes, he swayed with the body, back and forth, waiting. Then he stumbled to another blanket and wrapped the boy's body inside.

"Is he a military leader?" he asked. "Are all these people military leaders?"

His eyes red, he went back to work. Still underneath the rubble were his six other nieces and nephews, he said.

## Special teams search for pilot shot down in 1991 Gulf War

Night Rider News Service

WASHINGTON - With U.S. forces now in Baghdad, special teams are searching for Lt. Cmdr. Michael Speicher, a Navy helicopter pilot who was shot down during the 1991 Gulf War. The rescue of Speicher - if he is alive - is the object of both the 75th Expeditionary Air Wing and a special unit of intelligence officers from the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency, a defense official said.

The task force is also searching for evidence of weapons of mass destruction and war crimes, said the Defense Department official, who described the outline of the Speicher search but requested anonymity.

"You've got a lot of different people doing a job which contributes to resolving Speicher's fate," the official said.

Speicher, a native of Kansas City, Mo., said the Pentagon's Gulf War Search Team was shot down on Jan. 17, 1991, by a missile during the Gulf War. He was declared killed in action, but his body was never recovered and questions remained.

Evidence gathered over the years has led many investigators, including the CIA, to conclude that he survived the crash of his F-18 fighter and was taken prisoner by the Iraqis.

Speicher was 23 years old with a wife and two young children when he disappeared.

The military has changed his status several times. Through the efforts of Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and others, the Navy changed Speicher from killed in action to missing in action. Last fall, the Navy designated him "missing-captured," effectively declaring him a prisoner of war.

Navy Secretary Gordon England said at the time that he had no evidence to conclude that Speicher is dead.

Roberts, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has said he thinks Speicher is alive. Reports have surfaced from time to time of sightings of Speicher in Iraq, but many remain unconfirmed. They have come from such sources as the Iraqi National Congress, a group of defectors and other opponents of Saddam Hussein, as well as British intelligence.

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## EDITORIAL

### Local public interest law clarifies water protests

Idaho legislators have their hands full with difficult decisions as the 2003 session winds down. But the choice to more narrowly define the "local public interest" water doctrine, isn't one of them. The logic of this decision is clear.

The state Senate swiftly approved a much-needed change in the state's water transfer laws Monday, passing HB 284 by a 28-7 vote. It now moves on to the governor for signature. The change assures that "local public interest" will be applied solely to water concerns when water rights transfers are protested.

state agency. Dairy critics are as peeved as a cat in a bathtub about the changes, and for obvious reasons. The local public interest change sends them back to the local land-use decision process, where they are less successful in stopping dairy growth.

**Our view:** The Idaho Senate made a sound decision to confine the "local public interest" doctrine to water concerns.

**What do you think?**

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Senate Resources Committee. That tactic won't help their case. Noh and other lawmakers recognize that concerns over air quality and odor won't go away. They realize that citizens need a guarantee of access to state and local agencies, so that environmental and quality-of-life concerns can be aired in appropriate venues.

The passage of HB 284's companion bill, HB 283, demonstrates that. This bill, which was also passed by the Senate on Monday, requires all counties to hold at least one public hearing on each large confined animal feeding operation proposal. These hearings will let nearby residents testify if they live within one mile of the proposed site. Legislators have hinted that the one-mile maximum could also be increased.

Dairy critics who argue their protest ability has been taken away are wrong. They still have ample opportunity to protest land-use issues, such as air quality and odor, at the local and state levels. Meanwhile, the new law will restore the protectors of Idaho's water to their proper job: protecting Idaho's water.

Concerns about non-water issues should be taken to the local planning and zoning board or the appropriate

## Coalition should publicly punish thugs

Now that the shooting has started, we might as well get history's judgment on whether America should have awaited a green light from the United Nations before invading Iraq.

A heavy legacy of our push toward war is anger and abiding distrust among the people and leaders of Western European nations, who cooperated with us in a wide range of mutual security arrangements.

DOUGLAS TURNER

As a result, some minions of think-tanks and other talking pointed heads on cable are opining that we can cozy up to the world by letting the United Nations run Iraq after the war.

But a broadly collected post-war regime in Iraq won't have the stomach for the job.

Too much rich American, British and Australian blood and treasure has been spilled in the Tigris-Euphrates valley to entitle anybody else to dictate the peace — particularly France, Germany and Turkey.

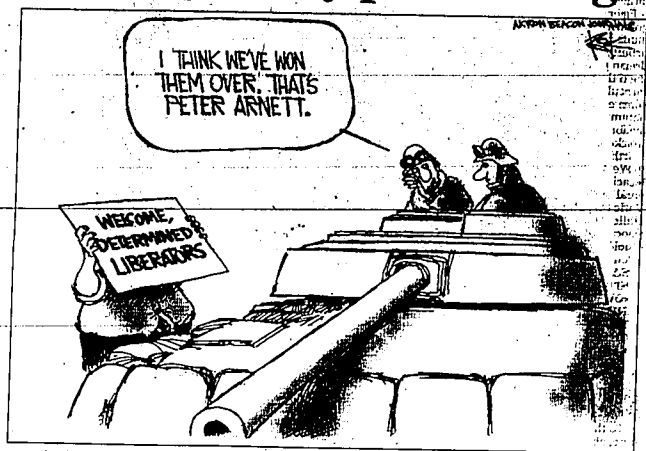
The United Nations is made for easy jobs. But in Iraq, decapitation of Saddam and his sons won't any more trigger stability than the murder of Mafia capo Paul Castellano of Staten Island dissolved the Gambino crime family, or any more than the imprisonment of his successor John Gotti did.

The same principle applies when U.S.-backed agents arrest the latest head of a Colombian drug cartel.

In the Mafia, there are always a half-dozen capo regimes waiting to take over when the boss dies, retires or goes to prison. It is the same in the cocaine business.

They're rackets, and the money and power the leaders get, when they get it, is well worth the risk of possible assassination or arrest.

Saddam's Bath Party is a racket — not an Islamic cult — just as efficient and murderous and cruel as the Mafia and the dope-



exporting business; and just as intoxicatingly profitable for the guys near the top.

As our troops move through the country, it is becoming obvious, to them at least, that there are many layers of avaricious thugs, flunkies who model themselves after Saddam but are eager to sell him out when Saddam is out of the way.

Who else is rolling out Saddam's mannequin to hurl imprecations in his name at the coalition invaders?

No U.N. postwar regime, presided over by the well-meaning Kofi Annan and his soft-headed bureaucracy, will deal decisively with the Saddam Crime Family.

The problem then, is more than one man, or 10, men or 100. The problem is cultural, just as it was in Germany 58 years ago.

The World War II allies wisely concluded in 1945 that dog-relentless therapy was needed to transform Germany from a recidivist aggressor into a peace-

ful member of the family of Europe.

Within hours of an atomic device being dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, officials of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the provisional government of France signed a pact entitling the victorious powers to try Nazi leaders for war crimes, aggressive war and crimes against humanity.

A month later, in Nuremberg, Germany, where Hitler's rise began, the war crimes trials began. Two dozen of the top surviving Nazi officials were indicted.

An even dozen were sentenced to be hanged, others committed to prison for 10 years, 20 years or life.

Hundreds more were tried across the length and breadth of Germany. The trials were public, an object lesson for Germans who stood by, claiming they didn't know what had been going

on in their country for 12 years.

These ruthless trials and often brutal exemplary punishments were the beginning of the new democratic Germany.

Bush must ignore the fashionable U.N. malarkey and make a pact with Britain, Australia and other nations that sent in troops, create a military government for postwar Iraq and create a tribunal to try Saddam's survivors and his under-bosses for genocide, homicide, torture, mutilation, aggression and other crimes-against humanity.

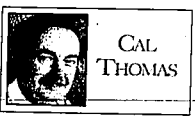
The trials and the hangings should be public and carried out in Tikrit, where Saddam started out on his bloody path.

We owe no less to the tens of thousands whose lives were snuffed out by this mob. We owe no less to the men and women who have and will die to change this regime.

Douglas Turner is the Washington Bureau chief of the Buffalo News.

## Iraq needs institutional changes for sake of freedom

The demise of Saddam Hussein's killing regime offers the West an opportunity to open a window of freedom and prosperity in Iraq. But the window will not be open long before political and religious opportunists try to close it.



CAL THOMAS

For a Iraq to rise from the ruins of Hussein's genocidal and maniacal rule, at least three institutions must be immediately changed.

The first is the media. Iraqi state television will be gone with Saddam, but much of the Arab media — from Al Jazeera to state-run media in virtually every Arab country — continue to present an inaccurate image of the West.

The United States and Britain need to replace Iraqi media with a balanced and accurate news and information service modeled on the Voice of America. For three decades, Saddam Hussein has presented to Iraqis a litany of lies. This must change or whatever else that might be done in Iraq will count for little.

Media distortions are not limited to Iraq. In an Egyptian newspaper (in a nation that is supposedly America's friend), President Bush is shown on each page of war coverage dressed in a Nazi uniform. American and British forces are called "allies of the devil." Rare civilian casualties are frequently reported as "massacres," or, as another Egyptian paper put it, an "American Holocaust." That is little, if any, commentary, and less reporting on the discovery by coalition forces of human remains and coffins in a makeshift morgue in southern Iraq, some bodies with

evidence of execution-style slaying. The United States may not be able to influence Egyptian media right now, but it can influence Iraqi media.

The second Iraqi institution that must be changed is education. Children's textbooks and other teaching tools in Iraq and throughout the Middle East present a propagandistic view of the world that is angry, hostile and negative. Instead of learning about enemies and how to kill them, or the way of martyrdom, Iraqi children should be taught about friendship and how to lead good and productive lives. This may require a Peace Corps-like army of teachers from many national and religious backgrounds, but it must be done if the next generation of children is to have something to live for.

Education change also needs to take place in some parts of the United States. The New York Daily News reported last week that textbooks used in Islamic schools in New York City contain "passages that are blatantly anti-Semitic" and repeat "old canards" about Jews. The newspaper conducted a three-month investigation of a half-dozen textbooks used in Islamic schools. In one, "What Islam Is All About," used in grades 3-6, Jews and Christians are said to lead "such

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decadent and immoral lives that lying, alcohol, nudity, pornography, racism, foul language, premarital sex, homosexuality and everything else are accepted in their society, churches and synagogues." Elsewhere the book asserts that "Jews subscribe to a belief in racial superiority."

According to the newspaper, the book has sold more than 40,000 copies and is used in more than half of the city's Muslim schools.

American Muslim schools that teach such things should have whatever tax and other breaks they receive revoked and the schools should be closed. Sedition cannot be allowed to flourish on our own soil.

The third and possibly most important institution in need of change is religion. Not all Muslims and their clergy believe in the forceful obliteration and domination of those with whom they might disagree theologically or politically. Let's find them and help them to reshape the theology and worldview of Iraqis.

Sermons throughout the Middle East regularly condemn all things Western and most Western leaders. Typical was a March 14 sermon by Sheikh Abdul-Razzak Al-Sa'adi, at the Umm al-Ma'arik (Mother of All Battles) mosque in Baghdad. "Oh God, curse upon the face of the Americans. Oh Allah, curse upon the face of the British... Oh Allah, strike the oppressors one each other and let us come out safely... Oh Allah, sink their ships..." and so on. There is nothing about Saddam Hussein torturing and murdering more Muslims than American and British troops who have diligently tried to protect Iraqi civilians.

The transformation of Iraq may be a greater task than the war of liberation. But the effort must be made, otherwise we risk another Saddam Hussein and another war, neither of which anyone wants.

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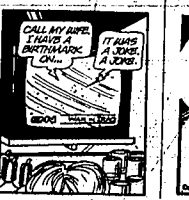
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OPINION

Give more coverage of local farmer's market events

This upcoming summer we would like to see The Times-News become open to covering local farmer's market events. Farmer's markets offer many great opportunities to build community spirit, link rural and urban populations, teach our children about the importance of our farming culture, and support local farm economies. Countless other communities throughout the nation recognize their farmer's market as a community event worthy of pride and support. We would like The Times-News to acknowledge the potential our local farmer's markets have in enriching the lives of Magic Valley citizens and be willing to allocate more coverage to these wholesome, family friendly events.

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Please give your child a chance to grow into a confident, loving person - something only you can do.

DOLL SMITH
Twin Falls

Dairy odors inflict more pain on kids with asthma

Whenever you smell the odors from the confined factory dairies' cow manure, you know it is damaging little children.

In a study done in south-central Idaho, 60 percent of the daycare providers report caring for at least one child with asthma. One reported six children with asthma in their daycare center. In a March 2002 survey, 102 preschool children had asthma.

Based on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention data, the prevalence of asthma has risen and continues to rise. A quote from CNN medic unit says, "Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America. Lung cancer is the No. 2. Heart killer. Asthma is the No. 1 chronic disease in children. These diseases have a frightening element in common. Air pollution makes them worse. Now there is new evidence that supports what many scientists have suspected for years - dirty air may actually cause these diseases as well as lead to deaths from them."

We know that the concentration of cow manure odors from the confined dairies can trigger asthma attacks. We know they have ruined many lives in Magic Valley. Now with the wet weather, the odors are worse than ever. The factory confined dairies have had years to clean up their mess. They refuse.

I know our "do nothing" Legislature isn't interested in protecting our children from these manure odors. Who is going to protect them? It is time for everyone to wake up and demand the odors stop. If closing down the confined dairies is the answer, close them down!

We are trying to protect the Iraqi children; it is time to protect our own children also. MERLE STODDARD
Twin Falls

Street names changes won't help clueless tourists

For the life of me, I can't figure out the minds of the Twin Falls City Council members or who-

LETTERS

er else may be thinking the same way they do.

I'm talking about these people wanting to change the names of the streets in Twin Falls. As near as I can understand, changing the names is to accommodate a handful of tourists that have complained about not being able to find their way around town or a few newcomers to our area that haven't given themselves time to get acquainted with the layout of Twin Falls, which was plotted around a hundred years ago.

I, myself, have lived here for 60 years. Born and raised in Twin Falls and living in Kimberly for the past 30 years and would hate to see Twin Falls' history be changed because of a few whiners! Whenever you are in an unfamiliar place or town, it's common sense to know that you just might have to ask a direction or two, and changing a local street name isn't going to help a tourist.

Another thing that chaps me is hiring or wanting to hire someone to assess whether or not the old flour mill is really worth saving. Some say keep it and advertise on it. Big deal! I say spend that money on a few good sticks of dynamite, knock it down, clean it up and get rid of the eyesore. Do everyone in that neighborhood a favor, and while you're at it, clean up that mess of Glabe Seed boxes and whatever else is hidden on the lot behind the old

Pacific Container and the old Keegan Inc. buildings, which, by the way, is on Fourth Avenue South and Third Avenue South. Nobody deserves that mess in their back yard.

As for downtown getting more traffic to help keep it alive, one of the only ways I can see it happening is for a few big chain outfits to build somewhere downtown and that won't happen.

because they build where there is traffic already. I do hope for the best for downtown Twin Falls.

I don't know what the real answer is for Twin, but I'm satisfied that it isn't in a name change. You prove to me that changing street names will boost or help tourism here and I'll kiss your rear 'til you bark like a fox!

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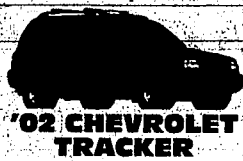
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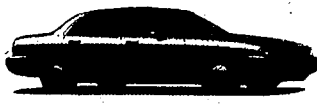
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Deputies search for missing Jerome man

JEROME - Deputies late Tuesday were still searching for a Jerome man reported missing by his wife that morning, according to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

Robin Lee Blanc, 41, was last seen by his wife near U.S. Highway 95 and 500 North in Jerome County. He was said to be on foot, despondent with blue eyes and gray hair, according to reports.

Blanc was last seen wearing a green jacket and black pants. He is described as 5-foot-11, 180 pounds with blue eyes and gray hair.

Anyone with information should call the sheriff's office at 324-8845.

Bellevue residents re-elect current mayor

BELLEVUE - Nearly one-third of the city's registered voters turned out Monday to elect a mayor and fill three council seats.

In the race for mayor, incumbent John Barton received 160 votes over challenger Larry Plott's 97 votes.

In the race for the council, the top three vote-getters will be seated. They are Tammy Schofield with 199 votes, Eric Allen with 158 votes, and Vivian Ivie with 149 votes.

Challengers Monte Brothwell received 114 votes and Robert Mays received 97 votes.

City Clerk Dee Barton said it was the largest voter turnout she has seen in the past three elections.

Legion post offers 'Blue Star Banners'

TWIN FALLS - American Legion Post 7 has "Blue Star Banners" on hand and will furnish one free to any Twin Falls family with an immediate family member serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The tradition of the Blue Star Banner dates back to World War I, when families of service members placed the banners in the front windows of their homes to indicate in-service family members.

People who live within the Twin Falls School District and have immediate family members in the service may receive one of the banners free. Extended family members may purchase the banners at \$6.95 each.

For more information or to obtain a banner, call Dave Marron, post adjutant, at 734-6229.

Simplot will lay off 52 people in May

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

HEYBURN - One of the three specialty product lines at the J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant is scheduled to close permanently May 21, Simplot officials said Tuesday.

The line closure will put 52 people out of work, Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said. That includes 32 permanent employees and 20 temporary employees. Most of the temporary workers are full-time, Zerza said.

The layoff will drop the number of hourly workers at the plant to 238. Some 25 salaried employees still have jobs.

Simplot officials had hoped to keep all three specialty lines operating fully until April 2004, when the entire processing plant

is slated to close. But Zerza said "a sluggish market for frozen potato products forced" the early shutdown.

Simplot employees were notified of the shutdown in shift meetings Monday and Tuesday. Both seniority and job qualifications will be taken into consideration as workers are laid off, Zerza said.

Last May, Simplot officials announced the Heyburn plant would close by April 2004, with the closures occurring in phases. The first round of layoffs occurred Nov. 1, when 169 people lost their jobs when a french fry production line was closed.

That November closure was on track with what company officials announced last May. However, fewer people lost their jobs in November because of

Our hope was that all three lines would run until the plant closed in April 2004. That hasn't worked out.

- Fred Zerza, Simplot spokesman

attrition which occurred between the May closure announcement and the closing of the line. In May, Simplot officials said 605 hourly employees worked at the plant, along with

144 salaried employees. By mid-October 2002, when the announcement of the Nov. 1 shutdown was made, the plant employed 451 hourly and 34 salaried workers.

"Our hope was that all three lines would run until the plant closed in April 2004," Zerza said in a Tuesday interview. "That hasn't worked out."

The market for french fries and other frozen potato products has declined in the past year and has affected Simplot operations "across the board," he said.

Product demand has declined in the "turbulent period" which began Sept. 11, 2001, he said.

"Concerns for the economy and geopolitical issues" have left consumers with a "sense of caution," he said. That has resulted in a slowdown in the food service

and restaurant business.

Coupled with "a limited movement away from quick-serve restaurants," Simplot is seeing a flattening demand for its products, Zerza said.

The line closure won't affect the 2003 potato crop for which Simplot has already contracted in the area, Zerza said.

"We've contracted for all the potatoes we will need at Heyburn this year, and we will honor those contracts even though production at Heyburn may drop," he said. If that's the case, the extra potatoes would be shipped to another Simplot plant.

News of the closure hadn't reached local employment government or economic-development officials by late Tuesday afternoon.

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DOWNTOWN DEMOLITION



A trackhoe loads broken pavement onto a dump truck at the intersection of Shoshone Street and Main Avenue in Twin Falls Tuesday. Crews will be working to install new pavement for about a month.

Arts school, KMVT produce new music TV program

GOODING - The Western States College of Performing Arts and Twin Falls' KMVT will combine to produce a new country-Western music TV program, "Live at the Schubert."

Cohosted by Johnny U and Zeb Beers, the show will feature a rotating cast of guest artists. The first program will be taped Thursday night at the Schubert Theater, with musical guests Nathan Price, Eli Doolin, Lyle Lattin, Gayle Chapman, Strings Attached and Slow Children Playing.

The premiere episode will air May 3 on KMVT.

Thursday's taping, which will last two hours or more and be edited into several episodes of "Live at the Schubert," begins at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6. Tickets are \$5, and proceeds will go to benefit the restoration of the Schubert.

The show will be taped by students at WSCPAH, and produced with help from professionals. The Schubert house band will include fiddler Matt Renner, guitarists Michael Clair and Doolin, steel guitarist Byron Walcher, bassist Randy Norton, and drummers Joe Spencer and John Priefer. DVDs of the programs will go on sale in August.

- compiled from staff reports

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg, % peak. Lists watersheds like Upper Snake River, Salmon Falls, Salmon, Oakley, Big Wood, Little Wood, Hays Fork/Teton, Big Lost, Little Lost.

Many parents object to lunchroom finger scans

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - A new fingerprint, lunchroom system in Hagerman schools has raised objections from some parents. The system turns a fingerprint into a mathematical template, used to identify the student.

"That's invasive of privacy," parent Emily Boyer said. "That's way, way too much information to get a too meal

that I pay for anyway."

The new system replaces a card scan system at the school, under which a metallic strip on a student's card was scanned to access that student's lunch account. The change was made to eliminate the problem of lost and misused cards.

"It cost us to make new cards," Superintendent Lee Mitchell said. "Every time you lose them, you have to replace the cards. There is nothing to lose or replace with this system.

You can't use somebody else's card. It's a lot more efficient, and that's the reason we looked at it."

The cost to the school for the scanner, manufactured by Digital Persona, and the software, both marketed by CLM Group Inc. of Portland, Ore., was \$600. The elimination of cards and cost of replacing lost or damaged cards will save the district money in the long run, lunchroom supervisor Nancy Knott said.

An issue for parent Gail Mann was the timing between notification of parents and implementation of the program.

"I'm not saying the school is trying to mark my child," Mann said. "I think they made this decision for all the right reasons. I just don't think they handled it very well, and I feel it is an invasion of privacy."

"If they were going to go to a uniform dress code, there would

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Attorneys grill potential jurors about guns, alcohol

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

BOISE - They came on all walks of life, the 45 or so potential jurors who sat on the hard, polished benches in the Boise courtroom Tuesday.

There was a nurse, a bartender, a young mother of two and a Boise State University professor.

All waited Tuesday to see if they would be among the 12 jurors and one alternate chosen to decide the guilt or innocence of Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Retmeyer, on trial for aggravated assault.

Defense attorney Keith Roark and Twin Falls County deputy prosecutor Wells Ashby had plenty of questions for them, mostly about their thoughts on drinking and the right to bear arms.

They were reminded often that their job would only be to determine the facts. "All we're asking of you is to determine guilt or innocence," 5th District Judge Nathan Fieger told them.

Defendant pleads self-defense - A1

But Roark reminded the potential jurors of just how important their job would be.

"This is the most important day - important week - in this man's life," Roark said.

Ashby asked if drinking had affected any of their lives. A few hands went up, including one of a man who had been arrested for driving under the influence a year ago and a woman who said she grew up in an alcoholic home.

"My father was an alcoholic, and I grew up in an alcoholic home," the woman said.

Would it affect her ability to be a juror?

"It would not be impossible, but it would be very, very difficult," she answered.

Ashby challenged the juror. She was one of the first ones out. The potential jurors were asked how many owned guns. About seven hands went up.

"I own a gun because I'm single

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St. Edward students write to troops in Iraq

By Dixie Thomas Roale Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Students at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic School are adopting servicemen and women fighting in Iraq as pen pals.

It started with one classroom writing to one serviceman stationed on the USS Boxer deployed to the Persian Gulf and spread to all the classes in the school, Principal Luke Schroeder said.

"We are gathering names and addresses of as many servicemen and women from the Magic Valley area as possible for the students to write to," Schroeder said.

Anna Carpenter, a teacher's aide at St. Ed's, got the letter-writing campaign started with the suggestion that students write to a friend of her family in the Navy stationed in the Persian Gulf. Soon other teachers wanted to participate, and other names of servicemen were added to the list.

"We started writing letters on

Adding to the list

To add your loved ones to the St. Edward's list for "letters to the troops" from students, call the office at St. Ed's at 734-3872, with the service person's name and mailing address.

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the Thursday before spring break and have sent one batch out already," Carpenter said. "We haven't gotten any answers back yet."

A bulletin board set up in the hallway on the main floor holds nearly sixty names of local people stationed in the war zone. These servicemen and women are on the school's prayer list.

"Since we are a private school, we are able to pray in school," Carpenter said.

Also on the bulletin board are photos and names of the three servicemen who have been adopted as pen pals, so far, by

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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.



Jennifer Ann Martin

- Age: 22.
Hometown: Bliss.
Local family: Mother, Dennis Sawyer.
Service, date of enlistment: Navy, October 1999.
Rank, assignment: Aviation ordnance man 3rd Class (AW).
Dragonfires, on board the USS Nimitz, Persian Gulf.
Task: Loads military supplies onto aircraft.
Additional information: Deployed in March. Her husband, Troy, is also in the Navy, but will not be deployed.



Brian Tschannen

- Age: 25.
Hometown: Gooding.
Local family: Parents, Dean and Chris Tschannen.
Service, date of enlistment: Navy, 1997.
Rank, assignment: Petty Officer First Class, explosive ordnance disposal, USS Dewey.
Task: Make sure that shipping routes are cleared of naval mines by diving to disarm them.
Additional information: His wife, Leah, is a 7-month-old daughter, Lexi, live in Alabama.

- Compiled by Amie Thompson

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharika Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharbarnes@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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DEATH NOTICES

**J. Cruz Ruiz Murillo-BelleVue** - J. Cruz Ruiz Murillo, 34, died Saturday, April 5, 2003, in an automobile accident on Highway 75 at the south edge of Hilday.

A vigil and memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2003, at St. Charles Catholic Church. Mass and interment will be at Rancho Viejejo Pastores in Cuernavaca, Guanajuato, Mexico. Friends may call from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at Wood River Chapel.

**James Ronald Wadsworth**  
**JEROME** - James Ronald Wadsworth, 45, of Jerome died

Sunday, April 6, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Roberto C. Sanchez**  
**BURLEY** - Roberto Chavez Sanchez, 42, of Burley died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at his home.

A vigil service will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, with Father Juan Garatea as celebrant. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in the

Burley. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of the vigil service Thursday and from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

**Medford Wayne Rolland**

**TWIN FALLS** - Medford Wayne Rolland, 84, of Twin Falls died Saturday, April 5, 2003, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Myron Glatz officiating. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Bernice Georgia May Decker Woodall**

**BURLEY** - Bernice Georgia May Decker Woodall, 59, of Burley died Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

**Margaret Ester Mauss**

**BOISE** - Margaret Ester Mauss, 94, of Boise died Monday, April 7, 2003, in a local hospital of natural causes.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

SERVICES

**Shirley Faith VinSant** of Gooding service at 11 a.m. today at the Demaray's Gooding Chapel; family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service today at the chapel.

Jason S. Russell of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 3rd and 10th Ward LDS Chapel, 526 South F St.; friends may call from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Marle Blickenstaff Scheel of Wendell, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the United Presbyterian Church in Wendell.

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).

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

Miles E. Tracy of Burley, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; military rites will take place at the church; burial at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Grouse Creek Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main St., Burley and from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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

Teresa Carson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., Burley; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

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

OBITUARIES

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

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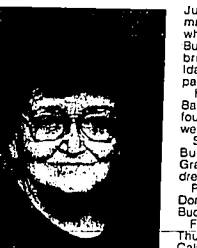


**Theron A. Jones**, 87, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, April 5, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Theron was born October 10, 1915, in Yost, Idaho, the son of Ervin and Malinda Tracy Jones. He was raised in Starad, UT, attending schools there. Theron served in the U.S. Navy during WWII for 3 1/2 years. He received a personal letter from the Secretary of the Navy after his discharge. After the war he worked as a carpenter for 31 years in California, Washington, Oregon and Utah. He retired in 1978 and moved to Idaho from Coos Bay, Oregon. He was a member of the Carpenter's Union and the American Legion. Theron is survived by 1 brother Arlo (Alno) Jones of Dillon, MT, 2 sisters Maida and Mary of Yost, UT, and LeOrna Jones of Cedar City, UT, and 2 sister-in-laws Shirley Jones of Twin Falls, ID, and Beth Jones of Malta, ID.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers Harold, Clifford and Meric, and 1 brother-in-law Yalo Montgomery. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, at the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, UT. Friends and family may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Olsen-Myers Funeral Home, 205 South First East in Brigham City the day of the service. Funeral arrangements and services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls, ID.

EDEN



**Vivian May Brown**, 89, of Eden, went to be with her Lord Monday, April 8, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Vivian was born March 15, 1914, in Oriley, Oregon, the daughter of John and Helen Busse Butler. She married her parents to Clouet, Minnesota, where she attended school through the 9th grade. On July 3, 1935, she married Ethan Harold Clouet. She lived in Clouet, Minnesota. Vivian and Ethan traveled to various places in the U.S. following Iron Working Construction jobs. When Ethan retired in 1972 they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, to be closer to their daughter, Keren Ehlers of Eden. Both Vivian and Ethan joined Iron Working Construction jobs in Twin Falls where they were active members. Vivian was a member of The Lutheran Women's League and Good Shepherd Auxiliary. Vivian moved to Eden in 1995 to live with her daughter, Keren Ehlers. Due to deteriorating health she moved to Twin Falls Care Center in September of 2002.

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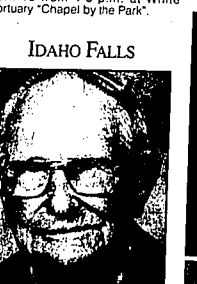
Vivian was a kind, loving, and generous woman who had a deep love for her Savior Jesus. All her surviving family will sorely miss her. A special love and thanks to those at Twin Falls Care Center, and Hospice Visions for her more recent care.

Vivian is survived by her three children (Elmer) Ehlers of Eden, ID, Sandra (Walter) White of Roseburg, OR, and Jonathan P. (Nancy) Brown of Twin Falls, ID; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elton in 1993, her parents, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, 1 grandchild, and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Vivian will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Lawrence Vedder, Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials be given to the Lutheran Home. Friends and family may call on Thursday, April 10 from 4-8 p.m. at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park".

IDAHO FALLS



**Fred 'Buck' Buckendorf**, Fred Hilton "Buck" Buckendorf, 98, of Idaho Falls, died April 7, 2003, at his home of natural causes. He was born November 22, 1904, at Fort Collins, Colorado, to Robert Thomas Buckendorf and Vera Hoad Buckendorf. The family moved to Idaho when he was young and he grew up and attended schools there, graduating from Buhl High School in 1926. He then attended Lymnfield College in McMinville, Oregon.

He married Dora Agnes Wilson Jones 29, 1933, in Jerome. They made their home in Idaho Falls, where they owned and operated Buckendorf Motors. They also lived in Franklin and Blackfoot, Idaho, and Phoenix, Arizona. Dora passed away January, 1986.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, which was originally founded in his home. He enjoyed western history, fishing and cooking. Surviving are: son: Gary H. Buckendorf, New York, NY; 4 Grandchildren, 6 Great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his wife, Dora, and a daughter, Joy Nadine Buckendorf-Shekelton. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1001 First Street, with Rev. Don Kirk Cagoy officiating.

The family will visit with friends Thursday prior to the services at the church. Burial will be at 12 Noon Friday, April 11, 2003, in the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave., Idaho Falls, ID, 83402-4092.

BLISS

**James Albert Pruett**  
 James Albert Pruett, age 91; of Bliss, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

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Survivors include a daughter, Joann (John) Allen of King Hill; son, Jimmie (Sherry) Pruett of Bliss; six grandsons, Frank (Jane) Allen and Elaine (Lucille) Allen of Rio Rico, Dan (Lorone) Allen of Rico, Arizona, James D. (Sophie) Pruett of Hagerman and Christopher Pruett of Boise; sixteen great-grandchildren and (6) great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wives, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Dennis Allen, (3) sisters and (8) brothers.

Graveside services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2003 at Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding.

Arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

HEYBURN



Paul was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and was a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of the Burley First Presbyterian Church in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

He is survived by his children Lisa (Eldon) Hart, Judy (Ryan) Cully, Rox (Christina) Schorzman, Donna (Walt) Frank officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Paul Congregational Church, Glendon, or The American Cancer Society.

DON E. DREW

Don Edward Drew, a 70-year-old resident of the Emerson District in Heyburn, died Monday, April 7, 2003, at his home.

He was born April 7, 1933, in Paul, Idaho, the son of John Edward and Goulian Mae Cully Drew. He received his education in Heyburn, graduating from Heyburn High School in 1951. He married Wanda-Jean Caudie on November 16, 1951, in the Burley First Christian Church. Following marriage, Don entered the military during the Korean Conflict, and served from 1953-1955. Don and Wanda-Jean lived in Monterey, California, and Olympia, Washington. Upon his honorable discharge, they returned to Heyburn, where he has since resided.

He is farmed for 46 years in the Emerson area, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church USA, and was a longtime member of the Burley Church. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association and had served as a committee member on the Friends of NRA.

He loved to work. He enjoyed flat foot tube fishing, hunting, and gun smithing. He especially loved to do quality custom fits and had great joy in repairing friends' firearms.

He is survived by his loving wife, Wanda-Jean Caudie Drew of Heyburn; one daughter, Deborah Joan and Gene Gibson of Boise; two granddaughters, Wendy Gies of Caldwell, Idaho; two great-grandchildren, Monica Martinez, and Simon Martinez; father and step-mother, John E. and Elaine E. Drew of Burley; his half-brothers and half-sister, Jerry and Carol Davis of Eggle, Idaho, Joan and Rog Nelson

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of Weiser, Idaho, and Dennis, and Kelle Talo of Alturas, California; his burns and uncles, Walter J. Drew of Connell, Washington, Mary Haro of Boise, Bill and Christine Drew of Heyburn, Dorothy Hunt of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, Roberta Culey of Mountain City, Nevada, and Helen Melro, of Sarasota, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eulah M. Culey Bair, his grandparents, William A. and Flora A. Drew (Emerson Area Pioneers), Richard and Flo Culey; and one stepbrother, Gayle E. Pika.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the 2100 Burton Avenue, with the Reverend Don Wright and Pastor David Long officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, with military rites by local veterans. Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the Burley First Presbyterian Church in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

PAUL



**Elsie Martsch**  
 Elsie Martsch a 78 year old was called home by her Lord on Sunday, April 6, 2003, surrounded by her children after a courageous battle with cancer.

Elsie was born August 20, 1924, in Nisland, South Dakota, to Henry and Elizabeth Knopp Amon. She was the 7th of 15 children. Her family moved to Idaho when she was 12 years old. She married Herman Martsch on October 10, 1944. They had three children, Lisa, Judy, and Rex. Herman passed away in 1957, at the young age of 35. She is survived by her children Lisa (Eldon) Hart, Judy (Ryan) Cully, Rox (Christina) Schorzman, Donna (Walt) Frank officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Paul Congregational Church, Glendon, or The American Cancer Society.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters; Clara, Martha, Edvino, Betty; Judy Ann, and brother, Herb.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday April 10, 2003, at the Paul Congregational Church, with Pastor Don Wright officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Paul Congregational Church, Glendon, or The American Cancer Society.

TERRANCE A. GULLEY OF COEUR D'ALENE, MEMORIAL SERVICE AT 1 P.M. SATURDAY AT GREENLEAF FRIENDS CHURCH.

Terrence A. Gulley of Coeur d'Alene, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenleaf Friends Church.

Off-road vehicles take toll on popular campground

The Times-News

**FEATHERVILLE** - Heavy off-highway vehicle use has the Sawtooth National Forest looking for ways to reduce noise and increase safety in Baumgartner Campground about 11 miles east of town.

Off-highway vehicle use at the campground is out of hand, said Joe Miczulski, recreation forester for the Fairfield Ranger District. Not only safety hazards but a poor experience for paying campers result.

Many of the off-highway vehicles are unregistered and uninsured, and operators often are under-age, unlicensed drivers, Miczulski said.

"Believe it or not, we have witnessed some riders going through the campground at more than 40 mph," Miczulski said.

The law requires vehicles and drivers be licensed and insured when driving on Forest Service roads. The agency plans to increase patrols and interaction with campers to enforce the rules.

The Forest Service is asking the public what it thinks about a proposal to build a park parking lot for off-road vehicles, to keep them off campground roads. Hitching posts would be available to secure vehicles when not in use. A trail would provide off-road vehicle access to the parking lot.

Construction could begin this spring or early summer if the plan is approved. No project cost estimates are available, yet, Miczulski said.

The Forest Service might apply for a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to help pay some of the costs.

Written comments are requested by April 28. Send them to U.S. Forest Service, Fairfield Ranger District, P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, 83327. For more information, call 208-764-3202.

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# Grooming continues on Galena Lodge trails

**The Times-News**  
SUN VALLEY - Grooming will continue on 10 kilometers of trails around Galena Lodge this week, even though Galena Lodge closed for the winter season on Sunday.

Following the powder dump of the past few days, a few skiers asked the Blaine County Recreation District to continue grooming as long as conditions remain good. Several skiers came forward with the money to continue grooming.

The district plans to groom on Thursday and Saturday on trails around Galena Lodge. Crust grooming remains excellent on trails around Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters and Galena Lodge, according to Trails Coordinator Shelly Preston.

If good snow conditions continue, enough money has been raised to groom through April 18. Call the hotline at 726-6662 and click on the Galena Lodge extension to hear grooming schedules and conditions.

# Cassia school board saves money on network

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Fearing state funding cuts, the Cassia County School Board has found some savings in the district budget.

On Tuesday, the board approved a proposal from Safelink Internet Services that will cut district network costs by \$15,726.

The district now pays a total of \$41,154 to four different vendors for network costs. Bandwidth will be increased under the Safelink agreement. Superintendent Mike Chesley said the move will help in providing distance learning opportunities.

The savings came as board members were looking for money to provide qualifying pre-kindergarten student transportation to summer school. Chesley told the board of the new Accelerated Student Achievement Program for kindergartners.

Students who qualify will attend pre-kindergarten summer school, then full-day kindergarten and summer school again before they go to first grade, Chesley

said. This is an attempt to have children reading at grade level by the first grade, not waiting for the third grade to have them reading at level.

Raft River Elementary School held an all-day kindergarten previously and has seen test scores improve, Chesley said.

Parents are excited about the summer school component, but sometimes the children who need to be in summer school don't have transportation to get there, Chesley said.

Transportation costs would run roughly \$20,000 to \$40,000, Chesley said. The district would be reimbursed but not for another year. Chesley said he would like to find a way to pay for it if means not repairing a roof or two.

Money was also a concern during a presentation on textbooks. Oakdale teacher Marge Woodhouse said new textbooks are needed in some areas now that curriculum is aligned with state standards.

"We selected what we think will work the best for us," Woodhouse said.

Woodhouse, head of the social studies textbook committee, said

the first choice is to have a textbook for each student; a second choice is to have a classroom set that would stay in the classroom.

Having a classroom set is not ideal, Woodhouse said. Copies could be put in the library for students to check out if they needed to use the book at home. It would also be possible to buy copies of the book on CD-ROM to use at home if students have computers.

Buying only a classroom set is less costly. The committee proposed six new textbooks with total costs of classroom sets being \$85,350; purchasing books for each individual student would cost \$181,670.

Chesley said a final decision might have to wait until the Legislature. He doesn't know how the district knows how much money it has.

The board approved buying books for each individual student to have. Board members said they might amend that decision later.

The board also approved \$50 for each of 16 Burley High School Business students, president of America students who are set to attend national competition in

Dallas. In years past, the board has given \$100 for each student.

Other board business included: **NCLB policy** - The board approved the No Child Left Behind Act parental choice policy. Chesley said it is a required piece of the new federal law and is recommended by the Idaho School Boards Association.

**Safety concerns** - Curriculum Director Dan Gillett said minor safety concerns were found throughout the district, but most will be remedied.

One concern for which the district has been cited for five years now is the open bleachers at the Burley High School football stadium, Gillett said. It is an expensive project.

Chesley proposed asking the Lions Club to help with closing in the bleachers because it helped construct the bleachers originally. He also suggested doing the project gradually throughout a five-year span.

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## LOOK OUT BELOW!



Earl Bean of Quality Tree Care cuts branches off an old pine tree on Seventh Street in Rupert Monday. Bean started cutting branches from the bottom of the tree and worked his way to the top. He'll then cut the trunk down in chunks.

## Prosecutors: Longo plotted escape attempt

**NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)** - Christian Longo broke holes in his cell window as part of an elaborate plan to escape, prosecutors said at a hearing Tuesday, a day after Longo was convicted of murdering two of his children.

Longo, who previously admitted strangling his wife, Mary Jane, and youngest child, was convicted of killing his oldest children, 4-year-old Zachery and 3-year-old Sadie.

Assistant District Attorney Paulette Sanders said Longo broke through two panes of security glass and damaged a third pane at the jail and someone else was going to help him escape.

"This... person was supposed to come to the Lincoln County Jail at a certain time and render assistance to the defendant," Sanders said.

Longo hid shards of glass under his bed, and jailers found screws and string likely woven from mattress threads in his cell, according to jail commander Lt. Chris Hoy.

## M-C NRA banquet tickets go on sale

**BURLEY** - Tickets are on sale now for Saturday's Mini-Cassia Friends of the NRA banquet and auction.

Tickets are \$27 and may be purchased by calling Tom Goodman at 438-5201, Walt Charles at 436-3344 or Rod Runyon at 436-0196.

Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the banquet. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Burley Inn.

### Around the valley

#### Wilson Theater event ticket sales hit final day

**RUPERT** - Today is the final day to buy tickets for the Wilson Theater's banquet and ball fundraiser, which is scheduled for Friday.

Tickets are available at the Renaissance Arts Center office, The Bookstore at 515 Fifth St. or

by calling 436-2787. Tickets are \$35 per person for the entire night or \$25 for the auction and dance. People attending the entire event must purchase tickets in advance, but tickets for just the auction and dance will be sold at the door Friday night.

The banquet and ball occur at the Burley Inn. Dinner is at 6 p.m., the auction follows at 7 p.m. and the dance begins at 8 p.m.

- compiled from staff reports

## Scans

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presentations to the school board presentation to the parents. There would be discussion and votes. Clothing is nothing compared to printing. To me, this is a much more serious issue."

Notices to parents were sent out March 21, the last day of school before spring break. The program was put into place on the students, first day back to school on March 31.

With the previous system, cards for the elementary students were kept by the teachers. They were given to students at lunch time, but were still frequently lost. High school students lost cards frequently enough that the cards were collected and kept in slots on the wall of the lunchroom.

"The new technology would come through the lunch line with their cards, sometimes if we didn't watch really carefully, especially with the high school kids, they would grab the wrong card," Knott said. "It wasn't necessary on purpose. They would just grab the card and not look at it. I thought this new system would eliminate the need to spend a couple of hours trying to figure out who's used whose card when they weren't supposed to."

The new MeaTime software eliminates the use of personal identification numbers or identification cards. Lunch supervisors can get an up-to-the-minute view of all sales and meal activity, including historical data for every student. If a parent wants an accounting of how his child is eating, a bank account-type printing can be run.

"At the end of the day, I can run out reports on how many kids are lunch and how much money we took in," Knott said.

"I can run my reports off of that for the State Department (of Education). No one knows we have a free lunch or a reduced lunch. It hides it. That's why we like it."

If someone gained access to the computer, he could find a student's name; grade level; paid, free or reduced lunch status; and debit or credit status of the account. There are no parent names, addresses or phone numbers. The program, protected by a password, is on two computers at the school - one in Knott's office and one in the lunchroom.

A child's print can't be reconstructed with the system, said Robbie Whitecotton, president of MeaTime. The scanner and software, now marketed as a "touch and go" system by MeaTime, is a relatively new offering to the company.

"Some of my competitors have been using it for many years, and we have had many requests for it," Whitecotton said.

Knott said the system measures the distance between minutia points, the lines, arches or swirls in the fingerprint. It measures the distance from one to another, then comes up with a mathematical measurement, which is a string of 10 or 11 numbers. That number equivalent is stored in the program.

"There is never a picture taken of the print or an image stored," Whitecotton said. "When they put their finger on the reader, all it does is measure those points again. The program looks for the string of numbers equivalent to that. A fingerprint could never be reconstructed from that string."

Mann, however, is concerned that if the federal government or someone else had the

same system, then the scans would be identifiable, like fingerprints.

The parents of 12 students have requested that their children not use the new system, Knott said. Those students, names are hand-keyed into the computer.

"Boyer doesn't want her child fingerprinted."

"I think this is just way too small a town to have such a privacy over lunch," Boyer said. "This school should know every student who comes in there. We don't have thousands of children. We have a few hundred. That's way too much information to get a hot meal, and they should not be subjected to this every day to get a hot meal."

"I'm concerned," Boyer added. "Why didn't they get parent approval or disapproval before the program was put in place? It's just over 30 days left in the school year, why couldn't they wait until next year and get parent input first?"

Mitchell said the program was started now as a pilot program. "You want to pilot something for four, five, six weeks to see how it works," Mitchell said. "If there is no problem, then it is permanent and implemented the following year."

Knott encourages parents with questions to call her at the school, 837-4777.

"If they have problems with the new system, they need to call me," she said. "I realize now that some feel it is invasive. I didn't when I introduced the program. I was looking for a way we would be more efficient. We were going to cut down on kids using other kids' accounts. But I would never, ever do anything to put a child in jeopardy."

## Jury

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...my roommate is single - and I've had problems in the past," one woman said.

Another juror said he had a concealed weapons permit.

"I grew up on a farm in Virginia, and guns have been a part of my life since I can remember," he said.

One woman was bold enough to say that people shouldn't own guns, even though she agreed someone should be allowed to use one in self-defense. Roark commended her bravery to admit, in Idaho, that she was

against gun ownership, but she too, was out.

"The career military man was also out. Although guns were part of his life in the military, he said he won't have a gun under his own roof."

"It's too easy to use a gun to solve your problems," he said. "Men - we're chosen. All agreed affect his ability to be a fair and impartial juror."

He too, was out.

Would the jurors be willing to stay in it for the long haul? "Have you ever been to a Chinese restaurant and been

tempted to get a fork?" Roark asked.

Roark said what concerned him is that when it comes to proving innocence or guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, "You may be tempted to reach for the fork instead of using the chopsticks."

In the end, 12 jurors and one alternate - six women and seven men - were chosen. All agreed that a defendant is innocent until proven guilty.

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## Letters

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the students of the school.

"We are looking for additional names and addresses of servicemen and women to add to our list," Carpenter said. "So far the pen pals are related to someone at the school in one way or another, but they do not have to be Catholic. We will write to any serviceman or woman, of any religion, in any branch of the service, as long as we have a name and address."

"Like all children, the students at St. Edward's are concerned and confused about the images of war that they are exposed to every day.

"Modern technology and an efficient media has brought the war into our lives and our homes," Carpenter said. "The little guys are primarily concerned with black and white - who are the bad guys and who are the good guys - and 'Are we going to win?'" Carpenter said.

Others are concerned about "Will the war come here? We

try to reassure them and show them on the globe where Iraq is and where the United States is, but after Sept. 11, it is difficult to say that the war will not happen here because it already has happened here," Carpenter said.

Having students write letters helps them feel involved in a positive way and lets them know they are doing their part to support the troops, Carpenter said.

St. Ed's serves 177 students in preschool through sixth grade.

### Students' letters

Here are a few samples of letters from the students at St. Edward's to military personnel fighting in the Iraq war. The letters have been reproduced exactly (spelling, punctuation and wording) as the students wrote them.

**Dear Britt,**  
I am praying for you, I hope you win. We love you. God bless you.  
Love, Sosanna Carpenter.

**Dear Britt,**  
I know you love us very much to protect us. May God watch over you.  
Love, Maggie

**Dear Britt,**

Thank you for protecting our country. We love you and please come back safely. God Bless you.  
Love, Mariah Garcia.

**Dear Britt,**  
We are praying for you and those for saving our country. God bless you.  
Love, David

**Students in Cathy Sorenson's fourth-grade class wrote to Lance Cpl. Josh Van Castoren.** Sorenson has seven students in her class.

**Dear LCP J Van Cast,**  
Hi My name is Katrina Walker. I'm in the 4th grade at St. Edward's Catholic School. I'm in my prayers. God Bless Luck.  
Your Friend, Katrina Walker.  
P.S. Jesus is always with you.

**Dear LCP Van Castoren**  
My name is Cynthia. I go to St. Edward's School. I hop you safe. Im

praying for you. God bless you.  
Your friend, Cynthia

**Deanna Hill has 17 students in her first-grade class.** Her students wrote to Army Sgt. Roger Dover. Here are a couple of their letters.

**Dear Sgt. Roger Dover,**  
May you and all the people be safe in war and may your captain make good choices at war and may their be peace in Iraq and you do good and do smart things not dum things and if you get hurt may God guide you and every one else.  
Love Sergio Martinez

**Dear Sgt. Dover,**  
You are in St. Edward's prayers. We wish you safely while fighting in Iraq. We are also supporting U.S. troops every where else.  
Sherry Cole Head St. Ed's 5th grade

## Simplot

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But Regional Labor Economist Greer Rogers said some layoffs were expected before the plant actually closes next year. Given the current potato market, Rogers and other economic development officials suspected this might occur.

Coupled with the recent announcement by McCain USA that it will lay off 125 people from its Burley potato processing plant in June, the latest decision by Simplot "was certainly a psychological blow to the Mini-Cassia area," Rogers said. But he quickly pointed out that McCain "has shown some amazing resilience. People have pulled together; the unemployment rate is actually a little bit lower than it was a year ago."

"That shows people are working hard in their economy, people are buying locally and trying to keep the economy healthy."

Now, Rogers said, economic developers must "work hard to see if we can attract some new business to the area." And those new businesses need to bring jobs that pay good wages and offer benefits, he said.

Bruce Lee, chairman of the Mini-Cassia - Development Commission, said that group is working on four or five projects. A couple of those - "the most promising" - are expansions of existing businesses, and a couple are businesses the commission is trying to lure to Mini-Cassia from elsewhere.

Although business owners are being relatively conservative about relocating now, Lee said the local group wants to be prepared for any possible relocations.

"We want to be prepared and ready so when the opportunities arise we can do our best and close

the sale on them," Lee said.

Burley Mayor Jon Anderson said city officials remain ready to help in economic development endeavors.

"If somebody has an idea, give us a call and we'll pursue it," he said. "Our economic development commission is working every day and taking every lead they can generate to try to bring jobs back."

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney said he'll be happy to hear the news Tuesday. "We're hurt enough now. I hate to take any more hurt," he said.

But he voiced some of that resilience which Rogers referred to. "We're going the best we can and try to move on."

Like others, Cheney recognizes that demand for frozen potatoes is down, and said the line closure "is a sign of the times" reflecting that trend.

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Land board sides with cattlemen on lease

The Associated Press

BOISE — A Hailey-based conservation plan to go to court to obtain a grazing lease on a 16,300-acre allotment in northern Idaho.

The Idaho Land Board Tuesday awarded a one-year grazing permit to a ranching association with a troubled history on the allotment that saddles the Lewis and Clark expedition route near Weippe.

Lucas said state lands officials wanted to make Western Watersheds remedy all of Lacey Grazing's mismanagement over the years.

Western Watersheds has clashed regularly with the Land Board. Marvel contends resting the allotments will restore them, while still paying the state grazing fees to the schools' endowment fund.

ISU gears up for nursing program

POCATELLO (AP) — A proposed new program at Idaho State University is taking shape to help with the increasing shortage of nurses.

The classes for the new two-year associate's degree in nursing would start next fall if it is approved. Students can earn an associate's degree, which allows them to work as a registered nurse, in five semesters.

There is a desperate need in rural communities, said Candia Dando, department chair for health occupations in the College of Technology. "Something has to be done to get registered nurses on the hospital floor as soon as possible."

While the offering is being reviewed by the university's curriculum committee, Dando is preparing an application to the State Board of Nursing and starting recruitment for a new nursing professor. The new employee would also start seeking program accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission.

"We want to make this a strong, recognized program," Dando said. "The shortage is affecting everyone. This program will help the hospitals."

In southeastern Idaho, Dando said nurses are needed in small, rural hospitals and larger ones like Pocatello's Portneuf Medical Center.

Associate Dean Debbie Thompson of the College of Technology said the program is designed to keep nurses within rural communities. The program will mostly be taught through distance learning and Internet courses.

EARLY CHRISTMAS?



Dan Gilman, a union state employee dressed as Santa Claus, hands out a flyer outside the House office building in Olympia, Wash., Monday, that claims Christmas has come early in the form of 525 million in tax loopholes for wealthy Washington companies.

Crickets get early start; infestation could double

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mormon crickets are hatching three weeks earlier than normal and could leave 6 million acres of land in Utah infested — more than double last year's plague.

"Their populations swing and decline and we're in a cycle of populations growing uncontrollably. The last five years, their numbers have doubled each year," said Larry Lewis, spokesman for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

2.45 million acres last year — the worst in recorded history for Utah. It's likely to get even worse. Officials estimate as many as 6 million acres will be swarming with the black wingless creatures this summer.

Kempthorne signs lease extension for resort

BOISE (AP) — The state Tuesday followed through on its promise to provide a long-term lease for the proposed billion-dollar, four-season resort on Lake Cascade on Tuesday.

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

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

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed the legislation extending the lease on 2,100 acres of state land from 10 to 49 years, calling it Tamarack resort an economic boost for depressed Valley County.

Advocates contend the resort will be an economic boon to an area hit hard by the timber industry's decline. But opponents claim it will damage the reservoir and surrounding environment.

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IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

1106 (Local Government and Taxation) — Authorizes government agencies to retain collection agencies to collect delinquent taxes.

1115 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies the status of payments under support decrees and the timing of attempts are made to modify the decrees.

1121 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies that destruction of telecommunications line or instrument is a misdemeanor.

1102 (Judiciary and Rules) — Establishes qualifications for and regulation of certified evaluators for psychological evaluations of convicted sex offenders.

Busy Jerome construction season gets under way

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Construction in the city is scheduled nonstop throughout the rest of the year. City Engineer Scott Bybee told the Urban Renewal Agency Tuesday.

\$2.08 million. The project will be funded by an Idaho community development block grant, the Urban Renewal Agency and the city. The project is in the design phase, and construction will start when funding is approved.

Bybee provided the agency with an update on the city's many current projects: Aerial photography and mapping for a citywide geographical information system has started. The data storage and retrieval system will be completed by October.

The Department is adding landscaping, sprinkler systems and trees to the Interstate 84 exit 168 at Lincoln Street South. The project is nearly done. While the ground is torn up for the landscaping project, the city will install a 12-inch water line under the freeway. It will provide water to the new landscaping for the freeway exit and for future growth on the south side of the freeway. The project is expected to cost about \$190,000 and is being financed by the state, the Urban Renewal Agency. Construction is expected to start this summer.

An upgrade to the wastewater treatment facility is under way, and the project is about one-third complete. New equipment is being installed, and old equipment is being repaired and refurbished at the plant. The upgrade will give a higher wastewater capacity, lower the cost for power and increase the nutrient removal to meet federal standards. The project cost is around \$700,000, and the Urban Renewal Agency is covering the costs.

Decorative street lights will be installed along Lincoln Street South on both sides of the street from 1 Street to the freeway. This will add to the appearance of the southern entrance to the city and will increase safety along Lincoln Street South after dark. The cost will be in excess of \$100,000. The lighting project is in the design phase. Construction should start later this year.

Water lines are being installed around the city as part of the city's overall water system master plan. The project will reduce the risk of water contamination by eliminating dead-end water lines, increase water pressure to low-pressure areas and increase fire flow. The project is expected to cost a maximum of \$3.9 million and is financed by an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality loan. The project is in the design phase. The construction is expected to begin this spring.

Water and sewer services, and a roadway have been extended to WOOD Logistics. The Urban Renewal Agency, the city and an Idaho community development block grant are financing this \$1.02 million project. The project is nearly completed and should be finished by May.

A water storage tank and well will be installed on the butte at the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 79. The well will be used to supply businesses at the butte and as additional water for the city. The project will cost around \$1 million.

Curbs and gutters will be added to the south side of 200 South Road to the west. The project is being added to the area between First and Third streets and Lincoln and Buchanan streets. This project will give better public access to parking in a four-block area. Around-nearby streets will be used to supply businesses at the butte and as additional water for the city. The project will cost around \$1 million.

Feds say man charged in tax violations is flight risk

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Businessman David Hinkson, indicted last year for 43 federal tax and drug violations, has been taken into custody by federal officials who believe he may try to avoid trial.

The document revoking the release said FBI has evidence that Hinkson has committed federal crimes, including tax evasion. It said James Harding, a business associate, told a grand jury Hinkson repeatedly offered him \$10,000 to kill Lodge and the others. Harding refused.

A federal motion revoking Hinkson's release said witnesses say the Grangeville man tried to arrange the killings of U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Cook and Internal Revenue Service Special Agent James Groom.

Cook, the prosecuting attorney for Hinkson's case, Hinkson has stated that he wants their killed in retaliation for his investigation of him and the disruption of his life and business.

Hinkson was arrested Friday on a federal warrant by U.S. marshals in Idaho. The U.S. Attorney's Office presented evidence Hinkson may be a flight risk, said Hinkson's attorney, Brit Groom of Grangeville. "Not necessarily now, but at some point in time," Groom said. Hinkson was first arrested in a raid on his Idaho County home in November. He has product-distributors all over the world for WaterOz, a bottled water company.

Also, court records say that Lodge has been hearing the case, but it was turned over to Judge B. Lynn Winmill. On March 27, Harding wore a "wire" and met with Hinkson, who spoke of his intentions to harm the federal officials, transfer funds offshore to Ahtiguh and flee the country, the order said. E-mail records from Hinkson's computer showed he bought land in Mexico for \$100,000, it stated. The FBI said it received "suspicious activity reports" from the Kaminth Communications Credit Union that Hinkson or an employee had withdrawn about \$1.7 million in cash and vouchers from his account.

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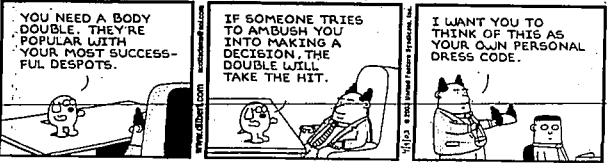
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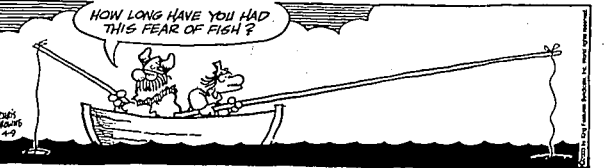
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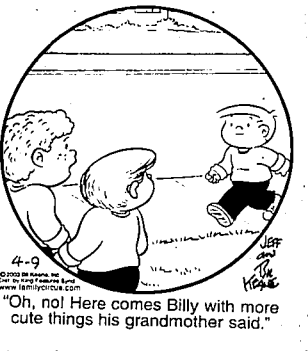
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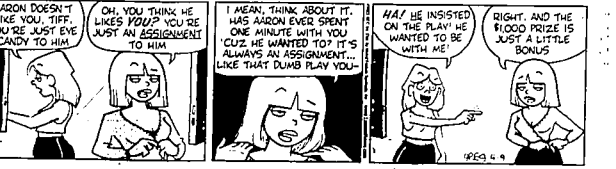
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America at war

# TWO TALES FROM BASRA

## British attack on key southern Iraqi city leaves untold numbers of dead civilians

By Michael Martinez  
Chicago Tribune

To me, my life is finished.

—Abid Al-Hussan Mahmood, 72, whose wife, daughter, son and seven grandchildren were killed when a missile hit their home Saturday

**BASRA, Iraq** — The warplane's missile had just killed his wife, a daughter, a son and seven grandchildren.

Then, Abid Al-Hussan Mahmood, 72, heard hope — a child's muffled call for help from under three feet of rubble in a storage room of his home, where he and his family had been sleeping since the war began more than two weeks ago.

"I heard a noise crying 'Baba, Baba!' (or father) and I kept digging until a head came up," Al-Hussan said. "We were never expecting that a rocket would hit that near of the house."

He dug out two of his grandchildren, ages 5 and 6 months, and a daughter-in-law. She lost four of her five children in the aerial assault Saturday morning, the day before the British stormed Basra.

"Why was this done?" Al-Hussan asked. "What mistake have we committed? None. We have never created a problem. If the coalition people knew something (about the intended target), why didn't they tell us?" so that residents could flee?

"I'm finished. I'm losing control of my life and I can't cry any more. ... To me, my life is finished."

One of the hidden stories of the war in Iraq is the number of civil-

ian casualties. In Basra, the death toll has been estimated at a few hundred people, according to doctors and employees at two of the city's hospitals.

But the absence of law and order in invaded cities such as Basra makes an official count nearly impossible.

The air strike Saturday near Al-Hussan's home was one of the last allied sorties before the British tank and troop invasion of Basra Sunday. His house was near the apparent target, the Iraqi intelligence headquarters and its residential compound a block away.

Al-Hussan had not left the house since the war began. He made sure everyone in his two-story corner house slept in the 8-by-10-foot storage room, far from the windows and courtyard. Food

was stockpiled in freezers to last three months and surplus water was stored in a garden well.

The first missile struck the street, jolting everyone awake, and then the plane fired again. A nearby home was obliterated; two neighbor families lost eight relatives.

As Al-Hussan mourned Tuesday, he also pondered the British invasion of Basra. Three of Al-Hussan's sons are British citizens who live in Manchester. He began working for the British in 1945 for the Basra Oil Co., which was renamed the South Oil Co. after Iraq nationalized its vast oil wealth. He retired in 1992.

His children and their spouses work in various fields — a computer engineer, a pharmacist, and a businessman in Basra, southern Iraq's largest city.

"I was feeling like the luckiest person in the world until this happened," Al-Hussan said.

Although he is a Shiite Muslim — most of who oppose Saddam Hussein — Al-Hussan said he avoids politics.

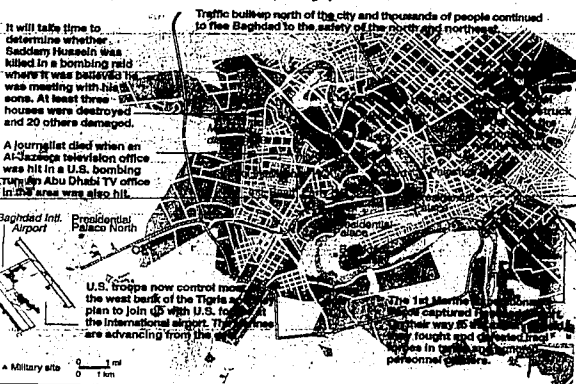
Shiites bury their dead in Najaf in southern Iraq, but because the war has made travel to that city difficult, the patriarch buried his wife and nine members of his family in temporary graves in Basra.

"Do we deserve this? I don't think so," Al-Hussan said. "No one has come to apologize. ... I lost my family. I lost my house."

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY 21

## Coalition troops hold solid positions in Baghdad

U.S. troops set up a base in Saddam's New Presidential Palace in Baghdad as Marines captured the Rashid Airport and the huge cache of weapons. Meanwhile, the military faced criticism for its attacks on a hotel and TV station that killed three foreign journalists.



SOURCES: National Imagery and Mapping Agency; Omni Resources; Associated Press

## Peace looks more dangerous than war

By Timothy M. Phelps  
Newday

Post-war Iraq remains most difficult mission for U.S., many say

WASHINGTON — With Saddam Hussein's regime in its last throes, it is now clear, as the Bush administration said all along, that the Iraqi military was no match for the United States, which has suffered far fewer casualties than even the military had expected.

But the administration was wrong about one thing, and it has severe implications for what comes next. The Iraqi military did fight, for Iraq if not for Saddam, and most Iraqis have not yet welcomed the United States as liberators. Experts on Iraq say the most difficult part of the battle for Iraq is just beginning.

"The U.S. is going to have greater problems the day after the war ends than during the war," said Ahmad Hachim, at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. "The rise of Iraqi nationalism is the big issue."

Some Arab diplomats and Middle East experts here predict the U.S. occupation of Iraq will be plagued by violent opposition, including shootings, assassinations, car bombings, not only from remnants of Saddam's minority Sunni regime, but also

from an increasingly religious Shia Muslim majority concentrated in the south. "However tough it was getting into Baghdad, the really tough part is going to be getting out of Baghdad," said Joseph Wilson, who was acting U.S. ambassador to Iraq when it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Iraqis are fiercely nationalistic, as they demonstrated with 38 years of unrest against the British before a revolution in 1958 toppled the British-installed King Faisal II.

It is a terribly complex country, ruled by a Sunni Arab minority that has lorded over the non-Arab Kurds in the North and the majority Shia in the south.

Most analysts all the signs so far is the failure of the Shia to rise up against Saddam, their

most bitter enemy, in support of the U.S.-led invasion. Already, the U.S. administration has felt compelled to warn the Shia leaders, in 275 cities in Iraq, to keep their armed forces out of Iraq.

The insertion this week by the Pentagon of opposition leader Ahmed Chalabi, a tassel-lofered, London-based Shia aristocrat, into southern Iraq with a few supporters is regarded with dismay. Middle East experts with dismay, since there is no proof Chalabi has any following inside Iraq.

The Shia are much more likely to follow the lead of Ayatollah Muhammad Bakr al-Hakim, a religious leader with close ties to Iran, where he has lived in exile for more than 20 years. Al-Hakim has told his followers to stay out of the war, and in an interview with Newsday last month warned that any U.S. attempt to control Iraq would meet "strong opposition." But control Iraq is exactly what the United States intends to do for some time to come.

## Former prisoners recount torture at hands of Saddam's ruling Baath Party

By Susan B. Glasser  
The Washington Post

**BASRA, Iraq** — Adnan Shaker pulled up his shirt to reveal dozens of scars crisscrossing his chest. He turned to show the marks of cigarette burns on his back. He waved his misshapen right hand, two fingers twisted and useless. He grabbed the electrode used to shock him while in the cell where he lived until two days ago, and demonstrated how his jailers had tied his hands behind his back when they administered the shocks.

His crime was participating in a Shiite Muslim uprising five years ago against Saddam Hussein's Sunni Muslim-dominated Baath Party. But when he was arrested three years ago, he would not confess to opposing Iraq's rulers. So he was charged with stealing a bag of flour, and tortured.

"They put electricity into me three days straight," he said. "They just wanted me to say I was against the party."

He freely proclaimed his hatred Tuesday. "I killed seven people" in the uprising, he said.

Two days after the southern city of Basra was seized by the British military, Shaker and other former prisoners returned to their jail on the outskirts of the city. They came to celebrate and to tell their stories to anyone who would listen. They brandished identification cards and color mug shots of those they claimed to kill here. Shaker pointed to a Ministry of Defense identification card for an army officer named Hilar Abbas. "This one said 'Death to Saddam,'" Shaker said. "They hanged him."

Around him, the crowd chanted their defiance of Saddam. "Yes! Yes! Bush! Yes! Yes! Bush!" they screamed. "Saddam! No! No! No!" One man grabbed a picture of Saddam and ripped it violently with his teeth. Another man took a newspaper with a photo of Saddam and slowly tore off the head.

Here, then, a few weeks after they'd been expected, were the scenes of Shiite rebellion that the U.S. and British military had anticipated when they rolled across the border from Kuwait last month. Emerging, too, were fragmentary firsthand accounts of human rights abuses under



A man, suspected of being a Fedayeen member, is beaten by a group of residents Tuesday in Basra.

Saddam, stories like Shaker's that suggest how the Baath Party used repression to rule Basra.

At Basra Teaching Hospital, Nasser Hassan, an agricultural engineer, said the Sunni Muslims in the party had terrorized residents. "I saw many bad things myself," he said. During the Shiite rebellion in 1999, he said, he saw men being thrown from the roof of a school. "We are against Saddam," he said. "But before we cannot say anything opposite Saddam Hussein. They would kill us."

Hassan was at the hospital because his daughter, 2, lay in a coma after being injured when several coalition bombs fell on their house. He said he didn't

blame the British for her injury, but rather the members of Saddam's Fedayeen militia who hid in civilian areas.

As he spoke, Hassan's daughter moved slightly on her bed. Her eyes fluttered, but she didn't regain consciousness. "Yes, people believe Saddam is no more, he is gone," Hassan said.

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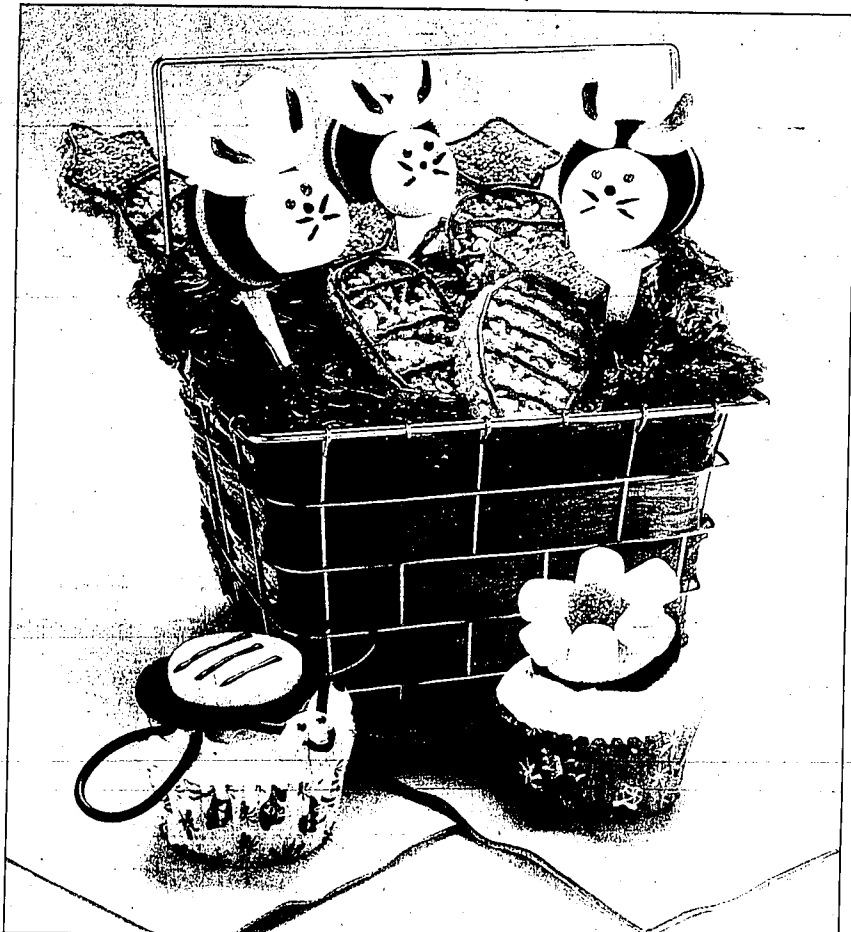
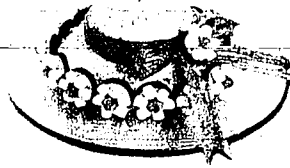
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## Hats off to spring treats



Colorful Woven Basket, Carrot Cut-outs, Bunny Pops, Flower Cupcake and Bumble Bee Cupcake are ready for spring. At top, this Bonnet Cake is unique and pretty enough for any table.

## Get the family involved in making these fun goodies

### Family Features

This year, step into spring with a glorious gala of tasty treats to celebrate the season in style.

Snack on cupcakes topped with sweet honeybees, lollipops of funny gummies and even a deliciously festive Easter bonnet cake.

Best of all, you can invite family members of all ages to help prepare these simple, yet elegant springtime recipes that are bursting with flavor and fun.

### BUMBLE BEE CUPCAKES

32 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich

Cookies, divided  
1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix  
24 Reynolds Easter Baking Cups  
1 can (16 ounces) ready-to-spread vanilla frosting  
24 large yellow gumdrops  
Black decorating icing  
Shoe string licorice  
CRUSH 8 of the cookies. Prepare cake mix as directed on package; gently stir cookie crumbs into batter. Pour into 24 baking cup-lined muffin cups. Bake at 350 F for 20 to 24 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool.  
SPLIT remaining 24 cookies, leaving

filling on 1 side of each cookie. Frost cupcakes. Place 1 cookie without filling on each cupcake for bee tail. Using additional frosting, attach 1 cookie with filling side up to each cupcake for body, overlapping cookies so only a small section of tail shows.

PLACE 1 gumdrop on each cupcake for head. Decorate bees with decorating icing for stripes and faces. Insert loops of licorice into frosting for wings and short pieces of licorice for antennas. Makes 24 cupcakes.

Flower Cupcakes: Prepare batter and bake cupcakes in Reynolds Easter Baking Cups as directed. Cool and frost cupcakes. Attach remaining 24

cookies to cupcakes. Using small amount of additional frosting, attach 1 small gumdrop to center of each cookie for flower center and 6 miniature marshmallows around gumdrop for petals.

### COLORFUL WOVEN BASKET

Reynolds Color Plastic Wrap, assorted colors of your choice  
1 mesh basket  
1 block white craft foam

TEAR a sheet of plastic wrap 2 inches longer than the circumference of the basket. Fold plastic wrap length-

Please see TREATS, Page C5

## Time to get serious about lawn care

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Does your neighbor's lawn look great? Is yours pathetic? That's likely because your neighbor was out fertilizing the yard last month while you were indoors watching basketball. And probably last fall as well, while you were watching football.

No matter: It's not too late to catch up, according to the experts.

"The first thing is to get some fertilizer on the grass," said Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries. "Get it applied and watered in, and then start thinking about dealing with weeds."

Combination fertilizers and weed-killers, applied in three to five steps throughout the growing season, work pretty well for both purposes, according to Richard Kelley, who owns Kelley Garden Center. You can have them put on professionally, or buy the products and do it yourself.

"But for them to work, you have to follow through," Kelley said. "It's not going to do much good if you put on the first two stages and forget the rest."

Weeding and fertilizing is a process that should last the whole growing season, accord-

Please see LAWNs, Page C7

Give your lawn the proper haircut - C2

### A fertilization program that works

The goal of any fertilization program is to provide the lawn with the nutrients it needs for optimum growth. The most accurate way to find out those needs is to have the soil tested. Soil-test kits and instructions are usually available at lawn and garden centers, and at better hardware stores. Soil-test services and information are often available through your local Extension office. If a soil test is not conducted, follow these general fertilization guidelines:

Most lawn experts agree that fertilizers with N (nitrogen), P (phosphorus), and K (potassium) analysis ratios of 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 are acceptable for use on any lawn. Examples on the fertilizer bag that fit these ratios are: 12-4-8, 15-5-10, 21-7-14, 15-4-8, and 20-5-10. The experts also recommend that the fertilizer should have at least half of its nitrogen (N) in a slowly soluble/slow-release form. Lawns fertilized with one of these slow-release forms of nitrogen tend to have better color, thickness and reduced leaf growth.

Fertilizer application rates should be as low as possible and still produce a high-quality lawn. If the amount of nitrogen (N, the first number of the analysis on the bag) is between 5 and 12, then the application rate should be 8 pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn. If the number is between 12 and 18, the rate of application should be 6 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Anything over 18 should be applied at 4 pounds per 1,000 square feet of lawn. This is a good rule of thumb, but always apply the fertilizer at the recommended rate listed on the bag.

The best time to fertilize your lawn is when it's actively growing and in need of nutrients. For yards in the Northern Tier of states, begin the program as the lawn begins to grow and green-up in the spring, then reduce applications as the weather gets hotter. When the cool weather returns in the fall, the lawn can again be fertilized. A late fall application, after the first frost, has been shown to increase lawn quality the following spring.

Fertilizer application dates and frequency are based primarily on which form of nitrogen the fertilizer contains. Those that have at least half of their nitrogen in slow-release form should be adequate for six to eight weeks. If the lawn still has good color and is growing well at the end of this period, then delay the next fertilizer application a little longer.

Also, if you leave your clippings on the lawn, you are fertilizing the lawn almost on a continual basis - possibly extending the 1-hour application between commercially manufactured fertilizer applications. Lawn fertilization is truly the case of a little occasionally is good, but a lot at one time is bad for the grass.

-Source: The Lawn Institute

## Start a holiday tradition with hot cross buns

### Taste of Home

Try Barbara Jean Lull's Traditional Hot Cross Buns this Easter.

The country cook from Claremont, Calif., carries on her mom's tasty tradition with this time-honored Easter morning treat.

### TRADITIONAL HOT CROSS BUNS

2 packages (1 1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast  
2 cups warm milk (110 to 115 degrees)

### They make perfect Easter morning treat

1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup dried currants  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
2 tablespoons water  
1 egg yolk  
Confectioners' sugar icing

In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in milk. Stir in butter, eggs, sugar and salt.

Combine 3 cups flour, raisins, currants, cinnamon and allspice. Add to yeast mixture and mix well. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough.

Turn onto a floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top.

Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Shape into 1 1/2- to 2-inch balls. Place two inches apart on greased baking sheet.

Using a sharp knife, cut a cross on top of each roll. Cover and let rise until doubled, about 30 minutes.

Beat water and egg yolk. Brush over rolls. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until golden-brown. Cool on wire racks. Pipe icing over rolls. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.



Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

These hot cross buns are perfect for Easter.

FOOD & HOME

Avoid cutting your lawn grass too short and boost it's health

Right about the time the Easter Bunny makes his entrance, we're thinking about the lawn. Surprise snowstorms notwithstanding, this year is no different.

We take lawn care very seriously. Dad said not to mow more than a third of the grass blade off at any one time. The neighbor said you've got to do that every year.

Uncle Ed said you've got to water your lawn like there's no tomorrow or it'll dry up and turn brown.

Well, at least Dad was right. The other two folks were feeding you organic fertilizer.

If grass is allowed to grow a little taller than most of us are probably used to, say 2 1/2 to 3 inches, it shades its own stems and soil, which keeps weeds down and gives more green color to the lawn.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

more often. You don't want to cut half the grass leaf off and shock the roots, you just want to keep it trimmed. And you want the grass clippings to fall on the lawn.

Thatch and watering go hand-in-hand. First of all, thatch is not dead grass. Say it out loud: Thatch is not dead grass.

Thatch is a tangle of grass roots that came to the surface looking for water. They found light and air and died. They piled up. Then we called them thatch. All matted

together like it does, thatch can create an impenetrable layer of matter that won't let water through. Then your lawn dies.

If your lawn has lawn die spots, you can do one of two things. One, you can rent a thatcher that cuts up all the dead stuff so you can rake it into mountains. Or you can apply humates. Humates help dissolve dead plant material and turn it into compost.

Remember that thatch is roots that came to the surface? Make the roots go down, deep down into the soil where they belong, for their water.

When Uncle Ed stands out in the lawn every evening after supper with a hose in his hand, he says he's watering his grass. Got to. Otherwise it'll go brown in the heat. That's true. Uncle's grass roots are all at the surface, where

they dry out quickly. Let the summer temperatures climb a little and watch how quickly the surface - and Uncle Ed's grass - dries out.

His grass would be better off if he would set his sprinklers to water for long periods of time, less often. He ought to be giving the grass one to two inches of water per week. That's all. No in-between snacks.

Teach Ed to turn off his sprinklers after he's set out several tuna cans in the sprinkler pattern and look at the clock. After an hour, measure the depth of the water in the tuna cans. You should be able to figure out how long it takes the sprinklers to deliver one inch of water.

Now shove a sharp shovel into the turf and lean it back. How deeply did the water penetrate?

You want the water to penetrate 12 inches or so. More, if you're trying to soak tree roots, too. If the water hasn't soaked in that far yet, turn it back on and monitor its progress.

In a week, probe the soil again to see if it needs water. The top inch or two will dry out first of course, encouraging the roots to look downward for water. That's the idea. If the root zone is dry and in need of water, set the sprinklers. If not, wait a few days.

Uncle Ed will actually use less water when he waters deeply, less often. He just won't have as much fun. Maybe you could get him a watering pool.

What's bugging your garden? Send your questions to Cathy in care of this newspaper, or email her at: caww@pntn.org

Gooding Jr. sells canyon home

By Ruth Ryan Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Cuba Gooding Jr., who stars in the comedy film "Bout Trip" and won an Oscar as best supporting actor for his role in "Jerry Maguire" (1996), and his wife, Sara, have sold their former home in Los Angeles' Coldwater Canyon to Matt Borlenghi, who played Ziggy on "The Bold and the Beautiful" for about its \$1.1-million asking price.

The Goodings moved several months ago into their home in the Pacific Palisades section of Los Angeles. The actor, 35, and his wife bought the Palisades property in June 2000. They more than doubled the 3,500-square-foot house, built in the '40s. The home, on an acre, now has a roller-hockey court.

Despite timing, Martha line generates a buzz

By Leigh Dyer The Charlotte Observer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Uniformed security guards kept most people at a distance, and nobody was permitted to take snapshots.

But businesswoman and lifestyle diva Martha Stewart left hundreds of Charlotte-area fans with autographed copies of her books and nearly a full hour's worth of her gardening wisdom last week.

Stewart's visit to Charlotte, part of a fund-raiser for Charlotte's Mint Museum, was also an occasion to promote her new Martha Stewart Signature furniture line.

The furniture - manufactured at Bernhardt Furniture in Lenoir, N.C. - is hitting stores for the first time and makes its first official marketing push this month.

Between the war in Iraq, declining consumer confidence, weak economic conditions and Stewart's personal troubles - a criminal investigation into her stock trading practices - the timing of the furniture line's debut is less than ideal.

But furniture industry insiders say they believe the furniture will appeal to consumers, and might even breathe some life into the lagging furniture industry.

"There's a lot of excitement about the Martha Stewart line, and I don't know that it's the same for other furniture," said Jackie Hirschhaut, of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Fans who peeked at the furniture while awaiting Stewart's speech gave it rave reviews.

Among the items on display: A credenza with a checkered table that will retail for around \$1,300, a matching hutch that will go for about \$2,400, side chairs for about \$300 each, and a floral-patterned easy chair for about \$800.

The furniture is the capstone of a full line of Martha Stewart Signature items including fabrics, paints and floor coverings - all coordinated by design and color, and all aimed at making homes comfortable.

Visit www.marthastewart.com for more information, including stores near you that are carrying the new furniture line.

'Trading Spaces' plans furniture line

By Pamela Sherrod Chicago Tribune

With "Trading Spaces" in its third season and fans following episodes with the rabid enthusiasm once reserved for the hottest dramatic series and soaps, the home-decorating reality TV show is rolling out a lot more than new episodes.

"They want to be in the house 24-7 - in every room, from ceiling to floor, whether televisions are on or off."

How? Well, just like the show - which has one couple remaking a room in their friends' home, while those friends are off doing the same to a room in the first couple's home (with an interior designer's guidance, within 48 hours, with less than \$1,000 and with no peeking) - "Trading Spaces" has a plan and a budget in mind to make it real.

The show, which airs new episodes on cable's TLC on Saturdays, soon will be introducing a namesake line of home furnishings and decorative accessories with prices meant for modest but stylish spenders. "The Reveal" - in "Trading Spaces" lingo, the moment when the design work is unveiled - comes in the fall. That's when the collection, which will include bedding, window treatments, lighting, picture frames, stencils, paint and more,

will be in department and discount stores.

So does that mean that Doug's upholstery headboards will be for sale to bring home? Or furnishings with Vern's rich sense of color and simplicity, accessories with Kim's flair for the dramatic? (By the way, for the two of you who haven't caught the "Trading Spaces" bug, that's Doug as in Doug Wilson, Vern as in Vern Yip and Kim as in Kim Stevie Dickerson - three of the show's eight designers.)

The answer: not quite, according to Sharon Markowitz Bennett, senior vice president of strategic partnerships and licensing for Discovery Communications consumer products: "We're not recreating the designs on the shows. Instead, the designs are being produced to inspire consumers to creatively let loose and not feel intimidated when redecorating their home. The concept of the merchandise line is inspirational."

David Beyda, chairman of Town and Country Living, one of the

licensees working with Trading Spaces, says, "The designs and the products are going to be fresh and comfortable in color and fabrication." Beyda describes the low to high price end as \$3 to \$19.99.

There's also a just-released book "Trading Spaces: Behind the Scenes" (Meredith Books) or the DVD "Best of Trading Spaces" (Artisan Family Entertainment Inc.).

Since "Trading Spaces" first aired on Sept. 29, 2000, it has given new energy to TLC.

While about 75 percent of viewers are female (on average, are 37 years of age), the show also has a growing audience of "tween" girls (ages 9 to 14).

In fact, Discovery Kids will launch "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls" on NBC May 17. On that show, boys and girls will volunteer to work with a designer from a new team of professionals to create a room for their friend.

Hasbro Inc. is working with Trading Spaces on a game.

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FOOD & HOME

# If it's spring - it must be time for some rhubarb recipes

By Donna Deane  
Los Angeles Times

Rhubarb starts out so beautiful, its bright color a beacon among the greens of spring. But give it to a cook, and it can wind up mushy and ragged, almost stringy. In old-time lunch counters, wisecracking waitresses nicknamed it "boiled socks."

There's a certain challenge to making it the star of a dish. The easy way is to combine it with fruit, one that's too sweet for its own good. (I'm talking about you, strawberry.) In pie, you need rhubarb to save you from your own excessive charm.) Pairing it with fruit also cuts down on the need for a lot of sugar. Raspberries or pineapples go nicely with it, too, and orange and lemon can be good accent flavors.

In grocery stores, you'll find two varieties of rhubarb, depending on the time of year: lush and green, with light pink stalks and yellow leaves; and field grown, with dark red stalks and green leaves. Field grown will show up soon. Hothouse rhubarb is slightly milder in flavor and a bit less stringy.

In either case, look for crisp, brightly colored stalks (only the stalks can be eaten; the leaves are toxic). Wrapped in plastic, they can be stored in the refrigerator for three to four days.

One of the simplest recipes for rhubarb is a stew of rhubarb, sugar and water cooked just until the rhubarb is tender and forms a sauce.

Try it with buttered toast or ice cream as a surprise garnish.

**BREAKFAST COFFEECAKE**

**Crumble Topping:**  
3/4 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/3 cup (1 1/2 sticks) cold butter, cut up

Combine the sugar, flour, nutmeg and salt in a bowl. Stir in the vanilla, then work in the butter with a pastry blender or fork until crumbly. Set aside.

**Cake:**  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, at room temperature  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup sour cream  
2 cups diced rhubarb

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-inch tube pan. Stir together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in a bowl. Set aside. Beat together



Far left, a sweet topping on the breakfast coffee cake cuts the rhubarb's tartness.

At left, rhubarb and raspberries fill the tarts; the marzipan is the topping.

the butter and sugar in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Beat in the vanilla. Beat in half the flour mixture until creamy, then beat in the sour cream until blended. Beat in the remaining flour mixture until combined. Stir in the rhubarb.

Spoon the batter into the tube pan. Top with the crumble mixture. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 1 hour. Cool the cake in the pan slightly, then remove to a wire rack to cool completely. Servings: 12.

**MARZIPAN TARTS**

**Crust:**  
1 cup flour  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup cold butter, cut up  
2-3 tablespoons water

Combine the flour, sugar and salt in a bowl. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender or fork until the crust is crumbly. Sprinkle the water over the flour mixture. Stir with a fork until the dough comes together into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes. Separate the dough into 4 parts. Roll out one part of the dough on a lightly floured surface into a round to fit into 4-inch round tart pan with a removable bottom. Repeat with the remaining dough.

**Topping:**  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup cold butter, cut up  
1/4 cup marzipan, cut up

Combine the flour, sugar, vanilla and salt in a bowl. Add the butter and marzipan, and work into the dough with a pastry blender or fork until crumbly. Set aside.

**Filling:**  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup flour  
2 cups diced rhubarb  
1 cup raspberries  
1 teaspoon lemon juice

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Combine the sugar, flour, rhubarb, raspberries and lemon juice in a bowl. Gently stir until combined. Divide the filling among the tart shells. Sprinkle the crumb topping over the top of each. Place the tarts on a baking sheet and bake about 30 minutes until browned and bubbly. Remove from oven and let cool to warm before serving. Servings: 4.

**STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB STAINED-GLASS COOKIES**

**Jam:**  
1 cup diced rhubarb  
1 cup diced strawberries  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
2 teaspoons water

Combine the rhubarb, straw-

berries and sugar in a small saucepan over low heat until the fruit softens and breaks down, stirring occasionally, about 15 minutes.

Stir the cornstarch and water together in a small bowl. Add to the fruit and continue cooking on low heat, stirring often, until the fruit thickens, about 5 more minutes. Cool completely and store covered in an airtight container in the refrigerator. It will stay fresh up to a week.

**Cookies:**  
2/3 cup butter, room temperature  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 1/3 cups flour, plus more for rolling  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground cardamom

1/2 cup blanched almonds, finely ground  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 teaspoon water  
1 tablespoon sparkling sugar

Beat the butter and sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the egg and vanilla; beat until smooth. Stir the flour and salt together then stir in the cardamom. Add the flour to the butter mixture on low speed just until combined. Stir in the almonds. Divide the dough into 4 pieces and flatten into rectangles.

Wrap each in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour. Heat the oven to 375 degrees; grease 2 baking sheets. Remove 1 rectangle of dough at a time. Roll out the dough on a very lightly floured work surface to 1/8-inch thick. Using a 2 1/2-inch

fluted cookie cutter, cut out as many cookies as you can. Then, using a 1-inch fluted cookie cutter, cut a hole in the center of half of the fluted cookies (these will become the tops of the sandwich cookies). Carefully place all cookies on the baking sheets. Make the egg wash by stirring the beaten egg with water. Brush just the top cookies (with the hole) with the egg wash. Sprinkle the top cookies with sugar over the egg-washed cookies.

Bake until a pale golden brown, 10 to 11 minutes. Cool on a rack. Continue with the remaining dough until all the cookies are baked and you have an equal number of tops and bottoms. Place 1 teaspoon of jam in the center of each of the bottom cookies, spreading to within 1/2-inch of the edge.

Place a top cookie over each and press gently.

NOTE: Make the jam ahead so it can chill. The cookies can be stored airtight for several days in the refrigerator.

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# Fresh produce evokes memories of Austria

By Pam Smith O'Hara  
The Miami Herald

One spring year ago, I traveled to Austria with my husband. Though the beauty was breathtaking and the air intoxicating, one of my most lasting memories is the fresh, spring-fresh asparagus dishes and scarlet strawberry desserts we enjoyed at sidewalk cafes. Pursuing the produce section recently, I had a flashback to the trip as I spied strawberries and asparagus plus sugar snap peas. I grabbed them up and headed home to cook.

This fabulous frittata is the perfect Easter brunch dish.

## TRIM FRITTATA STUFFED WITH ASPARAGUS

6 eggs  
1 bunch basil, leaves only; coarsely chop all but a few  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced  
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for sprinkling

Salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
2 pounds thin asparagus  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil plus extra for drizzling

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat them lightly with a fork. Add the chopped basil, garlic, Parmesan and salt and pepper to taste. Let rest for 30 minutes, if possible so the whites coagulate eggs. Tie the asparagus together in a bunch in kitchen twine. Cut off the ends. Plunge the asparagus into a pot of salted boiling water and cook until tender but crisp. Drain well. Season with salt and a few drops of olive oil. Keep warm. Place oil in a large saute pan and turn heat to medium. Pour a ladle of the egg mixture into the pan and swirl it just as you would when making crepes. Lower the heat to medium low. When the frittata turns opaque, carefully flip it over and lightly cook the other side. Repeat, making 4 thin, crepe-like frittatas. Divide the asparagus into 4 bunches. Place 1 bunch on the far side of a frittata. Roll it up, completely enclosing the asparagus. Repeat.

Arrange each frittata on a plate and sprinkle with torn basil

leaves and grated Parmesan. Makes 4 servings.

—Source: "Verdura" by Vanna LaPlace

Per serving: 245 calories (73 percent from fat), 19.9 g fat (4.9 g saturated), 10.9 g monounsaturated, 132.4 mg cholesterol, 13.5 g protein, 2.7 g carbohydrates, 0.7 g fiber, 218.5 mg sodium.

## BUTTERED SUGAR SNAP PEAS WITH FRESH MINT

1 pound sugar snap peas, trimmed  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh mint  
Blanch the peas 1 minute in boiling salted water. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the peas and stir until bright green and crisp-tender, about 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste, toss with the mint, and serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

—Source: "The Greenmarket Cookbook" by Joel Patraker and Joan Schwartz

Per serving: 65 calories (57 percent from fat), 4.1 g fat (2.5 g saturated), 1.2 g monounsaturated, 10.9 mg cholesterol, 1.9 g protein, 6.7 g carbohydrates, 2.1 g fiber, 205 mg sodium.

## AMARETTO STRAWBERRIES

1 pint fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced  
3 tablespoons amaretto  
Low-fat yogurt or frozen yogurt

Stir together the strawberries and amaretto in a serving container. Crush about 1/4 cup of the strawberries with a fork and mix again. Let the mixture stand for about 30 minutes before serving. Serve over yogurt or frozen yogurt. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

—Source: "The Vegetarian 5-Ingredient Gourmet" by Nava Atlas

Per serving with 1/5 cup of frozen yogurt: 160 calories (24 percent from fat), 4.2 g fat (2.5 g saturated), 1.2 g monounsaturated, 1.4 mg cholesterol, 3.2 g protein, 24.2 g carbohydrates, 1.3 g fiber, 63 mg sodium.

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to make a 1-inch-wide strip. Repeat with additional coils of plastic wrap to make 1 strip for each row of the basket.

WEAVE strips through sides of basket; tuck ends inside.

PLACE foam block inside basket, cutting to fit if necessary.

INSERT Bunny Pop sticks into foam block. Fill with green plastic wrap for Gummy and Carrot Cut-Outs.

## COOKIE-MALLOW MOUSSE CAKE

14 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided

Marshmallows, divided  
2 cups cold milk  
5 drops yellow food coloring (optional)

2 packages (4-serving size each) white chocolate flavor instant pudding and pie filling  
2 cups thawed whipped topping

1 cup coconut  
1/2 cup jelly beans  
SPLIT cookies, leaving filling on 1 side of each cookie. Finely crush cookies without filling.

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter; mix with cookie crumbs. Press firmly onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Stand cookies with filling around side of pan, filling side facing out. Refrigerate 15 minutes.

MELT remaining 1 tablespoon butter in medium saucepan over low heat. Add 15 of the marshmallows. Cook until marshmallows are melted, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

POUR melted marshmallows into large bowl. Gradually add milk, beating with electric mixer on low speed until well blended. Add food coloring; mix until evenly colored. Add pudding mixes; beat 2 minutes on low speed. Gently stir in whipped topping. Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate 4 hours or until set.

PLACE remaining 18 marshmallows around top of cake, forming a ring. Fill center of ring with coconut. Broil 1 minute or

# Treats

until marshmallows and coconut are lightly browned. Run small knife or metal spatula around side of pan to loosen cake; remove rim of pan. Top cake with jelly beans just before serving. Makes 14 servings.

## BUNNY POPS

18-wooden pop sticks  
1/3 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies  
4 squares white baking chocolate, melted

18 Jet-Puffed Marshmallows  
2 Decorating icings or gels  
ATTACH 1 wooden pop stick to 1 side of each cookie using melted white chocolate. Place pop sticks side up; on long sheets of wax paper until white chocolate is set. Turn cookie pops over to decorate.

CUT marshmallows in half crosswise. Attach 1 half, cut side down, to each cookie for face, using small amount of melted white chocolate.

CUT remaining marshmallow halves in half lengthwise; attach 2 halves to top of each cookie pop for ears, using small amount of melted white chocolate.

DECORATE bunny faces and ears with decorating icings or gels. Makes 18 pops.

## CARROT CUT-OUTS

3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 package (10 ounces) Jet-Puffed Marshmallows or 1 package (10-1/2 ounces) Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows

10 drops yellow food coloring  
3 drops red food coloring  
6 cups crisp rice cereal  
Decorating icing and colored

sprinkles  
MELT butter in large saucepan over low heat. Add marshmallows; cook until melted and mixture is well blended, stirring frequently. Add food coloring; stir until evenly colored. Remove from heat.

IMMEDIATELY add cereal; mix lightly until evenly coated. Press into greased 15-by-10-by-1-inch pan. Cool completely.

CUT out shapes, using greased 5-inch carrot-shaped cookie cutter. Decorate cut-outs with icings and sprinkles. Let stand until set. Makes about 18 cut-outs.

Note: If carrot-shaped cookie cutter is not available, make a template. Draw a 5-inch carrot on heavy paper or cardboard; cut out. Place template on cereal mixture; cut around template with small sharp knife.

## BONNET CAKE

17 Spring Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies  
1 package (2-layer size) carrot cake mix  
17 small gumdrops

102 Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows (about 1-1/4 cups)  
1 cup (16 ounces) ready-to-spread vanilla frosting  
Food coloring, any color  
Reynolds Rose Extra Wide Color Plastic Wrap  
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SPLIT cookies, leaving filling on 1 side of each cookie. Coarsely crush cookie halves with filling. Prepare cake mix as directed on package; stir cookie crumbs into batter. Pour 2 cups batter into greased 1-quart oven-proof bowl. Pour remaining batter into greased 9-inch round cake pan.

BAKE at 350 F for 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan and bowl; cool completely on wire rack.

DECORATE cookie halves with filling as flowers, using 1 small gumdrop in center of each cookie and 6 miniature marshmallows around center for petals, attaching with frosting as needed.

COVER serving plate with sheet of rose plastic wrap; tuck edges under bottom of plate. Place 9-inch cake layer on plate; level top of cake if necessary. Trim frosting to desired color using food coloring. Frost cake layer in bowl with shaped cake onto center of cake layer. Frost. Stand 18 cookie flowers around side of layer cake. Let stand about 1 hour or until frosting firms.

PLACE 18-inch sheet of Easter plastic wrap over cake; press gently to side of top layer. Fold 42-inch sheet of rose plastic wrap in half; continue folding to form 1-1/2-inch strip. Wrap strip around top layer to make hand-band. Overlap ends of strip; shape into bow. Secure with tape. Attach remaining cookie flowers to bow with additional frosting. Trim Easter plastic wrap even with edge of cake. Makes 8 servings.

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## Brian Wilson and wife put mountain home on market

By Ruth Ryan  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Brian Wilson, legendary singer-songwriter, performer and one of the original Beach Boys, and his wife, Melinda, have listed their Lake Arrowhead retreat at just under \$1.9 million.

They're reluctant to sell, because they love their San Bernardino Mountains home, but the couple has two daughters involved in horseback riding, and the family wants to have a second home closer to equestrian facilities.

The house, built in 1996, was gutted and rebuilt by a local contractor when the Wilsons purchased it about four years ago. A sound system was designed under Brian Wilson's direction. The house has five bedrooms, four bathrooms, a den with a wet bar and an office-library.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last night, my husband and I had dinner at the only "good" restaurant in our small town. Seated at the table behind us was a couple with three small children. During our entire meal, those children screamed and carried on - while their parents did nothing. The disruption was so incessant that another couple walked out without finishing their dinner.

The manager offered to seat us elsewhere, but the children's high-pitched voices could be heard throughout the place. I repeatedly looked over at the parents, and the man shot me a sarcastic remark implying that if I was annoyed, it was "my problem."

If you were the manager of the restaurant, what would you have done?

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DEAR ABBY  
Abby Cadabby

where the fire occurred, but the tape doesn't show who set the fire.

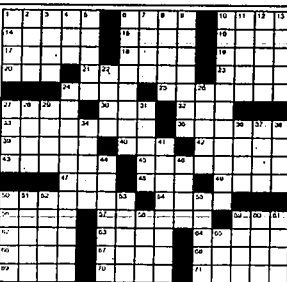
**Now I'm in major trouble.** No one believes I'm innocent. Beth lied and left me in the dust! We're both suspended from school and have to appear in court with our parents. What if the judge blames it all on me? How should I handle this? I don't want to ruin our friendship.

**INNOCENT MIDDLE SCHOOLER:** Your friendship was ruined when your "friend" accused you to keep herself from being punished for what she did. Speak up and defend yourself. Offer to take a lie detector test if necessary and for heaven's sake have nothing more to do with Beth. She's burned you. Badly.

**DEAR ANNOYED:** Had I been the manager, I would have approached the parents and said it was time for one of them to take the youngsters outside for a "time-out" until they were ready to behave themselves in the restaurant. I would rather risk losing one couple's business than that of a room full of patrons.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend, "Beth," set a trash can on fire at school. I was there and didn't tell on her. Then she turned around and told the principal I did it! The surveillance camera shows both Beth and me walking out of the girls' restroom

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Romance looks up for Cancer; pleasant surprise

**IF APRIL 9TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** Pluto's angle to your sun in Aries gives added power and dynamism today. Lady Luck is smiling, and Fortuna waves her magic wand. Take a chance and gamble. It should be the best birthday in a long time! A flirtation could be the start of something big this year. October, August promise to be memorable. Aquarius, Leo play major roles.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Today's powerful influences have long-lasting effects having to do with legal or overseas matters. You will be pressed for information and asked to make a decision. Major opportunity presents itself.

**TARUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Close family members seek your attention. Proposal forces you to make a decision. Neglected home matters need to be put in order for tomorrow. You do this in your special way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Getting things done correctly is usually effortless. This time you are sitting on the fence about a decision. You could be deceiving yourself.

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**With cool temps lingering, try something in between**

Spring is here. You can tell from all the snow. I think our weather patterns have been erratic in the past decade, since we've had up with more snow in spring than during the entirety of winter.

That makes for difficult meal planning. The spring part of me wants to power walk, spring clean, plant flowers and wear capris. But the snow keeps the wintery part of me thinking it's time for wool sweaters and hibernation. So I cook things that are somewhere in between.

I figure that a meat-and-potatoes meal is still okay, but I throw in a lot of fruit and fruit flavors. That way, I indulge my seasonal craving. And it's not a bad Easter menu, either.



**VALLEY COOKING**  
Rebecca Tateoka

**honey.** Pack the top with the brown sugar mixture. Pour enough water into the bottom of the roasting pan to come to a 1-inch depth. Cover the pan tightly with aluminum foil or a lid. Bake for 4 1/2 to 5 hours in the preheated oven (about 22 minutes per pound), or until the internal temperature of the ham has reached 160 degrees F. Make sure the meat thermometer is not touching the bone. Let stand for about 20 minutes before carving.  
-From www.allrecipes.com

**CHEESE POTATO PUFF**  
12 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
3 cups water  
3 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules  
Salt to taste  
2 cups shredded cheddar or Swiss cheese, divided  
1 1/4 cups milk  
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 teaspoon salt

**2 eggs, beaten**  
Place water and bouillon in a saucepan; add potatoes. Salt as desired; cover and bring to a boil. Cook until tender. Drain and mash. Add 1 3/4 cups cheese, milk, butter and salt; cook and stir over low heat until cheese and butter are melted. Fold in eggs. Spread into a greased 13-by-9-inch pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 25-30 minutes. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until golden brown.

**FRUIT KABOBS WITH DIP**  
Assorted fruit - green and red grapes, cantaloupe balls, strawberries, etc.  
1 cup plain yogurt  
1/2 medium ripe banana  
4 teaspoons honey  
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon  
Thread fruit alternately onto skewers. In a blender, combine remaining ingredients; cover and process until smooth. Serve with kabobs.

**PINEAPPLE ORANGE DRINK**  
6 cups orange juice  
2 8-ounce cans crushed unsweetened pineapple, undrained

**16 ice cubes**  
Place half of the orange juice, pineapple and ice cubes in a blender; cover and process until smooth. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Pour into chilled glasses. Serve immediately.

**BANANA CREAM PIE**  
1 (9-inch) pie crust, baked (granham cracker crust okay, too)  
3 large bananas  
2 1/2 cups cold milk  
1 (3.5 ounces) package instant French vanilla pudding mix  
1 (3.5 ounces) package instant banana pudding mix  
2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed  
Slice 2 of the bananas and arrange in bottom of baked and cooled pastry shell. Pour cold milk into a medium bowl. Add pudding mixes and whisk until thoroughly combined. Fold in 1/2 cup of the whipped topping. Pour into pastry shell. Chill at least 3 hours before serving. Garnish with remaining whipped topping and slices of the remaining banana.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at [tateoka@pm.org](mailto:tateoka@pm.org).

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**BAKED HAM**  
12-16 pound bone-in ham, partially cooked  
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1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon honey  
4 cups water, or as needed  
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place ham in a roasting pan, and press whole cloves into the top at 1- to 2-inch intervals. Mix together the brown sugar, mustard, cinnamon and

**Lawns**

Continued from C1  
ing to Kelley, not just through April and May when sales of lawn-care products spike.

Dandelions often succumb to combination weed-and-kill products, applied properly, the experts agree. But crabgrass - a catch-all term that includes a variety of unwelcome flora - and broadleaf and these invasions may be a different story.

"You may need to apply a separate weed-control product, before the weeds emerge," Wright said.

Same goes for the tiny worms and bugs that munch patches of grass, leaving dead spots that begin to show up in May or June.

"It's easy to tell if you have that kind of infestation," Wright said. "If you tug on the grass, it comes right out in your hand because the roots have been eaten. If it's just a dead patch of grass, it won't come out so easily."

It's pretty hard to overfertilize this time of year, Kelley said, and very easy to do so in July.

"A lot of people don't adjust their watering as the (growing) season goes along," Wright said.

"They should. We get some precipitation here in April, but we don't get much in July."

If you have a sprinkler system, set it to a moist level now and adjust it upwards in June, he added. If you water by hose, go easy in the next month.

"Until the first of May, I wouldn't worry about watering unless you have trouble spots," Kelley said.

"If you step on the lawn and you leave a footprint, that's a sign that the grass is stressed," Wright said. "That's a good rule of thumb for when you need to water."

Blugrass may take its time waking up in the spring. Nitrogen-rich fertilizer gives it a kick start, but grubs doesn't live by nitrogen alone. To stay healthy, it needs a balance of nutrients, including phosphorus and potassium.

And the right haircut.

"I like to cut lawns shorter in the spring, and then adjust the mower to leave more during the hot months," Kelley said.

"You should only cut off the top one-third of a blade of grass," Wright said. "Anything more than that, and you'll stress the plant when the weather gets warmer."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-3223, or write to him at [scrump@tcn.net](mailto:scrump@tcn.net).

**McDonald's gets fancy dressing**

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

Ronald McDonald has formed an alliance with Cool Hand Luke. McDonald's and Paul Newman are teaming up to present Newman's Own salad dressings on salads sold by the fast-food giant.

Officials at McDonald's, which has been in a slump recently and suffering from criticism for its fatty foods, said the arrangement is part of the company's effort to offer new, wholesome menu items.

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Turning an unfinished basement into a comfortable living space can be a rewarding achievement. Whether you need the extra space to accommodate an office, entertainment room or for growing children to use as bedrooms, you'll need to set a financial budget and plan accordingly. Planning for function is the most important step in the remodeling process. Check common elements and divide it all into the budget. Once an overall plan is set, look at each piece of the puzzle one at a time. For example, if the basement is to be divided between bedroom space and entertainment space, each will have its own special requirements for lighting, storage and seating. Both spaces should be comfortable and cheerful. Every effort should be made to include windows in the plan, especially in a bedroom so the occupants don't feel like they are living in a cave. For entertainment, you might want to consider the addition of a wet bar or a small kitchen. Use apartment-sized appliances and fixtures that require less space. Cabinet space for storage and countertops for food preparation and serving will be needed as well. Basements usually have easy access to plumbing, so consider installing a full bath. When making an investment like this into your home, keep in mind the overall price range of homes in your neighborhood. Experts suggest investing no more than 12% the value of the average home in your neighborhood to keep you in a seller's market. But even less than 12% in your home for the long term, the satisfaction you receive from your renovation project may be worth the investment no matter what the cost.

by Doris A. Black

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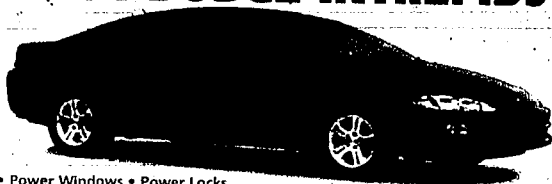
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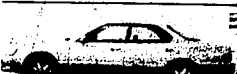
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Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Section D

## Coming Thursday

- Results from the annual Angle Wyatt Memorial track meet at TPIS.

The Times-News

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“A lot of people give Allen a penny and they want back a dollar.”

— Tom Shuttleworth, one of Allen Iverson's attorneys, on a lawsuit filed by a man who said he gave Iverson the nickname "The Answer" and wanted 25 percent of the proceeds from its use. The suit was dismissed Tuesday.

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
How many Idaho players signed with Boise State out of a class of 20 for 2003?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school softball**  
Declo at Buhl, 4 p.m.
- High school track**  
Angie Wyatt Invitational, at Twin Falls, 1 p.m.
- High school golf**  
at Pocatello, 9 a.m.
- High school tennis**  
Century at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Buhl holds youth

#### Baseball registration

**BUHL** — Registration for Buhl Youth Baseball will run through Saturday at Buhl Elementary School.

Children aged 6-15 are eligible to sign up for T-ball, Pee-Wee baseball, softball, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. Registration times are from 6-8 p.m. April 10; and from 8:30-10 a.m. April 12. Forms are available at all Buhl schools.

For more information or questions, please contact Vince Hamilton at 543-6201 or Lora Ahl at 543-6812.

#### Boys and Girls Club

#### hosts Fun Run

**TWIN FALLS** — The Boys and Girls Club of Twin Falls is hosting the Second Annual Fun Run-Dunathon on Saturday.

Participants may register at the club at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. A post-race awards party will be held afterward with trout, burgers, hot dogs, salads, fries, and soft drinks. Child care will also be provided.

For more information, call 736-3011.

#### Jerome Rec District

#### signs up for softball

**JEROME** — The Jerome Recreation District is offering co-ed softball leagues, which will play in the evenings beginning May 5. Team fees are \$160 with player fees ranging from \$30 to \$40 depending on residence. Rosters and team fees will be due on Friday. To sign up, call or stop by the Jerome Recreation District.

### Correction

Mandi Heuberg was misidentified in an article on the Buhl Invitational golf tournament that was published on Tuesday. Jennifer Heuberg is Mandi's older sister and a sophomore at Boise State University. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Four, including three — Shern Asner, Jon Helmandollar and Derek Schouman — from Eagle High School. The fourth, Ted Miller, attended Bishop Kelly.



UConn's Diana Taurasi holds the net after the Huskies won the national championship Tuesday in Atlanta.

# Huskies claim another crown

UConn takes women's title by beating rival Tennessee

Knight Ridder News Service

**ATLANTA** — Connecticut women's basketball wasn't supposed to remain this good. It lost four starters to the WNBA from last year's 39-0 national championship team, inserted role players around junior guard Diana Taurasi, and now has won two straight NCAA titles.

The Huskies beat archrival Tennessee, 73-68, at the Georgia Dome in front of a sellout crowd of 28,010 on Tuesday and won its

third national title in four seasons.

Connecticut and Tennessee have combined to win seven championships in nine years. It was the third time they've met in the final (Connecticut also won in 2000 and 1995).

Taurasi, national player of the year on Associated Press, Naismith and U.S. Basketball Writers Association teams, scored 28 points, including four three-pointers.

"She's cut from a different cloth. She's got a lot of Italian in her, God bless her," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma, himself the son of Italian immigrants.

Freshman guard Ann Strother had 16 points, including three 3-pointers. She had a key layup with two minutes left that bumped Connecticut's lead to 69-62, and two clinch-

ing free throws with 20 seconds left.

Connecticut took control with a 12-4 run to begin the second half. Freshman Barbara Turner's layup gave the Huskies a 47-34 lead.

Tennessee answered with a 10-3 rally, capped by Kara Lawson's score on a steal. But Connecticut calmly worked the ball to Taurasi, who converted a three-point play that made it 53-44 with 12 minutes left.

The second half lacked much of the drama of the regular-season meeting in January, which Connecticut won 62-52 in overtime. Tennessee, despite a late 8-0 spurt, got no closer than three points. Lawson led the Vols with 18 points.

Connecticut hit seven three-pointers in the

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# Wolverine wake-up call



Buhl second baseman John Puente corals a wild throw from catcher J.D. Gould on a successful stolen base by Wood River's Brady Fleming during their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game Tuesday at Clint Faux Memorial Diamond in Buhl. The Wolverines won their first game of the doubleheader, 16-10.

## Wood River whips confident Buhl club in doubleheader

By Scott Thompson

Times-News writer

**BUHL** — The Wood River Wolverines gave the Buhl baseball team exactly what it needed — a big dose of reality after opening the season with six straight wins to take the state's No. 1 ranking in Class 3A.

"We got overconfident going 6-0 against weak opponents," Buhl coach Ryan Bobo said.

That won't longer be the case after the third-ranked Wolverines dumped the Tribe 16-10 at Clint Faux Memorial Diamond Tuesday in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference game between the

teams. Wood River then followed up with a 22-7 pounding in six innings in the nonconference contest.

Wood River's Ryne Reynoso and the rest of the Wolverines brought the Indians back to reality in a hurry in the first game as the senior hurler struck out the first four batters he faced and seven of the first nine.

Reynoso got the Wolverines (4-1-1 overall, 1-0 SCIC) going offensively, too, as his single to center brought two runs home to make it 2-0. Another Reynoso single drove in a run as part of the Wood River lead moved to 5-0 at the end of four. But it was Reynoso's three-run homer that

put the game away as Wood River forged an 11-0 lead midway through the fifth.

Reynoso went 3-for-5 with five RBIs and a run scored to break out of a slump.

"That's what I feel best about," Reynoso said. "I finally got the bat working."

The Indians (6-1, 2-1) didn't have the leather working as they committed five of their nine errors in the third and fourth innings.

"When we go up against a top pitcher like Reynoso, we have to keep ourselves in the game with our gloves," Bobo said.

The Indians could well have folded and allowed Wood River

to run-rule them but they fought back for five runs in the fifth to stay alive.

John Puente and Rob Walker both doubled in the fifth to ignite the Indian offense as Reynoso started to struggle.

"It wasn't getting on top of the ball and it started to sail on me," he said. "It also started to slow down and lose movement. Maybe my arm's not in as good a shape as it will be at the end of the season."

A long layoff didn't help him, the rest of the Wolverines or the Indians, though. Neither club had played in more than two weeks.

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## Masters field again sets sights on Tiger

The Associated Press

**AUGUSTA, Ga.** — Some things about the Masters never change.

As usual, Tiger Woods was first off the tee Tuesday morning when the rain rained at Augusta National, the first time he has played the course since he walked away last April wearing his green jacket.

And just like always, the question is not so much whether he can win another Masters, but whether anyone can stop him.

"I guess I'm still the favorite," Woods said with a wide smile.

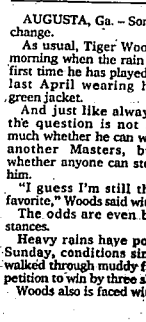
The odds are even better, considering the circumstances.

Heavy rains have pounded Augusta National since Sunday, conditions similar to last year when Woods walked through muddy fairways and walked over his competition to win by three shots.

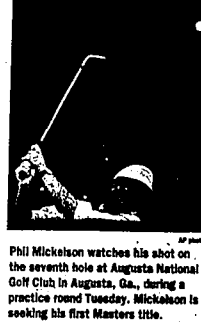
Woods also is faced with the kind of challenge on which

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Tiger Woods walks from the practice range at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., Tuesday. Woods is seeking his third straight Masters crown.



**PHIL MICKELSON** watches his shot on the seventh hole at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., during a practice round Tuesday. Mickelson is seeking his first Masters title.



## Local star, NBA player's brother sign with CSI

By Kevin Hall

Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The younger brother of NBA star Ron Artest and a Times-News co-player of the year signed national letters of intent to play basketball next season at the College of Southern Idaho.

Daniel Artest, a 6-foot-5, 240-pound transfer from the Community College of Southern Nevada and 6-1 Declo High School point guard Marc Christensen made it official on Tuesday, the first day of the late signing period for college basketball.

For Artest, who is originally from Queensbridge, N.Y., coming to CSI was an easy choice after the Las Vegas-based CCSN dropped its men's and women's basketball programs after one season.

"I knew Coach Jay (Cyrac) from the East Coast and the CSI program is great," he said. "I like the players and I really wanted to come here since I played against them the first time down in Las Vegas."

In two games against CSI, Artest scored 22 points on 10-of-12 shooting in a 96-80 loss Jan. 18 and followed that up with a 17-point, 11 rebound effort in a Feb. 22 loss at CSI.

Artest, who showed a virtuous game in a brief workout with the CSI team on Monday, averaged 15.0 points and 8.3 rebounds in 12 games this past season for Southern Nevada.

Sophomore Guillaume Yango said Artest will step right in and contribute for CSI.

"I think he's very good. He plays tough and he's going to help CSI," he said.

Artest said he hopes to help post-51 back on top in the league.

"I'm happy that I made the right decision," he said. "I know I please see SIGNINGS, Page D2

## Tiebreaker grants Jazz 20th straight playoff bid

The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The Utah Jazz are in the playoffs for the 20th straight season.

Through a complex series of tiebreakers, the Jazz clinched a berth late Sunday when the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Phoenix Suns in overtime.

The Lakers' win eliminated the possibility of a three-way tie between Los Angeles, Houston and Utah for seventh place in the Western Conference at the end of the season. The tie would have left the Jazz out of the playoffs with the lowest winning percentage among the tied teams.

Houston and Utah could still finish with identical records if the Rockets win out and the Jazz lose the rest of their games, but Utah would advance with a better record in the Midwest Division.

The Jazz failed in two games to win a playoff berth, losing to Seattle Sunday night and to New York on Friday. Utah played at Golden State late Tuesday and hosts Houston tonight.





# Jordan rips Cavs as Wizards stay in hunt

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Michael Jordan bit the Cleveland Cavaliers a final, fitting farewell on Tuesday night.

Jordan, who tormented the Cavs perhaps more than any other team during his career, scored 26 points as the Washington Wizards kept their playoff hopes alive with a 100-91 win.

Jerry Stackhouse added 18 points as the Wizards moved within 1.5 games of idle Milwaukee for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 23 rebounds for the Cavs, who dropped to an NBA-worst 15-62.

## Heat 83, Raptors 83

**MIAMI** — Brian Grant scored 16 points and added 10 rebounds, and the Miami Heat held the Toronto Raptors scoreless for the final 2:54.

Caron Butler scored 12 points, and Rasual Butler added 11 for the Heat, who won for only the second time in their last 10 games.

## Knicks 99, Hawks 95

**NEW YORK** — Allan Houston scored 29 points as the New York Knicks kept their slim playoff hopes alive.

The Knicks led by as many as 16 points, but had to hold off Atlanta's late charge to stay in the playoff hunt. New York must win its next four games and Milwaukee must lose its final five for the Knicks to qualify.

## Grizzlies 111, Clippers 108

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Paul Gasol scored 25 points, including two free throws with 11 seconds left, and the Memphis Grizzlies

snapped a seven-game losing streak, 111-108, over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Clippers' Eric Piatkowski got off the final shot of the game with two seconds to go but it missed, wedging the ball between the basket and the backboard with no time left.

## Bulls 115, Pacers 103

**CHICAGO** — Jamal Crawford scored 14 of his career-high 33 points in the last four minutes of the fourth quarter Tuesday night as the Chicago Bulls stunned the Indiana Pacers 115-103.

The victory cost the Pacers a chance to pull within a half-game of first-place Detroit in the Central Division.

Jermaine O'Neal led the Pacers with 38 points, tying his career high, and also had 13 rebounds.

## Trail Blazers 81, Rockets 66

**HOUSTON** — Damon

Stoudamir scored 21 points for Portland, and the Houston Rockets tied a franchise-record low by shooting just 29.5 percent in the Trail Blazers' 81-66 victory Tuesday night.

The point total was a season-low for Houston, which shot just 3-for-24 in the second period.

Bonzi Wells added 17 points for Portland and Arvydas Sabonis came off the bench to score 11 points.

## Suns 98, Nuggets 78

**DENVER** — Shawn Marion had 27 points and 10 rebounds as the Phoenix Suns increased their lead in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 98-78 victory Tuesday night over the Denver Nuggets.

Reserve Joe Johnson 23 points, and the Suns (41-36) now lead by 1.5 games over the Houston Rockets (40-38) in the playoff hunt. The Rockets lost 81-66 to Portland.

## Gers 91, Pistons 74

**PHILADELPHIA** — Allen Iverson, playing despite left knee surgery, had 37 points and eight assists to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 91-74 win over the Detroit Pistons.

Clifford Robinson had 16 points and Richard Hamilton added 14 for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight game.

# SCORES AND STATS

## BASEBALL

### AL BOXES

Team	W	L	Pct.
White Sox	40	21	.659
Indians	37	24	.607
Tigers	36	25	.590
Yankees	35	26	.571
Red Sox	34	27	.558
Blue Jays	33	28	.541
Rays	32	29	.524
Orioles	31	30	.506
Mariners	30	31	.489
Angels	29	32	.472
Pirates	28	33	.455
Cubs	27	34	.438
Brewers	26	35	.421
Padres	25	36	.404
Braves	24	37	.387
Phillies	23	38	.370
Mets	22	39	.353
Reds	21	40	.336
Pirates	20	41	.319
Cardinals	19	42	.302
Rockies	18	43	.285
Mariners	17	44	.268
Angels	16	45	.251
Pirates	15	46	.234
Braves	14	47	.217
Phillies	13	48	.200
Mets	12	49	.183
Reds	11	50	.166
Pirates	10	51	.149
Cardinals	9	52	.132
Rockies	8	53	.115
Mariners	7	54	.098
Angels	6	55	.081
Pirates	5	56	.064
Braves	4	57	.047
Phillies	3	58	.030
Mets	2	59	.013
Reds	1	60	.000

### ATHLETICS 2, RANGERS 1

Team	W	L	Pct.
A's	38	22	.632
Rangers	35	25	.583
Angels	32	28	.533
Mariners	30	30	.500
Braves	28	32	.467
Phillies	26	34	.433
Mets	24	36	.400
Reds	22	38	.367
Pirates	20	40	.333
Cardinals	18	42	.300
Rockies	16	44	.267
Mariners	14	46	.233
Angels	12	48	.200
Pirates	10	50	.167
Braves	8	52	.133
Phillies	6	54	.100
Mets	4	56	.067
Reds	2	58	.033
Pirates	1	60	.017

### ASTROS 2, REDS 1

Team	W	L	Pct.
A's	38	22	.632
Rangers	35	25	.583
Angels	32	28	.533
Mariners	30	30	.500
Braves	28	32	.467
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## WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Baseball**
  - 8 p.m. M.L.B. Angels at Mariners, ESPN2.
  - 8 p.m. M.L.B. Sox at Yankees, ESPN.
- Hockey**
  - 7 p.m. NHL Playoffs, Maple Leafs at Flyers, Game 1, ESPN, 5 p.m.
  - NHL Playoffs, Bruins at Devils, Game 1, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
- Baseball**
  - 7 p.m. M.L.B. Rockies at Jays, FSNW.

### YANKEES 7, TWINS 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Yankees	35	26	.571
Twins	32	29	.524
Angels	30	31	.489
Mariners	28	33	.455
Braves	26	35	.421
Phillies	24	37	.387
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### CUBS 6, EXPOS 1

Team	W	L	Pct.
Cubs	30	31	.489
Expos	28	33	.455
Angels	26	35	.421
Mariners	24	37	.387
Braves	22	39	.353
Phillies	20	41	.319
Mets	18	43	.285
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Phillies	4	57	.047
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Reds	1	60	.000

### MARINERS 8, ANGELS 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	30	31	.489
Angels	28	33	.455
Braves	26	35	.421
Phillies	24	37	.387
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Reds	1	60	.000

### BREWERS 5, PIRATES 3

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Phillies	16	45	.251
Mets	14	47	.217
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Angels	2	59	.013
Pirates	1	60	.000

### BLUES 9, RED SOX 4

Team	W	L	Pct.
Blues	30	31	.489
Red Sox	28	33	.455
Angels	26	35	.421
Mariners	24	37	.387
Braves	22	39	.353
Phillies	20	41	.319
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### DEVIL RAYS 8, ORIOLES 7

Team	W	L	Pct.
Devil Rays	30	31	.489
Orioles	28	33	.455
Angels	26	35	.421
Mariners	24	37	.387
Braves	22	39	.353
Phillies	20	41	.319
Mets	18	43	.285
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# MONEY

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The Times-News

## Notes on the economy

**Help less wanted**

Local employers in March placed fewer newspaper ads looking for new hires than they did a year earlier. Last month, employers in the Times-News' classified advertising section bought 1,572 employment ads, that's 6 percent less than the 1,679 such ads placed in March 2001. But it tops the 1,341 of March 2000.

Companies' advertising has decreased in most employment sectors across the board, said the Times-News' classified sales manager, Deb Johnson. "So I'm thinking it's due to the economy," she said. Johnson said employers are probably trying low, watching the war and the national economy, and waiting for positions.

Year-to-date 2003's employment ads ran 5 percent below the total ads placed in the first three months of 2002.

Across Magic Valley, however, jobless rates in March were lower than a year ago, the state forecast last week.

Source: Johnson

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### USDA rural program raises mortgage limits

TWIN FALLS - Mortgage limits for the Rural Housing Direct Loan program increased significantly in Idaho effective March 24, said Michael A. Field, state director for United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The higher limits will enable families to select from a wider range of available housing and will make new construction more of a viable alternative where needed, the agency said.

The new mortgage limits for Magic Valley counties: \$182,900 in Blaine; \$132,000 in Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls.

In fiscal 2002, USDA Rural Development invested \$18 million in rural Idaho through its Rural Housing Direct Loan program, which brought homeownership to 252 households.

Qualifying applicants may obtain 100 percent financing, purchase an existing dwelling, buy a site and construct a house, or purchase a newly constructed house in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income, and the loans require no down payment.

For information online, visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov/id](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/id).

### IdaCorp Inc. executives opt out of annual bonus

BOISE - IdaCorp Inc. executives have opted not to accept their 2002 bonuses to save money in a year that saw company profits cut in half and its stock lose nearly 50 percent of its value.

IdaCorp CEO and President Jan Packwood voluntarily decided not to take a \$290,000 bonus that he qualified for under the board of directors' compensation plan. Five other executives also voluntarily declined bonuses this year after taking home bonuses between \$93,000 and \$2.25 million in 2001.

"Because the stock price is down, and the overall earnings are short of desired levels, the executive team decided it was the right thing to do to forgo it at this time," said company spokesman Jeff Beaman.

The decision was made in December but not announced until the company's annual proxy statement was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Friday.

IdaCorp reported a profit of \$12.5 million, or \$3.25 a share, in 2001. For the year ending Dec. 31, it reported net income of \$61.7 million, or \$1.63 a share.

The high electricity rates Idaho Power Co. customers have been paying also factored into the decision. Idaho Power is one of six subsidiaries.

"Even though customer rates have no connection to the bonuses, the executives still believe that accepting them during a time when rates are high wouldn't be right," Beaman said.

The decision not to take bonuses follows an earlier announcement that executive and senior management salaries would be frozen at 2002 levels for 2003.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Kmart giving out bonuses to many loyalists

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT - As Kmart Corp. emerges from bankruptcy this month, it will reward about 7,800 employees - from top executives to pharmacists - with bonuses for sticking with the retailer through its toughest period in a century.

Retail and turnaround experts say these kinds of bonuses help companies keep their most talented workers during trying times. But some say the number getting an emergence bonus appears excessive, with one critic calling it "pig-

gy" because Kmart's survival after bankruptcy is not guaranteed.

Chairman Jim Adamson will walk away from Kmart with a \$3.6 million bonus when the Troy, Mich., discounter with a Twin Falls store comes out of bankruptcy by April 30. Adamson has been Kmart's chairman since shortly before the retailer declared bankruptcy Jan. 22, 2002, and was its chief executive for 10 months.

Julian Day, Kmart's chief executive since January and its president for just over a year, gets a \$1 million bonus. The

retailer's chief restructuring officer, Ron Hutchison, takes home an extra \$1 million for his work.

According to documents filed in Kmart's bankruptcy, as of Jan. 1, 7,841 employees are in line for the bonuses. Among them: vice presidents, regional managers, 1,745 store managers and 2,710 pharmacists and pharmacy managers.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby allowed Kmart to set up its key employee retention plan in March 2002. Kmart said at the time that the entire program,

excluding Adamson and other top executives, would cost \$150 million.

Kmart has not disclosed the average amount of the bonuses or the range. Spokeswoman Lori McTavish said bonuses were based on each employee's compensation and position.

Kmart is paying employees covered by the retention plan in installments. They got 30 percent of their bonuses on Sept. 30 and 20 percent more on Jan. 1. The rest hinges on Kmart coming out of bankruptcy.

Sonderby will consider Kmart's reorganization plan at a

hearing next week.

"As Kmart continues to pursue our goal of emerging from Chapter 11, one of our top priorities has been the retention of key talent," McTavish said. "The stay bonus program was designed to provide eligible associates with an incentive to stay with Kmart during this critical time."

Documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission show Kmart received charges of \$106 million in connection with the bonuses in fiscal 2002, which ended Jan. 29.

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# LUCKY GOODS



Holly Morgan poses at her Dallas home with products previously purchased through magazines on March 26. Morgan buys from editorial-shopping magazines such as Lucky and Real Simple that feature products from a variety of makers.

## Lucky magazine benefits from good fortune

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ridiculed for its catalog-like format and narrow focus on shopping, Lucky magazine was given a slim chance of survival when it debuted two years ago. Since then, the "magalog" has made its critics into believers and even copycats.

Lucky's formula of clothing and accessory picks-and-pans has found a loyal following with readers and advertisers. The magazine's circulation and ad pages have surged, inspiring imitators in an industry hurt by depressed advertising and increasing financial pressures.

"It does exactly what I've

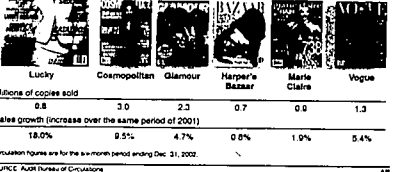
always wanted magazines to do. It shows you what there is to buy and where to buy it," said Holly Morgan, 32, of Dallas. "The mix of products they have is good. It's not way-over-my-head culture, but it's not cheap stuff either."

That type of response has helped the Conde Nast publication's circulation soar to more than 518,000, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations, up 64 percent from its debut at 500,000 in December 2000. Its advertising pages were up nearly 35 percent year-to-date as of February, according to the Publishers Information Bureau.

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### Growing numbers of fashionistas charmed by Lucky

Since its debut in December 2000, Lucky magazine's circulation has swelled and it has found its most established competitors. The Conde Nast publication takes a different approach, with a narrow focus on shopping and articles that rate clothes and accessories.



## Programs will stress financial literacy

The Associated Press

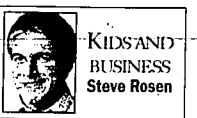
Financial education can sometimes come down to a game of numbers, and the math doesn't always look good.

Two numbers trouble William Anthes, the president and chief executive of the nonprofit National Endowment for Financial Education. According to data reviewed by Anthes, there were more personal bankruptcies filed in 2002 - about 1.5 million - than graduates from colleges and universities - about 1.2 million.

As Anthes sees it, those totals represent "a stinging indictment of our educational system, and illustrates the fact that we have done a poor job of equipping our society with the proper financial tools and approaches of thinking about financial issues."

Anthes' harsh assessment is worth remembering as Financial Literacy for Youth Month kicks into high gear at schools all over the country.

During April, many teachers will hold special money management lessons, and stockbrokers, bankers and other financial professionals will visit classrooms to teach students about saving,



KIDS AND BUSINESS Steve Rosen

spending, investing and other financial concepts.

These events have value, but helping young people needs to be an ongoing effort - in schools and on the home front.

Kids get it all, aren't going to learn their financial ABCs overnight.

"They need to experience a lot of mini financial lessons and setbacks along the way before good habits sink in."

The federal government has gotten behind the idea of teaching our kids financial smarts. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, for example, has emphasized numerous times the need for exposing kids to financial basics.

The Bush administration has created an office for financial education at the Treasury Department, and the No Child

Left Behind Act designated \$385 million for local education programs, including personal finance training.

Statehouses are looking at financial education as well. Even in these cash-strapped times, at least a half dozen states are debating legislative proposals to beef up financial education requirements in public schools.

And if you look and listen closely - whether it's at the grocery checkout line or the toy store - you'll find that many parents are teaching their kids financial principles.

The Colorado-based National Endowment for Financial Education has been developing educational materials directed at kids for many years. Last October, the organization also sponsored a national symposium on financial education that brought together more than 100 experts.

The educational group recently released its symposium report, which included a number of recommendations for educators, government leaders and parents. Among them:

• Individual choices shape the

## Businesses feel impact of U.S.-led war on Iraq

The Associated Press

POST FALLS - Idaho Panhandle companies doing business overseas are starting to feel the effects of the war in Iraq, and there's no doubt it's having an impact, it's just a matter of what degree and how directly.

"I don't know," chief executive of Idaho Venter, "We had one customer in Indonesia that has declined to place a new order due to their uncertainty."

Glenn Jacklin at Jacklin Seed said the company's turpentine sales to China and Japan have not taken a major blow yet, but dealings with buyers have been reduced.

Malloy said his company, which operates in the Pacific Rim, has reduced overseas travel and that has further slowed business.

"A lot of business decisions are not made until someone shows up, so it's been difficult," said Malloy, who said a weaker dollar against the euro has contributed to sluggish activity for the wood-

products sector.

Jacklin said that since most of his company's deals with Japan were made before the war started, that has served as a buffer against the impact of the war, and China is still doing business.

But he remains optimistic about the future, especially the prospect that domestic sales will be off because of the war.

"It remains to be seen if people will hold their wallets tight to their chest when renovating lawns," Jacklin said. "But it may also keep people home and working in their yards."

One business is looking beyond the war. Ground Force Manufacturing, which provides equipment to the mining industry, is continuing to be contacted by mining operations in Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Australia despite expecting traffic to drop off.

But Operations Manager John Chambers is counting on Russia in business as the war ends, and the restoration effort in Iraq begins.

# Stocks edge lower on earnings warnings

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks dipped modestly Tuesday after earnings warnings from companies including Microware Technology and Nauticus Group offered investor optimism about a quick end to the war.

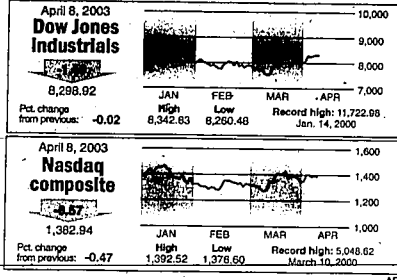
Trading was light and choppy, with many investors noncommittal amid fresh rumors that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein might have been killed in a Monday air bombing.

"Several weak earnings reports have temporarily put the focus on earnings rather than positive news on the war," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC. "Investors right now are concerned that earnings in the first quarter will be on the weak side."

Still, "overall economic news continues to take a back seat to news from Iraq," he added. "As long as the U.S. appears to achieve a relatively quick victory, market declines should be minor and met with investor buying."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 1.49, or 0.02 percent, at 8,298.92, up 23 points Monday. Earlier in the day, blue chip stocks gained as much as 42 points.

The broader market also finished modestly lower. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 6.57, or 0.5 percent, to 1,382.84.



AP  
The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.64, or 0.2 percent to 879.25.

U.S. forces dropped bombs on a Baghdad building where Saddam and his two sons were believed to be. Pentagon officials said Tuesday it could have survived. President Bush also met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to discuss plans for a postwar Iraq.

Trading has been difficult in recent weeks as investors focus on the latest war developments. Analysts say while investors are confident of a U.S. victory, they remain uncertain about the toll

on the U.S. economy. "A victory is a matter of days, not a matter of weeks. That's the conclusion the markets have clearly reached," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany Corp.

As time goes on, the focus is very gradually, very gradually shifting from Iraq to the economy and earnings. That may in part explain why the stock market to some extent has stalled," he said.

Indeed, several earnings warnings weighed on stocks Tuesday. Microchip Technology dropped \$1.87 to \$18.65 after the semiconductor company lowered

its fiscal fourth-quarter outlook. Accredo Health tumbled \$11.11, or 43.7 percent, to \$14.29 after the company lowered its 2003 profit outlook and said an accounts review of an acquisition may lead to a charge against the year's earnings.

And Nauticus Group slid \$3.71, or 24.9 percent, to \$11.19 after the maker of StairMaster and Bowflex fitness equipment lowered its first-quarter and full-year outlook, citing the slowing economy.

Gainers included Dow component Altria Group which climbed 98 cents to \$30, after a state judge issued a 10-day order stopping Illinois from collecting its 53.5 billion share of a tobacco judgment against the company's Philip Morris unit until a full hearing is held.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 1.51 billion shares, compared with 1.86 billion traded Monday.

# U.S. will get three-year reprieve from increases in stamp prices

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — America will get a three-year reprieve from higher postal rates under legislation that allows the Postal Service to save billions of dollars that would have otherwise gone to pension payments.

The bill, which would require the Postal Service to keep stamp prices at current levels until 2006, passed 424-0 by the House Tuesday and now goes to President Bush for his signature. It passed the Senate last week.

The legislation has strong support in the \$900 billion mailing industry, which has suffered in recent years from the poor economy. Last volume, the anthrax scare, increased competition from online banking and other electronic communication, and public aversion to rising prices.

The price of a first-class stamp was raised to 37 cents last June, the fifth increase since 1991, when the rate jumped from 25 cents to 29 cents.

Mail advertising and parcel delivery amounts to hundreds of billions of dollars in commerce every year, said Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., the bill's chief sponsor. The legislation "certainly would go a long way toward boosting the economic activities of this nation as a whole."

"This represents stable postal rates which we haven't seen for some time," said Neal Deaton of the Alliance of Nonprofit Makers, which represents churches, charities and other groups that use the mail to raise funds and disseminate information. "This is tremendous news."

# Kmart

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Ulysses Yannas, an analyst with Buckman, Buckman & Reid in New York, said Kmart's executives and managers deserve bonuses as they bring the company out of bankruptcy in 15 months.

Yannas said he believes Kmart will make it — partly because it will have a new board that largely represents the company's investors and creditors.

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"The board of directors is going to be very active one, principally because they control the bulk of the equity," Yannas said. "It's their money. It's not other people's money; they have a very strong vested interest."

But Bill Brandt Jr., president and chief executive officer of Development Specialists Inc., a national turnaround company with offices in Chicago, Boston, and elsewhere, said Kmart's survival is in question.

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# Rosen

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future. Because of the changing nature of our economy, American citizens need the financial knowledge necessary to manage their finances.

- National consequences will result from a continued lack of financial literacy. The cumulative effect of millions of financially illiterate Americans has large-scale national implications.
- Distribution of information is vital. A great deal of financial education material is available, but it is not being effectively distributed.
- Reaching youths is critical. Kids need to learn financial concepts, and the sooner the better.

# Storytelling is a highly effective teaching approach. Telling stories that impart financial knowledge can stimulate interest and inspire action.

As the personal bankruptcy statistics show, it is critical to reach young people before they make poor financial decisions that can have dire consequences.

# Making informed financial decisions should be automatic — as basic a skill as driving a car,

said Anthes. That adds up to me.

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MARKETS

Magazine

CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Includes contracts for Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and other agricultural products.

CATS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Includes contracts for various metals like Gold, Silver, and Platinum.

Exchange List

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Settle, Chg. Lists various commodities and their market prices.

NEW YORK (AP) - Advertising on the New York

Table with columns: Month, Volume, Rate, Total. Shows advertising volume and rates for various months.

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"It has done really well and I think that surprised some people because its approach was so different," said Scott Donnan, editor of Advertising Age.

Interested retailers, whose advertising is the lifeblood of magazine profits, say having a product appear in Lucky is almost a sure guarantee of sales.

advertising and editorial content in fashion magazines has weakened in recent years, says Sammy Johnson, a professor of communication at Trinity University in San Antonio.

"Japanese 'magalogs,' a key inspiration for Lucky, have been blending commerce and editorial for years and other magazines have features like Lucky's 'What I want now,' which highlights an editor's pick of fashion must-haves."

BEANS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various bean contracts.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Low

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various metals.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Settle, Chg. Lists prices for various metals and currencies.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the NY Merc

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Settle, Chg. Lists prices for various commodities.

GRAINS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various grain contracts.

CHEESE

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various cheese contracts.

POTATOES

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various potato contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various sugar contracts.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various sugar contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) - Soybean futures trading on the New York

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various soybean contracts.

WHEAT

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various wheat contracts.

NEW YORK (AP) - Any currency exchange rates Tuesday

Table with columns: Currency, Rate, Change. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various livestock contracts.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Income

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various livestock contracts.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various commodities.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Open, Change. Lists prices for various fossil fuel contracts.

"When a magazine shows the product they are trying to do, it gives the customer the incentive to purchase."

Sometimes I think the pieces in their stories move faster than the ads, said Arlene Puzos, a spokeswoman for Fortunoff, a New York jewelry store that has advertised in Lucky and had earrings and other items featured in the magazine's editorial spread.

This success has raised questions about whether the magazine promotes advertisers' products over other items featured in the magazine's editorial spread.

Francis said a team of editors is then selected each month based upon their own shipping observations and the products sent to them by retailers and designers - a common practice at fashion magazines whose deadlines are often months before an actual issue is published, and before new product lines hit stores.

"The idea with Lucky is that fashion magazines are great resources for fantasy, but they're not a great resource when you get a mall about what to get buy," Francis said.

Still, the wall between advertising and editorial content in fashion magazines has weakened in recent years, says Sammy Johnson, a professor of communication at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Readers say they know there's the potential for manipulation in any beauty or fashion magazine, but they don't feel taken when it comes to Lucky.

"I know there's a fuzzy line between what you advertise and what you put in your copy, but I feel like there's some kind of integrity in these selections, or I want to believe there is," said Sharon Dotson, 57, of Houston.

Dotson prefers Lucky's strict emphasis on merchandise and trends to the health and relationship articles, as well as supermodel photos, which she says are just line up a lot of purses in different styles and prices, for example. I can look at them at one time, I don't have to look at a model, and then I can choose what I want," Dotson said.

Although Lucky's circulation is smaller than competitors Vogue, Glamour and Cosmopolitan, its performance stands out because it has grown so quickly in such a short period.

Particularly impressive are its newstand sales: single-copy sales rose 21 percent in the last half of 2002, compared to a 10 percent increase, according to the Audit Bureau.

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity - that's not in our report - just call us and we'll try to include it. Please call Ramona Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

Large advertisement for American Staffing Inc. featuring a grid of mutual fund tickers and the slogan 'Looking for the right person, but looking in all the wrong places?'.

# COMMUNITY

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Section E

The Times-News

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## LEGION HELP

### Nursery offers seminar, workshop on pruning

**TWIN FALLS** - Kimberly Nurseries will offer a free seminar on "Roses: Pruning, Selection and Care" at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Gate Gift and Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries, 6862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

### Buttons and Bows holds April Flip Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Buttons and Bows will hold its April Flip Saturday at the Moose Hall, 6862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. A Hawaiian dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and with round dancing and squares to follow.

### Rupert woman will be honored for 101st birthday

**RUPERT** - Olga Fisher of Rupert will be honored at an open house for her 101st birthday on 24 p.m. Sunday at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St. in Rupert.

### Olga Nussbaum was born April 16, 1902, in Wattenwil, Switzerland. In 1911, she moved with her family to the United States. When she was 10, her family moved to Montpelier. In 1920, she married Neil Lish, and in 1958, they moved to Minidoka. Lish died in 1960. In 1967, she married William Fisher, who died in 1981. She has been a member of Eastern Star for 52 years, having served in all the offices, including Vice. She has been active in Job's daughters since 1950, and has held offices in Idaho, on the national

level and internationally. She is currently "Grandma of the Jobses." She also is a Pink Lady at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and an active member of the Trinity Episcopal church.

Fisher raised her niece, Lucille Miller Friese-Dow, from an infant after her mother died.

### Yard sale will benefit Relay for Life Saturday

**BURLEY** - A four-team Relay for Life yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the art building at the Cassia County Fairgrounds.

### Breakfast fund-raiser will benefit Sage Lions

**BURLEY** - The Sage Lions will have a breakfast fund-raiser from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, ham, hash browns, fruit and coffee. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of five. There will be a raffle for a spring basket. Tickets are 50 cents each or three for \$1.

### Renaissance Arts Center holds dinner, dance, auction

**BURLEY** - The Renaissance Arts Center Inc. presents its first banquet, auction and ball at 6 p.m. Friday at the Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave. in Burley.

Social hour is at 5 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m., the live auction will be at 8 p.m. and the dance at 9 p.m. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Music will be played by Canyonside Jazz Orchestra.

The auctioneer will be Jim Bell. Auction items include an original sculpture of Chief Joseph, paintings, dinnerware, Mountain Grill with a one-night stay at the Marsh Creek Inn, a

motor boat tour with dinner from Centennial Park to Pillar Falls for four people and more. The items can be viewed at the Wilson Building and Theatre office, 604 Fremont Ave. in Rupert.

Tickets are \$35 for the dinner, live auction and dance or \$25 per person for the auction and dance only.

### T.F. resident celebrates 90th birthday Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - Victor Carlson of Twin Falls will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Valley Vista Community Room, 653 Rose St. in Twin Falls.

Carlson was born April 14, 1913, in Logan, Utah. He married Claudia. He retired from the Logan Fire Department as a captain in 1969, and then worked for the Amalgamated Sugar Company for 10 campaigns.

"He has six children, Marty Carlson of Millville, Utah; Jan Ervort of Hyrum, Utah; Del Harper of Twin Falls; Vera O'Dell of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; and Joe Harper of Twin Falls; 15 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

His children are hosting the event and request no gifts.

### Kitchen Magic offers candy classes this weekend

**TWIN FALLS** - Kitchen Magic will offer a candy class from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the store in the Lynwood Shopping Mall in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$20. For more information, call 733-4285.

### T.F. man celebrates 90th birthday with open house

**TWIN FALLS** - Robert E. "Bob" Stobaugh of Twin Falls will celebrate his 90th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. April 20 at the Odd Fellows Hall on Third Avenue East in Twin Falls.

Stobaugh was born April 20, 1913, in Silt, Robert Stobaugh Co. He married Ethel Olds on June 20, 1945, in Twin Falls, and has lived in the Magic Valley area for 56 years.

Stobaugh is a member of the Gem and Mineral Society, operated the Magic Valley Teachers Credit Union after retirement, and was a visitor center volunteer.

He has three children, Margaret Stobaugh of Boise, Bill Stobaugh of Boise and Sarah Stobaugh of Boise; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Sarah, and his son, Kathy, are hosting the event.

### Buhl girl is finalist for Idaho's Homecoming Queen

**BUHL** - Sherry King, daughter of Rodney and Diane King of Buhl, has been selected as a finalist for Idaho's 23rd Annual Homecoming Queen. Selection will be held April 26-27 at the Salt Lake City Airport Hilton in Salt Lake City, Utah.

King is the Buhl High School Homecoming Queen. Idaho's 2003 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship and an expense-paid trip to the national finals to compete with queens from the other states for American Homecoming Queen.

America's Homecoming Queen says it is a nonprofit organization that promotes education, educational travel and community service in schools in all 50 states.



The Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley received a \$1,000 donation from the American Legion, Twin Falls Post 7 on March 26. Don Hall, club director, presented the donation from Will Barth, club manager for the Legion Post, at a ceremony held at the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls. Twin Falls Post 7 says that it is dedicated to the support of youth programs in the Magic Valley.

### Jason is straightforward, easy to understand

"I'm in the sixth grade. I like reading and math. I like dinosaurs a lot. I like the colors red, green and blue. I like pepperoni pizza and biscuits and gravy and chicken. I like to play with my friend, Josh in our fort. I like to pretend I'm on a space ship. I like the mornings when I do my chores. I take out the garbage, make my bed, and vacuum. I want a mom who will take me to the movies and buy me treats."

Jason's desires are straightforward and easy to understand - like Jason. He is a likable boy who relates on the level of a 5-year-old boy. Developmental delays may challenge his learning, and adaptive pants will need to stretch his abilities in this area, but Jason's childlike affection and joy in each new experience can't help but rub off on the whole family. A short attention span and a high level of activity (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder) should be met with reliable routines and lots of short-term rewards. For a family who can

### Wednesday's Child



### Jason Age 13

meet these challenges with lots of affection and praise, Jason will amaze you with the love he returns two-fold.

To find out more about Jason, call the Idaho CareLine at 211 or 1-800-926-2588. You may be asked to provide the following reference numbers: 30652.

## CLUB CALENDAR

### Civic

**Blue Lakes** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at WestCon in Twin Falls call 736-6249.

**Burley** - noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center call Non at 879-7000.

**Burley** - 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at The Grandstand 543-6228.

**Gooding** - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn 334-5455.

**Jerome** - noon Tuesdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County 788-0897 or 788-2114.

**Jerome** - noon Tuesdays at China Village, 1233 E. Main 384-0299.

**Ketchum-Shawn** - noon Tuesdays at the Rite Aid and Pasta Restaurant, Bob Stone at 742-4100.

**Overland** - noon Tuesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. Kent Hill, 678-5533.

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### Rotary Clubs

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**Burley** - noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center call Non at 879-7000.

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### Religious

**St. Omega Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Scripps, in Burley, 673-6254 or 438-2613.

**St. Peter's Chapter** - second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome, call Rachel Evers at 324-3756.

**Alpha Omega Chapter** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome, call Cheryl at 734-7100 or Shirley at 735-6455.

**Reception of St. Andrew's** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, September 13, 2003, in Jerome, call Shirley at 735-6455.

**Delta Epiphany** - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third and fourth Thursdays, call Stacy at 737-0669.

**Jaycees** - Magic Valley - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Garibaldi's Restaurant, 677 First Ave. in Burley, call 736-5100 or 736-5101.

**Members welcome** - 7 p.m. first Tuesday at West Memorial Hall, Third and Idaho, call 934-5125. Guests welcome.

**EHA** - Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Elks 69 Club Ranch on Highway 93, 5 miles north of the Perrine Bridge, call Roger at 733-0151 or Bob at 324-3692.

**Members of the Elks** - 7 p.m. first Tuesday at Elks Lodge, 93 Club Ranch on Highway 93, call 733-0151 or 324-3692.

**Other civic** - Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Idaho West Restaurant, 343 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls, call 733-5408 or 54-8160.

### Military

**Buhl** - Post 3004, Thurston Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Lincoln Courts, 736-2023.

**Burley** - Post 1043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at VFW Hall, 524 Highland Ave. Declo - Post 2072, 2nd Avenue Miller Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Declo Electric Building, 678-9310.

**Gooding** - Post 1281, Eugene Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 334-5066.

**Halley** - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 500 Fourth St., 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 334-5066.

**Kimberly** - Post 1028, Kimberly Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at senior citizens center, 424-4451.

**Rupert** - Post 3678, Harlow Post, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Harlow Harlow Harlow Development Center, 436-6064.

**Shoshone** - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members home, 866-2255.

**Twin Falls** - Post 2136, Henry Lyle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DVA Hall, 459-5900, 734-4040.

**Wendell** - Post 2794, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell, call quarter master at 324-3756.

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**Labaho chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star** - 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at Masonic Temple, 1112 E. Main St. Declo, 436-4226.

**Robert 39 Order of the Eastern Star** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at the Masonic Temple, Blue Lakes Boulevard North, 733-8116.

**Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star** - meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Masonic Temple, Blue Lakes Boulevard North, 733-8116.

**Twin Falls Lodge 45** - 8 p.m. the first Wednesday at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., 423-6937.

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**Burley** - 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at Burley Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner on first Wednesday at Burley Elks, call Alton Grundler, 627-2215.

**Boys and Girls** - 22 p.m. first Wednesday at Robert Masonic Temple, call Dale Sider at 324-3130.

### Other organizations

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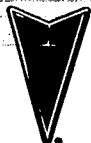
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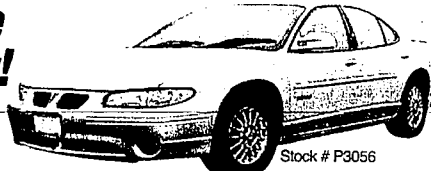
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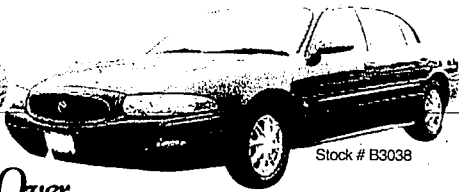
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