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'I'm 49 ... I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living.' - Yussuf Abed Kazim

Baghdad falls

Baath Party officials disappear, but Saddam's whereabouts remain unknown



The head of a giant Saddam Hussein statue takes a blow from Iraqis in Baghdad Wednesday.

Jubilant Iraqis take to the streets

They kiss soldiers, topple Saddam's statue, loot his buildings

By Anthony Shadid
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Swept aside by U.S. troops who drove through the streets of Baghdad, President Saddam Hussein's government collapsed Wednesday, ending three decades of ruthless Baath Party rule that sought to make Iraq the champion of a modern Arab world but left behind a legacy of poverty, bitterness and tyranny.

As U.S. Army troops occupied the western bank of the Tigris River and U.S. Marines rolled into the eastern part of the city, facing only scattered resistance, thousands of Baghdad residents poured into the streets to celebrate the government's defeat and welcome the U.S. forces with scenes of thanks and jubilation.

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also rampaged through government offices and state-owned companies, lugging away everything from plastic chairs to Toyota pickups once doled out as patronage. In festive moments, others tested their new-found freedoms, engaging in noisy debates in the street and denouncing Saddam in words

that would have brought a death sentence only days ago. "I'm 49, but I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living," Yussuf Abed Kazim, a mosque preacher, told the Associated Press. A young Iraqi

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Warm welcome for armies often proves fleeting

By Mark Fritz
Associated Press Writer

A downtrodden populace paraded with joy when U.S. troops marched into their mutilated metropolises. Months later, Somalis just as jubilantly dragged the butchered remains of American soldiers down the same dusty streets of Mogadishu.

As the British learned in Northern Ireland and the Israelis in Lebanon, occupying armies often find happy faces replaced by frowns and firebombs that can linger for decades. Invading armies almost invariably wear out their welcomes.

Just as it did in Afghanistan, the Bush administration on

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Abortion debate heats up

Lawmakers expect Planned Parenthood funding vote today

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Tension is mounting among members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee as they consider whether to allow Planned Parenthood of Idaho to continue getting federal money.

The committee will decide today if it wants to direct \$16,000 away from Planned Parenthood of the \$1.4 million Idaho will get for family planning in the 2004 fiscal year. The group brought the grant to Idaho in 1973 and later gave up administration to the Department of Health and Welfare.

But certain members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee are displeased about a Monday hearing on the issue. That became clear when a spat broke out between Chairman Skip Brandt, R-Koonkia, and Democrat Mike Burkett of Boise on Tuesday.

Immediately after adjourning, Burkett accused Brandt of shutting down the committee in order to avoid giving Planned Parenthood representatives a second chance to speak in order to refute accusations by anti-abortion activists during the last 20 minutes of the Monday meeting.

At that hearing, opponents of Planned Parenthood - which has clinics in Twin Falls and Boise - had claimed the group promotes such things as statutory rape, abortion, child abuse, teenage sex and homosexuality, among other things.

"Those were libelous, slanderous remarks," Burkett said. "What has happened in this committee is outrageous."

But Brandt said the discussion was over. The committee forum isn't set up for rebuttal, he explained. And indeed, it is standard practice throughout the Statehouse to stagger the pro and con presentations and then cut off testimony after everyone has spoken once.

"We're not going to huddle back and forth," Brandt said.

A man with a crusade

Initially Brandt and the chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, Rep. Bill Sali, R-Kuna, had not planned to run the recommendation to change the language on Planned Parenthood funding past their committees. But after budget committee members said they would not consider the change unless the co-chairmen did, Brandt and Sali relented.

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Doc's attorney questions witnesses

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

BOISE - Defense attorney Keith Roark wasted no time Wednesday in poking holes in prosecution witnesses' stories in the aggravated assault trial of his client, Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Retmier.

First to meet Roark's wrath was Robert "Shawn" Simons, the industrial foreman at Amalgamated Sugar who claims Retmier, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's chief of staff, threatened him with a gun in the early morning hours of Aug. 20, 2002.

"Mr. Simons does indeed have a very good reason to fabricate," Roark said, adding that Simons had had run-ins with the law as well as financial problems in the past. In

And alleged victim shows how he says he was threatened

fact, Roark said, Simons' wages are presently being garnished to pay for his debts.

"You couldn't afford to get in any more trouble on August 20, 2002, could you?" Roark asked Simons.

Simons recounted the events of that evening, from his dinner with friends at the Outback Steakhouse, to the incident at Woody's Sports Bar in Old Towne Twin Falls, where Simons said Retmier fired a gun next to Simons' ear when he followed Retmier into the parking lot to collect a \$20 pool debt.

Deputy prosecutor Wells Ashby

introduced evidence, including the T-shirt Simons was wearing that night that said, "Luckyville." Above the second "I" was a black mark that could have been made by the muzzle of a gun. Ashby also introduced a photograph of a black mark on Simons' neck, photos taken at the Twin Falls police station following the incident.

But Roark questioned that burn mark on Simons' neck. Why, he asked Simons, did he not report that burn mark to the emergency room physician who treated him in the early morning hours of Aug. 20? Simons said he had gone to the emergency room at Magic Valley Regional because he had some ringing in his ear. And why, Roark asked, didn't Simons report the

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Robert 'Shawn' Simons demonstrates in court Wednesday the way he says Dr. James Retmier, a Twin Falls surgeon, threatened him with a gun in August 2002. Retmier is being tried in Boise on a charge of aggravated assault.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Continued warm and sunny. Highs in the 70s. Tonight: A clear, quiet night. Lows in the upper 30s to the lower 40s.

Tomorrow: Slightly cooler, but still mild with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 60s to near 70.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Very warm with lots of sunshine. Highs in the 70s. Tonight: Quiet, clear and dry. Lows near 40.

Tomorrow: Pleasant with mostly sunny skies. Highs in the 60s to near 70.

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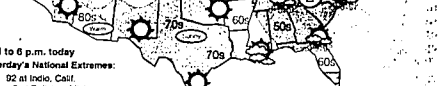
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Continued from A1. When they returned to Woody's, she said Retmier bought four or five pitchers of beer for the table. "It was definitely feeling no pain," Ross said of Retmier. "He was loud, boisterous."

Just friends having a good time

Shawna Ross, one of Simons' friends who was there that night, was acquainted with Retmier, as a patient and as a former waitress at the Creekside Restaurant, located a door down from Woody's. She said Retmier and other local surgeons held regular meetings there.

Afraid to look up

Baier said Wednesday she was too busy attending to affairs of the parking lot for a "Dead Nazi," a rather potent shot of alcohol.

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Key Iraqis vanish from spy monitors

The Washington Post. WASHINGTON — Secret CIA and military teams in Iraq and surveillance devices set up to monitor Saddam Hussein's inner circle Wednesday reported that nearly all the Iraqi leadership had vanished.

U.S. military commanders said they suspected that some leaders had headed to Saddam's hometown of Tikrit for a final bloody showdown and that others had fled to Syria. Dogged fighting by Iraqi forces at Qaim, near the Syrian border, has led some U.S. and British officials to suspect that Iraqi troops there may be protecting important Iraqi leaders or family members, although it was not clear whom.

A Baghdad slipper from Saddam's control Wednesday, covert CIA and Special Operations teams dedicated to killing or capturing the Iraqi president and senior leaders discovered that the Iraqi leadership, Republican Guard leaders, troops and high-level government officials they had targeted were not at their usual posts. Even the briefing minister, who had been briefing journalists with outlandish versions of daily events, did not go to work.

"All of a sudden, all communications ceased and the regime didn't come to work," was the way one senior administration official described what happened in Baghdad. "Even the minders for (foreign) journalists did not go to work and the CIA's daily briefings stopped."

The most likely explanation for the sudden dropoff in detectable communications and activity among such a large number of key people, according to reports from the Bush Family Leadership Operation Group at Langley, Va., and those working at the U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar, is that an order to disperse was given to Saddam's name, and that he is still alive.

"There was no sign of any leaders, anywhere," a senior U.S. administration official said. "Another less probable possibility, intelligence sources said, is that the Iraqi leader died in one of two U.S. air attacks that specifically targeted Saddam — one March 19, the other April 6 — and that word of his death finally leaked out."

Capturing or killing Saddam remains a top U.S. priority. "It's only to come to closure" psychologically, "we need to demonstrate he's not in control anymore," a senior administration official said. "It will make it easier to start afresh."

Retmier and his friend, Simons. "I was kind of juggling between a couple of girls that day," Baier said with a smile.

Woody, who now works for Home Depot, said he, Simons and Waltjen played 18 holes on the golf video game at Woody's before heading toward the pool tables. He remembered Retmier complimenting him on his close shave. He remembered Retmier becoming agitated at a couple that was kissing instead of playing pool.

"He told him to either quit kissing his girlfriend and play some pool or give him and Shawn back the table," Baier recalled.

Baier described Retmier as "loud and just having a good time."

Baier said that after Retmier left, he returned to the table where his friends told him there had been some tension — something about spilling some beer and cigarettes being smashed. Knowing his friend Simons had followed Retmier out to the parking lot, he decided to follow them and make sure his friend was OK.

He walked outside and saw Simons and Retmier between two trucks. "It looked like two drunks talking to each other," he said.

He said Retmier got into his truck and the next thing he saw was Simons' hands go up. "I saw him backing Shawn up against my truck," Baier recalled.

He said he saw the gun go off and closed his eyes. He said he was afraid to open them.

"I thought he was going to be gone all over the side of my truck," Baier said.

Roark questioned Baier's poorly handwritten statement to the police. Baier admitted he had filled out the statement after drinking about 15 beers at Woody's.

Baier said that as Retmier left, Simons asked about the money. He said Retmier answered, "But you told the grand jury you didn't know about the bet until after Shawn left," Roark asked Baier.

"Did you put things in your statement because of what Shawn told you?" Roark asked. "Yes," Baier replied.

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Funding

Rebecca Poedy, the president of Planned Parenthood, explained the pill prevents pregnancy by creating an unfriendly environment in the uterus. "It does not affect women who are already pregnant," she said. "A lot of people get that mixed up with RU-486." That medication can cause a miscarriage in the earliest stages, Ring explained. But neither Planned Parenthood nor the health districts give out that medication, Poedy explained.

The health districts also administer emergency contraception, but Ring said that doesn't bother him as much because health districts are governed by local boards. Poedy pointed out, however, that federal guidelines dictate what agencies and nonprofit groups will do with the money, not health district boards.

"We administer exactly the same services," she said. "That's another point, both Planned Parenthood and the services are the same, the money should just go to the health districts. Nonetheless, South Central District Health officials said this week the need for reproductive planning services in the area is so great that their three- to four-week waiting time for women hasn't diminished since Planned Parenthood came to Twin Falls about 40 months ago. Since that time, about 1,000 Magic Valley women have gone to Planned Parenthood.

The vote set for today is predicted to be close, with Republican Dick Compton of Kootenai County possibly the swing vote on the nine-member committee.

"I'm getting lobbied hard from both sides," Compton said Wednesday. "I don't have any strong feelings either way. I don't know how I am going to vote right now."

If the Senate committee approves the change, the House committee will also have to approve it before sending the recommendation to the Legislature's budget-writing committee. The House committee has a deadline to approve the change. The House committee meets today to begin a hearing process.

Poedy said if Planned Parenthood loses the money, the organization will go after the entire state budget. She said the grant is a competitive bid grant, she predicted the group will get the right to administer the federal family-planning money because it's the most client than the health districts.

Peer back into time. That's the plan for NASA's new telescope Monday, In The Times-News.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement for Wednesday, April 9, 2003. Includes winning numbers and prize amounts.

NATION

IMF trims global growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world will probably experience "replid" economic growth this year even with a quick end to the Iraq war because of a host of other problems, the International Monetary Fund said Wednesday.

The IMF, issuing its latest "World Economic Outlook," trimmed its expectations for global growth to 3.2 percent for this year from an expectation of 3.7 percent last September. Much of the markdown was due to a temporary jump in world oil prices over worries about supply disruptions.

"For the past three months, concerns over conflict in the Middle East have weighed heavily on the global economy, through oil prices, through confidence effects and through financial markets," said IMF chief economist Kenneth Rogoff.

The IMF warned that even the reduced forecast might not be realized because of various threats ranging from lingering shocks from the bursting of the U.S. stock market bubble and rising budget and trade deficits, to rigid labor markets in Europe and a weak banking system in Japan.

Slower economic growth projected

The world economy for 2003 was projected to grow 3.7 percent last September. But now it has been scaled to 3.2 percent. Forecasters predict the world's output will rebound in 2004.



Region	Old projection of '03	Current '03 projection	'04 projection
United States	2.6%	2.3%	3.1%
Euro area (12 nations)	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%
Japan	3.6%	2.3%	3.0%
United Kingdom	2.4%	2.8%	3.3%
Canada	2.0%	2.8%	3.3%
Developing countries	2.5%	3.2%	5.0%

SOURCE: International Monetary Fund

The IMF took the world's major economies to task for a variety of failings, including too much secrecy at the Federal Reserve and the central banks of Europe and Japan. IMF officials said the world's major central banks should do better at telling financial markets what they can do to combat the threat of deflation that has already gripped Japan and is seen as a threat in the United States and Europe.

While the Bush administration says a new round of \$726 billion in tax cuts is the centerpiece of its strategy to bolster the flagging U.S. economy, Rogoff called the Bush tax package "awkwardly timed," given that it would further worsen a federal budget

deficit that is already ballooning because of the costs of the Iraq war.

The success of U.S.-led forces in Iraq over the past three weeks has helped calm global stock and energy markets. Rogoff said the IMF forecast had assumed the war would be over quickly, but he said the other factors holding back growth would result in only a "replid global recovery" this year followed by more normal growth of 4.1 percent in 2004.

Rogoff said the optimism for 2004 could be misplaced because of several other risks, including the lingering effects of the stock market bust, the possible development of a bubble in U.S. housing prices and America's soaring trade deficit.

Justice decries number of prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Too many people are behind bars in America, and prison terms are often too long, Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy told Congress on Wednesday.

As of last June 30, 2.1 million people were locked up in prisons or jails, an increase of 2.8 percent from the year before.

"Two million people in prison is just unacceptable," Kennedy said during a hearing on the Supreme Court's budget.

Justice Clarence Thomas nodded in apparent agreement as Kennedy criticized the proliferation of "mandatory minimum" sentences, which can mean long prison terms for relatively minor or nonviolent crimes. Thomas did not say anything.

"In many cases, our sentences are too long," Kennedy said.

The comments came after Kennedy and Thomas had asked the House Appropriations Committee for \$73.4 million for salaries, upkeep and other court expenses for the 12 months that begin in October.

Kennedy is a moderate conservative named to the high court by Ronald Reagan in 1988. He voted last month to uphold sentences of up to life in prison for three-time convicts in California. The ruling means a small-time thief will spend 50 years to life in prison for stealing \$153 worth of children's videos from Kmart. None of the congressmen at

Kennedy singles out mandatory sentences

Wednesday's hearing asked about that ruling, in which Thomas also upheld long prison terms.

He offered a hypothetical example of an 18-year-old who gets caught growing marijuana in the woods. If he happens to have a hunting rifle in his truck when

arrested, the teenager could face a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, Kennedy said. "Now, he shouldn't be doing that, (but) an 18-year-old doesn't know how long 15 years is."

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Panel OKs bill allowing comp time as overtime-pay option

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers who now are required by law to pay some workers overtime would be able to offer paid time off instead under legislation approved Wednesday by a House committee.

The bill, approved 27-22 by the House Education and Workforce Committee, is the latest Republican effort to revamp overtime pay requirements in the 1938

Fair Labor Standards Act. House leaders want a floor vote by early May.

Business groups, emboldened by Republican control of

Congress and the executive branch, have stepped up lobbying for revisions to the law, which requires pay at 150 percent of the hourly rate.

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America at war

A day of joy in Baghdad



An Iraqi child kisses U.S. Army Spc. John Dresel from Oxford, Conn. Dresel and other soldiers received a warm welcome as they took over a section of northern Baghdad, although sporadic rocket and small arms fire was reported.



An Iraqi boy celebrates as he walks with U.S. soldiers in Baghdad Wednesday. Jubilant crowds swarmed into Baghdad's streets, dancing, fooling and defacing images of Saddam Hussein.

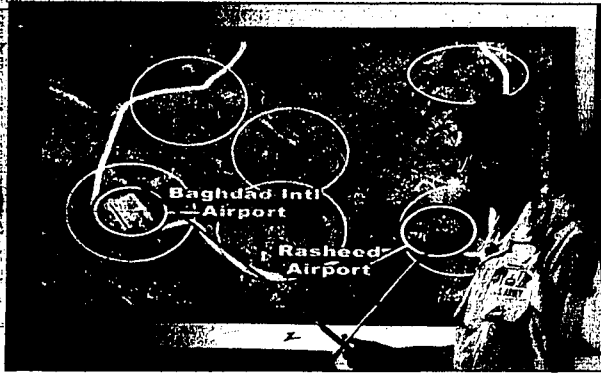


Above, Lance Cpl. Stephen Ferris of Walpole, Mass., left, with India Co., 3rd Batt., 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, advances on the headquarters of the Fedayeen in Baghdad on Wednesday. The Fedayeen are a secret fighting force controlled by Saddam Hussein. Top left, an Iraqi man tries to declare his innocence after a short tussle in Kayyid Muhammad, a short distance north-east of Baghdad, where suspects were rounded up, shipped and interrogated Wednesday by U.S. Marines scouts of the 5th Cavalry Tank Battalion. Left, Kurds in Irbil, northern Iraq, burn pictures of Saddam Hussein as they celebrate the news that the regime no longer has control over Baghdad.

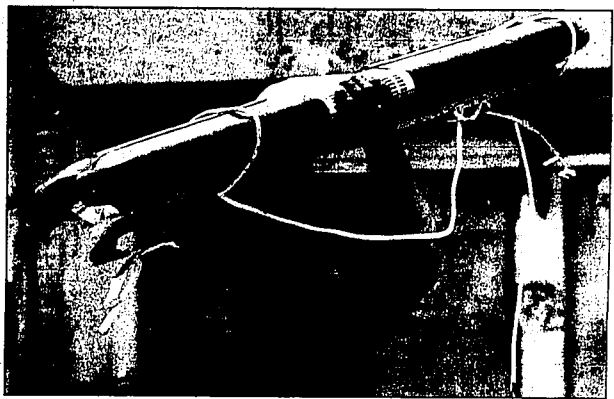


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America at war



U.S. Brig. Gen. Vince Brooke points to an aerial image of Baghdad while addressing reporters during a news conference at the Coalition Media Center at Camp As Sayfiah, in Doha, Qatar, Wednesday. Areas circled were said by officials to indicate zones where coalition forces have had continuous influence and freedom of movement since Tuesday.



A resident carries equipment he looted from a police cruiser at Saddam City in Baghdad on Wednesday.



A large statue of President Saddam Hussein is brought down by U.S. Marines as people a crowd of Iraqis watches. Many people in the crowd danced on the statue after it was pulled to the ground.

Iraqis topple Saddam statue, celebrate Baghdad's fall

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — They used shoes and slippers, sledgehammers, cardboard boxes, sticks and garbage. Joyous Baghdad residents pelted, swatted and swung just about anything they could find Wednesday at the toppled statue of Saddam Hussein — the most potent symbol of the Iraqi leader's stunningly swift demise.

"Now my son can have a chance in life," said Bushra Abed, pointing to her 2-year-old son, Ibrahim, as they watched the statue come down in central Baghdad with the help of U.S. Marines — images that were broadcast throughout the Arab world and beyond.

But there were also signs of mixed emotion toward U.S. forces. Marines briefly covered Saddam's face with an American flag, and were greeted with silence. They quickly replaced it with the Iraqi flag to cheers from the crowd.

There was also scattered sniper fire directed at the U.S. troops, and fighting broke out in some parts of the city. In one neighborhood, hundreds of Iraqis who'd been cheering American troops came under heavy automatic weapons fire at sunset, apparently from Iraqi fighters. Women, children and men scattered into the alleyways, and at least six people were killed in a car riddled by bullets.

But mostly, it was a day for celebrating — when fear of the regime began to melt, and hope surged across the Iraqi capital.

Watching U.S. troops move through the city in armored convoys, people flooded the streets to cheer. Women lifted their babies for the soldiers to kiss. Young men shouted in English, "Bush No. 1, Bush No. 1."

Some men, swept up by the emotion of the moment, rushed into the streets wearing only their underwear to greet the Marines.

"I'm 49, but I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living," Yussuf Abed Kazim, a mosque preacher, said as he whacked tile and concrete off the pedestal of the toppled statue.

Many in the crowd beat their chests and chanted, "There is a burning in our chests," a Shiite Muslim slogan. Celebrations were particularly strong in Baghdad's Shiite neighborhoods, like Saddam City in the northeast. In one area, hundreds of jubilant Shiites shouted, "There is no God but Allah!" waving palm fronds and prayer stones.

Shiites make up the majority in Iraq but have long felt oppressed at the hands of Saddam's largely Sunni Muslim government.

With no one to police them — and certainly no sign of Saddam — some Iraqis

went on a looting rampage, mostly against installations of the government that ruled them for decades: ministry buildings, the state-owned Oil Marketing Co., traffic police headquarters, even Iraq's Olympic headquarters, said to be the site of a torture center run by Saddam's eldest son, Uday.

Youths stripped tires of military vehicles. Men made off with a police car, pushing it down the street and waving its red-and-blue roof light in triumph. One man tottered down the street carrying an elaborate vase half his height. Others hauled ceiling fans, refrigerators, TV sets, computers, appliances, tires, bookshelves and tables from government buildings.

A woman, possibly in her mid-70s, grabbed a mattress from a furniture shop on al-Saoudun Street and dragged it with considerable difficulty across the street on her way home. Two young men stole gold-rimmed copies of the Quran from a bookshop.

One Iraqi, expressing his disgust at the looting, said: "We are now afraid of other Iraqis, not the Americans."

But the enduring symbol of the day was surely the toppling of the towering Saddam statue, a gesture that recalled the frenzied euphoria that swept Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union more than a decade ago. Then, it was a statue of Lenin that came tumbling down.

Saddam's statue in al-Firdos (Paradise) Square was in the same Soviet style, depicting the Iraqi president standing tall in a civilian suit, right arm raised in a wave to his people. It was one of his most popular poses; tens of thousands of his images can be found in this nation of some 26 million people.

This one stood in the middle of a large roundabout ringed with columns in front of the blue-domed Shalibi, or Ramadan 14th, Mosque. The tops of the columns are engraved with Saddam's initials.

It began in the afternoon, when the crowd tried to knock the metal statue off its pedestal by clipping away at the base with sledgehammers. That didn't work. Then they tried a rope around the neck. Still no success.

Finally the Marines stepped in, with a winch on a tank recovery vehicle. The first pull brought the statue onto its stomach, dangling off a 25-foot-high pedestal as the crowd pelted it with garbage.

Another tug, and it broke in half, leaving only the twisted metal of the feet with two rusted pipes sticking out.

With the 40-ton bronze statue now flat on the ground, men surged forward and climbed on top of it, dancing on the chest and face before beating it with sledgehammers.



People in New York's Times Square watch the large screen at the ABC television studios Wednesday as a statue of Saddam Hussein is toppled in Baghdad.



Residents running down a Baghdad street shout "USA, USA!" Wednesday as the government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein virtually lost control of the capital.

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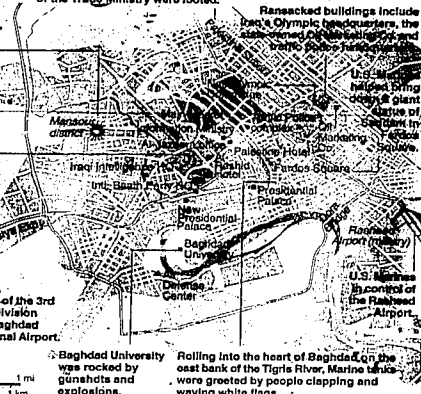
U.S. troops extend hold on Baghdad

As U.S.-led troops extended their occupation of the capital, Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime on Wednesday, beholding a toppled statue of him in the center of Baghdad and looting government sites.

On Palestine Street, where the Baath party held rallies, the warehouses of the Trade Ministry were looted.

Two days after they were targeted by four U.S. bombs, the state of Saddam and his sons remains unknown.

Members of the 3rd Infantry Division conducted armored raids in the center of the city and in other areas.



Baghdad University was rocked by gunshots and explosions.

Rolling into the heart of Baghdad on the east bank of the Tigris River, Marine units were greeted by people clapping and waving white flags.

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

Fragile

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Wednesday crowded about media images of U.S.-led troops being greeted with enthusiasm as they rolled into the heart of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

But in Basra, which British forces took on Monday, residents were already angry that their "liberators" had failed to halt widespread looting and lawlessness.

Iraqi society has been brutally suppressed for more than two decades, a span that also featured three devastating wars that some analysts believe wore down Iraq's military more than hardened it.

People tend to be submissive when victorious troops first arrive, said Sandra Mitchell, an International Rescue Committee lawyer who has worked missions in Kosovo and Bosnia. Their priorities are finding loved ones and food, clothing and shelter, and usually the neediest people come forward with open arms, she said.

"But when they began to put up checkpoints, barbed-wire perimeters and limited population movements, attitudes began to change," Mitchell said.

In an attempt to protect itself, the U.S.-led coalition could conceivably restrict movement within Iraq even more than President Saddam Hussein limited travel. "The majority of the population just want to get on with their lives," Mitchell said. "Where is the liberation when they are not allowed to move around?"

The early stage of an occupation is also the time when potential warlords and guerrillas as well as criminals are sizing up their visitors, watching routines and testing the limits of the occupiers' tolerance before staging an

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY 22

Jubilant amid combat

The streets of Iraq erupted in jubilation as U.S.-led troops rolled into Baghdad, but the war is far from over.



SOURCES: CIA; United Nations; Associated Press

attack or mobilizing an underground. "Your adversary may be learning your rules of engagement," said Scott Gerwiler, a Rand Corp. analyst.

Russell Glenn, another Rand analyst, said public sentiment often goes against the occupiers when promises of peace and prosperity don't materialize quickly. Afghanistan could be providing a template for what will happen in Iraq.

After a U.S.-led alliance toppled the terrorist-harboring Taliban regime, TV cameras

showed happy men shaving off their beards and women throwing off their veils in defiance of the strict Islamic laws under which they had been forced to live. But fighting has continued in Afghanistan's southeast and the newly installed government there has caused civilian casualties.

CARE said last week that military involvement both in combat and in humanitarian and rebuilding efforts in Afghanistan was "blurring lines between aid workers and soldiers."

Baghdad

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spat on a portrait of Saddam. Men hugged Americans in full combat gear, and women held up babies so soldiers riding on tanks could kiss them.

The feared Baath Party apparatus disappeared from the streets. Its junior officials and militia fighters, once posted at every street corner and intersection, were nowhere to be seen. Many were said to have changed into civilian clothes to escape detection. Party uniforms and weapons were scattered at sandbagged positions that only days ago had been vaulted as the heart of a bloody last stand.

Along some streets, military vehicles stood bleak and deserted, testimony that a more-efficient administration had come to a halt.

The fall of Baghdad — and its celebration by thousands of Iraqis eager to hear news from their leader — marked a climactic moment and a clear turning point in the war launched by the Bush administration 21 days ago to topple Saddam's government and rid Iraq of what U.S. officials said was a store of weapons of mass destruction.

Since launching the invasion from Kuwait March 20, U.S. and British forces have seized control of all the country's important centers south of Baghdad and at least two-thirds of its territory.

The Euphrates River city of Hillah came under U.S. Army control Wednesday, completing occupation of the Euphrates Valley. The seizure of Baghdad added to the list of cities under U.S. control Wednesday, completing occupation of the Euphrates Valley. The seizure of Baghdad added to the list of cities under U.S. control Wednesday, completing occupation of the Euphrates Valley.

in the capital's top Mansour neighborhood before it was hit, other U.S. officials said.

Intelligence officials described the information that led to Monday's strike as solid but did not provide details. One source was believed to be an eyewitness who watched Saddam go inside the building. No one would discuss the identity or characterize the credibility of the witness.

The officials stopped well short of declaring Saddam dead, describing the information as encouraging but not conclusive.

The Pentagon has identified 85 U.S. military personnel as killed in action or missing in action and about 400 wounded since the war began, a count that has often fallen behind reports from the field as it winds through the bureaucracy and families are notified. The number of Iraqi casualties has not been reliably compiled, but U.S. officials have estimated them in the thousands.

But in Baghdad, Wednesday was for merrymaking as, in quick succession, U.S. forces took control of the streets and the symbols of Saddam's rule fell. In Firdaus Square, dancing crowds aided by U.S. Marines topped a 20-foot statue of the longtime leader, his arm raised in Stalinist fashion. They dragged it severed head by a rope through the streets, cheering along the way.

His ubiquitous portraits, as early as Wednesday morning still gracing newspapers, were smashed. On one defaced picture, a devil's horns were scribbled in black. "I can tell you the fear has lifted from people's hearts," said Faleh Hassan, sitting at Abu Ahmed restaurant in central Baghdad.

It was a startling collapse for a government that, only three weeks ago, had predicted Baghdad would become a quagmire for invading forces and declared, with bluster and bravado, that it was debating whether to bury U.S. and British troops in mass pits or individual graves. It followed one of the quietest nights of the war in Baghdad, with only sporadic shelling and the crackle of gunfire.

The fate of Saddam and his government was a mystery that intrigued Baghdadis as well as officials in Washington.

But there was no one to ask about it. For the first time since the war began, Information Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahnaf failed to arrive at the Palestine Hotel to deliver his daily briefing, comments that had grown increasingly bizarre as the war unfolded. Only a day earlier, he insisted — with not a hint of irony — that Baghdad was bracing "to pummel the invaders."

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Cheney: Criticism of war was misguided

Vice president says U.S. should play central role in rebuilding Iraq

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The advance of U.S. troops into Baghdad is proof that early criticism of the war's plans was misguided, Vice President Dick Cheney said Wednesday.

The war is "one of the most extraordinary military campaigns ever conducted," Cheney said, speaking to the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"With every day, with every advance of our coalition forces, the wisdom of that plan becomes more apparent," Cheney said.

He dismissed critics as "retired military officers embedded in TV studios."

Cheney said the war has sent a clear message to all violent groups that the United States has the capacity and the will to wage war on terrorism and win decisively.

Cheney's comments came shortly after U.S. Central Command in Qatar declared that Baghdad had been added to the list of areas that the Saddam regime no longer controls.

Marine and Army units, welcomed by clapping Iraqis, were seizing and destroying buildings in Baghdad, despite sniper fire from roving bands of hideout fighters.

But Cheney cautioned that Saddam Hussein's regime still controls a lot of territory in northern Iraq and fierce fighting may lay



Vice President Dick Cheney points to the next person to ask a question during his appearance before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in New Orleans on Wednesday.

Cheney said he expected the United Nations,

as well as war opponents such as France, to have humanitarian involvement in the postwar efforts in Iraq.

However, the key role in the reconstruction of Iraq and the creation of a new Iraqi government "has to reside with the U.S. government," Cheney said.

"We don't believe that the United Nations is equipped to play that central role. It will play a very important role, but I think the central role will reside with the coalition," Cheney said.

In Afghanistan, Cheney said, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan sent a U.N. representative to be involved in creation of a government. "That may be the right way to go" in Iraq, he said.

Cheney said the United States would make an effort to convince the Muslim world that it is uninterested in controlling Iraq but merely wants to reconstruct the country and pull troops out as quickly as possible.

"Our record may not be perfect," but the U.S. government has often acted to protect Muslims, not attack them, he said. He cited the 1991 Gulf war, the liberation of Kuwait, and U.S. intervention in the former Yugoslavia.

Cheney said the United States is committed to ensuring that Iraq's oil revenues go to the citizens of Iraq.

"The oil revenue is not to be diverted to anything but to service the immediate and eventually the long-term needs of the people of Iraq," Cheney said.

Top U.S. officials begin tough talk about Iraq neighbor Syria

Newsday

WASHINGTON — With victory in Iraq assured, hawks outside and inside the Bush administration have begun taking a notably aggressive stance towards its neighbor to the west, Syria.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, and their main ideological ally at the State Department, undersecretary John Bolton, have all made menacing public remarks about Syria in recent days.

Wednesday, Rumsfeld said Syria was harboring lower-level members of Saddam Hussein's regime in a response to a question as to whether Syria was "next."

He said ominously, "It depends on people's behavior. Certainly I have nothing to announce."

One intelligence source with good access to Pentagon civilian authorities said that Rumsfeld last week ordered the drawing up of contingency plans for a possible invasion of Syria and that Pentagon undersecretary Douglas Feith is working on a policy paper highlighting how Syria's support of terrorist groups is a threat to the region.

Rumsfeld and his allies directly contradicted soothing comments about Syria by Secretary of State Colin Powell and his deputy, Richard Armitage, in a clear sign the debate over the Middle East continues between administration hawks and moderates beyond the Iraq question.

Deal bypasses tax-cut deadlock

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate leaders struck an extraordinary budget agreement on Wednesday that would postpone until later this year a resolution of the internal Republican battle over how deeply to cut taxes.

They also tried resolving eleventh-hour disputes over a separate package providing nearly \$80 billion for initial costs of the Iraq war and its aftermath plus other efforts to combat terrorism around the globe.

The budget compromise — which in a crucial support a pair of moderate GOP senators — removed the last major obstacle to congressional passage this week of a \$2.2 trillion tax-and-spending plan for 2004.

Leaders also wanted to send President Bush the war spending bill this week.

"We've done," said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa.

The fiscal blueprint would let the Senate pass a tax-cutting bill in coming weeks costing \$350 billion through 2013, while the House's price tag would be \$620 billion, Nussle said. The two chambers would have to approve a bill with a common number before shipping it to Bush for his signature.

Scientists make clot progress

The Associated Press

For the first time, researchers have linked the hardening of arteries to blood clots in veins, a finding that could trigger new research in the effort to prevent the blockages that kill thousands of people each year.

Italian researchers found patients hospitalized with unexplained deep-vein clots were nearly 2 1/2 times more likely to also have hardening of the arteries, or atherosclerosis, than patients with deep-vein clots attributed to other health problems.

The doctors concluded either hardening of the arteries can induce blood clots in veins or the two conditions share common risk factors.

"I favor the first hypothesis," said Dr. Paolo Prandoni, the lead researcher and an associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Padua Medical School.

Prandoni said scientists had not suspected the link. He said researchers now should study

Surprise link to blood clots

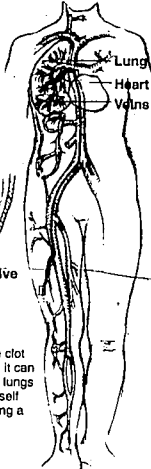
Researchers have found a link between hardening of the arteries and clots in deep veins, which can move to the lungs and block blood flow there. These blockages, called pulmonary embolisms, kill at least 60,000 Americans annually.

A clot is usually formed from blood that has broken free, it can travel to the lungs and lodge itself there, causing a blockage.

part of the clot breaks free, it can travel to the lungs and lodge itself there, causing a blockage.

Valve (closed due to the blockage)

SOURCES: The Merck Manual; Associated Press



mechanisms that might connect artery and vein disorders, and whether cholesterol-lowering or anti-clotting drugs can prevent deep-vein clots as well as control atherosclerosis to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

Ed chief cites preference for schools with Christian values

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary Rod Paige on Wednesday stood by his comments favoring schools that appreciate "the values of the Christian community," but said he wasn't trying to impose his religious views on others.

At a hastily called news conference, Paige told reporters, "I understand completely and respect the separation of church and state." He called himself a "fervent advocate" of public education.

Critics, including some Democratic lawmakers and the Anti-Defamation League, had seized on Paige's comments in a story run by the Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The reason that Christian schools and Christian universities are growing is a result of a strong value system," Paige was quoted as saying. "In a religious environment the value system is set. That's not the case in a public school, where there are so many different kids with different kinds of values."

Among those asking Paige to apologize was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

"By expressing your preference for schools that teach the values

of a single faith, you send an unacceptable signal that some families and their children are favored over others because of their faith," Kennedy said.

Paige said his comments were taken out of context because he was referring to universities and not public elementary and secondary schools.

"I don't think I have anything to apologize for," he said. "What I'm doing is clarifying my remarks."

He said it was proper for the nation's public school leader to defend his personal views.

"I grew up with my faith," he said.

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Senate OKs tax breaks when giving to charity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abandoning President Bush's larger "faith-based initiative," the Senate passed scaled-back legislation Wednesday granting new tax breaks for charitable donations.

The initiative began as an effort to open government programs to churches, synagogues and other religious organizations, but that proved so contentious that backers dropped every one of these provisions from the bill.

The revised bill was approved 95-5.

It now simply provides a variety of tax breaks for donations to charities. It also provides \$1.3 billion more over two years for the Social Services Block Grant, a favorite of Democrats.

The White House said it objected to the bill overall but supported the increased money for the social services program, and President Bush suggested he wanted to see changes to more closely reflect his proposals.

Most significantly, the bill would give people who do not itemize on their taxes a break for donations to charity beyond \$250 in any one year, up to \$500.

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EDITORIAL

Iraqis begin the long road toward freedom

Wednesday's TV footage of Saddam Hussein's toppling statue will stand as an enduring image of this war. It symbolizes the Iraqi people's liberation from a cruel oppressor.

Saddam will not come back, and until the remnants of Saddam's militias and guard units have been disarmed. Unlike the first Gulf War, when Kurdish rebels were left hanging in their effort to oust Saddam, the coalition must finish the job.

Our view: The liberation of Iraq is in full bloom, but much work remains in the post-Saddam era.

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

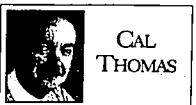
Iraq will not be free until its citizens' lives and property are safe. For now, the coalition must serve as the chief cop. Unless that role is filled effectively, looting and lawlessness will continue, and humanitarian relief will be hampered.

Iraqis can't truly be called free until they have a stable, freely elected government. They will not be free until they have a constitution that ensures the rights of the various contending religious and ethnic groups.

These last items will not come easily, because Iraq has no democratic tradition. But how can any people be called "free" until they can speak their minds without fear, and participate in choosing their nation's destiny? Our troops can begin to supply some of Iraq's needs. United Nations officials can help with some others. But ultimately, the Iraqis must develop the skills and institutions to build their own society. Only then can we call them free.

Saddam isn't the only loser this time

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — There was something comical about the "anti-war" protesters who gathered here for the abbreviated Bush-Blair summit meeting. They were opposing a war that is nearly over. They demonized the victors — who are fighting in a moral cause — and not the losers, who fight to preserve an immoral rule. These protesters' stance during the deposed (and possibly dead) Saddam Hussein's three decades of murder and mayhem makes them irrelevant.



CAL THOMAS

In totting up the winners and losers of the top loser after Saddam Hussein and his regime must be the political left. From Hollywood's Martin Sheen and Michael Moore to European "leaders," the United Nations and aging petocrats and their illegitimate progeny, the left has suffered a stunning defeat. These losers were wrong from the beginning because their view of humanity and of good and evil is flawed. Evil must be opposed, sometimes by force. As freed Iraqis begin to testify to the horror and degradation imposed on them by Saddam Hussein, the left will be hard pressed to explain why they were again on the wrong side of history. Their credibility is on a par with the Iraq information minister who claimed that no coalition tanks had entered Baghdad at a time when the tanks could be seen and heard.

Other losers include the Chinese, Russian and French governments, each of which supplied more arms to Saddam Hussein than any other nation. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (cited in Michael Gove's April 8 column in the London Times), between 1973 and 2002



Russia provided 57 percent of Saddam's arms imports, France 11 percent and China 12 percent. The United States supplied just 1 percent at most and Britain less than that. War critics are wrong when they claim that the United States and Britain are primarily responsible for Saddam's weaponry. No wonder the French, Russians and Chinese opposed coalition efforts. They didn't want their complicity and duplicity discovered.

Some in the American and especially British media were losers because they regularly painted a doomsday scenario — from their predictions of a Vietnam-like quagmire to questioning the wisdom of every military move. ABC's Peter Jennings was especially guilty of extreme negativity about coalition politics and progress, but he was no worse than the entire BBC, which appeared to be in need of antidepressants, to say nothing of a shot of truth serum.

Some in the free nations can and should do nothing about

oppressed people was a big loser. At a joint news conference with Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush said "free nations have a responsibility to confront terrorism (and) promote human rights across the world." Call this the Jimmy Carter doctrine, but with muscle.

The winners in this conflict are many, starting with the people of Iraq, who have an opportunity (if they will seize it) not only to claim freedom for themselves but also their posterity and to serve as an example to the region, as they once did in ancient times.

President Bush endured the most personal invective to emerge triumphant. At the Hillsborough Castle news conference the president said, "There is a question in Europe about whether I mean what I say. Saddam Hussein now knows I mean what I say." So does the rest of the world.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, along with the com-

mander of the coalition forces, Gen. Tommy Franks, are also winners. They ignored criticism that their plan was flawed, that there were not enough troops committed to the task and that casualty rates would be unacceptably high. None of this proved true.

All of the clergy, academics and commentators who predicted America would lose the war of public opinion and that this "adventure" would produce "a thousand Bin Ladens" are also wrong. Why should it not produce a thousand, or millions, of Winston Churchills and people who want freedom from religious and political dictators? History has been on the side of freedom, the side President Bush is on. If he is able to expand these freedoms in the Middle East and in Northern Ireland, this president (so reviled by European churchies) will be the biggest winner of all.

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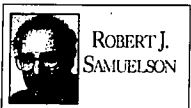
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Keep careful watch on real estate market

We Americans love our homes. The richer we get, the bigger they get. Since 1987, the average size of a new home has increased 22 percent; and of course, we stuff them with more and more conveniences. Even the laundry room, home furnishing experts advise, should now have a sofa, TV and DVD player. Gulp. The good thing about the housing boom is that it has steadied an otherwise shaky economy — which is why signs that it may be faltering are so troubling.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

The timing is dismal. All the indicators in the past month suggest a rapidly deteriorating economy: consumer spending (two-thirds of the economy) dropped in January and February; after adjustment for inflation, in March, the number of payroll jobs declined 108,000 (the loss since early 2001, 2.1 million); surveys by the Institute for Supply Management, a business group, find that both the manufacturing and the nonmanufacturing sectors are shrinking. A grim picture.

Economic forecasters have minimized these setbacks by attributing them to the war in Iraq. Companies "just don't want to invest until they know what's going to happen," says economist David Wysz of Standard & Poor's. Once fighting stops, the theory goes, businesses will raise investment and hiring, consumers will travel and spend more confidently. Could happen. This "consensus forecast" is widely believed. Federal Reserve chairman Alan

Greenspan apparently subscribes to it. But it could also be overly optimistic; as many forecasts have been. If so, housing could be a weak link. Low (and falling) interest rates and high (and rising) home prices created the boom. Housing generally became more affordable as lower rates offset higher prices. Existing homeowners sold and "traded up." If they didn't sell, they refinanced their mortgages at lower rates, reducing their monthly payments or generating instant mounds of money. (In a "cash out" refinancing the amount of the new loan exceeds the amount of the old; homeowners collect the difference.) All this provided two economic jolts.

First, feverish construction and home buying. In 2002, new home starts totaled 1.7 million units, 7 percent higher than in 2001; meanwhile, existing home sales were a record 5.6 million, up 6 percent from 2001. People who move often need (or want) new appliances, furniture and carpets. There was job creation galore — from construction workers to mortgage brokers. Second, ordinary shopping. People spent some of the extra money (from those "cash outs") at the mall. The volume of "cash outs" is staggering. In 2002,

Even the laundry room, home furnishing experts advise, should now have a sofa, TV and DVD player.

mortgage refinancings totaled a record \$1.5 trillion of total new mortgage loans of \$2.5 trillion (the rest went to buy homes), says economist Frank Nothaft of Freddie Mac, a mortgage company. He reckons that consumers took away \$20 billion in cash, up from \$80 billion in 2001. Other estimates run twice as high or more.

It would be a calamity if the housing boom, like the stock boom before it, turned out to be a "bubble." In a recent speech, Greenspan dismissed the comparison as a "stretch." Most economists agree. For starters, people don't buy and sell homes, like stocks. It's too costly and inconvenient. Next, home prices haven't risen nearly so rapidly as stock prices did. It's not clear if the stock boom before it turned out to be a "bubble." In a recent speech, Greenspan dismissed the comparison as a "stretch." Most economists agree. For starters, people don't buy and sell homes, like stocks. It's too costly and inconvenient. Next, home prices haven't risen nearly so rapidly as stock prices did.

center in Washington and 10 percent in Boston. Still, the overall picture is less extreme. The danger is less a total collapse than a gradual decay. The two props of the boom — falling interest rates and rising prices — both seem wobbling. In 2000, rate on 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 8.1 percent; recently, they've been well below 6 percent. Any further decline might adversely affect home values, they see 15 percent overpriced by historic measures, estimates economist Gary Leathe of Deutsche Bank. He doubts that prices — except in some localities — will drop but suspects that they won't rise much for the next three or four years.

Well, there goes the boom. Refinancing proceeded from lower rates and higher prices; though still strong, it may peter out. Still, prices might also slow home buying because people wouldn't fear being priced out of the market. Alone, a modest housing slowdown wouldn't be damaging. But it could be devastating in combination with a broader lull in consumer spending. A post-Iraq economy could disappoint.

Higher home values have provided confidence and cash in an otherwise unbalanced economy. Losing one or both could, by making consumers even more cautious, turn gloomy economic forecasts into self-fulfilling prophecies.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Be alert for deadly carbon monoxide, the silent killer

Real heroes seldom recognize the fact that they are a hero or heroine. One such is a lady that helps a local real estate broker and antique dealer. She became ill and an ambulance was called, but the hospital didn't know what caused her to pass out.

A few days later when she came back to work, she only lasted half a day without becoming dizzy and sick. That's when she made the suggestion, "Maybe you should get a carbon monoxide detector."

So the broker purchased a detector for about \$20 and when he hooked it up, it screamed so loudly that it could be heard for a 100 feet or more. The firemen, police, Idaho Power and Intermountain Gas came to the building and forced out the gas with big fans. They also discovered a small gas leak that had a candle been lit, might have blown the whole building up.

Carbon monoxide is the silent killer. As a result of this potentially fatal incident, there will be legislation introduced to mandate all buildings to have not only a smoke alarm but also a carbon monoxide detector where ever natural or propane gas is used.

In my book, Betty Freeman, retired banker from U.S. Bank, is, and always will be, a heroine. JACK STREETER Mountain Home

United Nations must oversee restoration of Iraq

I do not support the Bush administration's preemptory invasion of Iraq, but now that this unfortunate war has happened, the restoration of Iraq must occur under the umbrella of the United Nations.

Officials at the State Department worry that not including the United Nations in postwar planning could heighten tensions between the United States and other important allies. Even British Prime Minister Tony Blair worries that postwar Iraq is not in the hands of the United Nations, other countries may be reluctant to play a significant role in the reconstruction of the country.

Our towns and cities are experiencing huge budget shortfalls, and our economy cannot afford Iraq and us. If the United States tries to go it alone, we taxpayers will foot the bill and the price tag will be out of sight. Iraq has an area about the size of California. Can you imagine the billions it will cost to occupy and reconstruct it?

A U.S. occupation of post-war Iraq could incite additional anti-American hatred in the Arab world and could breed more terrorists. This is especially true because America represents a Christian nation trying to dominate a Moslem nation. Such an effort is likely to be regarded with suspicion and hostility and any new Iraqi government likely to fail.

Many major relief organizations believe that it will be diffi-

cult or malnourished people in a Pentagon-controlled Iraq. Relief has never been a priority for the Pentagon, and in many cases, the United States simply lacks the expertise to distribute food and medical aid effectively.

And let's quit thinking of ways to punish France. France should not be made a scapegoat for the millions of people around the world who demonstrated against a U.S.-led war with Iraq. In democracies, allies should have the right to respectfully disagree with one another without facing reprisal.

FLORENCE BLANCHARD Bellevue

Concerns for liberty must come before safety

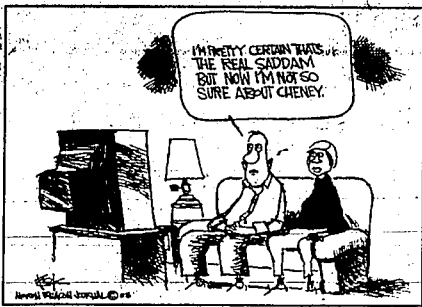
Many American citizens are beginning to wonder if the Constitution and Bill of Rights have been discarded for the Patriot Act and Home Security laws.

I believe it was Benjamin Franklin that said, "They that give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

EDNA BYERS Heyburn

Letter correction

A street was incorrectly identified in the letter to the editor Wednesday from Keith Owens. The lot behind the old Pacific Container and Keegan Inc. buildings is on Third Street South. The Times-Herald regrets the error.



We can't sustain new Iraq without U.N.

A U.S. and British forces about Baghdad, debates about the future administration and reconstruction of Iraq can no longer be postponed, and most Americans seem eager to exclude the United Nations.

This would be a mistake. Involving U.N. organizations in postwar Iraq is vital to salvaging some legitimacy for the war and to rebuilding hope for international order.

Administration assertions of a "U.N. failure" after its refusal to pass a resolution in favor of the U.S. and British efforts to go to war against Iraq were premature. For much of the world, standing up to U.S. pressure actually gave the U.N. Security Council more relevance than ever.

MARC LYNCH

offers the chance to install favored candidates, such as the Iraq opposition, as the new rulers of Iraq. But shutting out the United Nations would be a monumental mistake for both pragmatic and political reasons. The Bush administration seems to have done little to prepare for the humanitarian problems arising already.

Some Americans who might welcome international participation in relief efforts reject the idea of a U.N. role in the political sphere. But this is where the United Nations can play the most important role of all. An international mandate would legitimize the occupation, give an interim government credibility, and

reduce the risks of Americans being targeted. It would diffuse some of the suspicions and fears about American intentions, and increase the chances that the postwar Iraqi government could enjoy widespread international acceptance.

International cooperation and our image in the world have been major casualties in the administration's decision to go to war without U.N. approval. Global public opinion polls indicate frightening levels of hostility toward - and fear of - the United States. A military victory that isolates us and destroys our most important alliances will be a Pyrrhic victory indeed.

This will require serious and sincere U.S. engagement. The Bush administration should not expect that U.N. leaders and member states will get involved on American terms. Working with the United Nations will require a tone and approach that few have found forthcoming from Washington in recent months.

But only if we are now willing to listen to the world's concerns and fears, and to take the views of others seriously, will we benefit in many ways - from a constructive U.N. role.

Marc Lynch teaches political science at Williams College.

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SPORTS

Coming Friday

A look at Hagerman-bred horse, Buddy Gil's chances in the Kentucky Derby.

The Times-News

Thursday, April 10, 2003

MORNING LINE

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball**
Jerome at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 3:30 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Burley at Pocatello, 3:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
Jerome at Twin Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track**
Pocatello at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Filer at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
- High school tennis**
Comm. School at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.
Declo at Minico, 3:30 p.m.
Burley at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Burley starts men's golf league Saturday

BURLEY — The Burley Men's Golf Club opening tournament starts at 10 a.m. Saturday with a shotgun start at the Burley Golf Course. The \$5 entry fee includes lunch for the four-man scramble. Golfers meet at 9 a.m. for the blind draw. Golfers are asked to sign up in the pro shop in advance.

Wendell's Goodbody wins NFF award

BOISE — Wendell's Sean Goodbody was among the scholar-athlete award winners through the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame ceremony on March 31.

Joining Goodbody were seniors Regan Buck of Madison, Kimball Burton of Idaho Falls, Kyle Hawker of New Plymouth, Parker Magnuson of Timberline, Tad Miller of Bishop Kelly, Garrett Nelson on Nampa Christian, and Cory Youngberg of Weiser.

Award winners were chosen on academic achievements, school and community leadership and football performance.

Blaine County Rec sponsors youth track

HAILEY — Blaine County Recreation District will offer its popular Youth track and field program for students in first through eighth grades beginning Monday.

The program is for students at Hemingway, Hailey and Carey elementary schools, as well as Wood River Middle School students. Bellevue Elementary students start Tuesday.

The program concludes with the Hershey's area track meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Carey.

Brundage offers free lift tickets on last day

MCALL — Brundage Mountain Ski Resort will provide one free lift ticket Sunday with the donation of five cans of food or \$5 to benefit the Idaho Food Bank. The occasion is part of the resort's End of Winter celebration. The resort closes Sunday.

For more information, call Mary Naylor at (208) 634-4151.

Tri-Cities continue softball, and baseball sign-ups

RUPERT — All boys aged 4-13 and girls aged 6-16 in the Mini-Casta area are welcome to register for Tri-City youth baseball and softball programs through April 18. Cost is \$15 with an additional \$15 charge for late registration. Sign up in either City or call 432-7400 for more information.

T.F. women's softball association meets

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Women's Softball Association will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Maxie's Pizzeria. All dues and rosters will be discussed. For more information, call Kathy Rex at 934-4722.

Stewart returns to U.S. to finish soccer career

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earnie Stewart gets a lot of credit for the surging popularity of U.S. soccer over the past dozen years. Unfortunately for Stewart, none of that credit comes from the phone company.

"A lot of red-tape in getting stuff done over here, that's one thing that shocked me a little bit," he said. "House, phone. If you've never lived in the States, you don't have much credit to your name, even though you've paid taxes for however many years."

After living for 26 years in the Netherlands — and playing for 14

years in the Dutch professional league — Stewart has moved to his home country to finish his career in Major League Soccer. He'll debut with D.C. United on Saturday in the season opener at Kansas City.

It's the latest coup for the MLS, landing the player who has represented the United States at three World Cups and in a U.S.-record 27 World Cup qualifying matches. When the league started in 1996, the quality of play probably wasn't up to the standard of a player like Stewart.

"I guess it was just the right time," Stewart said.

The son of a U.S. Air Force vet-

eran and a Dutch mother, Stewart was born in the Netherlands and lived in the United States just once before — from 1971-76. He started his pro career at age 17 and scored 111 goals for three teams in the Dutch first and second divisions.

Stewart joined the U.S. national team in 1990, once officials realized he was an American citizen. He has played in 11 World Cup games, tying Cobi Jones for the U.S. record, and is most remembered for scoring the winning goal in the 2-1 upset of Colombia in 1994.

He thought perhaps that last year's World Cup would be the end of his national team duty,

but coach Bruce Arena called him up for an exhibition game against Venezuela last month. He turned 34 on March 28, but there's still plenty of gas in the tank.

"It's been nothing but all the good, right stuff," United coach Ray Hudson said. "I can see him being a part of the club for the next three years. On his fitness level, he looks like a greynhound. He's certainly got that sharpness, that vision."

Stewart isn't flashy or loud. For years, he didn't bother telling the world — or even the national team publicists — that his name is spelled "Earnie" and not "Ernie." He expresses him-

self best on the field.

Stewart has had the advantage of watching the growth of American soccer from afar while still taking part in it. A decade-long crescendo of popularity hit full volume when the United States made the quarterfinals at last year's World Cup, but there is still much work to do, particularly in youth soccer.

"It's obvious where it needs to go, but that's thinking way ahead," Stewart said. "The important thing is that it's started. They have a great concept, and I think it's working out very well. They didn't build baseball or football over two or three years."

COMING OUT ON TOP



Photo by BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Murtaugh's Lacey Perkins grunts from the effort as she clears the bar at nine feet, six inches in the pole vault event at The Anglo Wyatt Track and Field Invitational in Twin Falls on Wednesday. Below, Perkins reacts with glee after clearing the bar.

Goodbody sets record, matches another; Perkins takes pole vault

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This just in: Wendell sophomore Jaymie Goodbody lost.

No, not to a competitor but to the stop watch as she blistered the field in both the 100- and 200-meter sprints at the 17-team Anglo Wyatt Track and Field Invitational at Bruin Stadium Wednesday but left disappointed in her times.

Goodbody eclipsed the meet record in the 200 and tied her own record in the 100. The reigning state champion in both events looks well poised to defend her crowns.

Not that she'll hear any of it since her winning times, of 1:24 in the 100 and 2:6.2 in the 200, were off the marks she was seeking.

"I wanted to see some improvement from a year ago," Goodbody said. "But I guess I need to get in better shape."

Most of the field, including Wendell, had

been inactive for two weeks due to spring break and postponed meets over the weekend.

Still, Goodbody wasn't the only individual to set a meet record in the 15th running of the event. It is named after Filer High School athletic standout Angie Wyatt, who died in a car accident in 1987.

Buhl's Abelee Esparza threw the shot 38-feet and a half inch to break Filer's Preston Allen went 22-3.5 to win the long jump for the host school. Both records had stood since 1996.

Three relay records also fell as the Burley girls' 4 X 200 relay team recorded a time of 1:43.6, the Filer girls' 4 X 100 relay team clocked in at 51.6; and the Filer boys' 4 X 100 team finished in 44.4 to cap a dominating day by the Wildcats' relay teams, which won five of the eight relays.

The Wildcat girls team ran away with the team title, beating second-place Malad 90-69.



The two-time defending state champion Filor boys also kept the title, or at least a part of it, for the third straight year by tying Gooding with 83 points for the top position.

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MASTERS AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL

Hootie, not Tiger, becomes focus

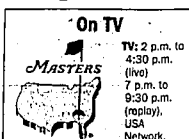
By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods didn't have to hit a single shot for the show to begin at this year's Masters.

As Woods played his final practice round Wednesday at soggy Augusta National, attention shifted from his bid for an unprecedented third straight green jacket to a cramped room that was filled with them.

More than 60 men, all wearing the coveted symbol in golf, flanked chairman Hootie Johnson in a stubborn defense of the club's all-male membership.

"If I drop dead this second, our position will not change on this issue," the 72-year-old Johnson said. "It's not my issue alone."



Still, it's an issue that already has made this a Masters unlike any other.

Sure, the azuleas and dogwoods are bursting with color. Arnold Palmer still strolls the fairways, carried along by a legion of fans. And Woods, as always, is the heavy favorite.

But beyond the gates of Augusta National, a foreign sensation — controversy.

About a half-mile down the street from Magnolia Lane, local officials have set aside a 5-acre grassy lot for demonstrations — and not just for Martha Burk and her National Council of Women's Organizations, who have pressured the club for the last nine months to add its first female member.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition plan to protest with Burk.

They will be joined by two groups protesting Jackson, a one-man faction of the Ku Klux Klan supporting Augusta National and a man who calls his group "People Against Ridiculous Obnoxious." Johnson seemed oblivious to it all.

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Appeals court rejects Burk's request to protest at front gate

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Hours before the Masters teed off, a federal appeals court rejected Martha Burk's emergency request to allow protesters outside the front gate of Augusta National Golf Club.

The U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday against Burk, who plans to picket Augusta National's all-male membership during the third round of the Masters.

"So, the circle is complete on cutting off our free speech rights," she said. "This was our last shot."

Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, wanted to place

pickers at the front gate of the exclusive club on Saturday.

Sheriff Ronald Strength would only approve a site a half-mile away. He said it was unsafe to gather in front of the club because of heavy congestion during the tournament, which starts Thursday morning.

The three-judge panel refused to grant Burk's emergency request to block a ruling by U.S. District Judge Dudley H. Bowen Jr.

Bowen upheld the city ordinance granting Strength the power to regulate protests and also approved the sheriff's application of the law in handling Burk's request.

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SPORTS

T.F. boys, girls sweep region golf meet

Major League Baseball

POCATELLO - Highland coach Warren Whitaker said an indicator of how good Twin Falls' golf program is the school's gymnasium - the walls are littered with state banners.

"Twin Falls is the dominant program in the state," Whitaker told Idaho State Journal of Pocatello. "If you can play with Twin, you can play with anybody."

Twin Falls solidified its reputation by winning both the boys and girls competitions of the Pocatello-Riverside Regional Match on Wednesday.

The Twin Falls boys won 322-325 over Highland, which just edged Minico's 376 strokes. Taylor Latham won the individual race with a 7.7. Andrew Hegdahl took sixth with an 8.0 while Justin Ellis took 10th with an 8.2.

For Minico, Justin Studer and Richard Creason tied for third with 7.9s. Michael Konrad tied for seventh.

Feliz lights up Padres with career-high four hits

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Pedro Feliz had a career-high four hits for San Francisco as the Giants beat the San Diego Padres 4-1 Wednesday in the highest-scoring game at 3-year-old Pacific Bell Park.

The first inning alone featured 11 runs. The Giants' first seven batters scored against Dennis Banker (0-1), called up from the minors to make an emergency start.

Yovit Torrealba drove in three runs for the defending NL champions and Jose Cruz Jr. doubled to give him a hit in all nine games this season with his new team.

Ryan Klesko splashed a homer into McCovey Cove and drove in three runs for the second complete game of his young career.

The 22-year-old right-hander reared 16 straight batters at one point.

He allowed only one extra-base hit, a double by Orlando Cabrera in the seventh inning.

Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 2 LOS ANGELES - Darren Dreifort pitched six strong innings for his first victory in almost 22 months, and Shawn Green homered and drove in three runs as Los Angeles won for the third time in four games.

Luis Gonzalez hit his third homer in three games for Arizona, which has lost six of seven.

Track

Continued from B1 The race of the meet came in the 4 X 400's relay, which Bill Gooding won for a victory in the 100. Lammer couldn't compete in the 200. The injury isn't expected to be severe enough to jeopardize the rest of the season.

"I just didn't feel very good at all. Like the wind and rain," Gooding coach Kent Seifert said. "To come back like that, I don't know how he did it but he sure showed the value of every point."

Eller did receive a significant setback when reigning 100 and 200 state champion Caleb Lammer hurt his heel after taking a tumble trying to outleap his adversary for a victory in the 100. Lammer couldn't compete in the 200. The injury isn't expected to be severe enough to jeopardize the rest of the season.

"I don't know where that came from," he said. "I didn't know I had it in me but I sure hope I can

Protest

Continued from B1 Burk said her group had no other legal means to overturn the decision before the weekend, though it will continue to fight the constitutionality of the ordinance in court.

Burk had hoped to post 24 demonstrators outside the front gate of Magnolia Lane, the main entrance to the National, and 200 more across the street. She believed that would be the most effective way to demonstrate against the club, which said Wednesday it had no timetable to admit a

Local sports

For the girls, Twin Falls trailed behind a 12-3 individual finish for a team-total 362 strokes to 428 for second-place Minico.

Mandi Hedberg led the Bruin girls. Hedberg recorded an 87 while Samantha Stanger recorded an 88. Whitney Cleland tied for third with a 90. Sadie Venn took sixth with a 97 while Heidi Reitsma captured eighth with a 104.

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Softball

Buhl 10, Declo 1 Buhl 23, Declo 3, five innings

WHITNEY Ordover struck out nine in a 10-1 victory over Declo, while Stephanie Ordover whiffed four in a 23-3 win as Buhl swept the Hornets Wednesday in girls high school softball.

Sherry King clubbed two home runs, a two-run dinger in Game 1, and a solo shot in Game 2.

Buhl (7-1) host American Falls at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Tennis

Burley 9, Century 3 BURLEY - The Burley singles players pulled off the sweep to spur the Bobcats on to a 9-3 tennis dual meet win Wednesday.

"We played pretty well today," said Burley coach Shane Ogden. "He was nice to see the singles step up and get a clean sweep. That was huge for us."

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Rays

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time will spend wisely in the future to place key veterans around a promising collection of prospects, including Crawford and fellow 21-year-old outfielder Rocco Baldelli.

LaMar envisions the Devil Rays as a nucleus of 12 to 15 players, whose salaries will total about \$10 million next year. Whatever the team decides to spend over that could be earmarked for free agency and/or trades to help Pinella achieve a goal of helping the division title in 2005.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist, without talking specifics or talking budget, to figure that if we've got some money to spend and it's in the last two months and we've got some hand-picked players, to go along with the young kids, then we're definitely heading in the right direction," LaMar said.

Masters

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Anyone who thought Augusta National might cave in to pressure and allow a woman to wear a green jacket was met - again - by utter defiance during a 22-minute news conference.

"There may well come a time when we include women as members of our club, and that remains true," he said. "However, I want to emphasize that we have no timetable, and our membership is very comfortable with our present status."

Johnson cut loose his four sponsors to keep them out of the fray, leading to the first commercial-free broadcast of a sporting event on network television. He said the Masters could survive "indefinitely" without TV money.

"I think it's kind of sad," said Burk, who includes women as members of the news conference. "He's firmly planting his seat in the last century."

Players have been dragged into the debate, too. Instead of being asked about the slick, contoured greens and the tricky 12th hole planted behind Ray's Creek, they are grilled on whether women should belong to the private club that hosts the public Masters.

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Islanders 3, Senators 0

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Marlin swimmers go the extra length

By Karen Baumer
Times-News correspondent

February's swimmers of the month for the Magic Valley Marlins Y swim team were Amanda Blastock, Jake Carroll, Audrey Etesvold and Stevi Haugeberg.

Approximately 60 swimmers train daily at the Twin Falls City Y pool and the YMCA pool for USA and YMCA sanctioned meets every month.

Older swimmers work out to two hours per week, while younger swimmers practice up to an hour.

Senior swimmers of the month, Carroll and Blastock, are students at Twin Falls High School. Etesvold, a fourth-grader at Bickel Elementary and Haugeberg, a fifth-grader at Bickel Elementary, are named junior swimmers of the month.

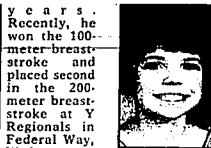
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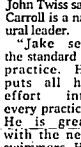
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years. Recently, he won the 100-meter breast-stroke and placed second in the 200-meter breast-stroke at Y Regionals in Federal Way, Wash.

Head coach John Twiss said Carroll is a natural leader.

"Jake sets the standard at practice. He puts all his effort into every practice. He's great with the new swimmers. He loves to work them and always encourages them whether at practice or at a meet," Twiss said.

Blastock has competed on the Marlins for nine years. In addition to an outstanding work ethic in the pool, she has excelled out

side of the pool, earning bronze and silver medals.

Congressional awards were also competed at the Y Regional meet, where she swam in six individual events.

Twiss said the Bruin junior's devotion to the sport is unmatched.

"Amanda's effort and attendance have not wavered over the last nine years," he said. "She always has a kind word for new swimmers and has peers."

Etesvold, whose favorite stroke is the butterfly, competed on the Twin Falls Sagebrush team this past summer before

joining the Marlins in the fall. At the Igloo Pentathlon, she set four personal best times and placed seventh overall for 9-year-olds.

"Audrey never misses practice," Twiss said. "She comes five days a week and always shows great effort."

Speaking of dedication, Haugeberg arrives from Heyburn two to three times a week for practice. She joined the Marlins in the fall and is already making her mark. At the 2003 Snake River Winter Championships in Nampa, she swam four personal best times and placed in the top 10 five times. She also competed at the Y Regionals in three events.

Twiss said she is improving every day.

"Stevi has made great strides in the pool this fall and winter," Twiss said. "She works hard and gets along great with her teammates. She is a real asset to our program."

As one of the swimmers for the Marlins.

For more information about the Marlins Y swim team, call the City Pool at 734-2336.

Twin Falls Rec announces basketball league champs

The Times-News

Sons/Stukenholz

Twin Falls Rec announced its A/B division basketball champions on March 31.

League champion in the A/B division went to Farm Bureau Insurance with second going to Winn & Co. Construction. In the C division, TKO Construction/Java Jungle took the trophy and Gem State Realty, Curtis Petes, and Glanbia all tied for second.

The ladies division ended in a co-championship with Donnelley's Sports and Crist & Sons/Stukenholz.

Tournament champions for the A/B division were Winn & Co. Construction and runner-up was Farm Bureau Insurance. B division champions were Dairy Feed Supply with second to Jay Bride C.P.A. Glanbia was the C division champion and Everton Bedrunners came in second. In the D division, Everton Maveleus Middles were champions and S&C Produce took second.

Crist & Sons/Stukenholz won the ladies tournament with Donnelley's Sports placing second.

CHEERS FOR CHEERLEADERS



The Robert Stuart Junior High eighth-grade cheerleaders took second place at the Idaho State Cheerleading Competition March 15 at the Idaho Center in Nampa. The team, pictured from left to right, are: Back row Andrea Loya, Mary Sandoval, Lauren Hartley, Kayla Williams, Lindsey Hartley, coach Denise Gasser, Chelci West, Chelsea Abramowski and McKalee Conrad. Front row Britany Barnes, Chelsea Eardmann.

CSI student loves bowling

College of Southern Idaho student Jake Smith loves bowling.

So much so, that you will find him competing in leagues at Jerome and Magic Bowls and in any area tournaments he can enter.

Adding to his fervor for the game, Smith works part-time at Magic Bowl.

He also takes lessons from professor Eddie Chappell at the Bowldrome.

Smith nearly "aced" a recent session, rolling pins of 299, 216 and 204 for a 719 series at Magic Bowl. And yes, that was a 299 game in there.

His average going into the day was a respectable 207. Not too shabby for someone who has only been bowling for three years. The ball he used for the series was a Track "Assassin."

Smith recently won a Division 6 tournament at the Pepsi regional series this past weekend. The victory puts him into the state finals in Coeur d'Alene May 3-4. He also recently won a Junior Gold tournament for a trip to the national tournament in St. Louis July 12-18.

A liberal arts major at CSI, Smith hails from Fairfield. His parents are Dina and Robert Smith. He is considering joining



the Pro Bowlers Tour. However, he says if that doesn't work out his next choices would be audio engineering or playing in a rock band.

Keep them rocking and rolling on the lanes, Jake!

Spares

Trophies for the Twin Falls Young American Bowling Alliance city tournament will be awarded to winners this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Everyone who played in the tournament should attend to receive your T-shirt from the YABA association.

Also Saturday, an adult/Junior Nap tournament will be held at the Bowldrome starting at 1 p.m.

Thelma's column appears regularly in YourSports. Contact her at 733-4357, by e-mail at tucker@magictlink.com or fax (208) 733-3197.

SUPER STUNT WORK



Robert Stuart Junior High's stunt team won the stunt portion of the Idaho State Cheerleading Competition March 15 at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Pictured from left, are: Lauren Hartley, Kayla Williams, Lindsey Hartley, and Chelsea Abramowski.

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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

Judge sets trial date in animal cruelty case

TWIN FALLS - A trial has been set for May 7 in the animal cruelty case against local dairyman Jack Tuls.

The date was set in a pretrial conference this week in Twin Falls. Tuls' attorney, Anthony Valdez, told 5th District Magistrate Judge Randy Stoker that Tuls will waive his right to a jury trial. Under this scenario, the judge will hear and decide the case.

Tuls was not present in court during this week's hearing but was represented by Valdez, who said he and his client have wrestled with the issue of pretrial publicity. The Idaho Department of Agriculture's investigation has been widely publicized, not just in the Magic Valley but throughout the state, Valdez said. He indicated that the amount of pretrial publicity ultimately led to the decision to waive Tuls' right to a jury trial.

Tuls, 60, has pleaded innocent to one count of animal cruelty. If he's found guilty, he faces a penalty ranging from a \$100 minimum fine to a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Tuls and his wife, Tillie, have publicly denied any mistreatment of their dairy animals, but an Ag Department investigation reported a series of problems at the Dutch Touch Dairy in August 2002.

Jack Tuls is serving a 100-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to a second misdemeanor drunken-driving charge.

Man returns safely after being reported missing

JEROME - A 41-year-old Jerome man listed as missing Tuesday returned home on his own early Wednesday, according to the Jerome County Sheriff's Office.

There had been an ongoing search for Robin Lee Blanc after he was reported missing. But Blanc showed up back at his house at about 7:30 a.m., according to the sheriff's office.

Group seeks help with planting brush for deer

TWIN FALLS - Members of the local chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation are seeking help in planting bitter brush on vital winter deer habitat Saturday.

Volunteers are welcome to join the group - which will gather at Indian Springs Road, 2900 N. 3500 E. in Twin Falls County at 8:30 a.m. to start planting the brush.

The planting is a combined effort between the Mule Deer Foundation, the U.S. Department of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The brush is a key source of winter forage for deer and will be planted in areas that have been burned.

The South Hills deer herd has increased to the point that Fish and Game is considering cutting hunting tags there by 40 percent, according to the Mule Deer Foundation.

Buhl, Gooding schools take \$368,000 in grants

NAMPANA - Buhl and Gooding school districts are among more than two dozen that will benefit from \$1.4 million in federal grants for after-school programs for children in low-income areas.

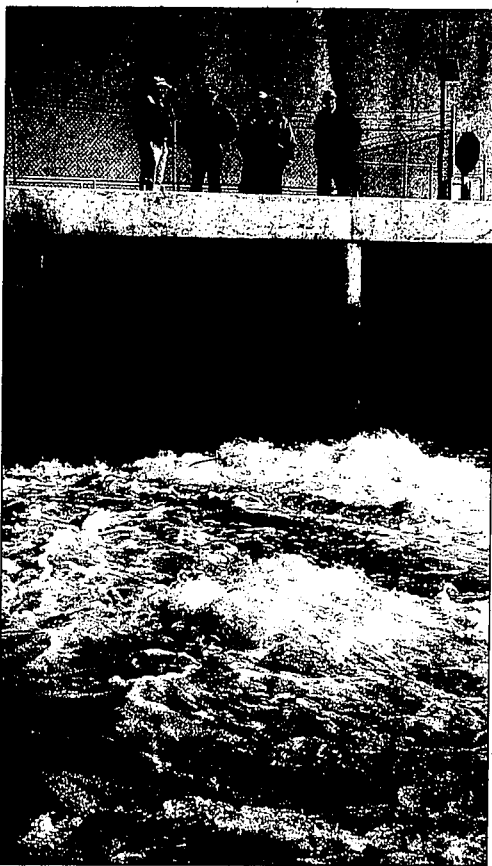
The grants will underwrite tutorial services, youth development activities, drug and violence prevention and other programs that can provide an academic boost to students.

The grants also provide services for parents including literacy and educational development. They are provided under the "No Child Left Behind Act."

Buhl will receive \$92,000 and Gooding, \$276,000. Other Idaho districts receiving the grants are: Caldwell, \$184,000; Snake River, \$77,500; Nampa, \$157,205; Oneida, \$99,430; Parma - \$132,700; Grangeville, \$210,000; and Lippell, \$101,800.

Compiled from staff wire reports

Irrigation water flows



Board members from the Twin Falls Canal Co. watch the first water of the new irrigation season rush down the Highline Canal on Wednesday. Officials say this water year should be a little better than last year for many irrigators, but caution there are too many uncertainties to say for sure.

Water supply appears mixed for irrigators

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

HANSEN - The rushing water sounded refreshing Wednesday as Twin Falls Canal Co. raised the headgates at the Highline Canal and began filling the delivery channel that carries irrigation water to local farms.

Magic Valley news media came out to record the ritual that serves to publicly announce the start of the irrigation season. The canal company turned water into its system April 1 at Miner Dam. Over the past week the water has slowly spread some 25 miles to "The Forks," where the Highline and Lowline canals diverge from the Mainline Canal south of Hansen.

The sky was blue and clear enough and the temperatures and breezes mild enough Wednesday to enjoy sweeping views of the valley all the way to the white northern mountains.

Over the next week or so, farmers will begin putting in water orders, and deliveries will reach the full Twin Falls canal system by April 21.

Abundant snowfall in March helped make up for a dry winter in some areas. Nearly double the average precipitation fell at the Snake River's headwaters in March. That boosted the snowpack above Palisades and Jackson Lake reservoirs to levels higher than last year, when it was about 80 percent of average at the beginning of April. This year it is 93 percent of average.

Still, canal company board member John Honick of Buhl said it is shaping up to be a water year similar to 2002.

"That was marginal but enough to get by. After three years of dry winters, reservoirs are depleted, and little storage water has been carried over into the 2003 growing season.

Ironically enough, when it comes time to eke out a living on the desert, water is one of the more reliable factors for Twin Falls farmers.

"The water is stable on this tract," said Dan Shewmaker, a canal company board member.

Lagging commodity prices are a bigger concern for farmers trying to remain viable, he said.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. owns a key water right at American Falls, where natural springs feed the river. That helps to insulate Twin Falls irrigators when the

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	95%	91%
Salmon Falls	87%	84%
Salmon	102%	99%
Oakley	58%	56%
Big Wood	93%	87%
Little Wood	98%	93%
Henny Fork/Teton	85%	81%
Big Lost	92%	89%
Little Lost	77%	73%

As of April 8

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

Commissioners hear first of many pitches for new jail

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In what will probably be the first of many pitches to the county, the Twin Falls County Commission Wednesday heard from representatives of a Texas company on possible ideas for a new jail.

The commissioners visited for about a half-hour with representatives of the Dallas-based HKS

Inc. architectural firm. What the county will need first is a solid set of plans, said HKS Vice President Johnny Luttrull. "They are in the process of trying to define the job," he said. The commission, Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley and others have long sought a way to roughly double the capacity of the county's jail - which

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Paraglider dies after bad landing

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - An experienced 29-year-old paraglider pilot was killed Wednesday when he missed the designated landing area and plunged hard into the Big Wood River at the base of Bald Mountain.

Bystanders dragged Christopher Newman from the river and administered CPR on him until the arrival of Ketchum Fire Department paramedics. Newman had "obvious trauma" and cardiac arrest, accord-

ing to Ketchum Fire Chief Greg Schwab. Emergency personnel cut a surgical airway to Newman's throat to assist breathing, Schwab said.

Newman then was moved to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, from where he was to be airlifted to Boise. But he couldn't be revived and the helicopter was cancelled.

Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel said Wednesday night a decision had not been made on whether to conduct an autopsy.

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T.F. Centennial Commission selects winning art project

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - After a winner was named on Wednesday, the Twin Falls Centennial

Commission voted unanimously to accept the winning proposal representing the city's past 100 years. And the winner is ... still in the dark - until Saturday, when the

winning announcement will be made public. As part of a lasting legacy arts project, Idaho artists were invited to enter an art contest by submitting applications of art-

work ideas - along with budget estimates for the proposed project - to the Magic Valley Arts Council.

At 5 p.m. while a special panel of

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Hailey artist's painted egg goes to Washington to represent Idaho

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The Easter Bunny need not worry about leaving an egg at the White House this year. Hailey artist Gianna Parsons Lagergren has that covered in a spectacular way.

Lagergren was commissioned by the American Egg Board to paint a scene of Idaho on the surface of a hollow chicken egg for a display of eggs representing each state. The eggs will be displayed at the White House for four weeks and then moved to the Presidential Library for permanent display. Lagergren will make her presentation this week in a ceremony presided over by first lady Laura Bush.

The egg, which Lagergren has titled

"The Heart of Idaho," depicts two Labrador retrievers chasing after geese and a bald eagle against the backdrop of the Sawtooth Mountains near Stanley. The egg also depicts the Salmon River, syringas, aspens, pines and wildflowers.

"It's very exciting, very exciting to have a piece of art displayed in a presidential library, although it's a little bit stressful coming when the White House is engaged in war," Lagergren said. Lagergren, who has lived in the Wood River Valley since 1971, traces her artistic genius in part to good genes. Her great aunt, Ethel Parsons Paulin, who taught Lagergren to draw the proportions of the head at age 8, was among the first women to be listed in "Who's

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Gianna Lagergren shows how tiny the egg she painted for the White House is compared to the bigger paintings she usually works with.

America at war

Serving their country

Profiles of servicemen and women and local ties who are deployed to Iraq and the Middle East. Information supplied by their families.



Arlo G. (JR) Lott Jr.

- Age: 22
- Hometown: Jerome
- Local family: Parents Arlo G. and Kathi Lott
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, October 2001
- Rank, assignment: Lance Cpl., G Co., 2nd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Iraq
- Task: Infantry, assigned to the SAW (Squads Automatic Weapon)
- Additional information: He's on the move in Iraq, serving with the highly decorated 25.



Dustin Cureton

- Age: 23
- Hometown: Wendell.
- Local family: Wife, Janine Cureton
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, March 1999.
- Rank, assignment: Sergeant, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines Lima Co., machine gunner, Iraq.
- Task: Infantryman.
- Additional information: His battalion is with the 1st Marine Division on the front lines in Iraq.

- Compiled by Ann 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 Sharon Barnes at 733-3259 or e-mail sharbn@hotmail.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

MAGIC VALLEY

Expanded subsidized children's health care gains OK; budget questions remain

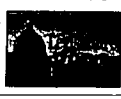
BOISE (AP) — Health care for thousands of Idaho children from working-poor families got final legislative approval on Wednesday, but a resolution to the budget crisis continued to elude lawmakers.

Senate-Republicans-emerged from a three-hour closed caucus, their second in as many days, without any evidence of a consensus on a tax package that would underwrite an acceptable 2004 state budget.

"We are currently on a path that has adjournment quite a ways away from today," GOP Floor Leader Bart Davis of Idaho Falls said.

Only hours earlier, the Senate unanimously voted to extend some coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program to children of families with incomes below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

The bill, which now goes to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, also sets up a pilot project providing the same coverage for up to 1,000 adults and spouses employed by small businesses without health



subsidized health insurance program and Medicaid, various organizations say 50,000 to 65,000 children are without insurance around the state.

Idaho's chronically uninsured population has been put at about 210,000 adults and children.

The legislation builds on programs that now provide coverage for more than 12,000 children from working families with incomes below \$28,000 for a family of four. Medicaid covers another 87,000 children from families with incomes below 153 percent

of the federal poverty level — less than \$20,000 for a family of four. The new group of children — those who have previously been ineligible for CHIP but still qualify for free or reduced-price school lunches — would be beneficiaries of a \$100-a-month state payment toward private insurance coverage.

The same monthly contribution would be made under the pilot program for adults who work in businesses with no more than 50 employees. The business would pay half the cost of any insurance coverage.

"This hits right at the heart of the uninsured population," Cameron said. "Anything we can do will save us money in the long run."

Democratic Sen. Elliot Werk, of Boise, said the state and counties are currently paying more than \$15 million a year for medical care for people who do not qualify for existing subsidized programs and hospitals are writing off millions of dollars more in bills they cannot collect from patients too poor to pay them.

Panel passes bill to divide schools suit

BOISE — The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday passed legislation that would divide a long-standing class-action lawsuit brought by a number of school districts against the state.

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

Two years ago, 4th District Judge Deborah Bell declared Idaho's system for funding school construction unconstitutional, and ordered the Legislature to fix several bills providing various avenues for funding to have passed, but at least seven districts say the problem remains unresolved.

The bill would disband the class-action aspect of the suit and force the school districts into one of the seven judicial district courts around the state.

Legislature in brief

The bill passed on a voice vote after a Democratic-led move to kill it failed 5-15.

Senate plans to consider wolf management status

BOISE — The full Senate will consider whether to authorize the state to begin taking over management of protected gray wolves from the federal government.

Under the bill, managing wolves would be responsibility of the governor's Office of Species Conservation and the Fish and Game Commission. Idaho's wolves currently are managed by the Nez Perce Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Greg Schindler, policy adviser for the governor's Office of Species Conservation, estimated that his office would receive

about one third of the \$1.3 million to be divided up among Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Wolves were reintroduced in Idaho 1995, when 35 were brought from Canada to Central Idaho.

About 280 wolves are in Idaho today.

Legislation would revive local-option sales taxes

BOISE — The full House will consider legislation prompted by northern Idaho lawmakers to revive the concept of local-option sales taxes.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee approved a bill that allows county residents, with a two-thirds vote, to impose a local half-cent sales tax.

Backers said the idea of taxing tourists to help pay for the impacts they cause is so popular in Kootenai County that the confidence of getting two-thirds support from voters.

— compiled from wire services

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Sent to Governor

H365 (State Affairs) — Requires statements of previous coverage provided free on replacement group and blanket disability insurance contracts.

H376 (Ways and Means)

Extends subsidized health care to children of families with incomes between 150 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

S1051 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Prohibits denial of health insurance coverage because

applicant participates in skiing and other recreational pastimes.

S1083 (Commerce and Human Resources) — Authorizes State Board of Education regulation of deferred compensation programs for more than 100 eligible employees.

Services

Elsie Martech of Paul, service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Congregational Church; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church and from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Fred 'Buck' Buckendorf of Idaho Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Calvary Baptist Church, 785 E. First St.; family will visit with friends one hour before the service today at the church, burial noon Friday in the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Wood Funeral Home, Idaho Falls).

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

Teresa Carson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today 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 Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

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

James Albert Pruett of Bliss, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Elkwood Cemetery, Gooding (Demaray Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Theron A. Jones of Twin Falls, graveside service at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday at Olsen-Myers Funeral Home, 305 S. First E., Brigham City (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Vivian May Brown of Eden, service at 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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.

Terrance A. Gully of Coeur

d'Alene, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenleaf Friends Church.

Miles E. Tracy of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 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 W. Main St., Burley and from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Don E. Drew of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will be in the Paul Cemetery with military rites by local veterans; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Madford Wayne Roland TWIN FALLS — Madford Wayne Roland, 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. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Joseph Grant Carson HUNTINGTON, Ore. — Joseph Grant Carson, 79, of Huntington, Ore., died Monday, April 7, 2003, at home.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2003, at the Ontario Lienkaemper Chapel. Interment will follow at Homedale-Marsing Cemetery.

Darlene Maynard METZ, Mo. — Darlene Maynard, 68, of Metz, Mo., at her home following a lengthy illness.

The service was held Tuesday, April 8, 2003, at Ferry Funeral Home in Nevada, Mo., with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Interment followed in Pryor Creek Cemetery in Metz, Mo. Memorial contributions may be sent to Nevada Hospice in care of Nevada Regional Medical Center or Ferry Funeral Home, 301 S. Washington, Nevada, MO 64772.

Geneva O. Hampton GLENNS FERRY — Geneva O. Hampton, 87, of Glenns Ferry died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at a Boise hospital.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints in Glenns Ferry.

Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Mariano G. Herrera PAUL — Mariano G. Herrera, 66, of Paul died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2003, at the Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 E. St., with Father, Henry Carmo officiating. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 7-8 p.m. and one hour before the service, Friday at the church.

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

Roberta J. (Bobby June) Claiborne-Braham-Olson CLINE, Ill. — Roberta J. (Bobby June) Claiborne-Braham-Olson, 65, of Gurnee, Ill., and formerly of Jerome, died Sunday, April 6, 2003, at home.

The service will be held at 12 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Dewayne Bowlin KIMBERLY — Dewayne Bowlin, 68, of Kimberly died Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0932, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 9 p.m. every day.

BURLEY

1927. The family moved to Boise in 1937.

Her best memories were her years as a 9th grade driver and Chaffeur at Gowen Field during WWII. She and Wayne started their own shoe store in Twin Falls and retired to the Sawtooth Valley for eleven years, finally returning to Boise. Wayne passed away in 1992 and she was cared for herself until her death.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Darwin and Roberta Patterson of Star, her granddaughters Pam (Steve) Spickelmeier, Sara (Dave) Resor, and Laurie (Darren) Finch, a grandchild Patrick (Grady) Patterson, eight great-grandchildren, Jared, Annie and Kaly, Cody and Jordan Morgan, Tori, and Andrew; two great-grand-grandchildren, Aiyah and Cameron.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Spencer Shroeder and her husband Wayne.

At her request no services will be held. Cremation is under the direction of the Aiden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. Inurnment will be at Dry Creek Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS

Following her husband's death in 1994, Esther moved to Boise to be near her daughter and many of her grandchildren. She was a member of the Bel Air Ward of the LDS Church. She enjoyed the latter part of the lives, and gained many wonderful friends.

1999 she moved to Hillcrest Retirement Center where she met her husband's friends and friends, including a special friend, Helen Muser. She was a great example to her family and to anyone who knew her. She served in various positions on the board, including president. She was well known for her beautiful

home. Her greatest joy was being a mother and grandmother, but she also loved to read. She was very involved with "The Literary Art Circle" in Twin Falls where she served in various positions on the board, including president. She was well known for her beautiful

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BOISE

Pauline Patterson

Pauline Patterson, 93, of Boise, died Monday, April 7, 2003 in a Boise hospital of natural causes. Pauline was born February 1, 1910, at Rupert, Idaho, to Hattie May and Alfred Shroeder. She was married to her first husband and cared for by her brother, Arthur Patterson, August 29, 1928. Her son Darwin was born April 22,

1937. The family moved to Boise in 1937.

Her best memories were her years as a 9th grade driver and Chaffeur at Gowen Field during WWII. She and Wayne started their own shoe store in Twin Falls and retired to the Sawtooth Valley for eleven years, finally returning to Boise. Wayne passed away in 1992 and she was cared for herself until her death.

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Attorney general pans forest plan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's top law enforcement official is joining critics of a Bush administration policy that would reduce environmental reviews for logging and commercial activities in national forests.

The proposal "will severely undermine what the Forest Service has accomplished in forest planning over the last quarter century," Attorney General Bill Lockyer said in comments Tuesday to the U.S. Forest Service.

Lockyer is also objecting to administration plans for four other forest management proposals. He joins other California Democrats led by Gov. Gray Davis in opposing the Bush administration's environmental policies.

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Kimberly man asks city for storage use

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The City Council heard a request by Darren Beil this week to use the lot occupied by the water tower for a storage yard.

He said he would install a security fence and control the weeds on the property if he could use the yard to park his business vehicles.

The council will study the proposal and bring it back for consideration at a later date.

Other council business included:

- **Truck traffic** — The council and residents discussed the use of Irwin, Maxine, Center and Main streets for through truck traffic. The issue will be further discussed at a future meeting.
- **Dog ordinance** — The council approved an amendment to the dog ordinance which adds a

clause pertaining to court costs for dog owners who are repeat offenders.

- **Land donation** — The J.R. Simplot Co. has donated a small parcel of land located on U.S. Highway 30 between the Mountain West Trading seed brokerage and the Western Feed company to the city.
- **Fire report** — Fire Chief Burl Duncan said there were eight incidents in March: The Rock Creek Fire District responded to a car fire, a motor vehicle accident, a power pole fire, a brush/grass fire and two public service investigation calls; there was also a motor home fire in Kimberly.

The department conducted four normal drills during March totaling 124 staff hours of training. The drills focused on apparatus equipment, pump operations and pump panel knowledge.

Judge binds escape suspect Fite over to district court

The Times-News

BURLEY — A man charged with attempting to break out of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center was bound over to district court Monday after waiving his preliminary hearing in magisterial court in Cassia County.

Tommy Fite, 26, was charged with escape from and injury to jail by Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus.

The charges stem from Fite's actions in November when he allegedly dug a hole in a wall in a jail cell, using pieces of a hacksaw he'd smuggled into jail. He's also accused of damaging a stool in the jail cell by detaching it from the floor and using the hole created by that action to hide illicit tools. Court documents also state he damaged a hood by sewing part of the bed leg off and then somehow turning that piece of material into a chisel.

Fite's alleged actions occurred

when he was jailed in Burley pending prosecution on a Twin Falls County case.

Last week Fite was sentenced in district court in Twin Falls County to 15 to 30 years in prison on charges stemming from a standoff-fist-fighter at the Motel III in Twin Falls. Fite pleaded guilty to one count of assaulting a police officer and a count of illegal possession of a destructive device.

District Judge Nathan Higer ordered Fite's sentence to be served consecutively to a 4 1/2-year sentence which Fite received earlier this year on a fraud conviction.

Fite also faces another charge in Twin Falls County. He is charged with possessing a weapon while in jail.

He allegedly took some of the hacksaw blades he had in the Burley jail with him when he was transferred back to the Twin Falls jail.

Heyburn decides to raise garbage rates

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Basic garbage rates went up by 25 cents for Heyburn residents Wednesday night.

Effective with billing sent at the end of May, garbage rates will be \$5.75 per month per residence. The current rate is \$5.50. The rate for a second container increased 10 cents, from \$1.30 to \$1.40.

Mayor Cleo Chaney said rates were increased to the city from P&I, the company that picks up the garbage within the city.

Other council business included:

- **Police report** — Bike safety and registration day is set for May 17 with activities running

from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., said Police Chief George Warrell III. Officers will be at the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce to record bicycle serial numbers. If a bike is stolen or recovered, officers can more easily track the bicycle and hopefully get it back to the owner, Warrell said.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and prizes, including a new bike, will be given away throughout the event.

Warrell also noted graduation day is coming for fifth-graders in the DARE program. Those who complete the program are treated to a T-shirt and movie.

Warrell said he's not sure if the program works but said, "We're trying. I guess it's kind of hard to track."

The program helps form a positive relationship between the students and officers, Warrell said. Students often give tips that lead to arrests.

The department is also set to create a protocol for working with schools when children are missing. Warrell said school officials often know the missing child's friends and places they might hang out.

Police major — Chaney reported Minidoka County officials had burned weeds near the pond at exit 208. City crews will pick up and get rid of heavy and large items on the property.

There are also a number of aluminum cans on the property, Chaney noted if scout troops or other organizations wanted a project to earn cash, they would be welcome to pick up the cans

and sell them.

- **Minico support** — The council agreed to give \$100 to the Minico High School senior celebration.
- **Community support** — Chaney also asked council members and Heyburn residents think about supporting projects in surrounding towns.

The Renaissance Arts Center is holding its first dinner, auction and fund-raiser on Friday, Chaney said, and Families at Play, creating Storybook Park in Burley, is raising money for its project, too.

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Centennial

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judges selected the final artwork selections, the winning entry was made with the help of John Q. Public.

According to the commission's executive director, Bonnie Lezamis, the winner's name will be announced during a morning ceremony at 10 Saturday at the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center parking lot — near the south side of the Snake River canyon rim.

All of the centennial artists are being invited to attend, Lezamis said.

In other recent centennial commission business, Magic Valley Mall Manager Brent White said mall officials were pleased to have been invited to host the Centennial Ball on New

Year's Eve 2003.

However, since this is a community event, organizers want to ensure the event's safety by having a visible security presence, given that as many as 10,000 people are expected to attend.

More, at the centennial commission desires, and if proper licensing is in place, the mall will permit alcohol to be served in a controlled manner, "in a designated beer garden" placed in the rear of the food court and removed from family areas. There would be a two-drink limit.

An update from Doug Maughan on centennial sponsorship are as follows:

- **First Federal Savings Bank** — The bank will have become the first platinum level business sponsors of the Twin

Falls centennial celebration in 2004. Each business has pledged at least \$50,000 to support the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's plans.

Sponsorships for businesses and other major donors are divided into four categories. Platinum sponsorship starts at \$50,000, gold at \$25,000, silver at \$10,000, and bronze at \$5,000.

Some of the money from these sponsorships will be used to create overlooks, benches, plaques or other memorials to the sponsor along the canyon rim trail, which will be extended from Shoshone Falls to the Level Knives jump site. The commission is also looking into creating similar legacies at other locations, such as near the grain silos in historic Old Town.

The rest of the money raised from the sponsorships will be used to enhance existing Twin Falls celebrations during the 2004 centennial year.

Fund-raisers aimed at general public participation will be initiated just as soon as details are worked out.

The commission is working on plans to sell brick-sized pavers with the names of donors engraved on them. These pavers will be installed along the canyon rim trail, around the art project, and possibly in other sections of the city. The commission also hopes to sell specially designed centennial merchandise, including shirts, hats and mugs are currently on sale at the Magic Valley Mall and will eventually be available at other locations.

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Water

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high mountain snowpack is light, although the drought can also affect spring flows. Twin Falls irrigators rely on some upstream storage water at Jackson Lake.

Northside Canal Co. is following the same start-up time frame as Twin Falls. But in deliveries at a full share, Northside will begin deliveries at 80 percent of a full share. That is better than last year's start at 60 percent of a full share.

Unlike the Twin Falls Canal Co., the Northside Canal Co. is heavily reliant on upper Snake River reservoirs for its water supply because of its water rights.

Significant irrigation storages are expected in basins south of the Snake River, water supply specialists with the Natural Resources Conservation Service say. Oakley and Salmon Falls canal companies hinged at snowpacks about half of average. A wet spring and summer would help but this late in the season won't increase the amount of reservoir water available.

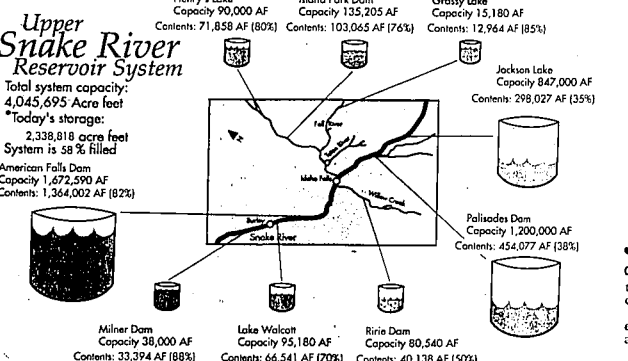
While the Big Wood Basin above Hailey has a near-normal snowpack, lower-elevation snow-

packs melted early and didn't rebound. Streamflow forecasts for Magic Reservoir are not quite two-thirds of average. River runners will see good

offerings on the Salmon River, water supply specialists say. March precipitation in the central mountains was 150 percent of average, raising the snowpack

to normal levels.

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Paraglider

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Newman, who came to the Ketchum area several months ago from Seaside, Ore., was known for his skill and safety-conscious flying and had made thousands of paraglider flights, said Chuck Smith, owner of Fly Sun Valley. Newman worked for the company carrying sightseers on 17 tandem paraglider flights from the top of Bald Mountain.

Smith said Newman also had been a bush pilot in Alaska and had a commercial pilot's license.

What happened during Newman's flight is a mystery, Smith said, adding that he was trying to locate another paraglider pilot airborne at the time of Newman's mishap to determine if it was a coincidence.

Smith said he believes

Newman's paraglider "wings" — the parachute canopy from which pilots are suspended — was properly deployed and inflated at the time he hit the water.

But the traumatic injuries that the coroner and fire department paramedics said Newman suffered indicate a very hard crash. Landing in the water rather than the paraglider landing zone adjoining the River Run old lift parking lot also indicates the paraglider had lost control.

"He was on a recreational flight," Smith said, "and had inflated it, was in the air, and leaping off the 9,150-foot summit of Bald Mountain, Sun Valley's main old mountain, from the River Run side."

Paragliding has become a popular sport in Sun Valley since

being inaugurated 15 years ago with approval of the U.S. Forest Service and the Sun Valley Company, which has a long-term lease on Bald Mountain for skiing.

Newman's death was the first fatal accident in tens of thousands of flights, Smith said.

Sightseers strapped to a pilot on a tandem flight can take in breathtaking views of the area while slowly making the 3,400-foot circling descent to the landing.

For the past several years in March, the Sun Valley Paraglider Club has held a major competition which attracts the sport's best pilots from around the country. Contestants must run from the base of Baldy to the top, then fly back to the base in the fastest

time and come closest to hitting a small ground target when landing.

At one time, former U.S. Sen. John Kerry, who has a home near Ketchum, trained to become a paraglider pilot. Smith said Kerry's Senate schedule prevented him from having enough time to complete training.

Some confusion surrounds the accident investigation. Although Lou Sanders of the Boise office of the Federal Aviation Administration, said paragliders are not under the jurisdiction of the FAA and the accident therefore wouldn't be investigated, the Ketchum fire department said an FAA inspector was en route to Ketchum.

Smith said that paragliding is not regulated by the FAA.

Jail

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they contend is chronically overcrowded.

Voters last year jointly rejected a bond issue proposal to fund a new jail.

With the latest round of plans, the county is basically starting from scratch, Commissioner Bill Brockman said. About the only thing clear at this point is where the new jail might be built — just west of the current one.

There isn't yet a clear estimate of how much money would be needed for a new jail or how much operating costs would be if and when it goes up, Brockman said.

The county hasn't yet made any deals with or paid any money to HKS or any other company, Brockman said.

The commission next week will open numerous responses from other companies to a request for qualifications," Brockman said.

The county recently sent out a request for proposals to contractors and architects and got a surprising response, Commissioner Tom Mikesell said. "I think we got at least 20 back so far."

It was purely coincidental that the HKS spokesmen got in to talk to the commission before any other companies, Brockman said. "The county right now isn't favoring any company's ideas over any others."

The HKS representatives were

already in Twin Falls helping with a project at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, he said, and asked to pay a visit to the commission about the jail proposal.

Once all the ideas have been heard and reviewed, the commission might pick one and award a planning contract, but there's no deadline for that yet, Mikesell said.

It's not even clear yet if the county can afford a new jail, Brockman said. But money the county now pays to have overflow inmates housed in other counties would go a long way, he said.

During the 2002 calendar year, the county spent \$455,000 housing inmates elsewhere, and that bill is expected to continue growing, Mikesell said. That money could be redirected toward buying off the lease on a new jail, Brockman said.

And to help ease overcrowding in the long run, the county hopes to build more than just holding cells with the new jail, Brockman said. A substance abuse treatment center and work-release center might also be included.

As much as 85 percent of the county's crime can be linked to drug abuse, he said.

"We've got to find a way to stop this revolving door of people coming back to us and ending up again because of drugs," Brockman said.

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Boise couple dies after shootout with police

Suspects lead officers on chase over airport runways

BOISE (AP) — Two suspected armed robbers were killed Wednesday after leading police on a high-speed, running gun battle across runways at the Boise Airport in the middle of the night.

No passenger flights were affected. Killed were Milton Sanchez, 40, of Boise and his wife, Melody, 32. Police Chief Don Pierce said he was unsure if the two were killed by officers' bullets. "We don't know if officers fired the fatal shots. There's the

possibility at least one of the individuals died from a self-inflicted gunshot," he said. Results from ballistic tests were not available Wednesday. Investigators believe the couple had robbed a Boise restaurant on March 29. Melody Sanchez was a former employee there and workers identified her. The two also are thought to have robbed the Sally Beauty Supply on April 5.

Pierce said an informant alerted police the couple would try to rob the same restaurant early Wednesday. Officers tried to stop them at a gas station, but a high-speed chase ensued.

Pierce said officers later slowed down for safety reasons, and the couple also slowed before opening fire on the patrol cars.

"It appears by the evidence he didn't want the pursuit to be ended and wanted to engage the officers," Pierce said. "When they tried to terminate the pursuit, he escalated the situation by firing shots."

The couple shot at squad cars as they drove through residential and commercial areas of the city. One bullet took out a back window in a police car, but none of the six officers were injured.

When the Sanchezes reached the airport, they broke through a fence and ran across several runways and taxi-ways. One plane was on approach to land, but was kept at a safe distance away.

No airline traffic was operating out of the airport at the time. "If this had happened two hours earlier, it could have been catastrophic," said Mike

Johnson, airport police chief. "One air taxi was coming onto the taxiway and saw the lights and got out of the way."

The exchange of gunfire with police continued until the vehicle stopped outside a passenger garage. Police rammed the suspects' car and fired one round into it.

Melody Sanchez was pronounced dead at the scene. Milton Sanchez was taken to a Boise hospital where he later died.

Airport operations were back to normal before the first scheduled passenger flight around 6 a.m.

All six officers have been placed on three-day administrative leave while the incident is reviewed by the Critical Incident Task Force.

Officials sign pact aimed at settling road disputes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt signed an agreement Wednesday that they said would bring a close to years of disputes and litigation over ownership of roads that cross federal land.

Leavitt called the agreement a defining moment for rural Utah. "Hopefully it will be an example of how large-scale environmental problems can be solved," he said.

Environmental groups criticized the agreement, saying it lets the state and counties pave dirt tracks through pristine areas of Utah.

"They're leaving loopholes in here wide enough for a bulldozer to drive through," said Heidi McIntosh, an attorney with the

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

The agreement seeks to settle disputes stemming from a Civil War-era mining law. Revised Statute 2477 — which guaranteed states and counties the use of highways across federal land.

The law was repealed in 1976, but states and counties were assured continued use of roads that existed before that time. However, records of roads were scattered and there were disagreements across the West over whether wandering dirt paths qualified as roads.

Use of the roads was important for ranchers and off-road enthusiasts, but environmentalists wanted the federal government to close the roads to protect sensitive areas.

Amenities can boost Indian gaming, officials say

PHOENIX (AP) — Adding water parks, gas stations and miniature golf courses near Indian casinos can lengthen stays and generate more money for tribes, officials said at a national Indian gambling conference Wednesday.

Theme-based attractions are part of a wider trend in the casino industry which made more than 50 percent of its profits from non-gambling sources in 2002, business leaders said.

"A lot of the casinos are expanding, adding and renovating. We're looking at this as being a growth industry for the future," said Matthew S. Robinson, founder of Klas Robinson, a Minneapolis-based consulting firm.

Although water parks can cost up to several million dollars, even smaller projects can keep casino money cycling in a reser-



Martin Baird, standing, of Robison and Associates Marketing Management, talks to casino management employees about employee rewards during a workshop at the National Indian Gaming Association Trade Show and Convention in Phoenix.

vation economy and add to a resort's overall quality. "We have a gas station, but we want to make it bigger and we

want to do it right," said Tom Tegarden, chief executive officer of Acoma Business Enterprises.

Tegarden's tribe, the Pueblo of Acoma, operate the Sky City Casino and Hotel in New Mexico.

He and Earl J. Hansen, executive director of the Yurok Tribe's Economic Development Corp., were among 3,000 industry leaders who attended the annual convention of the National Indian Gaming Association which ended Wednesday.

"We're definitely looking at a service station project. The case is the first thing, but we are also looking for a quick-serve restaurant and a convenience store," Hansen said.

In addition to service stations, miniature golf courses and laser tag are other low-cost options which can also add to a casino's draw, said Christopher B. Foster, director of sales and marketing for COST Inc.

State seeks reversal of appellate court ruling

BOISE (AP) — State prosecutors urged the Idaho Supreme Court on Wednesday to reinstate the first-degree murder conviction of a Pinchburg man who allegedly killed the bail bondsman trying to take him back to jail.

The attorney general's office urged the justices to reject the conclusion of the unanimous three-judge Court of Appeals.

The appeals court found that Billy Sheahan was victimized by improperly admitted evidence and a faulty jury instruction that made it easier to prove he killed bail bondsman Darrell

Perquist. The killing, Sheahan had pointed a gun at a uniformed police officer who appeared at his house at night looking for a juvenile curfew violator. Sheahan lowered the gun and slammed the door after recognizing that it was an officer.

The appellate court held that the earlier incident involving a uniformed police officer who was outside the house cannot be equated to the Perquist incident, in which the bail bondsman was inside the house when he was killed.

Without evidence of the earlier gun incident, the appeals court said reasonable doubt about Sheahan's guilt could be suggested.

Sheahan pointed to a broken window in his house and a pipe near Perquist's body to support his self-defense claim. Prosecutors argued that because the pipe had no fingerprints on it, Sheahan put it near the body to make it look like Perquist had been armed.

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The internship is limited to students who attended high school in the Magic Valley or Wood River Valley.

If you are interested, send a resume, reference list and representative samples of your work to: Mary Karren, Human Resources Coordinator, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303. Deadline is Tuesday.

Valley in brief

Three speakers are scheduled to offer presentations. At 11:30 a.m., Janet Smith will speak about emergency preparedness. Jennie Koch will speak about dressing professionally at 12:30 p.m.

An informal fashion show will coincide with Koch's presentation. And at 1 p.m., Afton May will discuss self-esteem.

Admission is \$10 a person. Tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the event, or in advance at either the chamber office or The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau at 1263 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Southern Utah slide show is today in Ketchum

KETCHUM — Bob Brister of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance will host a multi-media slide show of Southern Utah's Red Rock Wilderness at 7:30 p.m. today at the Clarion Inn Conference Room next to the

Rustic Moose Restaurant.

The area is a unique land where the Green and Colorado rivers and rock pinnacles, hoodoos and spires come together. They are not part of a national park or recreation area and so get far fewer visitors than Moab and other better-known areas.

Admission is \$5 for Environmental Resource Center members, \$10 for others and free for those 12 and under.

St. Luke's accepts apps for pet therapy program

KETCHUM — St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center is accepting applications for a new pet therapy program.

The first training program will begin in May and will be conducted by Therapy Dogs Incorporated, a nonprofit organization with more than 4,000 members across the country.

Dogs must be at least 1 year old, have annual physical examinations and be up-to-date on their vaccinations. They must also be clean, friendly and fond

of socializing.

Handlers must be 16 or over, personable and willing to attend two of three observation dates scheduled for May 3, 10 and 17.

They must also attend each of the training sessions held on June 7 and 8, 14 and 15, and 21 and 22, during which time dogs will be made familiar with food smells and sharp or unfamiliar noises and equipment inherent in a hospital environment.

Pet visits are designed to help patients, visitors and staff relax. They've been shown to lower blood pressure and provide stress relief and pain management without additional medications, said Kathleen Loughney, director of Patient Care Services.

St. Luke's Boise hospital has offered pet therapy for several years.

For information, call Nancy Mulvey, director of Volunteer Services, at 727-8407. — compiled from staff reports

Success seminars, lunch will take place in Burley

BURLEY — A success seminar and lunch for businesswomen is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Sponsored by The Times-News and the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, the event is designed to offer women tips to be more successful in the business world. It's held in conjunction with Administrative Professionals Day.

People may attend for the full four hours, or just an hour if that's all their schedules permit. Lunch will be served and 19 booths will be set up the entire time. Participants may visit the booths at their own pace.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

- Misdemeanor arraignments
1) Gary Holbert, 21, 1502 S. Lewis, Boise; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
2) Alvin Lopez, 37, 436 W. St. W., Tropic; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Br. S. Shoshone; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
2) Richard Wayne Skelton, 30, 185 Adams, Twin Falls; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; driving negligently; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor dismissals

- 1) Brian Keith Mendon, 28, 3164 N. 2020 E., Wendell; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor.

Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Lula Goldberger, 19, 250 E. Orchard, Hagerman; dog nuisance; feeding; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil filings

Glendale Construction vs. Rod Edwards and Ted Eklund, individually and as Triple E Contractors; \$127,230 plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for concrete purchased on an open account.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Zachary Henry Stone. Seeking determination that defendant is the father of Dillon Wayne Stone. \$157 monthly support, plus 57 percent of child's medical expenses; \$330 attorney fees.

Divorces

Matthew S. Schroeder vs. Shantell M. Schroeder.
Improperly equipped; \$10.50 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Civil filings

Citibank South Dakota vs. Roger D. George. \$5,101.23, plus interest; attorney fees of \$600 if contested. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for dressed payment of credit and pursuant of an account agreement.

Divorces

Denise Simone Wilton vs. Russell Robert Wilson. Christopher K. Willis vs. Jamie M. Willis.

In major twist, Atlanta judge sides with intruder idea in Ramsey case

B DENVER (AP) - For more than six years, John and Patsy Ramsey have insisted an intruder crept into their home and killed their 6-year-old daughter JonBenet while police and even Colorado's governor kept them under an "umbrella of suspicion."
Now a civil judge in Atlanta and the Boulder district attorney say the parents may have been right all along, agreeing that the weight of the evidence is more consistent with the intruder theory.

The statements represent a significant twist in a case that has been splashed across newspapers and television programs since 1996. The Ramseys' attorney believed the parents have been lied to.
"I think it should be viewed as an exoneration of the Ramseys," said L. Lin Wood of Atlanta, where the parents now live. "It's

a clear signal the investigation is not going to focus on John and Patsy Ramsey."

Legal analysts aren't so sure. And they are divided on whether the case will ever be solved.
"With each passing week, let alone each passing month, let alone each passing year of a case, statistically there's less of a chance a case will be solved," said Scott Robinson, a Denver defense lawyer who has followed the case from the start.
Early on Dec. 26, 1996, Patsy Ramsey called 911 and reported finding a ransom note on the back stairs demanding \$118,000 in exchange for JonBenet's life. Hours later, John Ramsey found his daughter's beaten, strangled body in the basement of their upscale Boulder home.
The parents came under early suspicion, but a grand jury investigation ended without indictments and there was high-profile squabbling between prosecutors

and police, who were accused of botching the case.

After declining to appoint a special prosecutor to the case in 1999, Gov. Bill Owens accused the Ramseys of hiding behind their attorneys.
The case appeared to be cold until District Attorney Mary Keenan took it over in December. In a letter to Wood, she said police had done an exhaustive investigation of the Ramseys as potential suspects and her office would pursue new, or previously unchecked leads.
The intruder theory largely is supported by unexplained evidence: a mysterious boot print outside the house; DNA of an unknown male on JonBenet and her underpants; marks on her body that could have been made by a stun gun; and signs that someone may have entered the house through a basement window.

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments
1) David Yago Orasco, 16, P.O. Box 43, 2703 S. Shoshone; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Patricia L. Ray, 25, 2042 S. Main, Carey, 14.4; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
2) Thomas M. Machado, 38, 332 E. 820 N., Shoshone; battery; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) David Yago Orasco, 16, P.O. Box 43, 2703 S. Shoshone; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
1) Leta Marie Chambers, 32, 224 E. Jerome, Jerome; two counts fraud-on-account check; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Travis Wayne Anderson, 19, 530 Golf Center Road, Jerome; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
2) Greg S. Barney, 21, 227 W. D., Jerome; fraud-on-account check; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Robert J. Bore, 25, 2282 Highway 46, Wendell; fraud-on-account check; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
2) Christopher Robin Chase, 40, 1370 S. Lincoln, Jerome; two counts fraud-on-account check; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Koren D. Desimone, 26, 312 E. Ave. F, Jerome; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) James D. Lund, 19, 275 Sixth Ave. E., Wendell; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
2) Bruce K. Tamsish, 50, 521 W. Meadow Street, 2703 S. Shoshone; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Magdalena Bueno Villaverde, 30, 944 N. Eisenhower St., Jerome; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Jacob D. Waybright, 17, 207 E. 300 N., Jerome; racing on public highway; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Jose Birmavia Avila, 45, 218 W. E. 112, Jerome; driving without privilege; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
2) Larry Dennis Cardenas, 23, 428 First Ave. S., Jerome; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Lyle A. Lamb, 25, 1407 Olympia, Jerome; driving without privilege; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
2) Ryan P. Patten, 21, 815 W. Main, Boise; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Pauline Beth Thompson, 19, 110 N. Elm, Jerome; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

E. Shoshone; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Eric E. Duke, 21, Box 528, Arco; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
2) Robert J. Bore, 25, 2282 Highway 46, Wendell; fraud-on-account check; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Thomas A. Russell, 22, 290 N. Third, Ruffield; failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor.

Misdemeanor arraignments

- 1) Thomas H. Borresen; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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- 1) Jerome; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$750 fine, \$30 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Man who abandoned child in Utah store kills himself

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A man who became a suspect in his wife's disappearance after he abandoned their 3-year-old son in a store committed suicide a day after he was freed on bail, police said Wednesday.
Police said Lyle Montgomery, 42, shot himself to death shortly before midnight. His roommate called police to the residence.

Police spokeswoman Susi Havens said Wednesday that investigators were continuing to compile information and additional details might be forthcoming.

Montgomery was released from jail Monday, four days after a judge reduced his bail from \$2.5 million to \$150,000.

Conditions of his release mandated that Montgomery stay with a friend, make daily reports to court officials and adhere to the medication and therapy ordered by a doctor.

His family arranged the release through a bail bond company, attorney Scott Freeman said.

"The last time we spoke was yesterday. He was very confident with his case," Freeman said, adding that he dropped him off about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the residence where he killed himself. "I had no idea that this was coming. Something very wrong happened between 5:30 and 11:30."

Montgomery is suspected of killing his wife, Jeannette Corpur, who has been missing since mid-January.

Montgomery has not been charged in his wife's disappearance, though investigators have said they believe he killed her.

He was being held on charges resulting from allegations that he pulled a gun on Corpur in October as she tried to remove items from their home.

Montgomery became a suspect after authorities found Corpur's son abandoned in a ShopCo store in Salt Lake City on Jan. 25.

Police say man hanged himself in Idaho jail

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A 58-year-old man apparently committed suicide in the Kootenai County Jail, the second death there in recent months.

Robert Rodney Johnson hanged himself in his cell Friday, said Coeur d'Alene Police Lt. Don Jiran. Police were unable to revive him.

The autopsy showed the cause of death was consistent with asphyxiation by hanging, Jiran said. Final police not suspected.

Johnson gave his most recent address as Lacey, Wash., but he previously called Lewiston his home.

Idaho State Police charged Johnson with drunken driving and driving without a license on April 2. He had four DUI convictions in Idaho and Washington since 1998.

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Governor releases man who shot molester

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Gov. Mike Foster granted early release to a man imprisoned for shooting his 12-year-old daughter's molester, saying the father should not serve more time than the girl's attacker.

Foster gave Allie "Bo" Johnson double credit for good behavior, allowing him to go free after serving nearly three years of a seven-year sentence for attempted manslaughter.

"This does not mean I condone his actions," Foster said in a statement. "I do not support taking the law into your own hands."

The case has drawn widespread attention, including a petition drive calling for Johnson's release.

In 1998, the girl told her parents that Donald Wayne Spears had taken her and two other girls into a wooded area and molested them there.

Johnson said he and his wife, frustrated by the pace of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's investigation, lured Spears to an out-of-the-way road, where Johnson shot him.

Spears survived the shooting and later served two years and eight months in prison on two counts of indecent behavior with a juvenile.

Johnson's wife, Lorena Johnson, received a suspended sentence and supervised probation.

Bo Johnson, 47, will go on immediate supervised parole for the rest of his term and must attend Alcoholics Anonymous and anger management classes.

Johnson said he would be shocked as soon as the Department of Corrections processed the paper work.

"Making Mr. Johnson serve more time in jail than the man who molested his daughter strikes me as just plain wrong," the governor said.

Woman sues over mistakenly removed breasts

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - The woman whose breasts were removed after she was mistakenly told she had cancer is suing the pathologist who made the mistake and the pathologist's employer.

Linda McDougal of Woodville, Wis., filed the lawsuit Tuesday in Ramsey County District Court.

She underwent a double mastectomy after doctors informed her last May that she had an aggressive form of cancer, based on a biopsy done after a spot showed up on her mammogram.

The defendants are pathologist Margaret Cochrane and her employer, Hospital Pathology Associates. The lawsuit seeks more than \$200,000.

"There is no question I made a mistake," Cochrane told KSTP-TV. "I made a terrible mistake and you know I want to sincerely apologize to Mrs. McDougal for this mistake."

Voters give adulterous county official the boot

MOTT, N.D. (AP) - A county commission chairman has been voted out of office after admitting he had an affair with a married woman.

Hettinger County commissioner Lester Brackett publicly apologized for the affair and said it ended last year. But he agreed the affair led to Tuesday's recall election in which he lost 457-340 to Ron Fried.

Brackett had asked voters to judge him by his work as a commissioner for six years.

"I understand the feelings some of you have," he said in a recent newspaper. "But leading the government of Hettinger County isn't about feelings. It's about making right business decisions and working together with all levels of government."

Middle-school crush gets dangerous Friday's Dear Abby



Anne Jordan Blanton and John Wexler are suing New Orleans claiming city law unconstitutionally bans them from opening a book stall on the sidewalk.

'Booksellers' find Big Easy a hard sell

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Two book lovers have filed a federal lawsuit against the city, saying a law that bans sidewalk book sales infringes on freedom of speech.

The suit was filed Tuesday on behalf of Josh Wexler and Anne Jordan Blanton, who hoped to open an open-air book stall.

"We're not attempting to cause any trouble or get anything special from the government," said Blanton, 25. "We just want to earn an honest living sharing our love of books."

The law doesn't specifically ban the sale of books, but it only allows the sidewalk sale of certain items, such as food and flowers, said Donn Berliner, senior attorney for the Institute for Justice in Washington, D.C., which filed the lawsuit.

Tanzie Jones, a spokeswoman for New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, said the city does not comment on pending litigation.

Wexler and Blanton attended New York University, worked in the Big Apple's used bookstores and frequented the city's outdoor bookstalls. They assumed getting a permit to sell books on the streets of New Orleans wouldn't be a problem.

"We hit several dead ends, and it was kind of frustrating," said Wexler, 24.

"After visiting the permit office, the reality was there was no way the city would let us do this."

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America at war

Attention turns to north, where Saddam's forces remain

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press Writer

IRBIL, Iraq — Iraqi Kurds flooded the streets of northern Iraq on Wednesday, rejoicing in the news of President Saddam Hussein — a leader who had gassed them and executed them by the thousands.

"He's gone! He's gone!" chanted a group of boys dancing in stilled traffic. As news spread of U.S. troops had overtaken the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, Kurds left their homes and waded onto streets, waving streamers and the yellow, starburst flag of their autonomous region.

But fighting in the north was not over, and strategic oil fields near the cities of

Mosul and Kirkuk remained under Iraqi control.

Backed by U.S. Special Forces and American-led warplanes, Kurdish fighters took a strategic peak near Mosul and were just outside Kirkuk, but it wasn't clear when coalition troops would attack those key areas.

Saddam's regime has long oppressed the 4 million Kurds living in northern Iraq, despite occasional alliances of convenience between Kurdish leaders and Saddam's regime. In the late 1980s, more than 150,000 Kurds are believed to have been killed by the Iraqi leader's orders. In 1988, in the town of Halabja, a poison chemical attack wiped out an estimated 5,000 residents.

Special Forces and Kurdish fighters

captured an Iraqi radar and communications center perched on a mountain summit 10 miles northeast of Mosul.

To the south, meanwhile, U.S.-led forces pounded Saddam's desert hometown, where they said desperate loyalists were making a last stand as resistance in Baghdad crumbled.

U.S. Central Command said coalition aircraft were conducting strikes against military targets in Tikrit, "shaping the battlefield" before American ground forces move into the city, 100 miles north of Baghdad.

Aircraft were targeting the Republican Guard's Adnan division in Tikrit, U.S. military officials said. In nighttime raids this week, Navy warplanes have bombed a Republican

Guard barracks and garrison there, said Rear Adm. Barry Coktello, commander of the USS Constellation.

Lt. Mark Kitchens, a Central Command spokesman, said special operations forces were "actively engaging" Iraqi forces in the city.

"We certainly are focused on Tikrit," said Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, at a Central Command briefing in Qatar, "to prevent the regime from being able to use it as a place to command and control, to restore command and control, or to hide."

American troops have tried to block the roads into the city from Baghdad to stop Iraqi leaders from fleeing there. Iraqi reinforcements already have moved to bolster the city's defenses,

with some coming up from the south as allied troops moved into Baghdad, and others heading down from the north ahead of advancing coalition and Kurdish forces, Brooks said.

The Iraqi fighters were likely a combination of military forces and Baath Party loyalists, he said. Brooks would not say when he thought coalition ground forces would move in, saying only, "There is still work to be done." Some 1,200 soldiers to arrive, by parachute.

Those numbers are too small for a full-scale invasion, but Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles have reportedly arrived at a northern air base recently taken by American troops and could provide more aggressive moves.

ELSEWHERE IN BAGHDAD



U.S. Army soldiers from A Company 3rd Battalion 7th Infantry Regiment prepare to return fire on Iraqi fighters in Baghdad on Wednesday.

Analysts: Attribute win to 3 key factors

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Although Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned Wednesday that the war in Iraq isn't over, the U.S. military has already achieved some of its major objectives in just 21 days: a relatively small force has seized nearly 80 percent of a country the size of California, including its capital, while suffering just over 100 dead.

Military professionals attribute the U.S. success to three key elements: a seasoned and well-equipped military, a surprisingly inept Iraqi response, and the decision of the Bush administration at the end of March, when the U.S. and British attack seemed to be faltering in southern Iraq, to keep the Army and Marines focused on Baghdad.

The fighting isn't over yet. Small-scale actions are likely to continue for a week or two, and there still could be major battles in the north. Indeed, administration officials were wary of declaring the war finished. "It most assuredly is not over," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference. "There's going to be some very tough days ahead."

In particular, in this war, more than in any previous one, air and ground operations seemed thoroughly meshed, with targeting information between U.S. special forces and pilots flowing back and forth as it never has before.

The disadvantage of precision weapons, U.S. officers have noted in previous wars, is that to be used effectively they require precise information. In Iraq for the past three weeks, troops operated in such a way as to find and move that data. Special Operations forces spotted targets and quickly transmitted the information into a system that moved it to bombers orbiting overhead. Reconnaissance drones loitered over the battlefield, showing U.S. commanders enemy movements in real-time video.

"We asked Wednesday why the U.S. military moves with more agility in combat now than it did during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, a Pentagon official said, "Everything that has a sensor is connected."

The next element was the war plan the commanders followed. "It was an audacious plan, even a risky one," said retired Air Force Lt. Col. Rick Francona, an expert on the Iraqi military. It flung U.S. forces deep into Iraqi territory at the end of unsecured supply lines that the Iraqis tried to cut with sniping attacks. It didn't provide for armored reinforcements. And to an unprecedented degree it counted on air power to help out ground units that got into trouble.

Also, Special Operations teams entered Iraq before the war formally began and roamed Iraq for weeks, calling in air strikes across the country. "Special Forces have never been used in this extensively," said Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., the senior Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee.

Despite cheering crowds, Army unit sees urban combat in Baghdad

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For the weary members of "Attack Company" it was a happy moment in a long day. Iraqi crowds were waving, grinning, cheering as the U.S. Army soldiers moved up the street Wednesday toward the tourism department.

It turned in an instant. From somewhere in the air came weapons fire — a rocket-propelled grenade. Explosions. An American down. U.S. tanks returning fire. Urban combat.

From the beginning, this was what the Americans had dreaded — the nightmare scenario of blameless civilians on the street, peril from dark corners and sudden fighting in a city.

The mission, as laid out, was simple. The company, with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment's 3rd Infantry Division, was ordered to take a key intersection near a northern bridge across the Tigris, part of the U.S. military's expanding control of Baghdad. A tank squad was going along to provide heavy firepower.

Just as the Bradley fighting vehicles and Abrams tanks moved into the crossroads, a rocket-propelled grenade screamed from a narrow side street to the left, out of a decrepit slum of crumbling two-story apartment buildings.

The lead tank crew and a 50-caliber machine gun down the street and an incendiary round into a suspicious building. "Keep moving! Keep moving!" shouted Capt. Chris Carter, the company commander. He didn't want to risk getting pinned in an urban canyon with seven-story government buildings on both sides.

The tanks pulled forward. The 15-vehicle convoy edged up the street, making a U-turn at the next intersection. More Iraqi defenders fired another rocket-

propelled grenade, striking the center of the turret. The tank's uranium armor absorbed the blast; only scorched paint told the tale.

Pulling between two garbage-filled lots on the north side of the intersection, the tank crews faced back down the street, pointing their 120-mm main gun between two government buildings.

There was no fire — at first. Carter popped his hatch to speak to one of his squad leaders when another rocket-propelled grenade came screaming in, hitting the squad leader's turret just below where he was standing.

The squad leader went down, hurt, as shrapnel penetrated the armor and the hatch. The street exploded in gunfire as Iraqi fighters sprayed the vehicles with small-arms fire and the Americans shot back.

The back ramps of the Bradleys opened and a dozen infantrymen scrambled out, shooting at the government buildings and toward the slums where some of the fire was coming from. An armored ambulance, a red cross emblazoned on the side, loaded the seriously wounded soldier onto a litter and raced away.

The men, some with playing cards stuck in their helmets for good luck, cursed as they returned fire. Their sweat flowed, even

though they were wearing only T-shirts under their flak jackets.

Suddenly, three men appeared hunkered down on a balcony in the area where the first rocket-propelled grenade had been fired. One Bradley opened up with high-explosive cannon shells, ripping through the building.

Confident the intersection was under his control, Carter sent squads into the tourism department building to weed out snipers. Another team moved into the building hit by the Bradley fire.

Inside the tourism building, the troops found hundreds of Iraqis looting all the food-and-furniture they could find. Smiling, they called to the Americans. "Down with Saddam!"

In the other building, the U.S. troops found three dead men but no weapons. They were squatters, their bodies mangled and covered with dust from the shattered cement. Their meager belongings — a change of clothes, a bowl, some cooking utensils — were in the squalid rooms.

"I don't know if these people are innocent," Carter said. "But the guys with RPGs caused this."

The families of the men began gathering outside, realizing what had happened. Women and children wept.

Back at the intersection, hundreds of Iraqi men and women shouted at the troops. "Good, God! Misher!" they said, trying to shake American hands. Mothers held up babies for the soldiers to kiss, thanking them for driving out Saddam Hussein.

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Ultimate challenge: Keeping Iraqi peace

By Warren P. Strobel
Knight Rider News Service

WASHINGTON — The war seems won, but how does the United States secure the peace?

While it might be an exaggeration to say the hardest part lies ahead, President Bush must move deftly to ensure that today's scenes of jubilation in Baghdad do not turn into scenes of chaos and anti-American resentment tomorrow, according to current and former U.S. officials.

In short order, the United States must ensure that Iraqis have basics such as food, water and electricity. It also must erect an interim Iraqi government backed by American military power and then fashion a smooth transition that gets American troops out of the country.

Beyond Iraq, Bush faces a fundamental choice in the Middle East, hotly debated by his advisers. Will he focus American energies on a revived Israeli-Palestinian peace process or carry the war to other sources of terrorism in the region, such as Syria?

Wednesday was "an absolutely stunning day," former senior Middle East peace negotiator Dennis Ross said. "We want to be sure that winning the war is not followed by losing the peace."

Ross, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, spoke as the institute issued a bipartisan blueprint for post-war U.S. policy. Endorsed by a diverse group including former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and

senior defense secretary William Perry, it calls on U.S. forces to stabilize Iraq and then rapidly give way to a multinational peace-keeping force.

That is but one of the numerous scenarios being suggested. The role of the United Nations, NATO and Iraqis is still being debated.

Bush has pledged that Iraqis, not the United States, will choose Iraq's new leaders.

Vice President Dick Cheney announced Wednesday that a U.S. reconstruction team will meet with a broad group of Iraqis on Saturday at an airbase near the southern city of Nasiriyah. It would be the first such meeting on territory formerly controlled by Saddam Hussein since the war began.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said later that the meeting to discuss a temporary Iraqi government will include Iraqis from areas liberated by coalition troops and Iraqi officials.

The Iraqis were likely a combination of military forces and Baath Party loyalists, he said. Brooks would not say when he thought coalition ground forces would move in, saying only, "There is still work to be done." Some 1,200 soldiers to arrive, by parachute.

Those numbers are too small for a full-scale invasion, but Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles have reportedly arrived at a northern air base recently taken by American troops and could provide more aggressive moves.

The choice of the airbase was notable because it is the temporary home of exile leader Ahmed Chalabi, who was flown to Baghdad Sunday by U.S. planes and is strongly backed by the Pentagon and Cheney's office for a future leadership role.

Boucher, however, said the meeting "is not a coronation, it's not a choice of some kind of government." Differing with Cheney, he said the meeting's date and locale have not been finalized.

And in a potential sign of future power struggles within Iraq, a previously unknown group calling itself the Iraqi Republican Group issued a communique in Baghdad, saying it had existed secretly for eight years and had played a key role in Saddam's overthrow.

The Iraqi people, who have suffered so long under Saddam's tyranny, should at last decide their own destiny," the statement said. "These fateful decisions should not be imposed by foreigners and should not be made by those who are unfamiliar with the realities of Iraq."

The communique was a reminder that Iraqis might not welcome foreign troops for long now that Saddam's regime appears headed for history's trash heap.

European leaders, including close Bush ally Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain, have urged the president to give the United Nations a leading role in creating the new Iraq to give it legitimacy in the eyes of Iraqis and the world.

Bush and Blair agreed Tuesday that the United Nations will have a "vital role." But the president defined that role vaguely as delivering humanitarian supplies.

For now, the Pentagon is dominating the reconstruction effort. Retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner has been tapped to run a temporary civilian administration that will oversee Iraqi ministries and gradually hand power back to Iraqis.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz estimated Sunday that that process could take more than six months.

Critics contend that not internationalizing the effort is a major error, and could eventually negate successes on the battlefield.

Coalition holds 7,300 Iraqi prisoners, builds prison for 24,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — American-led forces are holding 7,300 Iraqi prisoners and building a detention facility in the southern Iraqi city of Umm Qsar that eventually could hold some 24,000, defense officials said Wednesday. A tent city is being expanded in Umm Qsar to hold the plan of housing 15 to 20 men in each tent. There are no current plans to

send prisoners to the facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where several hundred suspects have been held since their capture in Afghanistan or other countries where the war on terrorism is being waged, Army Capt. John Deila Jacono told Pentagon reporters in a telephone press conference from Umm Qsar. The prisoners will be held in

the port city until the war is over, he said.

The prisoners will remain here until the end of hostilities, at which point a decision will be made on the procedures for repatriation to either an interim authority or a legitimate government in Iraq, he said.

An interrogation facility also is planned, Jacono said, adding that

military officials had not identified all the prisoners. Authorities had similar problems obtaining the true identities of terror suspects at Guantanamo.

While there have been reports that high-ranking officers are among those being held, officials said some prisoners claimed higher ranks than they'd attained in hopes of getting better treatment.

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Arabs express shock at collapse

Most say Saddam had to go, but some distrust U.S. motives

By Danna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press Writer



Indonesian Muslim protesters burn an effigy of President Bush during an anti-war demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday. Hundreds of Muslims gathered in the capital of the world's most populous Muslim country to stage a protest against the U.S.-led invasion to Iraq.

BUHDAH, Saudi Arabia - The fall of Baghdad provoked shock and disbelief Wednesday among Arabs, who expressed hope that other oppressive regimes would crumble but also disappointment that Saddam Hussein did not put up a better fight against America.

"Why did he fall that way? Why so fast?" said Yemeni home-maker Umm Ahmed, tears streaming down her face. "He's a coward. Now I feel sorry for his people."

Arabs clustered at TV sets in shop windows, coffee shops, kitchens and offices to watch the astounding pictures of U.S. troops overwhelming an Arab capital for the first time ever.

Feeling betrayed and misled, one turned off his sets in disgust when jubilant crowds in Baghdad celebrated the arrival of U.S. troops.

"We discovered that all what the (Iraqi) information minister was saying was all lies," said Ali Hassan, a government employee in Cairo, Egypt. "Now no one believes Al Jazeera anymore."

In a live report from Baghdad, independent Shaker Hamed of Abu Dhabi Television said: "We are all in shock. How did things come to such an end? How did U.S. tanks enter the center of the city? Where is the resistance? This collapse is puzzling. Was it the result of the collapse of communications between the commanders? Between the political leadership? How come Baghdad falls so easily?"

Mohammed al-Shahhal, a 49-year-old teacher in Tripoli, Lebanon, said the scenes reminded him of the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Those who applauded the collapse of Lenin's statue for some Pepsi and hamburgers felt the hunger later on and regretted what they did. They come here because our area is filled with dictators like Saddam's."

Tarek al-Abi, a Yemeni university professor, was hopeful Saddam's end presaged more democracy in the region.

"This is a message for the Arab regimes, and could be the beginning of transformation in the Arab region," al-Abi said. "Without the honest help of the Western nations, the reforms will not take place in these countries."

The overwhelming emotions for many Arabs were disbelief or disillusionment after weeks of hearing Saddam's government pledge a "great victory" or fight to the death against "infidel invaders."

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"There must have been treason," said Ahmed Salem Batmir, an Omani political analyst.

Three men having tea and smoking in a coffee shop in Riyadh were unsettled as they watched the TV - even though they said they were against Saddam and felt sorry for the long-suffering Iraqis.

"I can't say that I'm happy about what's going on because these are non-Muslim forces that have gone in and I hope they will not stay," said Mohammed al-Sakkaf, a 58-year-old businessman.

Many said they were disturbed by images of U.S. troops looting Saddam's palaces or draping the U.S. flag around the head of a Saddam statue.

"Liberation is nobler than that," said Walid Abdul-Rahman, one of the three Saudis. "They should not be so provocative."

In Jordan, hotel receptionist Wissam Fakhoury, 28, said he was disappointed in the Baghdad crowds.

"I spit on them," he said. "Do those crowds who are saluting the Americans believe that the United States will let them live better?" Fakhoury said.

A Bahraini physician Hassan Fakhr, 62, said he was saddened. "Whatever I'm seeing is very painful because although Saddam Hussein was a dictator, he represented some kind of Arab nationalism and resistance to the foreign invaders - the Americans and the British," Fakhr said.

Rescuer fights waves, darkness to save pilots

By Sandy Bauers
Knight Ridder News Service

ABOARD THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN - The first thing Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremy Burkart noticed as he descended the thin line from his helicopter, hovering 60 feet above the surface of the dark ocean, was the overwhelming stench of fuel.

Below him, in the middle of the night, somewhere in that pool of petroleum, was a downed pilot. He knew the water was cold enough to cause hypothermia. He knew the man might be hurt. He knew he had to find him fast.

But the churning air from the helicopter blades turned him in a slow spiral as he descended. He saw the pilot, then lost him.

So Burkart, 28, from Marion, Ill., called on a small radio affixed to his shoulder to the pilot now far overhead. "Can you give me a better vector?"

If the answer came, he couldn't hear it.

The rescue operation had begun with a call to the ready room of the Dusty Dogs, a helicopter squadron aboard the Truman, at 11:35 p.m. Monday night. "Possible aircraft down,"

LT. Dom Pastorini, 28, of Jacksonville, Fla., the squadron specializes in search-and-rescue operations.

LT. Dom Pastorini, 28, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the pilot sent. His co-pilot was Lt. Ivo Prkarsky, 34, a native of the Czech Republic who lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Tracy Hoff, 22, of Windthorst, Texas, was the safety officer, in charge of sorting all the radio chatter and watching everything as it unfolded.

They swooped toward coordinates about six miles astern, the last known location of the helicopter. They were straining to see something. Anything.

It had been just another routine night as the USNS Spica, a Merchant Marine supply ship, closed in on the Truman, matching speed and course.

The normal drill is that lines are shot from one deck to the other. The two ships are more or less secured, and supplies are hauled across a cable from the Spica to the Truman.

During Monday night's rescue, a Puma helicopter from the Spica was the last to be hoisted off to ferry more pallets of food, parts and other supplies from the afterdeck of the Spica to the flight deck of the Truman.

But this time, something went wrong. The accident is still being investigated, and the cause of the crash is unknown. But suddenly, the helicopter disappeared from radar screens.

The two pilots, Richard A. Good, 54, of Peoria, Ariz., and Richard R. Budd, 58, of Keizer, Ore., both employees of Geo-Seis Helicopters Inc. in Fort Collins, Colo., were out of contact.

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Rescue helicopters from the Truman, another nearby carrier, the USS Theodora Roosevelt, and a destroyer, the USS Winston Churchill, were sent.

The Roosevelt's helicopter was first in the area. Then came the Dusty Dogs. A few lit strobes were floating in the water amid what Pastorini called the "chunks" of helicopter debris.

The pilots had also opened tubes of chemicals that, when released in the water, glowed a fluorescent green.

And there, far below, they could just pick out the descent. The Roosevelt's crew picked up Good, and then the Dusty Dogs moved into position.

Burkart, dressed in a wetsuit, mask and scuba tank, was sent from the chopper's hover position 60 feet above the water. He saw the Puma's pilot at first, but by the time he hit the water the man was gone.

He thought he knew which way to go and started swimming. But there was no pilot.

He called to the chopper but couldn't hear anything. Finally, Burkart said, he "kicked up," to get his body farther out of the water and see better, and "got a good look, got a bead on the survivor."

When he swam this time, he reached Budd. "I'm a rescue swimmer," he shouted above the noise. "I'm here to help."

Burkart asked Budd "if anything was wrong, if anything hurt." If the pilot had a back injury, for example, that could have complicated matters.

"He (Budd) was pretty banged up," Burkart said, but he was OK to be lifted out.

But he had to go back to the Truman, where both pilots were brought, lasting only minutes. The rescue crew wrapped the shivering pilot in blankets and started questioning him about his capture, so medical workers could be prepared.

About 45 minutes after the first call had gone out, they landed. A wobbly Budd was hoisted up, swung out from under the rotors, but then medics strapped him into a stretcher and carried him to the 51-bed hospital on board.

Burkart said he was OK. He was drenched in fuel, and his eyes had swollen nearly shut from the irritation.

Good was already therapy; surgeons would later stitch up a deep laceration on his right forearm.

By dawn, the two downed pilots were rested in the hospital, and by afternoon they had been taken back to the Spica. They declined to comment.

Burkart and the rest of the rescue crew assembled in the hangar bay of the Truman to hear their story. "It's what we worked for," Prkarsky said. "It was perfect."

Marines uncover suspected torture chambers

Methods included electricity, chemical baths, mutilations

By Doug Mellgren
Associated Press Writer



Capt. Pete McAleer of San Diego, Calif., with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, shows a little girl's identification card found Wednesday among documents strewn in an abandoned Iraqi security facility in Nasariyah.

NASIRIYAH, Iraq - The Marine patrol thought they found a small police station - a one-story building in this impoverished city in southern Iraq.

But deep inside, they found a wooden stockade, what looked like a primitive electric chair, photos of burned bodies amid reams of surveillance documents. Five tiny cells weren't just to imprison people, it seemed, but to torture them.

"It looks a bit too much like Nazi Germany to me," said Capt. Pete McAleer, commander of Echo Company of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, whose patrol found the small compound.

Across Iraq, coalition troops are finding glimpses of past horrors - suspected torture chambers, secret police headquarters, Iraqis who reveal scars to show the cruelty of Saddam Hussein's rule carved out to their bodies.

At a prison in Basra, Iraqis showed journalists a white stone jail known as the "White Lion" where they claim Saddam's secret police for decades tortured inmates with beatings, mutilations, electric shocks and chemical baths.

"They did unthinkable things - electrocution, immersion in a bath of chemicals and ripping off people's fingers and toenails," resident Hamed Fattil told British reporters.

Outside the jail, a man showed Associated Press Television News his mangled ears - he said Iraqi police cut them off.

Fattil said Iraqi police locked him and his two brothers in a jail dungeon in 1993, and that he was freed about eight months but his brothers were still missing.

Human rights groups and exiled Iraqis have long claimed that Saddam ran a regime built around brutality.

In Nasariyah, McAleer said they believed the building they found was used by Iraqi police or Baath

use for target practice. Deep inside the building, there was a small room with no natural light with five tiny cells, all with heavy barred doors.

In one, a wire was connected to a small hand-cranked generator and steel bar. Marines who searched the building said it had also been connected to a steel chair in what appeared to be a primitive electric chair.

"Who knows what they did with that steel rod," McAleer said.

Lance Cpl. James Jeffreys, of Oxnard, Calif., said the room also had a type of wooden stock, where a rope could be wrapped around a prisoner's neck, laced through holes in the wood, and then back to bind a prisoner's hands.

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burned human bodies, Jeffreys said.

"From the position of the bodies, it looked like they could have been (burned) alive," said Jeffreys. Key documents and photographs that could be salvaged during the short initial search were turned over to a higher headquarters.

Much of the building's clothing and medicines were burned in a fire. McAleer said he believed the fire was set by local residents after the Marines first checked the building to rid their community of the torture chamber and its instruments.

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Protesters storm Iraq's London office

LONDON (AP) - Opponents of Saddam Hussein celebrated the fall of Baghdad by storming an Iraqi diplomatic office Wednesday, shattering the glass front door and tearing up portraits of the Iraqi leader before police arrested 24 people.

About 60 people took over the Iraqi interest section at the Jordanian Embassy and "evicted a couple of staff," said Zuhair al-Malhes, a member of the group Iraqi Opposition in Exile.

"We have occupied it to show the world that the Iraqi opposition is delighted and glad at the downfall of Saddam Hussein's regime," al-Malhes said. The Associated Press by telephone.

Scotland Yard said demonstrators were quickly cleared from the building, and police arrested two dozen people for offenses including criminal damage.

Alli Baraka, 23, a London student, said the break-in was a spontaneous action to show support "for the Iraqis who were liberated today." The demonstrators intended to "give a peaceful expression of their happiness of the fall-down of the regime today," said Baraka, who avoided arrest.

Movies (April 10)

- Odyssey 6 Theatre**
 - Old School on Day 7:30-9:30
 - Boat Trip on Day 7:30-9:40
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- Orpheum Theatre**
 - Man Apart on 7:00-9:30
- Jerome Cinema 4**
 - Man Apart on 7:00-9:30
- Papa John's 19th Anniversary Special**
 - 2 Large One Topping Pizzas \$11.99
- Twin Cinema 12**
 - Man Apart on 7:00-9:30

WORLD

Accidental U.S. bombing kills 11 Afghans near Pakistan border

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S. warplane called in to support allied Afghans under fire from Pakistani soldiers Wednesday, killing 11 civilians. It was the worst friendly-fire incident in Afghanistan in nine months.

Afghan authorities condemned the bombing, and U.S. military said it was not clear why the bomb missed its target: a group of assailants attacking a checkpoint.

The 20 attackers earlier fought a brief battle with Pakistani soldiers deployed on

the Pakistan side of the border, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Douglas Leforge said. It was unclear whether they came from Pakistan.

The assailants then headed toward the Afghan checkpoint just east of Shkin, 135 miles south of Kabul, and opened fire, wounding four Afghan soldiers.

Americans sent four armored Humvees with at least 16 U.S. soldiers to the scene and called in two Harrier attack jets, Leforge said.

The attackers fled, apparently splitting

into two groups. One of the planes fired a 30 mm cannon and dropped a 1,000-pound laser-guided bomb that crashed into the house. "Coalition forces never intentionally target civilian locations," Leforge said. "The bomb missed the intended target and landed on the house."

Whether "it was a technical malfunction or bad coordinates or anything like that, we just simply don't know yet," Leforge said.

American troops arriving at the bomb site found one injured survivor and took

him and the four wounded Afghan soldiers to a U.S. base near the eastern town of Khost. No U.S. soldiers were injured.

"To the families of the Afghan citizens accidentally killed in a bombing in Afghanistan ... we send our sincere condolences," Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a Pentagon briefing Wednesday. "We sincerely regret the incident."

Mohammed Ali Jalali, the governor of eastern Paktika province where Shkin is located, condemned the killings and said

he discussed the incident with U.S. officials.

"They were neither al-Qaida nor Taliban," Jalali told The Associated Press by telephone. "They were only innocent civilians."

The last time American forces caused major civilian casualties was July 1999 when 48 civilians were killed and 123 were wounded by fire from an AC-130 gunship that attacked several villages in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province, according to Afghan officials.

China doctor alleges SARS coverup

BEIJING (AP) — A prominent Chinese doctor on Wednesday charged that the mainland government covered up details of the spread of SARS in Beijing, and an American man with the disease was declared dead in Hong Kong.

Other parts of Asia nervously invoked extra precautions to contain severe acute respiratory syndrome, which has infected around 2,700 people globally and killed at least 106.

The accusations of a government cover-up from Dr. Jiang Yanrong, retired chief of surgery for a Beijing military hospital, came as news surfaced that one of Beijing's hospitals had shut down because of SARS.

Jiang said doctors and nurses at two other hospitals told him at least seven deaths have occurred in their hospitals and that there were 106 cases of the disease in Beijing — more than five times the figure announced by authorities. The Health Ministry reports four deaths and 19 cases in Beijing.

Doctors and administrators reached by telephone at the hospitals cited by Jiang refused to comment.

World Health Organization investigators said they met with Health Minister Zhang Wenkang and Vice Premier Wu Yi on Wednesday, discussing "the concern that there are many rumors and unclear answers," said Henk Bekedam, the WHO representative in China.

"They definitely said they will be following up ... and with this high level of commitment, very soon we'll get some real answers," Bekedam said.

At the People's Armed Police General Hospital in Beijing, a receptionist who answered the telephone said the facility had closed five days ago after staff members fell ill. She wouldn't give her name.

A sign blocking the hospital entrance said, "Adjustments being made inside, treatment temporarily suspended, entry forbidden."

Crackdown in Cuba nets 74 convictions

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban courts have convicted at least 74 government opponents in lightning-fast trials aimed at quashing dissent on the communist island, human rights activists said Wednesday.

The known sentences for 57 of those tried reportedly ranged from 6 to 28 years. The remaining sentences were expected by week's end. None of the trials has lasted more than one day, activists said, and there were no reports of acquittals.

The government published a brief statement on Wednesday's front page of the Communist Party daily newspaper Granma saying the defendants were tried "for their known participation in mercenary activities and other acts against the independence or the territorial integrity of the Cuban state."

The statement, the government's first public comment on the trials, confirmed that the trials began Thursday and sentences varied between 6 and 28 years. It did say how many people were tried.

The crackdown, which ended several years of relative tolerance during President Fidel Castro's rule, began when Cuban officials accused the head of the American mission in Havana, James Cason, of actively supporting the island's opposition.

The government said independent journalists — along with pro-democracy activists, opposition party leaders and other dissidents — collaborated with U.S. diplomats to undermine the socialist state.



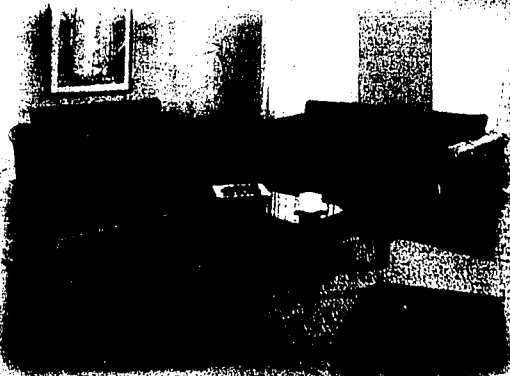
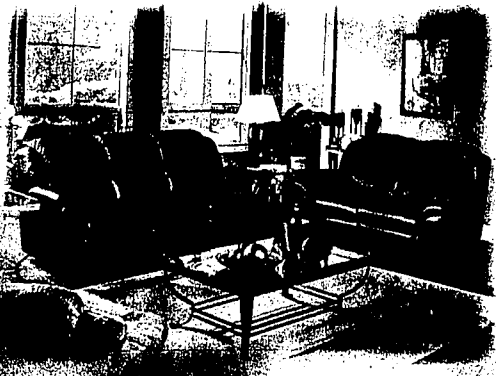
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Old dogs and new ski tricks

If Evel Knievel were in his prime today, he wouldn't bother with jumping the Snake River Canyon. He'd head for the slopes with a snowboard. And he wouldn't need a rocket.

Today's ski resorts don't just give skiers and snowboarders the chance to go wild and break a few bones with magnificent stunts. Nowadays, they fully encourage it.



CROSSING THE DIVIDE
David Cooper

This became painfully obvious (emphasis on "pain") when my brother and I skied Snowbird in Salt Lake's Little Cottonwood Canyon two weeks ago. A fresh load of snow had hit during the last week of March, and the sun was blazing as it should in the first week of spring. We also brought along my 15-year-old nephew, a novice snowboarder.

Unlike its neighbor up the road, Alta, which frowns on snowboarders, Snowbird is catering to Generations X, Y and Z. Scattered along the lower lift-lines are "terrain parks" filled with ramps, rails, jumps and half-pipes.

Apparently ski resorts have realized that the popularity of freestyle and aerial skiing, not to mention the huge growth of snowboarding, offers more profits than liability.

All of which caused me and my older brother to wonder, "What took them so long?" In days gone by - and you're talking to a young man here - finding and hitting a huge jump at a resort was the equivalent of skiing contraband. Crazy skiers would do everything to find the biggest jumps, while ski patrol members would do everything possible to rope them off, tear them apart, or kick out the skiers for having too much fun. There was always something special about the rebellious thrill of taking the "ski at your own risk" rule to the maximum limits.

It was at the same resort, about 18 years earlier, that my other older brother and I came across a 6-foot ledge that was serving covertly as a freestyle ramp. Since it was tucked away far from the lift lines, no ski patrol member had a hint about it. I can still remember Bryan hiking up the hill with his new \$300 Pre fitted skis, throwing caution into the wind, and pulling off the first backflip I'd ever seen.

Nowadays, the obstacles are marked and highlighted like a feature at Knott's Berry Farm. The ski patrol will even coat the edges of the jumps and half-pipes with fluorescent spray-paint, just to give skiers and boarders an extra optical advantage before they break a leg.

Somewhere out there, ski film guru Warren Miller is laughing that freestyle skiing and boarding have gone so mainstream. But if he's like me, he's a little disappointed, too. Wild and reckless skiing loses part of its vanguard appeal when the ramps come in the fruity colors of a McDonald's Playland.

But to be honest, the real reason I was dissatisfied with the terrain parks was pretty simple. I'm too old and broken down to enjoy them. Going down the terrain park with my nephew, I gave two or three ramps a try, but my body's limitations quickly caught up to me.

This tired bag of bones quickly pooped out. It became obvious, the jumps weren't making me look like the graceful and experienced skier I think I am. More like a skiing Don Knotts.

I could chalk it up as stage fright, since I was wiping out in front of a dozen or so spectators. But the truth is, my reckless skiing days are long gone. Terrain parks are for the young.

So maybe those Playland colors are fitting after all.

David Cooper is the outdoors editor for The Times-News. He recently runs a heating pad.

First casts of spring



Jerry Friero of Twin Falls shows a rainbow caught with elk hair caddis.

Photo by GARY BRONKHORST/The Times-News

Some spots, recently stocked, make for great fishing before general season opener

By James J. Krunlich
Times-News correspondent

With the general season opener for fishing more than a month away, many anglers are sitting at home watching a television or (even worse) occupying themselves with the joys of yard work. While flower beds do need a little preparation at this time of year and doing a little painting around the house is a possibility on mild days, there are much more rewarding things to do - such as going fishing.

Although many waters across the Gem State are closed until May 24, there are many locations that offer the opportunity to cast a fly rod or dunk a worm. Most lakes and reservoirs in the region are ice free and open to fishing. And many of them have already been stocked - and stocked very well.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has received numerous rainbow trout from private hatcheries. These rainbows have become available because the price of commercial trout has declined. Fish and Game just has to provide the trucks and the manpower to move the trout from the hatcheries to lakes and streams. This situation will provide exceptional fishing opportu-

nities, at present, until water temperatures warm as winter progresses.

Oster Ponds, located in the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, were opened to fishing on March 1. They have been stocked with rainbow trout. Also in the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area, Riley Impoundment has been stocked with rainbows. Riley Creek, for those who enjoy moving water, is another body of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area that has received rainbows via their escapes from Riley Impoundment. Riley Creek actually does have decent hatches of caddis and some blue-winged olives during warmer days at this time of year.

Crystal Lake, contained within the confines of Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area, is another area where rainbows have been planted. Crystal Lake is a fee area.

Dierkes Lake, also planted with rainbows, contains trout and other species such as bluegills, cutfish and largemouth bass. No bass under 20 inches may be kept from Dierkes Lake.

The Burley ponds, visible from Highway 84, have received rainbows. These three ponds are Emerald Lake, The Ruppert



With numerous plantings of rainbows by Idaho Department of Fish and Game, anglers should expect amazing results in areas that have been stocked.

Gravel Pit Pond and the Burley Creek Pit Pond.

Blair Trail Reservoir, north of Glenns Ferry, also has stocked rainbows finning in its waters.

North of Gooding, Dog Creek Reservoir also has been stocked with rainbows. Dog Creek also is unique in that it contains tiger muskies, a hybrid cross between a muskellunge and a northern pike. Fishermen also will find a wheelchair access area and in-

improved boat ramp at Dog Creek this year.

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir received numerous rainbow plants last fall and again beginning at ice out. Trout fishing at Salmon Falls should not be anything but exceptional with the additions of so many rainbows.

Walleyes in Salmon Falls should slowly begin responding as water temperatures warm and their metabolisms increase.

A fishery that is often overlooked flows right through Twin Falls. Rock Creek contains stocked rainbows as well as a few wild rainbows and brown trout. Caddis hatches on Rock Creek during early, warm spring days are not just good, they are phenomenal. Any fly fisherman who wants to feel a fish bending his rod need only visit this small

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Old values meet new realities on Inuit hunt

By Tom Cohen
Associated Press Writer

TONGLAT, Nunavut - Brush the snow off your caribou skin parka quickly, she warns, and don't push yourself too fast or hard. Excessive sweat, or a glaze of ice caused by body heat, almost any kind of moisture, can be deadly in this Arctic cold.

And Meeka Mike has other essential advice: The pack ice must be strong enough out near the water to support dog sleds or snowmobiles. Polar bears are at home there - but dunking means death for polar bear hunters.

These are lessons passed down by her Inuit ancestors over centuries of surviving the harshest of environments. Now times are changing and the Inuit, known as Eskimos down south, are adapting.

Their barren homeland became a Canadian territory, Nunavut, in 1999 to give them more say in their affairs.

While they head the government and slowly assume a bigger role in the increasingly developed economy, many like Meeka Mike blend modern life with traditional ways.

That means hunting seal and caribou for food and skins, and going out in the dead of winter in search of nanuq, the polar bear.

A successful hunt links them to their heritage of conquering the elements and the world's largest land carnivore, an ivory beast weighing up to 1,500 pounds.

They do it for the meat, which goes to their families and friends and elders, and the hide, which makes pants or parkas.

Mostly, though, they do it to because that's what the Inuit always have done.

Long before dawn on a February day that is the first of this year's bear hunt - or nanuq - Meeka Mike and fellow hunters Joshua Kangoo and Lew Philip pack their wooden sleds.

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Inuit hunter Meeka Mike cuts fresh seal meat to stay warm during the traditional polar bear hunt on Frobisher Bay in Canada's Arctic, Feb. 1.

OUTDOORS

Loasans will hear from Hailey specialist

TWIN FALLS - The local Loasa Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society will hold a meeting Monday, April 14, in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The meeting will include a presentation by native plant landscape specialist Kelly Weston of Hailey. Come and learn how to design and implement landscapes that utilize native plants.

CSI North Side Center offers course on handgun safety
GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a Handgun Safety and Responsibility course for anyone who owns a handgun or is considering purchasing one.

Outdoors in brief

Instructor Brandon Gough will teach handgun safety and responsible ownership and will discuss Idaho firearms laws. The afternoon firing session, to be held at the shooting range west of Gooding, will provide opportunities to become familiar with the gun and to practice marksmanship techniques.

The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 3 at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. The fee is \$30, and pre-registration is required.

Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA plan 6th annual banquet

The Mini-Cassia Friends of NRA will hold their 6th annual banquet and auction on

Saturday, April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Burley Inn Convention Center. For tickets call Tom Goodman at 438-5021 or Walt Charles at 436-3344.

Blaine County will continue grooming trails

HAILEY - Although Galena Lodge closed April 6, the snow is still good around the lodge. A few skiers have asked the Blaine County Recreation District to look for ways to continue grooming for a week or so.

An advisory committee agreed last week to continue grooming if additional funds could be raised to cover the costs involved in the effort. Almost immediately, several skiers came forward with necessary funds.

In the grooming information guide published for the North Valley Trails, grooming may be extended if certain criteria are met: adequate snow conditions

exist that provide good grooming results without risk of equipment damage, funds are available in the budget, grooming staff is available and skier counts warrant additional grooming.

It's expected that the district will groom approximately 10 kilometers around Galena Lodge for skiing on Thursday and Saturday this week assuming good conditions continue. Actual grooming will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the week of April 7-11. Crust cruising remains excellent on snow between Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters and Galena Lodge.

If good snow conditions continue, enough funding has been raised to groom through April 18. Avid skiers can call the hotline, which will continue to operate at 726-0602 and choose the Galena Lodge extension to hear grooming schedules and conditions.

- Compiled from staff reports

Man's lighted scope is illegal for big game

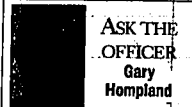
Question: "A couple of years ago I purchased a new rifle scope. This scope has a lighted reticle powered by a small battery so I can see the crosshairs better in dim light. When I had some repairs made on the rifle my gunsmith told me he didn't think the scope was legal for hunting big game in Idaho. I've been hunting with this rifle for a couple of years now, how could the scope be unlawful?"

Answer: As described, your gunsmith is correct. Any rifle scope using electrical energy would be unlawful for hunting big game in Idaho.

The commission rule states it is unlawful to use a firearm "with any electronic device attached to, or incorporated in, the firearm (including handguns and shotguns) or scope."

There has been significant discussion about the use of various electronic devices in firearm and archery hunting of big game.

Proponents feel these devices reduce crippling loss or waste of game animals. Hunters on the other side of the argument feel the use of technology is an unfair advantage and is unethical. They say, "If there is insufficient light to see your crosshairs then you should not be shooting at a game animal." This debate will surely range on, but right now the rule



prohibits all electronics. The caller next asked if the scope was legal to use if the battery was removed. Unfortunately it is still an unlawful scope.

About the only suggestion I could provide would be for the hunter to return the scope to the factory for removal of the electronics or modification.

The use of an enhanced reticle is legal only if it relies on natural light.

The Boone and Crocker Club and Pope and Young maintain fair chase and ethics requirements for all animals entered into the records.

Reference Idaho Fish and Game Commission Rules IDAPA 13.01.08410.01.e

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MUST HAVE BEEN AN ICEBERG



University of Wyoming students David Delgado, left, and Evan O'Toole react as their concrete canoe sinks in the waters of First Dam during a race Saturday in Logan, Utah. Engineering students from several schools built canoes out of concrete and then gathered to race them.

Idahoans' turkey, duck calls attract attention

BOISE (AP) - Todd Hanson holds his thumb and forefinger about three inches apart.

"It was feeling about that high," he said, describing his initial reaction when he saw the competition at the National Wild Turkey Federation's national convention.

Hanson and his partner, Larry Lansdowne, had just entered eight of their turkey and duck calls in the national contest that attracts the world's top call makers.

"You see what's on those tables, and it's humbling," he said. But Hanson and Lansdowne came home with four ribbons, a second, a third and two honorable mentions, from the eight calls they entered in the contest.

It was the first time they had entered a contest, and Lansdowne said they didn't have a clue what the judges would be looking for, or how much competition there would be.

"It blew me away because there were so many calls," Lansdowne said.

“ You see what’s on those tables, and it’s humbling.”

- Todd Hanson, talking about the National Wild Turkey Federation's national convention

The display area for the call making contest was larger than the Idaho Sportsman Show at the fairgrounds, he said.

"Everything was beautiful," Hanson added. "There was a lot of fine craftsmanship on those tables."

Hanson and Lansdowne are partners in a garage-based call making business. Last fall they decided to make some calls specifically for the contest.

Hanson estimates he spent 60 hours working on the first call, an intricately inlaid box call for turkeys made from walnut, ebony and quilted maple.

They made another box call

with a wild turkey and American flag on the paddle.

Then came an inlaid duck call, and wing-bone turkey call - so named because it's made from a hen turkey wing - a duck call, and then more.

"We got kind of carried away," Hanson said.

Especially considering that entering a call means not only paying an entry fee, but the call is then donated to the National Wildlife Turkey Federation and sold at silent auction. The money then goes to the federation, not the call maker.

A Hanson and Lansdowne custom call normally sells for \$125 and up, and their inlaid box call, which placed second in the competition, fetched \$400 at the silent auction. But the contest wasn't about money, it was about seeing how their calls measured up against other makers.

"If you don't do it, you're just a guy who makes calls in your garage, and you don't know how your calls stack up against everyone else's," Lansdowne said.

Hanson has been making calls for 12 years, and Lansdowne about six years. Seeing their work lined up with hundreds of

other calls was a nerve-racking experience.

While call making is an obscure art form in Idaho, it has a deep and rich tradition in the South and the Midwest, and they were facing some of the best in the business.

"Everybody who has ever had any success in building calls was there," Hanson said.

There also were no beginner or novice classes. The contest is segregated only by the type of calls, not the call maker's ability.

Only four ribbons are awarded in each class, and it's not uncommon to have 200 calls in each class.

Their turkey wing-bone call was the first to nab an honorable mention.

"It really blew me away," Lansdowne said.

Then the judges laid a red ribbon next to their inlaid box call.

"At that point, we were ecstatic," he said.

The crowning moment for Hanson was seeing a ribbon on his duck call, because making them was where he got his start 12 years ago.

"I was almost in tears at that point," Hanson said.

Fishing

Continued from D1 creek on a warm day and have a few elk hair caddis patterns in the fly box. Blue-winged olives also generally accompany this hatch, so a few parachute Adams and pheasant tail nymphs should also be at hand.

The Snake River from Centennial Park downstream toward Buhl also has received rainbows. In addition to stocked rainbows, some wild bows also are found in this section of the river. Hatches along this stretch of water are generally caddis and blue-winged olives at this

time of year. Anglers shouldn't overlook fishing opportunities before the general season opener. In fact, many large trout are brought to the net at this time of year. Water temperatures are cool and water clarity is exceptional since spring run-off and irrigation have not clouded streams and rivers. In most instances, the trout have not been pressured for lengthy periods of time. All of these factors contribute to very good fishing conditions for cold water species such as trout.

In lake or reservoir impoundments, anglers should have suc-

cess using hardware such as spinners, spoons and crankbaits. Fly fishermen should be able to score by using nymph patterns, woolly buggers or streamers. Caddis and olive patterns should produce when a hatch occurs. These lures and flies also should produce trout in rivers and streams.

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The game is on TV. The flower beds need a little work and the house might be calling for a little paint. But another voice calls; in fact, it beckons. It's that voice, the one from the river, the one that stems from the flow of water rushing over rocks and the sound of a reel screaming.

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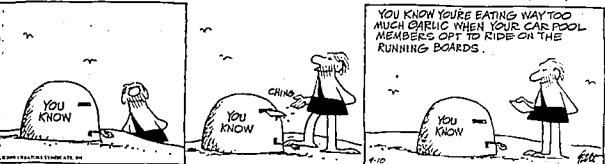
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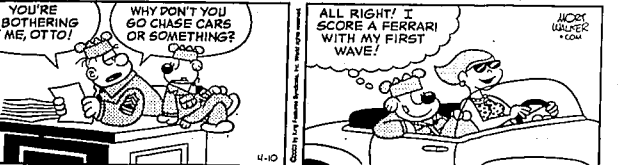
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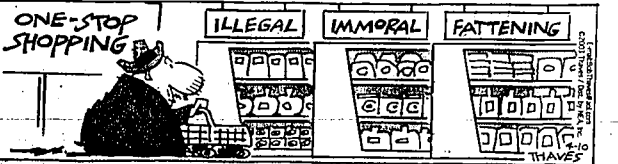
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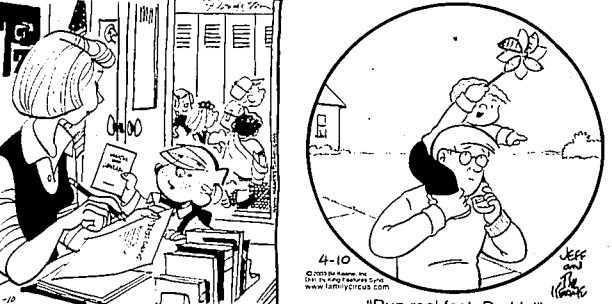


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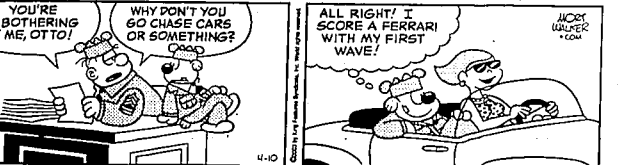
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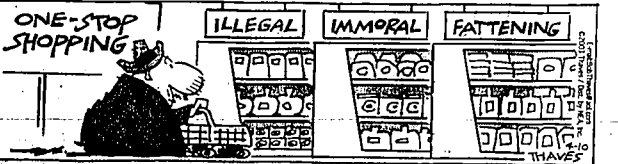
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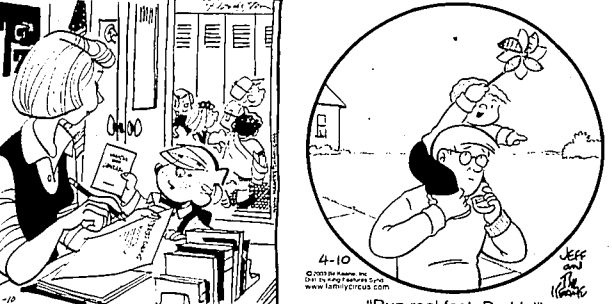


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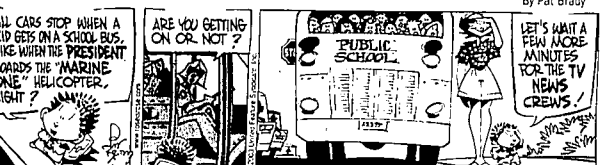
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OUTDOORS

Hunt

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called gamutiks, with traditional old modern gear.

Instead of dog teams, they drive snowmobiles, with plastic tarps securing wooden food boxes, synthetic equipment bags and caribou hide blankets, ropes and tuq-a-spear-like ice chisels.

Rather than the bear harpoon of old, each has a five-slabber rifle. They head out on frozen Frobisher Bay, with the lights of Igloolik, the Nunavut capital, disappearing behind them. Hours later, the sun will reach its apex just over the horizon and start to descend behind mountains and glaciers.

Meeka sips hot tea in the minus-31 Fahrenheit cold and gazes across the turquoise tundra ice. "I feel like I'm home," she says.

Joshua and Lew, both in their 50s, have hunted bear together for more than a decade, using skills learned from an uncle when they were children.

For Meeka, 36, this is the first nanuq, though she has had a lifetime of seal and caribou hunting. She won't kill a bear this trip because she wants that event to be by dog sled, like her grandfather and his father and his father.

In their fur-lined, insulated parkas and pants, with sealskin or modern boots up to their knees and gloves of wolf or beaver, they look much like their ancestors.

The men have thick torsos with strong, work-worn hands and muscular forearms. Their faces are broad and round, and each has a mustache but no beard.

Meeka is smaller, with the same copper skin and dark hair, and relies on knowledge and energy to perform the ceaseless tasks of Arctic wilderness survival.

On the second afternoon, a rifle shot echoes across the tundra. Another follows, cutting through the motor's whine and the endless wind. Now Lew comes scurrying back toward the others, snowmobile careening like a water bug on ice.

A smile curls Joshua's mustache

as he declares for all to hear: "Lew Philip just shot a polar bear."

The sudden success was unexpected. Polar bears generally roam for food at night or daybreak and sleep in the afternoon. Hunting them involves scanning wide expanses of ice for bears or their tracks, then working in teams to trap them on the ice between the open water and the shore.

This time, Lew Philip came across a sleeping female, about 5 years old, along the shore ice near Tonglait, a smattering of cabins 120 miles northeast of Igloolik.

The bear slept so deeply that his snowmobile initially failed to wake it, he says. When he restarted the motor to go alert the others, the bear got up and ran for about 50 yards before bounding up a 25-foot wall of jade-tinged ice.

He missed once with his 25.06-caliber rifle and fired again, piercing the bear's heart. It stumbled a little further along the ice ledge before tumbling into a crevasse to die.

Putting a rope around the bear's neck, the three hunters struggle with the 350-pound carcass, slipping as they drag it 70 yards to the shore.

A setting sun casts golden beams across the ice, creating a rainbow refraction above the horizon, as the hunters pause for chunks of bannock - Meeka's homemade bread - and tea boiled on a Coleman stove.

Then the knives come out. The hunters slit the bear's paws, jaw and chest to start the skinning process, and work off the thick, furry hide. Next, they butcher the meat. It is done in 70 minutes.

A few hours later, the gamey aroma of fresh bear meat and chunks of fat bubbling on the stove fills a small cabin as the wind whistles outside and Northern Lights form emerald streaks across the stars.

"We're not looking for a big bear. We're not hunting for the money," Lew says after gorging himself on what tastes like the richest of pot roasts. "We feel good

when we hunt the polar bear."

To the Inuit, polar bears have special significance. This archetypal symbol of the majesty and threat of the Arctic graces the government logo and license plates of Nunavut.

Nanuq can outrun, outclimb and outswim a man, prompting an Inuit saying that "the only thing they can't do is fly."

Most of Canada's polar bears are in the territory three times the size of Texas that stretches from Greenland to the Arctic Ocean.

Once hunted year-round, they now are a "species of special concern" due to past over-harvesting, which rose with the introduction of snowmobiles, and environmental threats such as global warming.

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board sets a yearly hunting quota; it was 408 for last season, though just 385 bears were killed. Most went to subsistence hunters, but 69 were shot by foreign sport hunters who pay \$20,000 or more apiece.

Violators of the regulations face up to six months in jail and a \$650 fine.

The controls are working, say Nunavut officials, who question warnings that the polar bear could face extinction due to global warming's reduction of the shelf ice where they hunt.

One study of a small polar bear population in the western Hudson Bay region far to the southwest found the animals were smaller with less fat, but it's premature to extrapolate those findings to Arctic populations, says Markus Dyck, a polar bear technician with the Nunavut Department of Sustainable Development.

"To raise an awareness to the public, that's OK, but to suggest that polar bears face extinction without knowing and understanding the complexities of long-term climate change and ecosystem dynamics is somewhat of a misleading statement," he said.

Inuit hunters believe nanuq is alive and well, its numbers increasing.

"Today, you can come across tracks a lot more than you would when I was a child," Joshua Kango says in Inuktitut. "They're a lot more in number. They're not in danger at all."

Meeka Mike, who sits on the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, calls the quota a concession to environmental groups that have



Inuit hunters work to skin a polar bear killed during the traditional hunt in February.

pressured Western governments to protect the species.

The best regulator, she says, is the traditional Inuit philosophy of taking only what is needed.

Lew Philip recalls learning that lesson a half-century ago, when he shot a small bird and his father told him, "You kill it, you eat it."

"I thought I would be sick," he says, laughing. "The only time we kill is for what we need."

Today's economic reality in the Arctic is sky-high costs for equipment and fuel and pelt prices just starting to recover from the international anti-fur lobby of the 1970s. Tough times make it difficult for some Inuit to follow the old ways, rather than hunt commercially.

"That is something a lot of Inuit struggle with - should I not sell and see my family go hungry, or should I sell?" Meeka Mike says.

Out on the ice, the hunters see evidence of that struggle: a bloody Arctic grotesque - the frozen, skinned body of a huge male bear shot the day before. The head and claws are gone, along with the hide, but all the meat remains on

the carcass.

The hunters shake their heads, then go to work. It takes an hour to complete the rough butchering. The meat goes on the gamutiks, to be distributed to elders and friends.

They knew who did it - an Inuit man who opposes the quotas and advocates profiting on hunting - but they refuse to divulge his name.

Meeka Mike sits cross-legged in her Arctic boots, using a needle and thick thread to repair holes in her moose skin. A propane lantern hisses in the corner of the cabin warmed by a diesel stove and Coleman burners kept on long after dinner has ended.

She talks about the changes the hunters see each year, such as robins appearing for the first time in the summer and how her sled dogs are getting their new fur in February, months later than usual. Winter storms are harder to predict.

What does all this mean? Down south, they call it global warming, but the Inuit don't know the cause.

"We think it's just part of the cycle, the thousand-year cycle," Meeka says.

The Inuit know other things, like how the caribou herd her home - large was named for went away for decades and only recently returned, just as her mother predicted.

She wonders why the scientists and environmentalists from the south - she labels them all "white people" - won't accept that knowledge, instead spending millions on studies on polar bears.

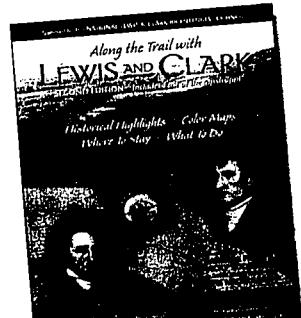
"How many in the population, how many do you have?" she says, quoting the researchers. "And we always say we do not have the figures, but we know the pattern. For many thousands of years we've known the patterns. No number, but we know."

"They always want the number."

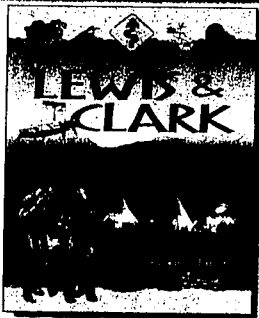
Thick frost coats the window as she hunches over her sewing, compressing the sole between her fingers and piercing it with the needle, first one way, then the other. Outside, the Northern Lights gleam down on the endless tundra ice.

COME ALONG WITH LEWIS AND CLARK

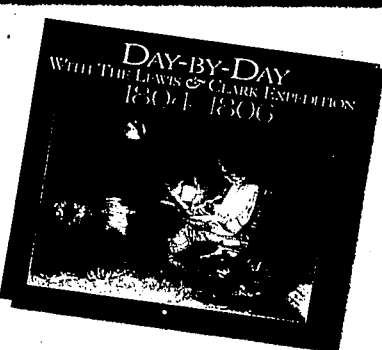
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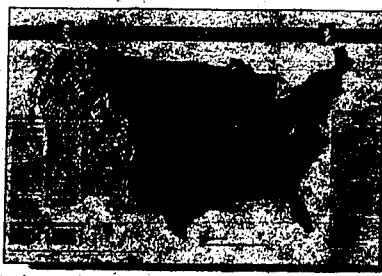
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The Times-News

Thursday, April 10, 2003

Refund equals real money

Think twice before spending that annual check, financial advisers say.

The Baltimore Sun

The average federal tax refund this year is \$2,010 — what Tiger Woods earns in about 4 1/2 minutes.

But for most taxpayers, that's real money. It's about two weeks' pay for the typical emergency room nurse and high school teacher, or three weeks' salary for an insurance agent or entry-level accountant, according to Salary.com. It's also one month's wages for a chauffeur, motel manager or rookie reporter. Too often, taxpayers put a siz-

Taxes 2003
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Mary Malgore, a financial planner with The Family Firm in Bethesda, Md.

"The inclination is, 'I always deserved that credit. Why don't I do that?' I would really like to get my spouse something really nice. Why don't I do that?" she said. "You're selling out your future

for current satisfaction by doing that."

She suggests taxpayers use the refund to produce greater long-term benefits, such as funding retirement or a college education. "We're not hoarders and we ought to cultivate that like a fine wine — the wonderfulness of hoarding," she said.

Here are other refund ideas:

• **Pay off credit-card debt.** Consumers can save hundreds or thousands of dollars by getting rid of high-interest card debt. One reason why this should be

the first place to apply a refund, financial experts said.

For instance, if you have a \$2,000 balance on a card with a 14 percent interest rate, it would take a little more than 16 years to wipe out that debt by making the minimum payment, and you would have paid \$2,100 in interest, said Gert Detweiler, author of the Ultimate Credit Handbook. "So you could save yourself the amount of the refund by paying it off right away," Detweiler said.

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Property remains unclaimed

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you know Juanita Deid, make sure she sees this story.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for her, and for hundreds of other people or businesses whose last known addresses are in Twin Falls.

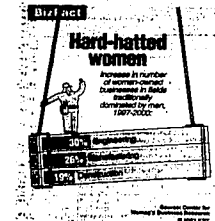
The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contracts of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. The ninth installment of the Twin Falls list appears today, and the tax commission said the people listed today own unclaimed property worth \$100 or more.

Watch for more Twin Falls names, and for other cities, in coming weeks.

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Medical Discoveries retains legal giant

TWIN FALLS — Logan, Utah-based Medical Discoveries Inc. said Wednesday it has retained global legal giant Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw to strengthen and expand its intellectual property and assets and advise it on worldwide strategic partnering and regulatory compliance.

The Logan company's chief executive officer, Judy Robinett, works from Twin Falls.

The publicly traded MDI said it also received its 11th patent relating to proprietary drug MDPI.

"MDI's technology and corporate vision provides an excellent opportunity to be the legal partner in taking a company from its pre-market stage to a successful market launch," Diane Romza-Kutz, partner in the Biotech Pharma Life Sciences Practice at Mayer Brown, said in a statement.

MDI's 11 patents relate to its proprietary electrolysis devices and methods and now span more than a decade of research and development. The company formed in 1991 to investigate and develop effective, rapid acting and safe pharmaceuticals capable of destroying viruses, bacteria and fungi for a variety of applications including treatment of HIV/AIDS.

L.A. Halley-flight brings new visitors to Idaho

HAILEY — The new nonstop Horizon Air flight between Los Angeles and Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport is bringing new visitors to the Sun Valley area, according to Carol Waller, executive director of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau.

The chamber's recent survey found that 31 percent of those using the new flight were first-time visitors, and 35 percent said the nonstop flight was the determining factor in visiting Sun Valley. More than half of the non-resident passengers indicated they plan to return this year — some more than once. Thirty-three percent of the non-residents own vacation homes in the area.

The direct flight, which began Dec. 15, has averaged 50 percent occupancy.

"While adverse national and regional economic conditions over the past winter likely kept load factors lower than originally projected, we are still pleased with the level of business this new service has generated to date," said Pat Zachwieja, vice president of marketing and planning for Horizon.

The daily service will continue through November. Blaine County Air Transportation Advisory Group members are continuing discussions with Horizon officials about continuing the service through 2004 in hopes of making it permanent.

Qwest unit borrows \$1.9 billion to aid buyout

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc.'s telephone-book unit will borrow about \$1.9 billion from banks and sell \$1.6 billion in high-risk, high-yield bonds to help two buyout firms complete their purchase of the business, sources familiar with the matter said.

Carlisle Group Inc. and Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe also will put up about \$550 million in cash to finish the acquisition, which is being done in two steps with a price of \$4.3 billion for the second portion. The firms said Qwest, the fourth-largest U.S. local-phone company, \$2.75 billion in November.

The junk-bond sale, which would be the second largest this year, may be Carlisle and Welsh Carson take advantage of rising demand for non-investment-grade debt. The offering will occur as early as June, about the time the acquisition closes, the sources said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Reserve, National Guard members called to active duty can qualify

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shortly after Yolanda Kilbride's husband was called up for active duty by the Marine Corps, she took advantage of a little-known law to shore up their finances.

First Kilbride called their mortgage company and requested that the interest rate on their loan be reduced to 6 percent. Then she called their bank and made the same request for their credit cards.

After receiving a copy of her husband's orders, both institutions immediately lowered the rates, she said. In fact, her bank dropped the rate on their cards to zero.

"It's good for all the time he's on active duty," said Kilbride, 46, of Hackettstown, N.J. "We're OK financially, but every little bit helps."

Many of the thousands of men and women whose reserve or National Guard units have been called up may qualify for a variety of benefits provided by federal laws and regulations, from lower interest rates to deferment of taxes and protection from eviction. But the military personnel and their families have to know to ask for them.

With so many troops on active duty and in combat zones, the government as well as nonprofit organizations and private companies are trying to publicize the available programs.

Kilbride, whose husband Thomas is a first sergeant in the Marine Corps reserves, took advantage of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940. As outlined on the Department of Defense Web site, www.defenselink.mil, its intent is to help service members who are hurt by the cut in pay they often take in moving from civilian jobs to military posts.

Among its key financial provisions:

- A 6 percent cap on interest charged on credit cards, mortgages, car loans and other personal debt.
- Protection from eviction if monthly rent does not exceed \$1,200 a month.

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Yolanda Kilbride of Hackettstown, N.J., and son TJ Kilbride, 8, wait at home for his dad, Marine First Sgt. Tom Kilbride, to return home from his military call to Iraq, Monday. Many of the families of reserve or National Guard units called up for service may qualify for a variety of benefits provided by federal laws and regulations. Kilbride says "We're OK financially, but every little bit helps."

Boise council reinstates permit

The Associated Press

BOISE — The City Council has restored the building permit for the Boise Tower project.

The council voted 4-1 with one abstention to support developer Rick Peterson's appeal of a Feb. 11 decision to cancel the permit for the 25-story condominium high rise.

The deciding factor was about 14 cubic feet of concrete poured May 15, 2002, the last day work could be done before the permit became invalid.

Documentation of that pour had gone unnoticed by city building officials, who in revoking the permit commented that work on the project had lapsed for longer than the 180 days.

*One concrete pour in a \$60 million pro-

ject seems to be a little insignificant to me," Councilman Vern Bisterfeldt said before he voted against reinstating the permit.

Several council members who voted in favor of the project chastised Peterson. "The city has been very patient with this project for 4 1/2 years, and all we've gotten in return is a festering pit in the ground," Councilman Alan Shealy said.

Council President Jerome Mapp, also a member of the Capital City Development Corp. board, abstained from the vote without stating a reason. The development board had endorsed the Boise Tower.

Peterson was disappointed by the council's vote, but said the decision allows him to move forward in finding financing for the building and clearing other obstacles.

Potlatch CEO takes heat as stock plummets

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Some critics are blaming Potlatch Corp. chief executive L. Pendleton Siegel for the timber company's stock slide.

"Since you ascended to your current role of Chief Value Destroyer when you assumed the formal title of CEO in 1999, the shares have dropped over 45 percent, a destruction of shareholder value in excess of \$520 million," wrote Daniel Loeb, managing member of Third Point Management LLC in New York City.

The investment partnership sent the letter to Siegel this week, adding that the stock price reflects "grave concern among shareholders about you and your senior management team."

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What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these things:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
- Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.

MONEY

Refund

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Build an emergency fund. The rule of thumb is setting away up to six months' worth of living expenses that can be tapped for emergencies. This way, if the roof springs a leak, you don't have to rack up credit card debt to take care of the problem.

Add to retirement savings. Contribute to a traditional or Roth individual retirement account. Maximum annual contributions are \$3,000, or \$3,500 for those 50 or older.

Or, put the refund in a money market fund or other account that you won't be tempted to tap and increase your contributions to your 401(k). Malgore said. Your paycheck will be smaller, but you can take money from savings during the year to make

up the difference. Repay a 401(k) loan. Workers often figure their hit to the harm in borrowing from a 401(k) because they pay themselves the interest on the loan, said Phillip Cook, a financial planner in Torrance, Calif. The problem is that the loans are repaid with dollars that have already been taxed, and that money will be taxed again when withdrawals are made in retirement, Cook said.

Loans should be avoided, and those who have them should pay them back quickly, he said. "The sooner you stop the interest from running, and more importantly, the sooner you get your money back into those investments that should do well, the better off you are," he said.

Save for college. Contribute to a 529 college savings plan for a child. There are no income limits for eligibility. Contributors choose among investments in the plan, and withdrawals are tax-free if the money is used for college. The low permitting tax-free withdrawal expires in 2011, unless Congress extends it.

Reduce mortgage debt. Using a \$2,000 refund to pay down the principal of a mortgage can trim a year or two off the loan's term, said Grace Worley, financial planner in Indianapolis.

While some experts suggest homeowners are better off investing money for retirement than paying off a low-interest mortgage loan early, Worley

said people rarely do this. "I'm not a proponent of maintaining mortgage debt as a way to leverage savings and investing more money. You should do both, pay down debt and do investing," Worley said.

When a person gets ready to retire, the ones that don't have any debt are facing a more comfortable retirement than those that do."

Those regularly getting hefty refunds should adjust their tax withholding, experts said. "If you get that much back, you gave Uncle Sam an interest-free loan for the year," said Joanne Hamilton, an educator with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension in Anne Arundel County. "That's a lot of money you didn't make any money on."

Potlatch

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Potlatch spokesman Mike Sullivan declined to respond directly to the allegations in Loeb's letter.

"As a shareholder, and a substantial one, I have every right to present his viewpoint to the board of directors and management," Sullivan said. "We're going to take it seriously. Our board is going to review the letter."

The stock, which traded at \$40 per share in 1998, closed at \$21.61 per share Tuesday.

Loeb said Third Point started buying Potlatch shares in March 2002. The hedge fund owns about 800,000 Potlatch shares, about 3 percent of the company.

Loeb has instigated management changes at several companies in which Third Point has

invested. He described himself Monday as a reluctant crusader for shareholders.

"We don't take these kinds of actions by design. We do it when forced," he said.

Loeb is highly critical of Siegel, a 24-year Potlatch veteran, and Gerald Zuehlke, the company's chief financial officer. Among his complaints:

A decline in Potlatch's pension fund over the past two years. The company took a \$33.2 million charge last year as a result of the fund's poor performance in 2002.

The sale of Potlatch's coated paper business in Clearwater, Minn., to a South African competitor last year. The company took a loss of nearly \$150 million on the book value of the recently remediated facility.

Siegel's \$579,000 annual salary, in light of company losses of more than \$300 million over the past three years.

Standard & Poor's January announcement that it would lower Potlatch's credit rating. As a result, the interest rate on \$100 million in debt rose from 9.4 percent to 12.5 percent.

Loeb said Third Point Management saw Potlatch as a good buy a year ago, largely because of the value of its timber.

Potlatch owns hundreds of thousands of acres of valuable timberland, which aren't showing up in the company's share price, Loeb said. Analysts list the value of the company's assets at \$45 per share.

Loeb said Potlatch should be taking action to capture some of

that value for shareholders, perhaps through the creation of a timberland real-estate investment trust.

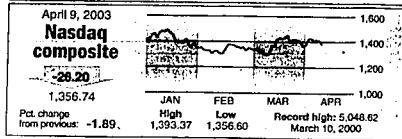
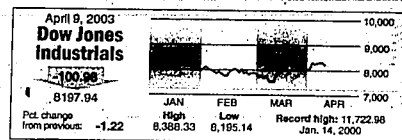
Sullivan said recent years have been difficult for the paper and wood products industry, and that Potlatch is no exception.

"Our credit rating is better or equal to our competitors," he said.

Other companies also saw their pension funds drop due to the stock market's performance, he noted.

Siegel will not receive a management bonus this year, because the company's earnings didn't meet the bonus criteria, Sullivan said.

Potlatch has wrestled with ways to reflect the value of its timberlands in the company's stock price, he said.



Elation over war fails to bolster stock market

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street pulled back Wednesday after investors' elation about a quick end to the war with Iraq dissolved into concerns about corporate profits. Stocks tumbled sharply with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 100 points.

"The market has been absolutely thrilled about an imminent end for arguably (the) first three weeks of the war. We started the stock rally before the war started," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

"Unfortunately, when investors begin celebrating they will have to focus on corporate profits, which may not be so jubilant," he said.

The Dow closed down 100.98, or 1.2 percent, at 8,197.94.

The broader market also fell. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 26.20, or 1.9 percent, to 1,356.74. The Standard & Poor's

500 index fell 12.30, or 1.4 percent, to 865.99.

Wall Street welcomed news from the U.S. military that Saddam Hussein's government is no longer in control of Baghdad and TV footage showing joyous crowds swarming the city and defacing images of Saddam.

But the market's ability to advance was impeded by first-quarter earnings, which companies began releasing this week. Profits are expected to be mostly disappointing, due to the detrimental effect of the war on the economy and in turn, corporate performance.

Wall Street has failed this week to gain upward momentum despite encouraging news on the war front, including rumors Tuesday that Saddam was dead. The Dow dipped 1.49 Tuesday, having risen a net 23.25 on Monday.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, D.F.F. Lists various stocks like AIG, ALE, AXP, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, Diaries, and Indexes.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, D.F.F. Lists various NASDAQ stocks like AIG, ALE, AXP, etc.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD. Lists local stocks like Albertson, American, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in the table below. Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name. (Dot is abbreviation.) Companies whose price of stock is up are indicated by a plus sign (+) and those whose price is down by a minus sign (-). Stocks whose price is unchanged are indicated by a dash (-). Stocks whose price is up or down are indicated by a plus or minus sign (+/-). Stocks whose price is up or down are indicated by a plus or minus sign (+/-). Stocks whose price is up or down are indicated by a plus or minus sign (+/-).

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, YTD. Lists American Stock Exchange stocks like American, etc.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including oil, grain, and metals. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

MARKETS

Table of market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and other major indices with their respective values and changes.

Ex-CEO takes Fifth Amendment

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Fired HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy refused to answer questions in federal court Wednesday about claims the company overpaid earnings by \$2.5 billion to meet Wall Street expectations.

Troops

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BEANS

Table of bean futures prices for various types of beans including soybean, pinto, and navy beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices for various types of cheese.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices for different grades of potatoes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices for gold, silver, platinum, and various currencies.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices for various grades of sugar.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

That's because combat pay and allowances were excluded from the definition of "earned income" with little fanfare in the 2002 tax year. As a result, more military families may qualify for the earned income tax credit for 2002 and 2003.

Those who die in Iraq, who make the ultimate sacrifice for their country, also get tax breaks," Luscombe said. Taxes are forgiven for any year

Something missing? We are able to customize our mutual fund reports for you in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us and we'll try to include it.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, asset sizes, and performance metrics.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



The University of Idaho Agricultural Essay winners were acknowledged by UI leaders. Pictured are, from left to right, Provost Brian Pitcher, Kayla Uhlenkott, UI President Bob Hoover, Jamie Lancaster, Agriculture Dean Larry Brannen.

Jerome student is agriculture essay contest winner

JEROME — Jamie Lancaster of Jerome is one of two Idaho winners in a national agriculture essay contest.

The winners and their families visited the University of Idaho's Moscow campus Jan. 25 for a VIP day in their honor.

She met with top university leaders, including President Bob Hoover, Provost Brian Pitcher and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Dean Larry Brannen. They also toured scientific facilities, and met researchers.

Jamie, 12, is a sixth-grader at Canyonside Christian School and the daughter of Mike and Laurie Lancaster. Her essay was entitled, "Eat Safe with

Irradiated Meat." She will represent Idaho in the next round of the national competition.

She also received a medal and personal congratulatory letter from her congressman, Rep. Mike Simpson of the Second District.

In addition to advancing to the national competition, Jamie received a plaque and a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond.

The contest was sponsored by the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, and open to students in sixth to eighth grades.

One national winner will receive a \$3,000 savings bond and an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. this month.

Association honors early childhood care providers

TWIN FALLS — Early-childhood care providers will be honored by the Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Sixteen providers will be recognized for their high quality service to children and families at a Provider Appreciation Reception, the association said. The public is invited.

The event is part of the association's recognition of the Week of the Young Child. The association is made up of early childhood professionals working together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education programs.

For more information, call Tiffany Eden at 732-6857.

Blue Lakes Rotary Club hosts pancake breakfast

TWIN FALLS — The Blue Lakes Rotary Club will host its annual pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m. Saturday at Lincoln Elementary School, 238 Seventh St. N. in Twin Falls.

The cost is \$3.50, and free for children ages 4 and under. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice, milk and coffee.

The breakfast is made possible in part by donations from Lamb Weston, Falls Brand, Coca Cola, Farmers Coffee, Meadow Gold and other local suppliers.

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club hosts the breakfast each year at a different elementary school in Twin Falls, with proceeds donated to that school. Lincoln Elementary School Principal Beth Olmstead plans to use the funds from this year's breakfast to improve technology at the school.

Tickets are available from Lincoln students, Blue Lakes Rotary Club members or at the door.

The Blue Lakes Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Annual combined bands concert set Friday

SHOSHONE — The annual combined bands concert for Shoshone, Gooding and Wendell junior and senior high schools will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Shoshone High School gymnasium, 61 E Highway 24.

Restaurant donates part of sales to 4-H

TWIN FALLS — The Arby's restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls will donate part of a customer's purchase to the 4-H program.

A customer must first present a certificate at the time of the purchase between 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and the restaurant will donate 20 percent of that purchase to the Twin Falls County 4-H program.

Certificates are available at the 4-H and University of Idaho Extension office, 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls, or from 4-H participants.

For more information, call the 4-H office at 734-9590.

Wood River Bridge announces winners

HAILEY — The recent Wood River Bridge winners were announced.

Monday at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey: first, Marilyn Nesbit and Dee Swartz; second, Max Thompson and Larry Kelley; and third, John Bush and Bee Longley.

Wednesday at the Harker Center: first, Dee Swartz and

Marilyn Nesbit; second, Ed Hilbert and Ken Anderson; and third, Cunnie McGowan and Jim Siegel.

Thursday at the Harker Center for north/south: first, Jean Williams and Linda Edwards; second, Arne and Fred Zauner; and third, Ken Anderson and Ed Hilbert. Eastwest: first, Dave Sellgren and Ricky Bosted; second, Claire and Lynn Bailey; and third, Beverly McLean and Larry Kelley.

Friday area winners for the Twin Falls Sectional Tournament on Sunday were: first, Peter Gray, Mari Carnavale and Holly Lawson won the handicap pairs. Ken Anderson and Ed Hilbert and teammates won B in the Swiss teams match on Sunday. Other winners were: Cunnie McGowan, John Bush, Max Thompson, Dee Swartz, Marilyn Nesbit, Joe Swartz, Marilyn Hansen, Jay Morey, Mary Louise McGonigal, Shirley and Ed Usenik, Roger and Martha Connor, Larry Kelley and Beverly McLean.

Christian Motorcyclists Association holds breakfast

TWIN FALLS — The Calvary Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association will hold a breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

All riders are welcome.

For more information, call Rene Burkhalter at 537-6666.

Living Through Cancer group meets next week

TWIN FALLS — The Living Through Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The ongoing group is open to cancer patients or survivors and their families, friends and caregivers.

No registration is required, and the meeting is free.

For more information, call 737-2441, ext. 2800.

Burley Scout receives Eagle honor at ceremony

BURLEY — Joshua Thomas Alvey, 18, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley West State Center, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley.

Alvey has completed 23 merit badges.

For his Eagle project, he built benches at the skate park. The project took 61 hours, and he was assisted by Scouts and leaders. He is a member of Troop 12 sponsored by the Burley 2nd Ward of the LDS Church. His Venture Crew leader is Mark Mitton.

Alvey is a senior at Burley High School where he is president of the National Honor Society, and will graduate as valedictorian in May. His parents are Dan and Diane Alvey of Burley.



Joshua Alvey

Trinity Lutheran Church holds a spring salad lunch

RUPERT — A spring salad lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 8th St. in Rupert.

The menu will include a variety of salads, desserts and beverages. A freewill offering will be taken for lunch. There will be craft items and baked goods for sale.

The public is invited.

Rupert holds last flea market of the season

RUPERT — The Rupert flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Mercers building at the Minidoka County Fair Grounds, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

There will be a variety of vendors and a food booth. This will be the last flea market until fall.

Team presents breakfast to benefit Relay for Life

BURLEY — The United Co-op Relay for Life team will have a fund-raising breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Sunday at the Burley Elks Lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

The cost is a freewill offering. There also will be a baked goods sale and raffle.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Minidoka County 4H enrollments are due April 15

RUPERT — All Minidoka County 4H enrollments and dues must be in by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to the Minidoka County University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

Enrollment fees are \$8 for 4H members, \$10 for horse members and \$4 for Cloverbuds. There must be a minimum of five members to be a club as of the enrollment deadline. New members can be added after the enrollment deadline as long as they will still meet all the project and meeting requirements.

For more information, call 436-7184.

Gooding County Historical Society mulls Founders Day

GOODING — The Gooding County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. in Gooding.

Linda Wiggins, the development director for Gooding County Memorial Hospital, will speak about the hospital expansion. The society also will discuss final plans for the Gooding County Founders Day.

A single membership to the society is \$10, lifetime membership is \$300. Business membership is \$100 and a business lifetime membership is \$1,000.

The society is a nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

Gooding Parent Support Group meets Tuesday

GOODING — The Gooding Parent Support Group for parents of children with mental illness will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. in Gooding.

The monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, with the place to be announced.

This month's meeting will be a roundtable discussion.

For more information, call Sally Walker at 934-4844 or Lisa Bolton at 934-4348.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for April 4 were: first, Jodi Faulkner and Susan Faulkner; second, Sue Borden and Lorna Bard; third, Henry and Dolores Robinson and fourth, Carol France and Mary Steele.

Refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Irie of Hagerman celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary with the club.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308

Twin Falls scout receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS — Derek Lloyd, son of Allan and Sharon Lloyd of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 6 p.m. Sunday at the LDS Building on Elizabeth Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Lloyd has completed 21 merit badges.

For his Eagle Scout project, he performed bank restoration on Big Cottonwood Creek. Ten scouts and leaders spent 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the conference room of the office, 2032 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

Nancy Choker of Moss Greenhouse will teach students which herbs grow well in this area, how to care for their gardens, and when to plant and harvest. Herbs will be available for purchase.

The cost is \$10. Class size is limited. Pre-registration must be completed between from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Friday at the office.

For more information, call 324-3389.

Jerome Recreation District offers herb gardening class

Jerome — The Jerome Recreation District will offer an herb gardening class from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the conference room of the office, 2032 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

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Magic Valley Singles Square Dance club holds workshop

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold its Easter potluck for all members and beginners at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome.

Turkey will be provided. All members should bring a dish to share and may wear spring or Easter attire. Buttons and Bows members also are invited.

Square dancing will follow the dinner.

For more information, call Tom at 324-6440 or Galen at 733-9045.

Kimberly City Library places new books on its shelves

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly City Library announced the addition of the following new books:

Adult fiction: "Suspicion of Madness" by Barbara Parker, "Warrior Class" by Dale Brower, "Justice Jones" by Walter Mosley, "Heart of a Warrior" by Johanna Lindsey, "The Jester" by James Patterson and Andrew Cross, "Passing Through Paradise" and "Enchanted Afternoon" by Susan Wiggin, "Star Wars: Tatooine Ghost" by Troy Denning, "Full Tilt" by Janet Evanovich with Charlotte Hughes, "The Fenwick Curse" by Catherine Coulter, "The Best Revenge" by Stephen White, "Late Bloomer" by Fern Michaels, "Dating Game" by Danielle Steel, "Someone to Watch Over Me" by Judith McNaught, "The Key" by Debra White Smith, "Deleted" by Robert L. Wise, "Face to Face" by Linda Dorrell, "Bittersweet Bliss" by Ruth Glover, "The Visitor" by Lois Wilde, "The Male Sparrows" by Al and Joan Lacey and "Star Wars: Than a Dream" by Laureine Snelling.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

ARCHAEOLOGY EVENT



Photo courtesy of JAMIE BONNETT

Archaeologist Jamie Bonnett measures a rock shelter at the Lawrence Pierce Excavation in Livermore, Calif. Bonnett, who works out of the Sawtooth National Forest office in Twin Falls, will speak at the free event called "Days of Future Past," sponsored by The Friends of the Jerome Public Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library, 100 First Ave. E. The free presentation will include information about archeological projects, past and future, here and elsewhere; historic mining/industrial tours; prehistoric sites; and the planned Idaho Millennial Survey. For more information: Daralynn Crozier, 324-5499.

LETTER OF THANKS

T.F. All-Star Cheerleaders give a cheer to businesses

The Twin Falls All-Star Cheerleaders would like to thank the following businesses for generously supporting all three squads at the Idaho Cheer Championships:

- Pat Richardson of Richardson Trucking in

Lewiston, Andy Pierce of Pierce Concrete and Excavation, and Raymond Coats of Triple C Concrete.

Your support provided the girls with an invaluable experience. Thank you!

ANDREA PIERCE, Director, All-Star Cheerleaders
Twin Falls

Registration begins for CSI summer, fall courses

GOODING — Registration for College of Southern Idaho summer and fall 2003 courses begins on April 14, and people can register at the CSI North Side Center at 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding for CSI courses held at any location.

Summer 2003 academic classes begin June 2.

CSI North Side Center summer academic courses include "Math Concepts," "Beginning Algebra," "Intermediate Algebra," "Math in Modern Society," "Math for Elementary Teachers 1 and 2," "Algebra Based Probability Statistics," and "World Regional

Geography." Business courses are "Principles of Accounting" and "Principles of Microeconomics." Business-related individualized study courses offered this summer include "Introduction to Business," "Personal Finance," "Principles of Macroeconomics" and "Principles of Microeconomics." Social-sciences individualized study courses include "Western Civilization 2," "U.S. History 2," "War and Peace in the Nuclear Age," "American National Government," "American State and Local Government," "World Regional

Geography," "General Psychology," "Child and Adolescent Development" and "Sociology." Individualized education classes in foundations of education include "Field Experience," "Applied Education," "Families, Communities and Culture," and "Development/Individual Differences." Computer courses include "Introduction to Computers," "Creating Budgets in Excel," "Introduction to Scanning and PhotoShop," and "Internet and E-mail for Everyday Use."

For registration information, visit the CSI North Side Center or call 934-8678.

Exhibition recognizes student artists

ARES High school student artists received cash awards at the 12th Annual Idaho High School Arts Exhibition held at the University of Idaho's Rideenbaugh Hall Galleries in Moscow.

Awards were presented at a gallery reception March 28.

The annual event, sponsored by the UI Department of Art and the University Galleries, features the work of student artists from across the state.

Award winners are:

Buhl

- Martha Higgins, Buhl High School, second

- place, \$75 prize
- Caleb Higginson, Buhl High School, honorable mention
- Rose Meiters, Buhl High School, first place, \$100
- Ashlee Schmitt, Buhl High School, honorable mention

Hazelton

- Sam Vineyard, Valley High School, honorable mention

Kimberly

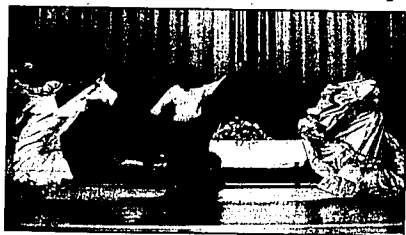
- Krista Yawser, Kimberly High School, honorable mention

A new language ESL class graduates with ceremony

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Adults and children graduated from the fifth English as second language class offered in Wendell, and the event was celebrated with music and recognition.

Want more information? The next free English as second language class will begin April 21 at Wendell High School. For more information, call Judy Ruprecht at the College of Southern Idaho at 733-9554.



Southern Idaho. Judge Mark Ingram handed out the certificates, along with the three teachers - Shauna Cheney, Linda Quintero and Julie Trader-Wolfe.

"This year, we had bigger classes than last year," Trader-Wolfe said. "I had 55 adults register. Shauna had 15, and Linda, teacher for the kids, had 33. About 30 of the registered were



Right, Yvette Lopez receives her certificate of completion from Judge Mark Ingram and her teacher, Linda Quintero at the graduating ceremonies for the fifth ESL class to finish in Wendell. Far right, Perla Tinoco, Lupita Gomez and Cindy Tenorio dance as part of the ESL graduation ceremonies. Perla and Cindy are members of the Bilingual Education Student Organization at Wendell High School.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Fiesta de HALO at Idaho State University promotes Latino Awareness

POCATELLO - The Fiesta de HALO, Idaho State University's annual celebration of Hispanic heritage and culture, begins Monday with opening ceremonies that include a proclamation by Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase declaring April 14-19 Latino Awareness Week. HALO is ISU's Hispanic Awareness Leadership Organization. About 440 Hispanic students are enrolled in

ISU programs, and ISU's largest ethnic population. The opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m. Monday in the Pond Student Building Bengal Cafe. Fiesta sponsors HALO, ISU Enrollment Planning and Academic Services, Wells Fargo Bank, Charwells Dining Service, Associated Students of ISU and the ASISU Program Board will be recognized. A Mexican dinner starts at 6 p.m. in the PSUB

Ballroom. Graduating Latino students will be honored. The dance, with music provided by Los Miller, will follow from 9-11 p.m. in the PSUB Ballroom. The cost to those not attending the dinner is \$5 or \$8 per couple. The Wells Fargo/HALO talent show will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 18 in the Ballroom. Admission is free. Awards are \$300 for first place, \$200 for sec-

ond and \$100 for third. Workshops will be held from 1-4 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the PSUB Salmon River Suite: "The Art of Personal Hardings" with Jacobed Campeon-Rincon, an ISU graduate with a master's degree in public health; "Latino Literature" with Angela Luckey, an ISU professor, reviewing literature that addresses issues of Hispanic life in the United States; "Job Seeking and

Interview Skills" with Chris Rivera, who has more than 30 years experience with Wells Fargo Bank providing human resources services. She also was instrumental in organizing the bank's Hispanic Education and Awareness Team program to enhance the bank's working relationship with the Idaho Hispanic community.

Other activities include the film, "Frida" at 8 p.m. Monday PSUB Film Theatre, a barbecue at noon Wednesday in the Hutchinson Quadrangle and comedian Eric Nieves at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the PSUB Ballroom. Admission to the Nieves performance is free, but donations of personal hygiene items and canned foods are encouraged and will go to the community-wide Feeding the 5,000 Families campaign.

Students sponsor free fiesta at Filer High School

FILER - A free Hispanic Heritage Fiesta will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday at the Filer High School cafeteria.

There will be free food, music, singers and performances by folkloric dancers and a children's choir from Burley.

The event is a result of a senior project by Juana Rosas and Violeta Tapia.

"We are trying to make it so the community can see a little bit of our culture," Rosas said. The main speaker will be Roberto Artega, a Twin Falls real estate agent and former

migrant worker, who will talk about his life and the Mexican culture." Activities will be bilingual.

"It is for the entire community," Rosas said.

Hispanic business, professionals meet Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Hispanic Business and Professionals Network will meet at noon Monday at the Plaza Azul restaurant on Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

Anyone interested is invited to the no-host lunch. For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marrantonio at 735-3288.

Miami hosts Latin Grammys in September

MIAMI (AP) - The Latin Grammys will finally take place in Miami this year, after moving to Los Angeles because of concerns about Cuban protesters.

The ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS from the American Airlines Arena on Sept. 3, the Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences said.

The agreement came after months of negotiations between local leaders and the Latin Academy, New York, where the Grammys' took place. In February, was the other contender to host.

"It is time to officially bring the show to Miami - one of the most culturally diverse and musically vibrant cities in America," said Manolo Diaz, chairman of the Latin Recording Academy Board of Trustees.

The inaugural ceremony in 2000 took place in Los Angeles because of a Miami ordinance barring the county from doing business with those who have dealings with Cuba. The law was later invalidated by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The 2001 show was awarded to Miami but was moved to Los Angeles after Cuban exile groups

threatened to protest because performers from communist Cuba would have been allowed to perform.

Then the show was canceled after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Last year's show took place in Los Angeles again.

The spokesman for the coalition of Cuban exile organizations that planned those protests said they would organize demonstrations again if Cuban artists were invited.

Miami Mayor Manny Diaz said he believed if protests took place, the show could still go on with increased police presence.



Noticias.

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An appropriate written response may be filed with the Clerk of the District Court within 30 days after service of the summons on you...

An appropriate written response may be filed in and out of the regular right of appeal against you as demanded by Plaintiff in the Complaint for Divorce...

A proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of this response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS...

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-2003-001255 IN RE: CREDITORS' E.C. 5-15-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assets of the Estate of MARTIN L. HALL, deceased...

STEPHAN KANVIG is the TRAINER of the Assets of the Estate of MARTIN L. HALL...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS...

INVESTIGATION TO BID FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT...

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jerome until 10:00 a.m., May 7, 2003...

RESOLUTION NO. 1702 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING COMPLIANCE BY THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS WITH TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968...

SECTION 1. That within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex...

SECTION 2. That the City shall publicize this resolution and encourage owners of real property to take appropriate responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988...

SECTION 3. That said program will at a minimum include: (1) the printing and publicizing of this policy and other information...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-15561 On the 24th day of July, 2003, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said County of Idaho, County Office of First American Title Company...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code...

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MURTAGH JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT 418 Twin Falls & Cassia Counties, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the public notice of the Board of Trustees of Murtagh JT. School District No. 418...

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Webb, Ricky Emery and Moore, Donnelly A. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On July 21, 2003 at 10:00 AM of said County of Idaho, in the lobby of THE RICK, INC. 183 4th Avenue North...

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public review...

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INVITATION TO BID The Housing Authority for the City of Jerome will receive bids for a public works project...

Qualified bidders may obtain copies of the documents at the Housing Authority for the City of Jerome, Idaho, located at 200 Elm St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83401.

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Specification of additional details, including bid forms, may be secured at 107 West Third Avenue, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

PUBLISHED: April 10 and 17, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 21, 2003, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by RICK GIESLER...

City Council may vote to suspend the rules and act upon the related ordinance on the first or second meeting date, if that occurs, no further public hearings will be held on this issue.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

Persons needing special accommodations for a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls, 735-7267, five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

PUBLISHED: Thursday, April 3 and April 10, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on April 23, 2003, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Council Chamber, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by JOANNE WILDER d/b/a WILDER APPLIANCE COMPANY...

Request a Special Use Permit which, if granted, would allow the applicant to operate an appliance service and repair shop on property located at 338 Fourth Avenue West in the City of Twin Falls.

Request a Special Use Permit which, if granted, would allow the applicant to construct five four-plexes on property located at 228 Phoenix West in the City of Twin Falls.

A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

Any and all persons desiring to comment, appear and be heard at the appointed time.

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PUBLISHED: Thursday, April 10, 2003

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for change to water rights within Twin Falls County. DALE & REMEE ELDRIDGE, 2724 E. 300th N, Twin Falls, ID 83301...

Application No. 72003-31-01 for diversion of 0.58 cfs from "O" Canal to create capacity to irrigate 3.2 acres of agricultural purposes to create a permissible place of use totaling 7.87 acres on an

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existing farm by co-mingling water from "O" Coulee with the water from "C" Coulee in a pivot sprinkler that will replace gravity irrigation on most of the farm. The point of diversion is located near the SE corner of the farm which is owned by the farm which is owned by the farm...

PUBLISHED: April 3 and 10, 2003

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION AND HEARING

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. Case No. SP-02-5387

TO: Jeremy Luo Dillon. You have been named as the natural father of a male child, Taran M. Dillon, born to Robert Dillon between June 28, 1999 at Twin Falls, Idaho to Angela Butler.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to each of the parties or claimants of the property described in and under the provisions of laws of the State of Idaho, the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Twin Falls County, in said state is deemed to be the purchaser, in trust, of certain property described in delinquency entries made January 1, 2000 or prior in regard to parcels of land in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, which delinquency will expire May 16, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Further particulars of said delinquency entries being as follows:

TO: who lists the delinquent PARCEL NUMBER and PROPERTY ADDRESS. The second column lists the NAME and last known ADDRESS of the recorded owner. The third column lists the LEGAL DESCRIPTION. The fourth column lists the TAX amount; LATE CHARGE, two percent (2%) and INTEREST, one percent (1%) per month from January 1, of the delinquent year, and COST FEES.

DELINQUENT ENTRIES SUBJECT TO TAX DEED MAY 16, 2003

Table with columns: Parcel ID, Owner Name, Address, Amount, and other details for delinquent entries.

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A petition for the termination of your parental rights and responsibilities and for the adoption of Taran M. Dillon by his biological grandparents, Michael and Angela Butler, has been filed in the above entitled matter. Petitioners will ask the Court for an order terminating your parental rights to this child, based on the following grounds: abandonment, Idaho Code § 16-205(9), or neglect, Idaho Code § 16-205(10).

PUBLISHED: April 3 and 10, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

As required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the City of Twin Falls has adopted by resolution a policy regarding

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED

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'NONDISCRIMINATION IN THE BASIS OF DISABILITY'. The City of Twin Falls does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of access to, or operation of programs, services, or activities.

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IMPORTANT

Please address all legal advertising to: THE TIMES NEWS, P.O. Box 44, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0048. Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Friday for Thursday and noon

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PLACE OF MEETING: Room 100, 821 2nd Street, Lewiston, Idaho. PERSONS ATTENDING: Commissioners, Director. PURPOSE OF MEETING: Agenda: Reports: Cascade Relief Agency, Access Vets, Draft White Sturgeon Management Plan, Salmon State, Fiscal: FY04 Budget Approval.

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NOTICE

Persons with disabilities who need accessible communication aids and services or other accommodations to participate in programs and activities are invited to make your needs and preferences known to the ADA Coordinator. Please give us at least a three to five days advance notice so we can adequately meet your needs.

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on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby at 735-3324.

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APR 02 RP:1324100100. The trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the real property, but for the purposes of compliance with the deed, the trustee has been informed of the address of 654 North 2nd Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, which is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Rick A. Lewis and Denise Lewis, husband and wife as Grantor(s), with Northwest Mortgage Inc as beneficiary on a Deed of Trust recorded 08/19/1998 in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho as instrument No. 1998-011390. The above grantors are named to comply with section 45-1508(4)(c), Idaho Code, which states that the grantor and complainant can be obtained by contacting

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pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust. If the amount called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$883.25 from 12/02, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$71,879.80 as principal, plus late charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate prescribed by the Promissory Note from 6/15/98. The beneficiary elects to satisfy said debt by the sale of the property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. March 31, 2003 First American Title Insurance Company Charles H. Anderson by Andrew Equity National Corporation, as agent Charles Alderman III, as trustee of 23721 Birchler Drive, Lake Forest, CA 92630 Phone: (949) 707-5563 P192425.

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Large table listing various legal notices, public meetings, and delinquent entries with columns for parcel ID, owner name, address, amount, and other details.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

School District No. 411, Twin Falls, Idaho. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual election of school trustees for Twin Falls School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, will be held on May 20, 2003, and the polls of said election will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. on said day.

The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three (3) years from the date of the election who resides within the Trustee Zone No. 1 and one trustee to serve for a period of two (2) years from the date of the election who resides within Trustee Zone No. 2. Two qualified electors residing in the specified trustee zone may vote for a Zone No. 1 or Zone No. 2 candidate.

Legal description of said zones are available upon request. Polling place for Trustee Zone No. 1 shall be Bickel Elementary School, 607 2nd Avenue East, and polling place for Trustee Zone No. 2 shall be Lincoln Elementary School, 238 7th Street North.

Declaration of Candidacy bearing the name of a nominee for election as trustee must be filed with the Clerk of the Election no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2003.

That said election shall be secret and separate ballot. Absentee voting shall be permitted beginning April 21, 2003, as provided in Section 150B, Idaho Code, as amended. Any qualified trustee zone elector who expects to be absent from the District on the day of election or who will be unable to appear in person may request to be absent from the District on the day of election or to be absent from the District on the day of election or to be absent from the District on the day of election or to be absent from the District on the day of election.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2003. /s/ Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On July 23, 2003, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock PM of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Township 11 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Section 38: That part of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at a point on the West line of said Section, at a point 180 feet South of the Northwest corner thereof; Thence East 165 feet; Thence South 293 feet; Thence West 165 feet; Thence North 293 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT the North 60 feet thereof.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 2980 North 3800 East, Hansen, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of attorney executed by the Grantor(s), with the Pioneer Federal Credit Union as the Beneficiary, under instrument No. 1987018542, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was assigned to Candant Mortgage 1/1A PHH Mortgage Services Corporation, recorded October 23, 1997, as instrument No. 1987017514, in the records of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(a)(9), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NOT PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated this 19th day of March, 2003. /s/ Paula Peterson, Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.

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Thursday, April 10, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

A resolution to avoid an evil is seldom framed till the evil is so far advanced as to make avoidance impossible. - Thomas Hardy

Because North has too much playing strength to opt to one trump, he opens one diamond. As a result, it is South who declares three no-trump.

East overtakes his partner's lead of the spade 10 when declarer ducks in dummy (a necessary precaution if the lead is a singleton), and South holds up his spade ace to the second round to ensure clarity of the defense's communication.

When South takes his spade ace, he knows he needs to set up diamonds while keeping East off lead. Let us look at the options.

1. Lead the ace, king and a third diamond. (West, after all, is likely to be long in diamonds once East has shown six spades.) Unlucky! East will win the third diamond and take his spades, and you go down.

2. Lead the diamond king and a second diamond; when West plays the queen, let him hold the trick. Very nice, but what if West drops the diamond queen under the king? Now East has a diamond entry, and there is nothing you can do. Oh well, back to the drawing board.

3. Cross to dummy with the club king and play the diamond 10 from dummy. (West, after all, is likely to play low.) You can win the heart return, unblock your diamond king, then go back to dummy's club king and take all the rest of the diamond suit. Contract made - and this time there is nothing the defense can do.

NORTH 04-10 A ♦ J 4 ♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2 ♥ Q 7 ♣ A 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ A K

WEST ♦ 10 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 2 ♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2 ♣ J 8 4 3

EAST ♦ K Q 9 8 5 2 ♥ K 4 ♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2 ♣ 10 9 8 6 4

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 10 8 7 5 3 2 ♥ K Q 9 8 5 2 ♦ A K ♣ J 8 4 3

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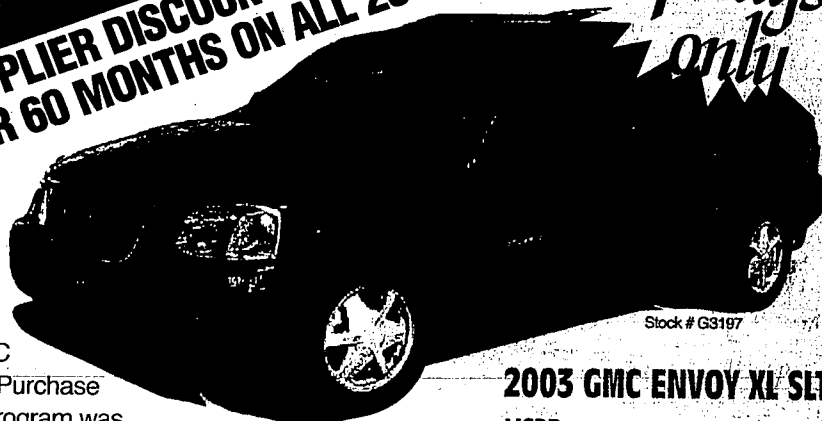
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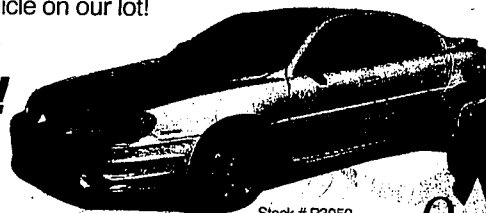
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