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General: Major combat ends

Marines seize Saddam stronghold without much fight

The Associated Press

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell Monday with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. A senior Pentagon general said "major combat engagements" probably are over in the 26-day-old war.

As fighting wound down, Pentagon officials disclosed plans to pull two aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf. At the same time, Iraqi power brokers looked

America at war

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ahead to discussions on a postwar government at a U.S.-arranged meeting set for today.

"I would anticipate that the major combat engagements are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told reporters at the

Pentagon. Tikrit fell with no sign of the ferocious last stand by Saddam loyalists that some military planners had feared.

Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted at economic or diplomatic sanctions against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruction program and helping Iraqis flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

Looting eased in Baghdad after

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A shopkeeper stands in front of his store as U.S. Marines search for enemy fighters Monday in Tikrit, Iraq.

Beyond the basics

Emphasis on core subjects takes away from other areas of study

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - This week Magic Valley students enter the final stretch of a school year full of standardized tests.

On Monday, students in grades 2 through 10 began taking the spring Idaho Standards Achievement Test, and today marks the start of the spring Idaho Reading Indicator for grades K-3.

The multiple-choice tests, taken three times a year, measure student knowledge in reading, language arts and math.

So, too, do the Direct Math Assessment and Direct Writing Assessment, tests taken in December, whose results are scheduled to be released this week.

In fact, so much attention is placed on the "big three" - reading, math and language arts - that some educators are beginning to wonder if other subjects, such as history and government among other disciplines, have lowered in significance.

"That's an area of concern to us," said Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. "We know they're all important."

Not only the state's standardized tests focus solely on the three topics; so, too, does the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Its "annual yearly progress" standard - which determines whether a school needs improvement - is based on the three disciplines.

Placing such emphasis on language arts and math incorrectly colors the public's perception of a school's overall performance, Howard said.

Indeed, the newly mandated district report cards - also a requirement of No Child Left Behind - heavily factor in student performance on reading, language arts and math in determining a school district's ranking.

Randy Thompson, chief academic officer for the state Board of Education, said the extra attention stems from the fact that reading and math are the foundation of all other subjects.

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Kelsey Price, left, and Jessica Newberry, sixth-graders at Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls, work on a project on ancient Rome. With so much emphasis on reading, language and math, some educators worry other subjects such as history and government could suffer.

BRUCE SHELLES/The Times-News

T.F. board raises the bar for graduation

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School students will have to take more classes to graduate starting next school year.

School district board members voted 4-0 Monday evening to raise the credits required to graduate by two annually for the next two years.

"This, while members of the class of 2004 will graduate with the currently required 44 credits, the following class, 2005, will need 46 credits to graduate, and the class of 2006 will need 48."

"We're trying to raise the bar for all students," Principal Ben Allen said. "It's the belief of our staff that all students should be prepared to go on to college or a vocation certificate whether they think, at age 16, they are or not."

Despite the higher requirements, they're still lower than what Idaho's colleges and universities ask of incoming freshmen, Allen told board members. For instance, while science and math requirements increase, there remain no foreign language requirements, a must for most of the nation's four-year higher education institutions.

"But this is a start, all agreed. "We're moving in that direction - it's just that you can't do it all at once," board member Del Traveller said.

School officials agreed that increases had to be made, however small. After all, Twin Falls High School has among the lowest graduation requirements in the entire region. That factor actually draws students from outside the area to attend the high school, not for the academic rigor but for the fewer classes needed to graduate, noted board Chairwoman Vera Redman.

Regardless of the number of credits needed, board member Chad Hafer said ultimately it's up to students to challenge themselves to take rigorous course loads.

"You need to challenge yourself that senior year. It isn't a party year," he said. "If you pick up bad habits then, they will carry with you into college."

The higher requirements, however, come at the expense of elective opportunities, that is, if the current six-period day isn't expanded via a block schedule or longer school day.

A key to that development rests in the hands of parents, many of whom filled the tiny board room at the district office Monday night. None spoke, but at the end of the meeting they requested time for a presentation at the next board meeting.

Board members were glad to see such a turnout. A proposed schedule change which would have allowed even higher graduation requirements was shot down two weeks ago largely because of a perceived lack of parent participation.

Hafer and Redman expressed the need for more opportunities for the public to participate.

"I want the parents involved. We need to figure out how to get

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Budget accord eludes state legislators

Senate might vote today on tax plan

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Legislators enter their record 100th day in session today with no resolution in sight on how to balance the state budget.

It looks like the state sales tax will soon increase, but Idaho residents are still waiting to see if it will rise by a half-cent or a full cent on the dollar. And there's

still a chance that taxes on alcohol and cigarettes will go up as well.



A week ago the House sent a bill recommending a half-cent sales tax increase to the Senate. It is estimated the increase would generate about \$80 million of the \$140 million to \$200 million needed to balance the 2003-04 budget.

On Monday, senators met in conference - individually with

A 'smaller' task

It has been exactly 20 years since the Idaho Legislature set a record session of 95 days. Relatively speaking, however, lawmakers who set the 1984 budget had to come up with a lot more

money than the lawmakers of 2003. To meet a \$454.4 million general fund appropriation, they had to raise \$109.2 million in taxes. Lawmakers this year are in discussions with the governor to find somewhere between \$140 million and \$200 million to cover an almost \$2 billion budget.

Senate leadership on the issue of raising the sales tax to 1 cent and adding a couple of "sin" taxes. But there is danger in sending back to the House an amended bill that is too radically changed.

"If it comes back 1 cent, we

don't have the votes," said Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and her District 26 counterpart,

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Agonizing wait drags on for families of missing servicemen

The Associated Press

WATERFORD, Conn. - Amid all the jubilation over the rescue of seven American POWs in Iraq, Paul Patchem couldn't stop wondering about his 22-year-old stepson.

Marine Cpl. Kenneth Phom Chanawongse remained one of the

handful of U.S. servicemen missing in action. The Pentagon says four of its troops are missing, but only two have been publicly identified: Chanawongse of Waterford and Army Sgt. Edward Anguiano of Brownsville, Texas.

Since Sunday, five of the six

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Paul and Tan Patchem of Waterford Conn., talk Monday about their son, Marine Cpl. Kenneth Phom Chanawongse, who has been reported missing in action.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Developing scattered showers with mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 40s. Tonight: Rain mixing with and switching over to possible light snow. Lows in the lower 30s. Tomorrow: Showers possible early, then mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 40s to the lower 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST Today Tonight Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday High 47 Low 32 53/33 66/34 65/32 58/36

Yesterday's Weather City HI Lo Prep Boise 41 43-42-40t Rainy Burley 42 34 0-11t Rainy Coeur d'Alene 50 41 0-10t Rainy Elmore 47 38 0-10t Rainy Jerome 43 34 0-10t Rainy Latah 49 42 0-10t Rainy Malad City 56 44 0-10t Rainy Pocatello 51 38 0-10t Rainy Salmon 54 39 0-10t Rainy Starley 58 28 0-10t Rainy

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Showers developing with cool conditions. Highs in the 40s. Tonight: Continuing light rain and/or snow showers. Lows in the 30s. Tomorrow: Showers continuing early then mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 50s.

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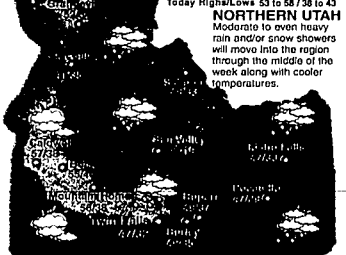
Temperature Yesterday's High 41, Yesterday's Low 34, Normal High 59, Record High 79, Record Low 17.

Humidity Yesterday's High 100%, Yesterday's Low 62%, Normal High 62%, Normal Low 62%.

Barometric Pressure Yesterday's 30.1, Normal 30.1, Sunrise 6:57 AM, Sunset 6:20 PM.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Isolated rain or light snow showers in the elevations are possible over the next 24 to 36 hours.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 72 at Holstler. Low: 20 at Starley.

Moon Phases April 16 Full Moon, April 23 Last Qt, May 1 New Moon, May 9 First Q.

Moonrise and Moonset Today Moonrise: 7:14 PM, Moonset: 6:28 AM.

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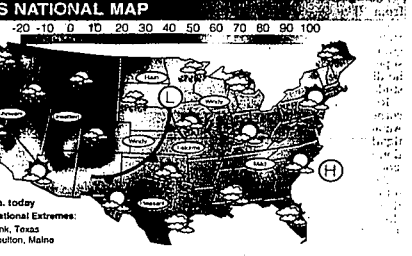
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Basics

Continued from A1. After all, a student can't do well in history or government if he doesn't possess solid reading skills.

Missing

Continued from A1. Marines from Chanawongse's unit missing since a March 23 firefight near Nasiriyah have been reclassified as killed in action.

Budget

Continued from A1. Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, are backing Moyle, as they wouldn't even vote for a half-cent increase.

Democrats 'in control'

Republican senators must have 18 votes to pass a tax increase. All seven Democrats in the 35-member Senate are holding out for their own plan, which would repeal the 2001 income tax cuts and reduce the sales tax on groceries from a nickel to three cents.

Graduation

Continued from A1. more parents involved," Hefner said.

Other board business Monday included:

- Energy study - Board members agreed to contract with McClure Engineering to conduct a study to assess the need for a high school. Meet to save

to replace five of the high school's six wooden light poles

to replace five of the high school's six wooden light poles looming over the football stadium. A few years ago, a strong wind storm snapped one in half.

\$10,000 each.

Eckel parking - Board members agreed to have a total bill in \$20,000 to match the \$20,000 gesture in creating additional parking spaces at the elementary school.

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Bush returns to fund-raising trail

WASHINGTON (AP) — After skipping the U.S.-led war against Iraq, President Bush is jumping back into public fund-raising. He will be the guest of honor at a Republican gala next month that will raise millions for GOP congressional candidates, and the business of raising money for his own re-election campaign will follow this summer.

Republicans' presidential dinner would be his first GOP fund-raising event. December when he headlined an event for Louisiana Republican candidate Suzanne Haik Terrell, who failed to oust Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu. The gala comes as Bush's 2004 re-election bid looms, and he faces the task of balancing his own campaign with his role as the party's fundraiser-in-chief.

House leaders are asking members to raise at least \$25,000 each for the event, starting with their constituents. Last year, Bush was the keynote speaker as the National Republican Congressional Committee and its Senate counterpart took in about \$30 million through the dinner; the Republican National Committee collected a similar amount with its 2002 gala.

In all, Bush helped raise a presidential record of more than \$140 million for the GOP last year.

Scientists near completion of human genetic code map

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international consortium of scientists announced Monday that it has completed the map of the human genetic code to an accuracy of 99.99 percent and said the accomplishment opens a new era for biology and medicine. The group announced in 2000 that it had completed a rough draft of the code, and the new report said the sequence is now "essentially complete" and freely available on computer-databases to scientists all over the world.

apply this new fundamental knowledge and the forecast revolutions in biology, medicine and in society. Just when the predicted medical benefits will be harvested is still uncertain, Collins says, but he forecasts that it will touch every phase of medicine and disease treatment in coming centuries.

School gunmen open fire, kill boy

Police say incident may have been 'retaliatory' attack
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — Gunmen armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and a semiautomatic pistol opened fire in a New Orleans high school gymnasium Monday, killing one student and injuring three others in what police said may be a "retaliatory" attack.

Four suspects, who ranged in age from 15 to 19, were arrested soon after the shooting at McDonough High School, located near the French Quarter. Orleans Parish schools superintendent Anthony Amato said he did not know if the suspects were students at the school.

Recent fights on a nearby street corner may have led to the shooting, Amato said, explaining, "We're investigating to see if there's any connection to something that happened outside the school about a week ago."

According to New Orleans police officials, about 200 students were in the gym when four suspects, two of them armed, entered the building. Their apparent target — 15-year-old

Jonathan Williams — was sitting on the bleachers when the gunmen confronted him. They shot repeatedly, striking him in the head and body. Three girls were hit by stray bullets, police said.

Other students in the gym ran screaming for the exits, while those inside classrooms were kept there by teachers following orders that blared through the front-office intercom.

Williams died at the scene. The most seriously injured student, a 15-year-old girl, underwent surgery for bullet wounds to both legs. Two others, both 16-year-old girls, were treated for minor gunshot wounds and released. A fourth student was injured during the rush to escape.

Within minutes of the shooting, authorities secured the school grounds and ordered a lock-down while they searched for the male suspects, who had slipped out of the gym.

Students were able to describe the getaway car, a red Oldsmobile. SWAT team members found the car and located three of the suspects inside a home just blocks from the high school. The fourth suspect was discovered hiding beneath another house.



Students look out from a window at John McDonough High School in New Orleans after gunman shot and wounded three others Monday.

Study: Moderate exercise won't fight off heart trouble

LONDON (AP) — A half-hour brisk walk every day may make you feel better, but it is not enough to ward off premature death from heart trouble, new research suggests.

A study published this week in *Heart*, a British medical journal, found that only vigorous exercise — such as jogging, hiking, climbing stairs, racket sports and swimming — seems to help lower the risk of early death from heart disease. Other research has shown moderate exercise helps.

Official government recommendations in the United States and elsewhere say 30 minutes of moderate activity every day, such as brisk walking, is sufficient for heart health. A major World Health Organization consensus report published last month reached the same conclusion.

However, the latest study, conducted by scientists at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, found that activities considered to provide mild exercise — such as walking, bowling and sailing — as well as pursuits of moderate intensity such as golfing, swimming and brisk walking — did not lower the risk of early death among 2,000 British men followed for a decade.

"It's very compelling. It does kind of fly in the face of what we have been trying to tell people, and I think it will create a big stir," said Dr. Ron Sha, medical director of the Duke University Diet and Fitness Center in Durham, N.C.

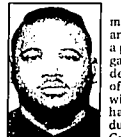
Sha was not involved in the study. Previous research has yielded conflicting results, dividing experts between a group that believes moderate exercise is enough and a smaller group convinced that vigorous exercise is needed before any heart benefit can occur.

"This is one report. It's important to have this information, but it's not sufficient for us to now scrap our recommendations, which rest on a huge amount of evidence," said Steven Blair, president of the Cooper Institute, a Dallas-based research organization that focuses on exercise.

Blair's own studies have concluded the heart benefits from moderate exercise. The Belfast study involved 1,975 men who had no evidence of heart diseases and were between the ages of 49 and 64 when they entered the study. They each filled out an exercise questionnaire that estimated how many calories they burned each day through exercise in their spare time.

Man admits strangling prostitutes, documents say

PHOENIX (AP) — A man arrested in the deaths of six prostitutes admitted to police that he lured the women with drugs and strangled five of them during sex, according to court documents released Monday.



Cory Morris

Cory Morris, 24, who was arrested Saturday after a decomposing body was found in a camper where Morris sometimes lived, detailed some of the deaths for police, according to the documents. He didn't address how the first woman was killed but acknowledged that he dumped her body, the records say.

Morris is being held on a \$13 million bond for investigation of six counts of first-degree murder. Formal charges were pending. Morris declined an Associated Press request for an interview Monday and he didn't yet have an attorney.

The Phoenix man was arrested during a police investigation into the deaths of five of the women, whose bodies had been dumped in the Garfield neighborhood, just blocks from Morris' red light district. Morris' uncle found the sixth body Saturday in the camper and called police.

The camper was parked on the uncle's property and was within two blocks of where the bodies were found. Morris' aunt said Morris had moved to Phoenix a couple of years ago from Oklahoma and began staying in the camper in the summer.

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America at war

Buried containers in Iraq raise suspicions

The Associated Press
Eleven containers buried close to an artillery ammunition plant in southern Iraq were discovered by U.S. troops Monday and could be dual-use chemical and biological laboratories, U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Ben Freakley told CNN.

The 20-foot by 20-foot metal containers, which could be attached to semi-trucks or railway cars, were found by mem-

bers of the 101st Airborne in Karbala. About 1,000 pounds of documentation was also found at the site, Freakley said. There was no evidence of weapons.

"They were close to an artillery ammunition plant, so this is consistent with the Iraqi denial, the former Iraqi leadership denial ... of any wrongdoing," Freakley said.

Maj. Trey Cate, a spokesman for the 101st, said the division

found 11 shipping containers with lab equipment inside buried close to an ammunition factory near Karbala. He said tests were planned.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in speeches to Congress and the U.N. Security Council, said earlier this year that intelligence reports showed mobile laboratories capable of producing weapons of mass destruction were being driven around Iraq.

But chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said later that inspectors had found no evidence of such mobile labs.

There have been previous reports of chemical weapons that turned out to be false alarms, including a site about 60 miles south of Karbala where military officials initially believed they had discovered a nerve agent. Testing showed the substance was a high-grade pesticide.

White House keeps the pressure on Syria

Knight Ridder News Service
WASHINGTON — President Bush didn't list Syria as part of his axis of evil, but it is fast becoming his top target in his campaign to rid the world of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Although U.S. officials downplay prospects of military action, and Syrian officials deny the charges, the steady stream of accusations from the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department is strikingly similar to the invective aimed at Iraq in the buildup to war.

On Monday — a day after Bush accused Syria of producing chemical weapons — administration officials branded Syria "a rogue nation" and threatened diplomatic, economic and unspecified "other" sanctions.

U.S. officials have also accused

Syria of offering sanctuary to top Iraqi leaders and harboring a host of terrorist organizations. Syria has been on the government's official list of nations that sponsor terrorism since the 1970s.

A newly released CIA report says that Syria has a stockpile of sarin, a deadly nerve agent. It also says that Syria "apparently is trying to develop more toxic and persistent" chemical weapons and is probably seeking biological weapons.

"Syria needs to seriously ponder the implications of their actions," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer warned Monday. "They need to examine their ties to terrorists, their harboring of terrorists, their harboring of Iraqi leaders, and their development of weapons of mass destruction."

War

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days of plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at removing power, water, security and other vital services.

American forces found prodigious amounts of Iraqi weaponry, French-made missiles and Russian antitank rocket launchers among them. And Army troops discovered thousands of microfilm cartridges and hundreds of paper files inside a Baath Party enclave as the dead regime began yielding its secrets.

In Tikrit, about 90 miles north of Baghdad, "There was less resistance than we anticipated," Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters, as American ground troops moved into the city after days of punishing airstrikes.

American forces captured a key Tigris River bridge in the heart of town and seized the presidential palace without a fight as they rolled past abandoned Iraqi military equipment.

"They set up checkpoints to keep prominent regime figures from leaving, and a line of armored vehicles was parked in front of a bazaar inside the city."

"We have had engagements, and we have defeated the enemy in every one of those engagements," said Capt. Frank Thorp, a spokesman at U.S. Central Command.

The operation inside Tikrit, Brooks added, "is really the only significant combat action that occurred within the last 24 hours."

McChrystal's aides told reporters, "I think we will move into a phase where it (combat) is smaller, albeit sharp fights."

With Saddam and his two sons dead or hiding, his regime gone and his armed forces routed, U.S. commanders took steps to reduce American firepower in the war zone.

A U.S. defense official said two

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: DAY 27
Significant combat limited to Tikrit

U.S. military officials said the only significant combat that took place Monday was in Tikrit, the final stronghold of the Iraqi regime. Marines overwhelmed pockets of resistance there and set up checkpoints along the outskirts.

In Tikrit, U.S. forces faced light resistance, capturing a key bridge and seizing the presidential palace without a fight.

U.S. military officials said troops were reinforced in Irbil, Kirkuk and Mosul.

About 200 volunteers have joined coalition forces in patrolling Basra.

In Baghdad, looting subsided. Local leaders met to discuss stabilization plans.

A U.S. defense official said two of the five aircraft carrier groups in the region — the USS Constellation and the USS Kitty Hawk — would soon return to their respective bases in San Diego and Japan.

The U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division entered Iraq from Kuwait in two convoys to reinforce the war effort.

SOURCES: CIA; United Nations; Associated Press

of five aircraft carrier battle-groups in the region would soon be leaving, the USS Kitty Hawk returning to its base in Japan and the USS Constellation to San Diego. Each carrier has about 80 warplanes, including F/A-18 and F-14 strike aircraft as well as surveillance and other support craft.

The Air Force already has sent four B-2 stealth bombers home.

In a reminder of lingering hazards, two soldiers with the Army's V Corps were killed and two wounded when a grenade exploded accidentally at a checkpoint south of Baghdad and a third soldier was killed and another wounded in an accidental shooting near Baghdad International Airport, Central Command said.

With fighting on the wane, troops continued their search for remaining POWs as well as evidence of weapons of mass destruction.

Maj. Trey Cate, a spokesman for the 101st Airborne Division,

Poll: Americans think U.S. gains on war on terror

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the military successes in Iraq comes a belief that the United States may finally be winning the war against terrorism — the first time a majority of Americans believe this, according to a CBS News-New York Times poll released Monday.

Some 62 percent of Americans say the war against terrorism is being won by the United States and its allies, up from 45 percent in a March 3 poll.

The poll also found more now favor U.S. intervention in cases like Iraq than they did at the end of the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Forty-eight percent think the United States should stay out of other countries, but 29 percent think it ought to try to change a dictatorship to a democracy where it can.

In 1991, a majority preferred the United States stay out of other countries' affairs, and only 17 percent supported U.S. intervention.



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Japanese see robots as their friends

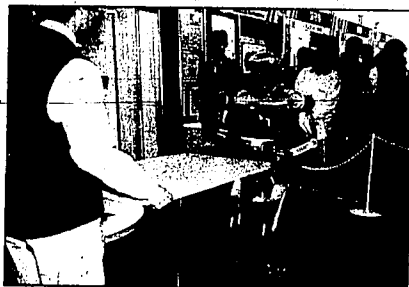
More are being sold for consumer use

By Yuri Kageyama
Associated Press writer

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — From a reptilian-looking machine to a sphere on wheels, the robots on display here aren't just toys or scientists' showpieces — they're heading for consumers' homes as companions, house-sitters and messengers.

This year's Robodex, a major robot exhibition, brings together the top names in Japanese manufacturing, including Sony Corp., Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Toshiba Corp. and others — all hoping to sell their products in this budget-loving nation famous for embracing robots as friends.

"The purpose of Robodex is to create a new industry for the 21st Century, a new industry originating out of Japan," said Tadatoshi



Robot HRP-2, developed by Japan's National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, helps carry a table April 9 at a robot exhibition in Tokyo.

Doi, creator of Sony's Aibo pet robot.

Tmsuk's home security robot Banryu, which crawls on four

legs, is one of the big stars at the exhibition, which has 95 types of robots and opens to the public this week in Yokohama.

Banryu and other robots were demonstrated for reporters Wednesday. None of the machines does the dishes or cooks dinner just yet, but several of the products appear destined for homes — of those who can afford them.

The turtle-like, three-foot-long Banryu is one of the robots already on sale. But it's not cheap at the U.S. equivalent of \$16,600. It takes digital photos of a home and sends them to mobile phones so people can check for possible intruders. And it belts out an electronic roar if it "sees" a stranger.

Since December last year, the company has received orders for more than half of the 50 Banryus available.

"We feel it's selling well, considering the price," said Tmsuk spokesman Yasuaki Hiyama.

In the computer world, thin is in

By Jon Fortt
Knight Ridder News Service

With the rest of us tightening our belts in the economic downturn, laptop manufacturers have decided to play along after a fashion.

Cutting-edge laptops are losing weight.

The latest laptop diet program comes from Intel, which unveiled its Centrino chip family last week. The three-chip package is designed to deliver performance, wireless connectivity and long battery life in laptops that weigh less.

Laptop innovation is finally getting truly interesting. Just a year ago, Intel-based laptop manufacturers such as Sony and IBM were focused on building thin laptops that did not have a built-in CD or DVD drive, and thus

needed an attachable expansion dock to be fully functional. While those laptops are still around, manufacturers are now putting more effort into delivering lightweight laptops that have all the essentials in one package.

In other words, the industry is getting closer to bringing us a nice screen, a strong battery, a wireless Internet connection and a built-in CD-burner, all in a package that won't break our backs when we lug it around.

Intel is not the first company to focus on making laptops lighter. Transmeta, a small Santa Clara, Calif., chip maker, began beating the drum about three years ago. Its Crusoe chips can be found in many of the most innovative laptop designs — for example, the half-inch-thick Sharp Actius M110, announced for the U.S. market last week, has a Crusoe.

Size vs. capability: Researchers look at handheld devices

By Dan Gillmor
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — As human-computer interactions go, my relationship with my wristwatch is reasonably amicable. In a glance at it, and immediately know the time, date and day of the week.

I've learned how to adjust the hour for time zones, but other functions remain somewhat mysterious. Changing the date or day

of the week tends to be trial and error — mostly error.

This is the sort of issue that captivates the professionals in a field known as human-computer interaction. Many of them were in Fort Lauderdale last week at the biggest annual conference on the subject. The gathering is weighted toward academics and corporate researchers, but there are nuggets of fascination for the rest of us.

Some of the most interesting work in the arena is in the area

of handheld devices. By and large, the tradeoff when using them is convenience, such as small size, vs. capabilities, such as an often too-small screen and lack of computational oomph.

One of the research projects discussed Tuesday were especially intriguing: Keeping track of schedules is a primary task for many users of handhelds. A team of researchers from the University of Maryland and Microsoft have teamed up on Microsoft's "DateLens" (www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/dateLens/), a calendar-on-steroids for the Pocket PC. The software gives an overview of a schedule, but lets the user zoom in on events in intelligent ways, such as highlighting competing events. The researchers say test users have found they can do some kinds of complex tasks more easily than with commercial handheld calendars. A question is whether people want to do complicated things with their calendars or just keep track of the basics.

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Reinstall drivers if Windows can't see the peripherals

By Jim Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I run Windows XP Home, and about a month ago the machine stopped recognizing all USB connections. I was able to do a workaround for my printer (the old-fashioned cables) but cannot get the machine to recognize either MP3 player or digital camera. I tried to follow diagnostics and got up to Driver Devices and then got lost.

A. A common fix that gets suggested when computers stop seeing a peripheral is to remove the driver software that runs the device in question, thereby forcing Windows to repeat the original installation steps and thus restore things as they had been.

That's what the "help" screens in Windows try to explain. It seems that the highly touted "Plug and Play" feature in Windows has this nasty habit of failing to recognize peripherals once a problem starts. This is why buyers of new equipment like printers, MP3 music players, scanners and such get those bold-type warnings to make certain they install the included software before plugging the device into their PC for the first time.

Plug and Play gives you just one shot to get things right and then fails to see new peripherals from then on because it is seeing the earlier drivers instead.

You then need to remove everything to force the computer to start the process over from scratch.

So click on My Computer and pick Properties to find the tab for Device Manager. Now scroll down to the Universal Serial Bus item and click the little plus sign on the right. This brings up a list of all the USB drivers that have been loaded onto the computer.

If you see one for your equip-

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ment, click on it and then select the Remove button at the bottom. If all you see is a heading "USB Hub," remove that.

Now reload the software that came with your MP3 player to install the drivers. Afterward, plug it in, and the computer will see it and walk you through the installation. Repeat for the digital camera.

Since you have Windows XP, you also might try using the System Restore feature to return the machine to an earlier state when the printer was working. This assumes that the System Restore feature has been activated on your machine, which it probably has been.

Click on Start and Accessories and then System Tools to find the System Restore command. Give it a click and you'll get a calendar and you'll get a calendar in the past.

If so, pick one back before the trouble started, and see if that fixes things.

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EDITORIAL

New truck weight limits may burden taxpayers

In a landlocked state with fertile southern plains, skyward mountain summits at its core, and lush northern forests, Idaho's road system is an economic lifeline.

For decades the state's highway network has capably met the needs of farmers, loggers, manufacturers and other industries that haul cargo and build Idaho's economic strength.

Our view: Changing truck weight restrictions on Idaho highways could help private industry, but taxpayers may pay for it in the end. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Advocates for the changes contend these fears are unfounded. Trucks carrying the heavier weights must be outfitted with new axles that transfer less stress to the pavement, they say. Only time will prove whether real-world trucking lives up to that promise, and whether drivers will be monitored for proper equipment and road usage.

Supporters of the bill also dispute assertions that it gives truckers an unfair advantage over railroads. The bill's sponsor, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, notes that rail carriers have enjoyed a friendly regulatory environment over the years, yet their business is already leaving Idaho for a number of economic reasons.

Idaho's manufacturing sector certainly can use a boost in today's sluggish economy, and the higher weight limits would help.

But if the governor signs the bill, expect the subject to return in future legislative sessions, with highway districts lobbying for relief from expensive road damage. Changing weight limits may help truckers and their customers, but it may trend heavily on communities and taxpayers who pay for roads.

We must be prepared to fight infection

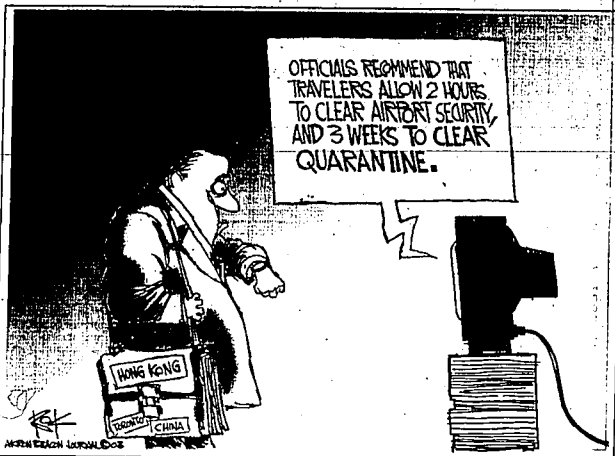
Fully 35 years after the U.S. surgeon general famously declared infectious diseases a thing of the past, we've seen no end of microbial threats to our health.

Ebola virus, a deadly hemorrhagic disease, inspired the Hollywood movie "Outbreak." HIV/AIDS has consumed enormous research dollars, and literally decimated populations and the economy of sub-Saharan Africa, and claims millions of new lives every year. Dengue fever, a mosquito-borne virus for which there is no vaccine or specific treatment, is creeping up the Latin American chain toward the United States. West Nile fever has, in a very few years, entered the United States and spread rapidly across the nation.

ALFRED SOMMER

And now we have sudden acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS. While the first cases seem to have occurred in southern China, this previously undetected virus quite literally exploded out of nowhere. It almost certainly represents a new strain of an old, less virulent virus that either mutated into this lethal state or acquired a new set of genes by mixing with similar viruses passed among animals, endowing it with the ability to make humans very sick and, perhaps worse, pass the virus to others.

It is the contagiousness of infected individuals that makes them more frightening than, say, anthrax. People may even spread the disease before they feel ill, making it far more difficult to contain than smallpox; a smallpox patient becomes severely and recognizably ill before becoming infectious. SARS has shown just how powerful an infectious disease can be at sparking panic and



destroying commerce. Housing blocks, hospitals, schools and workplaces are being closed or quarantined, and travel, so far only to Asia, has been extremely curtailed. While SARS is unlikely to become anywhere near as deadly as the Spanish flu. Air travel has increased considerably the potential for spread. Otherwise healthy but infected passengers can disembark half a world away before becoming ill and potentially spreading the virus among their fellow passengers. The answer is not alarm. Modern science should soon have

an effective test to detect those infected and, soon thereafter, a vaccine to protect those at risk. Surveillance and containment activities of public health agencies seem, at the moment, to have been effective in those locations where they were activated early (which excludes the initial cover-up in Guangdong province, China).

There are many lessons to be learned, even as we scramble to protect the globe. The most obvious is that the microbial world will always remain a significant health threat, given its capacity to continue to mutate new, dangerous strains infecting man.

The second is that we need to be better prepared to identify and respond to initial cases of a potential epidemic. This will require greater investment in

training our public health workforce and providing them with better tools for monitoring the population's health. The threat posed by deadly infections or exotic agents depends upon the speed and adequacy of our public health response.

Preparation for a bioterrorist event is exactly the same as preparation for naturally occurring infectious agents. Until we are sufficiently prepared to identify and effectively respond to natural threats, we will never be in a position to deal effectively with those perpetrated by our fellow man.

Alfred Sommer, a medical doctor, is dean of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in Baltimore.

The nation's most wealthy pay the most taxes

On Tax Day consider some basic facts. The wealthiest 1 percent of the taxpayers pay 34 percent of all federal income taxes. The top 50 percent pay 96 percent of the total bill. This means that the least wealthy 50 percent pay almost nothing. In short, the income tax system soaks the rich. In the name of justice, the President, Congress and the American public should be demanding a tax cut that lowers the tax bill of the wealthy.

EDWIN A. LOCKE

The tax code enforces altruism through coercion. Earning money through voluntary trade is replaced by getting money by force in order to achieve the altruistic goal the government desires. But when the property of some people is seized and given to others, it is an injustice.

That they will not defend their right to their lives and property. Thus the rich often support higher taxes for themselves. Remember in recent years, just as one example, millionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffett attacking a repeal of the estate tax.

Most Americans would be shocked to learn that altruism is the moral code that underlies Marxism (and thus Communism). Marx's credo was: "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Man has no right to exist for himself in this view; he is a servant of the state or society, to be disposed of as they see fit. No, we have not gone all the way down that road yet, though the progressive income tax has been a step in that direction.

Altruism is the opposite of Americanism. Americanism means you have the inalienable right "to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," which includes property rights. It means that your life and prop-

erty belong to you, not to the state or to society. It means that the government's proper job is to protect, not to violate, rights. Acting in one's own self-interest (while respecting the rights of others) is fully moral—it is the fundamental requirement of a successful and happy life. It means that you are not an object of sacrifice but a sovereign being. It means that your property belongs to you. It means that every individual, whether rich or poor, has the same rights. Self-reliance, not self-sacrifice, is the American ideal.

On Tax Day support tax cuts by promoting the idea of a truly just society, where each man keeps what he earns and has no claim upon the life and property of others.

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Cross your fingers for Buddie Gil in the Derby

Hey, man, how about that Hagerman horse, "Buddie Gil"? Hopefully, we will all, in a short time, have another great horse for posterity to keep the old boy in the museum company. The old boy has been lonely long enough. He's been dusty and lonely long enough. His environment has improved like never before. The museum has gotten a lot of environmental improvements, thanks. Sure, we hope Buddie starts off with just big picture. "2003 Kentucky Derby Winner." Donnie McFadden like that also.

The Hagerman Horse, some say might be 3 million years old. He is, of course, an old fossil, figuratively, and also the state fossil of Idaho. They come from all over the world to see him. Last Saturday I sat at the museum. I had two families come in—one from Amsterdam, Holland; the other from London, England. They were visiting their daughters who were married to pilots at Mountain Home Air Force Base. I think Buddie Gil will win the derby; hope so, I'm a destiny kind of jerk. I hope so for Donnie McFadden and his crew and the old boy are in the museum. He needed the publicity. Also, maybe

if we all root him to the win, he will pass the booty along—make a better place for the old man. Pay attention. **BARNEY "BJ" ROWLAND** Hagerman

Tax cuts for the rich are poor fiscal policies

Why has Congress stressed fiscal responsibility but for the past two years since President Bush has taken office? The American society has not seen it in Washington or in Idaho! It doesn't take a genius to figure out that you can't cut taxes while increasing spending. I.e., war!

When President Bush was inaugurated, the federal budget showed a surplus of \$21 billion—the largest in American history. And since then, we have been in deficit spending. So how is this being fiscally responsible? So where did all the money go? To the pockets of the wealthiest 1 percent; 37.6 percent of Bush's tax cuts went to the top 1 percent. Not too astonishing from a man who has wealth. Some might argue that the tax cuts for the rich did not cause the deficits, but the Congressional Budget Office found that the Bush tax cut was the largest single factor for the declining surplus. If President Bush really

caared about the working and middle class, then why not cut the payroll tax since 80 percent of Americans are affected by it? But, of course, when we have a president elected by fuzzy numbers in Florida and a president who has given huge refunds to business like Enron (Enron's board of directors has given \$2,052,418 to Bush and the Republicans since 1993 and has a \$254 million refund; Begala, Paul, "It's Still the Economy, Stupid," ed. Simon and Schuster, New York, NY, 2002, pp.26.) and Chevron, then no wonder we are in the current shape that we are in and it is a shame that we just

had an administration that was being fiscally responsible. I am reminded by this phrase, "Actions speak louder than words." P.S. I hope I am not being too harsh! You might ask why a 19-year-old would be so concerned about the budget. For one, my tuition is increasing and I make a measly \$7.50 per hour. I am at the bottom of the totem pole. Education is the most important investment in the world. Let's not forget that about the young adults in this country because we are the future. **JANA LARSON** Twin Falls

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Mallard Fillmore



Principal gives lesson on ending harassment

DEAR ABBY: "Three Girls From Zanesville, Ohio" wrote that they were sexually harassed at their high school by a boy who touches, grabs and pinches them. They complain to their assistant principal, and the boy was given one day of detention - after which the harassment escalated.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Those girls should know that telling the assistant principal one time is not enough. Although your advice to tell their parents is important, much more needs to be done.

Victims must document and report any future incidents immediately to an adult at the school. In my school, if such a report occurs, the perpetrator is immediately suspended. Expulsion and legal action are also used if the sexual harassment does not stop.

In addition, because the perpetrators are often skilled at not exhibiting this behavior in clear view of adults, I teach victims how to respond so that the perpetrator is exposed. Victims,

must clearly and loudly tell the offender to "Leave me alone! Don't touch me! Don't say that to me!" This alerts adults and students in the school that there's a problem.

Notes, e-mails or written messages must be saved and turned over to school officials. I also review the incident with the staff, to alert them to be observant of possible future problems.

It is only through continued communication between the victim and school officials that effective action can be taken and the harassment stopped.

-GORDON W. HOOD, PRINCIPAL, NICHOLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, EVANSTON, ILL.

DEAR GORDON: Thank you for writing. Let it be lost on no one that although the girls who wrote to me were in high school, harassment also happens in middle school - and even grammar school.

DEAR ABBY: The boy who sexually harassed the "Three Girls From Zanesville" is committing a crime. Boys who do this have no sense of appropriate boundaries with the opposite sex.

If they'll do it in public, there's no telling what they will do in a private setting.

What is most surprising to me about these cases is the fact that the girls seem to tolerate it for extended periods of time. My experience leads me to believe that the culture of high school and/or junior high leads these girls to believe that they brought the harassment on themselves.

Please let all students know that inappropriate touching is not OK. They are entitled to go

to school and feel safe. Policing by peers is the strongest deterrent to this type of behavior. Classmates as well as victims need to speak out against this behavior.

-DEPUTY PROSECUTOR IN WASHINGTON

DEAR D.P.: The girls "tolerate" it because they haven't learned how to effectively stop it. But you're right, silence does indicate that it's acceptable. Peer pressure can be a powerful weapon for good. When people speak out and let those around them know they won't tolerate something and stand together, it can change a culture.

CONFIDENTIAL TO EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL MACHO MAN: Being macho and part of the "in crowd" gives no one the right to belittle others. There's a saying, "Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one." Sounds like the voice of experience to me.

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Your hat trick leaves many admirers, Aries

IF APRIL 15TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... the sentimental, emotional you anticipates the hard-earned fruits of labor and efforts expended during the past year. Added rewards, achievements and accolades you have dreamed of and worked hard for are imminent. August and October promise romantic and emotional highpoints. A special urgency to perform and be in control is evident (this coming year). Possible May encounter with a future mate.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone needs your cooperation. Guard against loss. Be ready to travel. Ascertain where you stand emotionally. A good time to meditate and reflect. Gemini featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A narrow escape makes you look beyond the immediate. Your fearlessness gives you an advantage over others. Cancer native plays major role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A wish comes true. An offer or an assignment is at hand. You need to be specific and define terms and conditions. Organization seeks out your talents.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): News concerning romance and children. An issue you have avoided needs to be confronted head on. Libra featured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Escape is on your mind. Keep wary eye on belongings. With typical altruism, you give support to someone who needs help. It could be a family member or associate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A project worked on should see fruition. There is added spice as you anticipate the next interlude in a long-standing love affair. A four-legged friend wants your attention.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your independent, no-first-personality is rushing to get things done. You score a hat trick later today that leaves many surprised and admiring.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Moral standards and high ideals play off. An invitation involves animal welfare or charities. Time for cuddling and being intimate. You could fall madly in love. Pisces featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You want to be everybody's friend. Love relationship gets serious, or are you only in a flirtatious mood? Confusion exists because electronic equipment is not behaving the way it should.

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Medicos set 28 women to screaming. Stress therapy. It worked, evidently. Blood pressures dropped and heart beats slowed and body temperatures lowered. Conclusion was regular screaming should lengthen life span. You might try this. While jogging. Say early Sunday morning on the path through the park.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

The single most complex instinct in the animal world, some say, is the building of dams by beavers. Pruco was what Englanders of old called Prussia. And it was Pruco that gave its tree word for that tree known as spruce.

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WORLD

Chinese leader says SARS situation is grave

Canadian team breaks genetic code of illness

BEIJING (AP) - Chinese President Hu Jintao said Monday he was "very worried" about a deadly respiratory illness that apparently originated in his country, breaking a public silence that led to allegations China was not taking the disease seriously enough.

Prime Minister Wen Jiabao added that the situation was grave and demanded tough measures to fight severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, which has infected 1,300 people in China and 3,000 people worldwide.

The comments by Hu and Wen appeared to be part of a shift in strategy by China's government, which repeatedly stressed that the illness was under control

even as the death toll rose. The worldwide toll climbed to 144 Monday after four more deaths were reported in China and seven were reported in Hong Kong.

On Monday, state television showed Hu visiting hospitals in the hard-hit southern province of Guangdong, where SARS is believed to have started. "Since the discovery of the SARS cases, I feel very worried. I

feel anxious for the masses," Hu was shown telling medical workers.

Meanwhile, progress was reported on another front: Scientists in Canada said Sunday they had identified the genetic code of the virus suspected of causing SARS - a surprisingly quick achievement that is the first step toward a diagnostic test and possible vaccine.

Helicopter flies away inmates in jailbreak

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France (AP) - A hijacked helicopter swooped low over a prison yard in southern France and three inmates climbed aboard Monday, the latest in a string of bold escapes from overcrowded French prisons.

The escape began as assailants seized control of the helicopter and forced its pilot to fly to the Luynes prison in Aix-en-Provence. Police and prison union officials said the aircraft hovered over the exercise area

while a rope ladder was lowered to the prisoners.

The aircraft landed shortly afterward in a sports stadium in the nearby city of Aix-en-Provence and the prisoners, all described as dangerous, fled by car. The pilot was freed unharmed.

It was the second time a helicopter was used for an escape at the Luynes jail in less than 18 months. Two men who escaped in October 2001 were quickly recaptured.

Endless trail of tips leads to discoveries

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar (AP) - Countless tips pouring in from Iraqis about everything from POWs to weapons caches are providing essential information to U.S. and British forces seeking to stabilize Iraq and unravel its mysteries.

The trail of tips has so far led to the return of eight U.S. prisoners of war and the seizing of many weapons caches. Tips also have led to the suspected hideouts of Iraqi leaders.

Commanding U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks said the clues helped catalog a "huge" list of places to inspect.

America at war Military leaders credit the wave of tips to relieved Iraqis eager to divulge the secreted of President Saddam Hussein's regime.

There have been tips about missing U.S. soldiers, weaponing of mass destruction, even the location of Saddam himself. But Franks acknowledged their sheer number presents its own problems.

"The difficulty we have is that these average Iraqis come up just in huge numbers, and say, come here, we want to show you something, and let me tell you where something is," Franks said Sunday in an interview with Fox television. "And in many cases, (their motives) are pure, but they don't know themselves."

The seven U.S. prisoners of war welcomed back Sunday were handed over by a group of Iraqis who, according to Marine Capt. Neil Murphy, had been abandoned by their officers and realized "it was the right thing to do."

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said a group of Iraqis told U.S. troops where they would find the POWs.

Another tip by an Iraqi lawyer led to the April 1 rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

But results have been mixed in some cases.

Acting on a tip last week, British soldiers in the southern city of Basra recovered explosives and detonators at several locations. But they also searched in vain for Iraqi and Kuwaiti prisoners they were told were being held in underground dungeons.

A man claiming to be Saddam's personal plastic surgeon reportedly approached coalition troops last week saying he knew Saddam's whereabouts, and was taken in for questioning. Officials at U.S. Central Command were unable to confirm the case but say Saddam's location is still unknown.

At least one tip took a tragic turn last week, when U.S. Marines battled Iraqi fighters in and around a mosque in northern Baghdad after receiving information that Baath Party leaders and perhaps Saddam himself were inside. One Marine was killed and 22 others wounded in the seven-hour battle - but no leaders were found when Marines finally stormed the building.

U.S. and British forces are hoping tips from captured Iraqi leaders will yield the best information.

The biggest catch so far is Saddam's top science adviser, Lt. Gen. Amer al-Saudi, who was the point man for Iraq's chemical and biological weapons. But al-Saudi insists he doesn't know what happened to Saddam and swears that Iraq has no such weapons.

On Sunday, U.S. forces nabbed Saddam's half brother and personal adviser, Watban Ibrahim Hasan. He was the five of spades in the deck of cards the U.S. military released depicting the 52 most wanted Iraqis.

Franks said Sunday the United States was holding several high-ranking Iraqi prisoners in western Iraq. But neither he nor Pentagon officials would say how many have been captured.

It appears that number is not large, making tips from regular Iraqis all the more crucial.

Part of the problem has been a U.S. strategy of killing top leaders rather than talking to them, a policy that dates back to the war's opening salvo when a U.S. airstrike leveled a building where Saddam and other leaders were believed to be.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sawtooth roads, trails close temporarily

KETCHUM - Seasonal travel restrictions on the north end of the Sawtooth National Forest are in effect until roads and trails dry out, forest officials announced Monday.

The road and trail closures are in place to minimize erosion during spring runoff.

"We have been enacting these closures since 1991," David Gordon, Ketchum Ranger District recreation specialist, said in a news release.

"People now realize that by waiting a few weeks for things to dry out, roads and trails are not damaged and are in better condition for the busy summer and fall recreation seasons," he said.

A list of closed trails and roads is available at the Ketchum Ranger District, the Ketchum-Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce, Wood River Valley retail stores, and in Stanley at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters.

Signs will be posted at closed roads and trails. Violators face a \$100 fine on closed roads and a \$75 fine on closed trails.

Car hits pedestrian on Blue Lakes Blvd.

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man was seriously injured when he crossed Blue Lakes Boulevard on foot Monday afternoon and was hit by a car, according to the Twin Falls Police Department.

The man was taken by air ambulance to a hospital in Boise after the 4:15 p.m. accident in front of Deeser Industries, Sgt. Steve Ryan said. He had no further information on the accident Monday night, including the identities of the injured man and the driver of the car that hit him.

Four Burley men face drug charges in Utah

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah - Four Burley men were arrested and jailed Friday afternoon on drug charges stemming from a traffic stop on Interstate 15.

Byle Durfee, 19, Damian Graetz, 15, Hector Loya, 21, and Christopher Blauer, 20, were all taken to the Box Elder County Jail after they were arrested. They face charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and for evading police, according to a press release from the Utah Highway Patrol.

The four men were stopped by Trooper D. Troy Denney at 5:30 p.m. Friday on the Elwood on-ramp, the release states. Graetz is listed on the report as the driver.

Because of "a number of suspicious indicators," Denney obtained permission from the vehicle owner, who was not identified by police, to search the vehicle.

Denney reported a strong odor of marijuana when he opened the car's trunk. He found about a half pound of marijuana, scales and drug paraphernalia hidden behind a speaker box in the trunk, the release states.

Three of the men had walked away from the car during the search, the release states. The man still with the vehicle, whose identity isn't clear in the police report, was immediately arrested. The other three fled into a field when police officers pulled up behind them on the road. Two of them were found a short time later. One man was hiding in a tree stump, and the other two were found near a river.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	88%	91%
Salmon Falls	86%	84%
Salmon	87%	82%
Oakley	48%	56%
Big Wood	86%	87%
Little Wood	84%	83%
Hilly/Teton	77%	80%
Big Lost	82%	89%
Lily Fork	75%	73%

As of April 14

Centennial Commission takes another hit

Trails project gets unexpected boost

By Mark Helz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The amount of money the Centennial Commission will get from the city was again cut Monday, but a related trail project got an unexpected boost.

The council late Monday voted to cut that back to \$70,000.

City finance director Gary Evans told the council a second look at the books showed that the city has already given the Centennial Commission more money than officials thought. It was thought that only \$25,000 of city money had been put toward centennial projects since 1999, Evans said. It turns out about \$44,000 has

been spent by the city so far.

Bearing that in mind, the council decided to trim back on the money the city will give out from now on.

In a related matter, city Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Boywer said there has been an unexpected windfall in money initially earmarked for improvements at Shoshone Falls and Centennial parks.

Shoshone Falls in recent years have cut back on money there to a trickle, Boywer said, and only about half of the Idaho Power money has been spent. Some of that could be diverted to part of the centennial trails improvement projects - specifically to rebuild a trail up out of the Snake River Canyon near Shoshone Falls Park, Boywer said.

City Engineer Gary Young said the path the trail takes was actually the first driveable road into and out of the canyon - dating back to the 1950s.

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SEAL OF APPROVAL



Dr. Reed Harris talks to Carl Stones, a patient at Southern Idaho Cardiology Associates, while Jan Pope keeps an eye on the heart monitors Stones wears. The Twin Falls medical group is just the second lab in Idaho to be certified.

T.F. heart lab gets hard-earned accreditation

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Just seven months ago, she was exhausted and short of breath.

Today, Lucille Nielson is 79 years young, walking two miles a day and feeling great.

"I didn't think I'd ever feel this good again," Nielson said.

Doctors discovered Nielson had a leaky mitral valve - the valve between the heart's left atrium and left ventricle - after performing a number of tests. Those included an echocardiogram - a painless procedure that sends

sound waves into the chest, where they rebound from the heart's walls and valves. The recorded waves show the shape, texture and movement of the valves. They also show the size of the heart chambers and how well they're working, according to the American Heart Association.

Last fall, Nielson had surgery to repair the valve, and doctors continue

to perform echocardiograms to help monitor Nielson's progress.

She's in good hands at Southern Idaho Cardiology Associates, a medical group that includes Drs. David Kemp, Reed Harris and Wayne Wright, nurse practitioner Debbie Allied and head echocardiogram technician Jan Pope, who's been in the field for 30 years.

The medical group's echocardiography laboratory recently became the second laboratory in Idaho and one of just 1,000 laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to be accredited by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories.

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Survey: Doctors like hospital's direction

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Most local doctors are pleased with the direction Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is headed, according to a recent physician survey.

Dr. Alan Frost, a local ophthalmologist, Monday presented the Hospital Board with the results of a survey of 100 physicians - about 90 percent of Magic Valley Regional's medical staff - as well as five physicians from outlying communities and two local retired physicians.

About 90 percent of the doctors interviewed said overall patient care at Magic Valley Regional was "good" or "very good," Frost said.

"This is very good for a group of people who tend to be harsh critics sometimes," he said.

Frost said the purpose of the project - which included face-to-face interviews and one-page surveys - was to exchange information, gauge physicians' satisfaction with hospital services and gather ideas for improvements and new services.

Most of the physicians rated the hospital's equipment and technology as "excellent" and superior to other hospitals of the same size. Most said the hospital could add on to its current facility rather than build from the ground up.

Most of the physicians interviewed were pleased with the recent merger with the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, saying it united doctors in the community.

"This merger went much better than expected," Frost said. Almost all the physicians interviewed supported converting the county-owned hospital to a not-for-profit entity and voiced

strong concerns about turning the hospital over to a for-profit corporation.

"Most felt strongly about maintaining local control," Frost said.

Physicians in the community are facing some challenges. More than 60 percent said managing their practices has become more complex and difficult. And their patients are facing their own share of challenges, too. Many of them are "working poor" and have no health insurance.

"Access to insurance is an issue," Frost said.

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Jerome ordinance aims to clarify irrigation responsibilities

By Dixie Thomas Reid Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Property owners will be responsible for the initial installation of irrigation water delivery devices and for the replacement of them if the owners deliberately damage or remove those devices, if an ordinance before the City Council is approved.

The city will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the irrigation system once the devices are installed.

Meetings tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

vote on the proposed ordinance on May 6.

In other business, the council will consider the purchase of an Infocus video projector at a cost of \$2,565 and a Hewlett Packard scanner at a cost of \$680 for a total of \$3,245 for the city police department.

Police Chief Bill Reid said the main use

of the video projector will be for presentation of evidence recorded on a computer and presented to courts. Courts are beginning to use technology in presentations by both defense and prosecution attorneys.

The projector might also be used for training purposes when a lesson is developed on a Power Point program. The projector can display the lesson in a big-screen format, allowing large and small groups to see the presentation as a speaker explains the material.

The scanner will allow the scanning of documents and photos and placement of those scanned items into a document in the computer, such as a

police report or a Power Point presentation.

The money for the projector and scanner will come from the money in a blank grant which the police department already has. The grant money must be used by September, or it will be lost. In a related matter, city police commander Dean Larsen is requesting Power Point training in a class in Boise May 20-22 at an estimated cost of \$538. The class is sponsored by the Ada County Sheriff's Office. Topics to be covered in the training are: presenting evidence in a courtroom, making presentations to and for

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America at war

Serving their Country

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



Barbara J. Beer

Age: 20
Hometown: Wendell.
Local family: Parents Gary and Donna Beer, and grandparents Wilma Knuth of Wendell and Beulah Dains of Gooding.
Service, date of enlistment: Navy, May 2001.
Rank, assignment: Petty officer 3rd class, USS Nimitz, Persian Gulf.
Task: Works as member of the division that launches and receives aircraft on the flight deck.
Additional information: Deployed in March. First woman in her division to become petty officer 3rd class.



Lucas Easterday

Age: 22
Hometown: Castelford.
Local family: Father, Grant Easterday of Castelford, and grandparents, Gene and Florence Fritz of Buhl.
Service, date of enlistment: Marines, November 1999.
Rank, assignment: Corporal, scout sniper, 26th Expeditionary Unit, Iraq.
Additional information: Deployed in March.
Compiled by Annie Thompson

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to www.magicvalley.com and click on "America at War." To submit information and photos about local servicemen and women involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom, please call Times-News clerk Sharisa Barnes at 735-3250 or email sharisa@timesnews.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

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TWIN FALLS



Dan C. Peterson

Dan C. Peterson, 52, of Twin Falls died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born Dec. 11, 1950, in Salina, Sevier County, Utah, the son of Clinton and LaRue Oyer Peterson. He was married to Jan Peterson. He graduated from high school and attended Snow College. He later served a two-year mission for the LDS Church in the Netherlands. When he returned he completed his studies in 1975 at Utah State University as an Ornamental Horticulturist. He married Jan Hepworth on Sept. 3, 1974. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. They moved to Twin Falls in 1977 where he was employed at Kimberly Nurseries for seven years. He later worked at Kelley Garden Center, operated his own landscaping business for several years, and for the past 15 years has worked in the research department for Asgrow Seed Co. which later became Semins. At the time of his death he was Research Station Manager. Dan loved wildlife, but his true passion was in growing flowers and generously sharing them with others. He was an active member of the LDS Church, serving in many leadership positions, and was currently the Bishop of the Twin Falls 12th Ward. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Kristin (Dodie) White of Wenatchee, WA; Kylan Peterson of Seattle, WA; Kerrin (Cody) Toole of Boise, ID; and Kevin Peterson of Jan Lozan, UT, his parents; Clinton & LaRue Peterson of Loa, UT; 2 brothers, Russell (Pam) Peterson of Loa, UT and Brad (Susan) Peterson of San Juan, UT; and 1 sister, Sharon (Dennis) Wintch of Elk Ridge, Utah.

He was preceded in death by twin daughters, Kendra and Kelsy.

Funeral services for Dan C. Peterson will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003, at the LDS West Stake Center, 667 Harrison St., Twin Falls, with Brad Barnes conducting. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park and may be called at White Mortuary, Wednesday, April 16, 2003, from 6-8 p.m., and at the church from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Thursday.

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joy on January 21, 1994; a sister, Lois Whitaker; two brothers, Milo Peterson and Cecil Peterson; and a son-in-law, Larry Watson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Avenue, with Bishop Brian Barlow officiating. Burial will be at the View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Wednesday from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

loved her for her loving, caring, and kindness toward her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, SMSgt Ret. Deniz Marker of Burley; son, Frank E. (Kathy) Marker of Burley; two daughters, Peggy Lee (Curt) Weise of Naples, Idaho; and Marjorie B. Gardner of Rexburg; fifteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, and two sisters; At Dorothy's request no services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley.

TWIN FALLS



Earl R. Stansell

Earl R. Stansell, 92, died Saturday, April 12, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born January 25, 1911, in Ashton, Fremont County, Idaho, to Orville and Bernice Stansell.

He graduated from Ashton High School in 1928, and from the University of Idaho, Moscow, in 1933.

He married Velma Marie Forbes in Twin Falls, September 10, 1937, and she preceded him in death May 7, 1986. He married Betty J. Bishop of Twin Falls, August 22, 1997.

Stansell served five years as district 4-H Club Agent in South Central Idaho. He spent 34 years with the Southern Idaho Production Credit Association, 17 years as manager, and retired February 1, 1976.

He was an active member of Bethel Temple Apostolic Church since 1933, and served in many capacities, namely Trustee, Music Director and Sunday School Teacher of the Bible Class.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, two sons, Ronald (Naomi) of Twin Falls and Nathan F. (Carol) of Clarkston, Michigan; one daughter, Karen (James) Winkie of Buhl, three stepsons, Vernon (first) Bishop, of Jerome, Mike (Cindy) Bishop of Sunnysville, CA, and Richard (Joanette) Bishop of Menomonee Falls, WI; 20 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Other survivors are one brother, Don Stansell, one sister, Lucile (Howard) Hovkin, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Bethel Temple Apostolic Church with Rev. Allen R. Beckman officiating. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call White Mortuary Chapel at the Park from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003. The family suggests memorials to Tupelo Children's Mansion, Tupelo, Mississippi.

WEISER

Milton Kerner

Milton Kerner, 74, Weiser, passed away Friday, April 11, 2003, in Weiser, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the Weiser High School auditorium. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Weiser. Friends and family may call at Thomason Funeral Chapel from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home, Weiser.

Milton was born Dec. 12, 1928 in the family farmhouse in Gregory, South Dakota. He was the youngest of 15 children born to Carl and Eva Kerner. In 1937, the family moved from South Dakota to Shoshone, Idaho, where Milton attended and graduated from high school in 1946. Milton worked on the family farm until 1948, when he moved to Weiser with his parents to start a new farming venture. In 1951, Milton purchased 50 acres on the Weiser Flat. On May 5 of that same year, he married Lola Jones in Gooding, Idaho. He worked at the Weiser Flour Mill and farmed his place until 1958 when he purchased the Galloway Ranch on the Weiser River. He added the adjoining Jeffrey property to his ranch in 1974. Milton lived on the ranch until his death.

He was active in the community and agriculture. He was involved with the Weiser Flat's Grinnet Ditch and served as a director of the Mann Creek Irrigation District for 39 years. Milton had a love of the land. He was raised in 1966 Washington County Grassman of the Year and was runner-up to the State Grassman in 1967. In 1969, he was elected to the Weiser School Board, where he served many years as chairman. He took great pride in the District and was instrumental in building the new high school. While serving on the school board, he cultivated friendships that prevailed until his death. Some of his fondest memories were his days on the school board.

Milton served as trustee of the Congregational Church where he was a choir member and sang for numerous weddings and funerals. He was a member of the Unity Grange and Weiser River Cattlemen's Association.

Milton was always ready to help a neighbor or friend. He was happiest on the ranch raising cattle and crops.

Milton is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lola; three sons, Dean, Houston, Toy, Bruce and Julie; Weiser, and Michael, San Francisco, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Justin, Jake, Matthew, Tucker, Shane, Dana and Sam; four brothers, William, Carl (Dorothy) and Gilbert; and Shonora and Lorenz (Marge) of Weiser, four sisters, Melitha Jewell, Spokane, Wash., Irene Jesko, Boise, Alvina Colter and Alma (Bill) Varin of Gooding.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Memorials may be made to Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI), 100 E. Idaho Street, Boise, Idaho 83712.

TWIN FALLS

Dorothy Harger

Dorothy Harger, 95, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Dec. 6, 1907, in Aurelia, Iowa, the daughter of Norton and Catherine Wagner Converse. She moved with her family to the Magic Valley in 1910, and has resided here since that time. She worked as a bean sorter at various bean warehouses in the Filer area. She married Galt Harger on Aug. 17, 1952. In Twin Falls she and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by 1 daughter, June Holm of Wendell, Idaho; 1 grandson, and 4 brothers, Vera, Chandler of Filer, She was preceded in death by her husband, 4 sisters, and 2 sisters.

Graveside services for Dorothy will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003, at West End Cemetery in Buhl, with Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel, the Park.

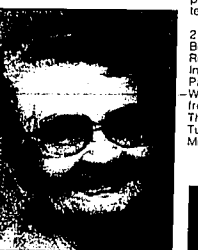


Dorothy Marker

Dorothy May Marker, 85-year-old Burley resident, passed away Friday, April 11, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

She was born January 12, 1918, in Englewood, Colorado, the youngest of nine children born to Erastus Eloy and Bernetta Vernella Gatos Gilbert. She attended school in Colorado. Dorothy married Denzil Marker on August 3, 1946, in Hamilton, Montana. They spent 57 years together. Dorothy and Denzil were actively involved in the Old Time Fiddlers' Association for 34 years. Dorothy was the accompanist. She was an active member of the Congregational Bible Church, where she considered the members to be her extended family. She was a member of the Ruth Roberts of Burley and the Silverleaf Rebekah #27 in Challia. Those who know Dorothy

BURLEY



Thora Wake

Thora Wake, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Burley Care Center.

She was born February 22, 1917, in Carey, the daughter of Arthur E. and Helen Ogden Peterson. She grew up and spent her early years in Carey. She graduated from the Hospital staffing nurse. She loved her job at the hospital and kept in contact with many of the nurses after she retired. After their retirement, Thora and Joy started spending the winters in Wickenburg, Arizona, she made many wonderful friends. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had served in various capacities. She was a member of the Red Cross, had served in the PTA, and was an honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi. She loved traveling and seeing new things. She was also an avid reader.

Survivors include two daughters, Bobbie (Bob) Larsen of Burley and Marianno Walden of Peoria, Arizona; a son, Tom (Pam) Wake of Pocatello; eleven grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; and six great-great-

DEATH NOTICES

Lyle C. 'Buck' Boss

'TWIN FALLS' - Lyle C. 'Buck' Boss, 84, of Twin Falls died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at his home.

A private family service will take place at Sunset Memorial Park. At his request, there will be no public viewing.

Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Lee Adams

BURLI - Lee Adams, 58, of Buhl died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer's Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

Ronald Cunningham

BURLEY - Ronald Cunningham,

71, of Burley died Monday, April 14, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary.

Jack H. Kinsey

'TWIN FALLS' - Jack H. Kinsey, 64, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary.

Paula (Clindo) Villalobos

FILER - Paula (Clindo) Villalobos, 62, of Filer died

Sunday, April 13, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Robert Murphy

'TWIN FALLS' - Robert Murphy, 84, of Twin Falls died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Jason Fredrick Stone of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Star 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 100 S. 200 W., Burley; burial at Gem Memorial Gardens; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

MarJean Johnson Briggs of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at Burley 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward LDS Chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; burial at 2:30 p.m. today at the Valley View Cemetery in Malta (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Blanche Margaret Detweiler of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Glenn Shwalter of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

DeWayne Thurman Bowlin of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Myrna I. Roach of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the First Church of Christ of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls (White Mortuary and Crematory).

Virginia Belle Nelson Burns Gurr of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave.; burial at Gem Memorial Gardens; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Claudia Vincent of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday on the banks of Billingsly Creek at Billingsly Creek Retreat, 17940 U.S. Highway 30, Hagerman.

Tom F. Hini of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Cassia official worries about weeds Idaho will mint coin to commemorate heroes

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — An herb that was used by early settlers in Mini-Cassia as a coffee substitute has become a nuisance weed in Cassia County.

Some Aldo residents are gathering signatures of people who want chichory added to the list of noxious weeds in the county, Cassia County Supervisor Gordon Edwards told county commissioners Monday.

Chichory has spread rapidly in the past four years, Edwards said.

"It is causing a lot of concern," he said. "It is very invasive."

— Putting the weed on the list

gives the county jurisdiction over the weed.

"It gives us the right to make sure the weed is cleaned up so it doesn't invade the neighbors," he said.

The process includes sending out notices to property owners where the weed is a problem. If the property owner fails to clean up the weed within a reasonable time, the county has the right to enter the property and clean up the problem weed.

Cattle graze on chichory in late fall and early spring, but when the plant becomes too woody for cattle to eat, it begins to spread.

Other noxious weeds that have become a problem in Cassia County include black henbane,

leafy spurge, white top, scotch thistle and poison hemlock.

Poison hemlock is especially bad where Marsh Creek comes into Declo, Edwards said.

Edwards and representatives of Success Ranches plan to soon begin work on a management plan regarding weeds that could become a problem on the ranches.

Commissioner Dennis Crane asked if cattle and sheep could graze on scotch thistle.

"Yes, they will eat it, and that helps," Edwards said.

Edwards also plans to meet with Amalgamated Sugar Co. officials to discuss puncture vine, which grows at the edges of beet and potato fields.

"They need to clean up the

beet dumps," he said. Trucks pick up the weeds at the edges of fields and at beet dumps and spread it throughout the county.

Edwards has also been inspecting nurseries and stores to check store inventories for possible noxious plants.

County officials earlier this year expressed some concern about Eurasian water milfoil, a weed which can be carried by boats. Personnel from the county weed department plan to have an informational booth at the Idaho Regatta to share information about water milfoil.

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Idaho will mint coin to commemorate heroes

BOISE (AP) — The likeness of Idaho's first war casualty, Maj. Greg Stone, will be emblazoned on 10,000 new silver medallions.

Idaho House members on Monday passed a bill authorizing the coin. It also took the rare step of having Stone's ex-wife, Tonya, and their children, Alex, 11, and Joshua, 7, join House Speaker Bruce Newcomb at his desk in front of the other representatives.

Embracing the boys in a hug, an emotional Newcomb told Idaho House members, "We have a responsibility to them, as their father had a responsibility to us."

Stone, 46, was serving in Kuwait on the 24th Air Support Operations Squadron when Army Sgt. Asan Akbar allegedly tossed hand grenades into a tent on

March 23, Stone, an Idaho Air National Guardsman and native of Portland, Ore., died two days later at a hospital from his injuries.

Stone's family and her boys are scheduled to travel to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Wednesday for a memorial ceremony.

The medallion includes Stone's face among four other servicemen and women; Stone is pictured second from the left. The medallion reads "Support Idaho's Heroes" across the top and "Legacy Continues - 2003" on the shoulder. It will contain 1 ounce of silver and cost \$25.

Hecla Mining Co. of Coeur d'Alene will mint the coin and number the first 200 copies. Stone's children will receive Nos. 1 and 2.

Wind farm could mean windfall for Cassia

Assessor says county tax base would grow

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — An operating wind farm in Cassia County would mean a substantial increase in property taxes paid to the county, Cassia County Assessor Matt Holland told county commissioners Monday.

Officials with Windland Inc. want to build a 200-megawatt wind farm on Carel Mountain. Windland officials negotiated the project to be operating by fall of 2005, according to a company report.

A potential assessment of the proposed wind farm shows it could add \$197 million to the

county's assessed valuation, Holland said. That would mean an additional \$639,000 in property taxes paid to the county annually.

He asked commissioners to consider whether the additional money should be used to lower the school district maintenance and operation levy, therefore lowering taxes, or whether the money would be added to the county's budget and spent.

The \$639,000 represents about 20 percent of property taxes in last year's budget and 6 percent of the total county budget, Holland said.

Commissioners made no deci-

sions about how to use the possible tax revenue.

Other commission business included:

- **District health budget** — Officials from South Central District Health presented their budget proposal for the 2003-04 fiscal year. The budget, shared with eight Magic Valley counties, reflects a 2 percent merit salary increase for employees.
- **Executive Director Cheryl Juntunen** said.
- **Salaries for health department staff** have not been increased for two years, she said.
- **Full request** — Commissioners reviewed a request from Larry Osterhout, maintenance supervisor at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.
- **Osterhout said inmates** have

asked for a new stereo and video-cassette recorder system at the jail a number of times.

Commissioners said the jail committee, which meets April 29, should review the matter.

- **Forest plan revision** — Sharon La Breque, planning staff officer for the Sawtooth National Forest, updated commissioners on the status of the forest plan revision project.
- **A 7,000-page document**, which details the project, is scheduled to be released to the public July 31. The document represents seven years of work, La Breque said.
- **The documents will contain** new rules and regulations regarding grazing, timber harvest, recreation and other forest issues.

Minidoka hospital holds off on construction

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka Memorial Hospital officials want to wait for an upswing in the local economy before remodeling the emergency room.

Hospital Administrator Carl Larson told county commissioners Monday the construction committee is recommending delaying the emergency room construction project until the economy improves. The hospital will build its cash reserves now so it can pay for the project later without incurring much debt.

Hospital officials will now focus energy on an extended care facility project which is already under way, Hanson said. The hospital board is considering a move from a 50-bed skilled nursing facility to a 67-bed facility with private and semi-private rooms.

The emergency room project had three options, Hanson said. One was to remodel the existing location, another was to move the emergency room to the front of the hospital, and the third was to create a larger emergency room at the front of the hospital.

Some neighbors were concerned about increased traffic and noise if the emergency room moved to the front of the building. But Hanson said the ambulance brings patients to the hospital three times a day on average and drivers are attempting to

turn sirens off as they approach the hospital.

Later in the afternoon, commissioners discussed construction in their own quarters at the courthouse. They had talked earlier of taking out a wall between the current commissioners' room, which also serves as County Clerk Dune Smith's office, and the old assessor's office to make the area bigger.

They decided to hold off on plans after Minidoka County Director of Reclamation Development Paul Aston discussed long-term plans for the courthouse.

Aston has tentative plans for a five-phase remodeling project at the courthouse. The plans Aston showed commissioners would alleviate privacy issues the county has with people applying for aid, create work space for commissioners to use and create a large meeting area.

Aston said he would begin to gather the cost of the improvements. No money is budgeted for any work this year.

Other commission business included:

- **Hearing scheduled** — Commissioners scheduled an appeal of a planning and zoning commission decision for 10 a.m. May 27. In March the planning commission denied a special use permit for Kristina and Robert Rogers, owners of Sunnyslope Child Care. The Rogers have appealed that decision.



Paul Aston talks with Minidoka County commissioners about plans to remodel a portion of the courthouse. Commissioners Dan Stapelman, Dave Teator and Marvin Bingham are interested in creating a larger meeting room.

- **Tax exemption** — Commissioners voted 2-1 to approve a property tax exemption on property owned by the Bureau of Reclamation.
- **Commissioner Dan Stapelman** voted against the proposal.
- **District health request** — South Central District Health presented its budget request for the 2003-04 fiscal year, including a 1 percent increase.
- **The district serves eight Magic Valley counties.** Each county pays

a share of costs based on population and assessed value, Director Cheryl Juntunen said. Even with the 1 percent increase, Minidoka County's share would be less than the \$93,549 it is paying this fiscal year. Juntunen asked for \$91,225 for the coming year.

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Jerome

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the community, animating objects, incorporating charts and using capture devices. In another matter, the fire department is requiring that three firefighters attend the Boise Fire Department Firefighter Safety Symposium May 8-11 at a total

cost of \$735. The firefighters chosen to attend are Fire Chief Jim Audair, Capt. Eric Steigers and firefighter Larry Garry. Topics to be covered in the training include fire ground accountability, incident safety, search techniques, scans, forcible entry, and ladder operations.

Hospital

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increasing problem here for the working poor," Frost said.

Meanwhile, the costs of medications and medical tests continue to climb. And many people aren't taking responsibility for their health, sometimes due to lack of knowledge.

Lack of education is an indicator for poor health in the future," Frost said.

Local doctors are seeing many patients with obesity-related medical problems, such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and degenerative arthritis. They're also seeing people in poor health due to smoking and using smokeless tobacco. People who take intravenous drugs such as methamphetamine are ending up with hepatitis C. Alcohol abuse and inactivity are also causing health-related problems, according to this survey.

Physicians' ideas for improving

health care in the community included improving public transportation, promoting fitness and exercise, expanding smoking cessation programs, promoting screening exams and sex education, expanding the health fair concept and promoting risk reduction programs.

Other Hospital Board business included:

- **Readiness** — The board approved updated safety and emergency and bioterrorism readiness plans.
- **Privileges** — Guidelines for surgical assistants and granting physicians privileges were approved.
- **Research** — The board approved an initiative review board policy for staff doing research projects.

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Trails

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The council voted to divert some of the Idaho Power money toward rebuilding the trail in time for the city's centennial.

In another matter, the council heard from Richard Dunn, who is concerned about a truck driving school operating tractor-trailer rigs in his neighborhood along Terry Court just off East Shop Avenue.

only feasible way for trucks to talk to and from the school, Courtney said.

The best course of action might be to simply step up traffic patrols in the area and ticket drivers who go over the curb, Courtney said.

The council took no formal action on the matter.

It is an industrial activity that is being conducted in a residential area," Dunn told the council. "The peace and tranquility of the area has deteriorated because of the noise and congestion."

Dunn said he's also concerned about damage to curbs and the street, as well as a possible dip in property values.

Young agreed that there has been extensive damage to a section of curbing over there, probably from trucks driving over it.

"It is powdered. It's history," Young said.

Even so, there's nothing in the city zoning code that prohibits driving trucks on residential streets, said City Attorney Fritz Wunderlich. So, if the council wanted to take any action, it would probably take sweeping changes to the city's traffic code.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the commander of the Twin Falls Police Department's traffic unit had talked to the owner of the driving school, and the owner seemed willing to cooperate.

Even so, the route along Terry Court and Shop seems to be the

In other business, the council approved plans to widen Washington Street North between Shop Avenue and Pole Line Road. The project will cost between \$11 million and \$12 million, and will probably include a bicycle/pedestrian lane, safety islands and landscaping in some sections. Construction is set to start in 2005.

Other council business included:

- **Exchange** — The council agreed to over the curb, gutter and sidewalk costs for the South Central Community Action Agency at Washington St. S. in exchange for about \$8,800 worth of utilities right of way there.
- **Seal coating** — A bid of about \$363,000 was accepted for a fresh seal coating on some city streets this year.
- **Firefighters' contract** — The council accepted a draft contract renewal with the Twin Falls firefighters' union.
- **Subdivision OK** — The final plan of the Eastwood Subdivision phase 3 was approved.
- **Appointment** — Mitch Wakis was appointed to the City Parks and Recreation Commission.

St. Ben's facility joins nursing home quality effort

JEROME — The long-term care unit at St. Ben's Family Medical Center was recently selected for membership in the Idaho Collaborating Nursing Home Group as part of the national Nursing Home Quality Initiative, according to a hospital news release.

Around the Valley

"We are honored to have been selected to participate in this select group," said Janice Bailey, director of nursing in the long-term care unit. "At St. Ben's, our goal is to be the best at what we do, and we are continually looking for areas that need improvement."

The national initiative focuses on 10 quality measures, selected by CMS, which are indicators of a nursing home's overall quality of care. Based on available information about needs in Idaho, the Collaborating Nursing Home Group will focus on pain among residents, development of pressure sores and use of physical restraints.

Jerome sprinkler systems need inspections

JEROME — City residents who

have automatic sprinkler systems in their yards are reminded that it is time to get those sprinkler system inspected.

The city of Jerome requires all automatic sprinkler systems to have back flow prevention valves installed. They are to be inspected by certified inspectors every 12 months.

After the inspections, the city requires copies of the inspection certificates to be sent to: City of Jerome, 152 E. Ave. A, Jerome, 83338.

For more information, call Walt Appell at 324-8189.

Rupert council will hear about urban renewal district

RUPERT — The possibility of establishing an urban renewal district is listed for discussion during tonight's City Council meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 624 F St. It is open to the public.

Council members asked the Rupert Renaissance Initiative steering committee to look into developing an urban renewal district and agency, and that group will report to the council tonight.

Also on the agenda is a report from DeMary Memorial Library board and staffers about a planning grant for the library, the mid-year budget review and selecting dates for public hearings for the 2003-04 budget.

Dietician will talk about organic food at St. Luke's

KETCHUM — Registered dietician Becky Stewart will discuss the pros and cons of buying organic food at 12:15 p.m. today at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

The free discussion is part of a lecture series on eating well and keeping your body healthy.

— Compiled from staff reports

Certified

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Echocardiography Laboratories.

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Echocardiography has been around for more than two decades, but medical technology has vastly improved testing, Kemp said. Southern Idaho Cardiology Associates has two echocardiogram units, including

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Why did Southern Idaho Cardiology Associates pursue accreditation when it's not required?

"It lets you know you're doing things appropriately," Pope said. "And accreditation reassures heart patients that they're in capable hands, Kemp said.

Kemp added that in the future, Medicare could start requiring all echocardiogram laboratories to be accredited.

Kempthorne signs bill on incentives for rural physicians

BOISE (AP) — Legislation requiring some of Idaho's medical students to pay incentives for practicing in underserved rural areas became law Monday.

Sov. Dirk Kempthorne signed the bill without comment, allow-

ing the state to impose on Idaho students in medical school at the University of Washington or University of Utah a surcharge of up to \$2,000 a year for the education state provides for their education.

That money would provide up

to \$50,000 over five years to doctors who agree to practice in rural communities.

The state pays about \$44,000 a year for the education of 72 students in the University of Washington program and about \$26,000 a year for 32 students at

the University of Utah.

Those students still come out of school with average debts of \$95,000. They will also be the first eligible to do rural practice incentives. Many of them may practice in rural Idaho because of other programs the state runs.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls in Sh District Court - Recent Falls County included the following:

Felony sentencing

Jerardo Avila, 21, 1344 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls; burglary; pleaded guilty; 130 years penitentiary, two years determinate, three years' intermediate, judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; \$471 restitution to victim; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Scott N. Anderson, 31, 1344 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls; domestic battery resulting in traumatic injury; pleaded guilty; eight years' penitentiary, three years' determinate, three years' intermediate; judge granted retained jurisdiction; sentenced to 180 days to be served at the Idaho State Department of Correction; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Mark Wayne Cornelison, 41, 3026 E. 3400 N., Twin Falls; operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or more within five years; pleaded guilty; five years' penitentiary, four years' determinate, one year intermediate; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; driving privileges suspended for five years after release from prison, one year mandatory; four years' conditional as part of probation; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Terry David Kaudson, 22, 3214 N. 3200 E., Twin Falls; aid and abet burglary; pleaded guilty; eight years' penitentiary, four years' determinate, four years' intermediate; \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; \$1,582 restitution to victim; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Donald R. King, 38, 741 Grant, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; four years' probation; one count possession of a controlled substance, cocaine; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; four years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; submit to search and seizure; 90 days discretionary jail time; 100 hours' community service; abide by terms of alcohol/abuse substance evaluation; complete intensive outpatient treatment at the Walker Center; \$12.99 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.

Scott N. Croft, 19, P.O. Box 841, Rupert; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; pleaded guilty; withheld judgment; three years' probation; \$1,000 fine with \$250 suspended; \$88.50 court costs; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; \$35 per month probation fee; shall not purchase, possess or consume any alcohol

or illegal drugs; submit to alcohol/drug testing; enter no establishment that sells alcohol by the drink; submit to search and seizure; obtain GED; 90 days discretionary jail time; 200 hours' community service; abide by terms of alcohol/abuse substance evaluation; \$165 restitution; District Judge Nathan W. Higer.



Juvenile arraignments

Jerry L. Wicklund, 17, 815 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls; willful confinement; juvenile waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Siocker.

Larry D. Kimbrough, 12, 528 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls; two counts battery and one count incorrigible; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Siocker.

Ann E. Hernandez, 16, 43 S. 350 W., Jerome; petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 25; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Shira Kerr, 17, 1929 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine/amphetamine; juvenile held private counsel; pretrial hearing April 25; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Brandon Hempleman, 16, 1584 Parkway, Twin Falls; one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and one count possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 25; no contact with Shira Kerr; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

David A. Adsett, 17, 815 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls; willful confinement; juvenile waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing April 22; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Siocker.

Tatiana Lopez, 13, 19266A Highway 30, Buhl; battery; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 17; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Brett J. Chapman, 14, Meadowbrook Apartments, No. 15, Buhl; one count burglary and one count petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 15; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Siocker.

Sasha R. Chute, 14, 460 Van Buren, Apt. A, Twin Falls; petty theft; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 15; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Eric R. Volkmar, 16, 3526 E. 900 N., Colton; willful confinement; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing April 15; Magistrate Judge Randy J. Siocker.

Thomas Campbell, 14, 1220 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls; juvenile waived counsel; pleaded guilty; sentencing hearing April 17; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile sentencing

Justin L. Parker, 14, 2433 Highway 30, Filer; two counts petty theft; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, credit for one day served; 10 days' discretionary, 79 days suspended; 12 months' probation; 40 hours' community service; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; shall not consume or

possess any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; \$20 court costs; \$20 per month probation fee; one count burglary, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Nicholas R. Barnes, 15, 215 Midway, Filer; one count petty theft and one count probation violation; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, credit for 13 days served; 77 days suspended; 24 months' probation; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; shall not consume or possess any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; \$20 court costs; Magistrate Judge John Varin.

Steven A. Trullio, 17, 546 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls; battery; pleaded guilty; 90 days' detention, credit for one day served; 10 day discretionary; 79 days suspended; nine months' probation; 40 hours' community service with 16 hours suspended; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer including anger management; submit to search and seizure; abide by curfew; shall not consume or possess any alcohol, tobacco or illegal drug; submit to alcohol/drug testing; apologize to victim; \$20 court costs; \$20 per month probation fee; one count burglary, dismissed by prosecutor; \$50 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Civil filings

John Garcia vs. State of Idaho. Application for post conviction relief. Plaintiff seeking that he be able to withdraw his guilty plea for drug trafficking and proceed to trial with competent counsel; other relief as the court deems just. Plaintiff alleges that his constitutional rights were violated, that his sentence was more severe than the co-defendant, that he didn't understand the charges against him, and that his counsel was ineffective.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Kevin Robert Birrell. Seeking \$363 attorneys' fees and costs. State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Brode K. LaPray. Seeking establishment of paternity, \$226 monthly support plus a prior period; provide medical insurance; \$363 attorneys' fees and costs.

Divorces filed

Thomas William Madden vs. Wanda Gayle Madden. Ryan Thomas Maughn vs. Shaunna Maughn. Carl J. Proctor vs. Bryan Edward Proctor. Rebecca Joy Parks vs. Brian Lee Parks. Melissa Hoover vs. Jack Hoover. Milena Radjenovic vs. Miroslav Radjenovic. Dan Weaver vs. Bubbi Jo Weaver.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

By The Associated Press

Signed by Governor

51133 (Judiciary and Rules) - Regulates the use of air conditioning and heating systems.

51134 (Health and Welfare) - Prohibits discrimination based on disabilities in child protective cases.

51135 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Redefines rape in criminal law.

51136 (Environmental Affairs) - Revises state regulation on disposal of waste files.

51137 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Gives the director of corrections authority to manage death row inmates as other maximum-security inmates under certain circumstances.

51138 (Education) - Imposes up to a 4 percent surcharge on students receiving outside financial aid to finance loan repayment incentives to those who agree to practice in underserved Idaho communities.

51139 (Ways and Means) - Brings state law in line with the state constitution to give cities as well as counties authority over alcoholic beverage licensing within their borders.

51140 (Ways and Means) - Authorizes waiver of certain fines and evaluations in certain drug cases.

51141 (Ways and Means) - Allows judges discretion not to force alcohol treatment programs on certain DUI convictions.

51137 (Ways and Means) - Allows county clerks to accept credit or debit card payments for fines, fees and costs.

51138 (Ways and Means) - Allows the tax commission to intercept taxpayer refunds to pay late fines, fees, court costs or restitution ordered by a court.

51139 (State Affairs) - Imposes up to a 2 percent surcharge on liquor.

51140 (Ways and Means) - Allocates \$45 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Idaho State Police.

51141 (State Affairs) - Revises the election period for independent candidates.

51142 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections for the current budget year.

51143 (State Affairs) - Permits information from student directories to be provided to the military for recruiting.

51144 (Finance) - Allocates \$16 million for 2003-2004 operations of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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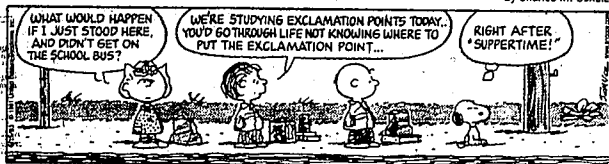
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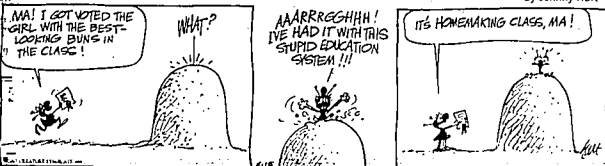
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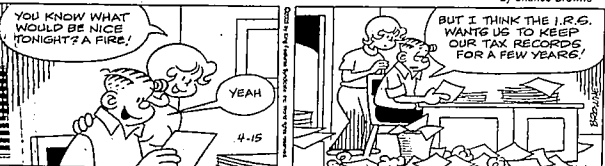
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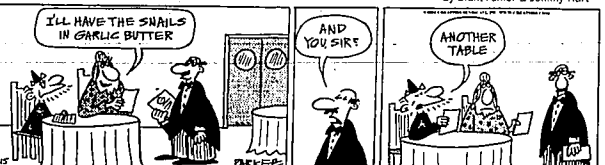
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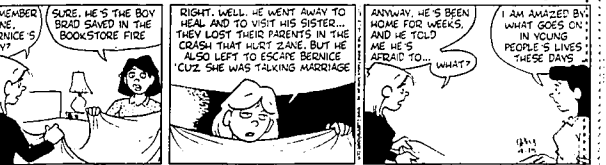
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Last salute

Volunteers make sure of military rites for veterans

By Heather Abel
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - "I do believe very strongly that every veteran deserves a military funeral," says Roland Gardner, chairman of the Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission. "It's just something that's very wonderful."

The commission was established in 1992 to organize details of veterans to provide a military funeral for any veteran who received an honorable discharge, and whose family makes a request for such a service.

The commission is nonprofit, with two members elected to the board of directors from each veterans organization in the area.

"We have an excellent group," he says. "They keep their word. When they say they'll be there, they'll be there."

Gardner says the military funeral offers a form of pride and respect for their veterans status. Military funerals also keep this group busy with an average of two funerals per week. It takes about 14 veterans for a funeral.

"It's a considerable effort," Gardner says. "Our veterans all depend on volunteer work. You couldn't operate the Health Commission if you didn't have a nucleus of people who didn't believe in what they were doing."

Want more information?

The Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission receives no financial support from the federal or state government. All donations are used to furnish blank ammunition for the military funerals and maintenance for the veterans graveyard. To make a donation, make a check payable to the Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission, and mail to: Stanley Sorenson, 206 Caswell Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. Plots can be obtained by calling Stanley Sorenson at 733-8947 or Roland Gardner at 734-3612. All monies received from the sale of burial plots will be used to cover the cost of care for the cemetery.

Military rites include a firing squad, a chaplain to present a nonsectarian prayer, a veterans commander to offer a statement of thanks for his or her service to the United States, and presentation of an American flag to the widow, widower or next of kin, which is used to drape the casket.

"It's also for the family," says Stan Sorenson, commission secretary/treasurer of the rites. "That's where you see the appreciation."

Magic Valley Memorial Cemetery

The other responsibility of the group is the Magic Valley



Right, Roland Gardner, left, and Stan Sorenson are members of the Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission, which tries to assure military funeral rites for every veteran, and also operates the Magic Valley Memorial Cemetery, above.

Memorial Cemetery, the veterans cemetery, located 5 miles south on Rock Creek Road.

"We allow any veteran and his immediate family to be buried there," Gardner says. "We try to keep it as cheap and reasonable as possible and try to help as many veterans and veterans widows as possible."

"We don't want to put any more burden on the family," Sorenson adds.

The group rebuilt the cemetery about 13 years ago, trimming and removing old and dead bushes, leveling graves that had sunk into the ground, and cutting all the grass around the headstones.

"It was a real mess," Gardner remembers.

But since the group cleaned it up, it has become a beautiful spot. "It's just like an oasis in the middle of a desert," Sorenson says.



It took approximately 300 hours to complete the cleanup. The group was asked to maintain the graveyard by Lorna King with the Rock Creek Cemetery Association. In exchange, the commission would be given three acres located to the rear of the cemetery to be used as a veterans cemetery.

Gardner said he hopes the group can raise about \$5,000 to put in an underground sprinkler

system and build a road for the cemetery.

"It's a never ending task," Sorenson says.

There are about 50 veterans buried in the cemetery. Hundreds of lots are available.

Gardner says he is proud that there is a veterans cemetery in the area, which makes visitation much easier for loved ones.

"We want to make it as painless as possible," Gardner says.

Association celebrates those who take good care of children

TWIN FALLS - More than 150 children celebrated the Week of the Young Child at a Children's Day Out event at the Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls on April 6.

The Snake River Association for the Education of Young Children sponsored and organized the event that included the College of Southern Idaho Early Childhood Education Department and CSI student clubs. Children from early-childhood centers in Jerome, Buhl, Hansen, Twin Falls and Shoshone enjoyed the activity booths set up and operated by CSI students.

At a reception in Twin Falls, 16 early-childhood professionals also were recognized by the association for providing high quality service for children and families.

The local celebrations were designed to build broader support for early-childhood programs that nurture young child's early learning and growth, the association said.

"Children's opportunities are our responsibilities," said Tiffany Eden, association president. "If we value our children, our families, our schools and our community, we must make accessible, affordable, high-quality early childhood education a priority."

The Week of the Young Child, April 6-12, honors the more than 35 million children from newborns to age 8 in America, and the families, teachers and other adults who help children make the most of the opportunities of their early years, the association reported.

"Research and experience clearly show that children's earliest years are crucial learning years," Eden said.



The local association includes 47 early-childhood professional members working together to

Above, Troy, Jose and Erich Vasquez from the Little Wood Head Start in Shoshone dug through the sand to find treasures at the Children's Day Out event as part of the Week of the Young Child celebration. Left, Megan McBride from the Colleen's Clubhouse child center in Twin Falls balances at an obstacle course held during the event.

Photo courtesy of TIFFANY EDEN

improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education programs.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Zaden Kale Watson, son of Nicole K. and Jeremy Pete Watson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, April 6, 2003.
Bianca Marie Lockwood, daughter of Angelica Maria and Donald Mark Lockwood of Twin Falls, was born Monday, April 7, 2003.

Rowdy Patrick Hopkins, son of Heather Denise and John D. Hopkins of Filer, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Walter Calvin Reidhart, son of Anne Marie Reidhart of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Ethan Brett Ross, son of Cheryllyn and Robert Brett Ross of Buhl, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center
Christian William Hawks, son of Veronica and Brian Hawks Jr. of Burley, was born Thursday,

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Melissa Morgan
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538.
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

April 3, 2003.
Christian Ray Castro, son of Rebecca Castro of Burley, was born Friday, April 4, 2003.

Mason Ray Day, son of Misty Louise May and Joseph Ray Day of Burley, was born Friday, April 4, 2003.

Emily Juarez Ruiz, daughter of Gloria Ruiz and Efrain Juarez of Burley, was born Saturday, April 5, 2003.

Martin Jaime Llanos, son of Adriana and Federico Llanos of Burley, was born Monday, April

7, 2003.
Ashanti Monique Vega, daughter of Patricia and Jose Vega of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Jazzmen Kristine Alverado, daughter of Janelle Ann Crisp and Jose Rios Alverado, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Nolan Brock Owens, son of Nikki and Rob Owens of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Kathlyn Dawn Feeney, daughter of Mickey and James Feeney of Burley, was born Tuesday, April 8, 2003.

Vesenia Isabel Najera, daughter of Isabel Aramitz Garcia and Fernando Najera of Burley, was born Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Fristan Lee Miller, son of Jennifer and Jacob Miller of Burley, was born Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

Diego Emmanuel Rivas and Jesus Leonardo Rivas, sons of Ofelia and Rafael Rivas of Burley, was born Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

OAKLEY VALLEY ARTS HONOR



Photo courtesy of Oakley Valley Arts Council

The Oakley Valley Arts Council 2002 Distinguished Service Award was presented to a surprised Vicki Babbitt of Oakley at the Howells Opera House at the conclusion of the council's final performance of "The Fantasticks" on March 22. Babbitt received the award for her many donated hours serving the organization as a prior council board member and actress, and helping with light design, tickets, costumes, set crew and more. For many years, the council has presented a Person of the Year Award, which was changed this year to the Distinguished Service Award.

T.F. High School students are selected for Girls State program this summer

TWIN FALLS - Seven Twin Falls High School students have been chosen as delegates to the annual Idaho Spring Girls State sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The leadership program which teaches teens about the workings of government will be held in June at the North West Nazarene College, Nampa.

Lauren Adams is the Magic Valley Student Leadership

program, varsity soccer, varsity track and student council; and volunteers at the hospital and for other charity programs. She plans to go to medical school. Her contributor is the Optimist Club.

Kristiana Berriochoa, daughter of Randy and Joanne Berriochoa, has been president and secretary of her 4-H club, and participates in homecoming, Bruin week, varsity tennis and student leadership programs. She plans to obtain a college degree in his-

tory. Her contributor is the Republican Central Committee.

Erika Blank, daughter of Michael and Julie Blank, has received the bronze and silver Congressional Awards; is a Girl Scout leader; active in Key Club, orchestra and high school golf; and has an 4.0 grade-point average. She plans to study medicine or history in college. Her contributor is the Rotary Club.

Angela Essma, daughter of George and Marlene Essma is first counselor in her church's

Laurel class presidency, an active member in the school Key Club, and on the school cross country team. She plans to pursue a career in orthodontics. Her contributor is the American Legion Auxiliary Post 7.

Perri Gardner, daughter of Olin and Shelley Gardner, is working on her silver Congressional Award, writes for

the school newspaper, participates in French Club and has been elected for French National Honor Society. She plans to major in French and journalism in college. Her contributor is the 29th Century Club.

Darci Ward, daughter of Bob and Lori Ward, is the captain of the junior varsity soccer team, in the Chamber of Commerce Student Leadership program, a Quiz Bowl team member and a volunteer at the Magic Valley Regional

Medical Center. She plans to pursue a graduate program in law or medicine. Her contributor is the Soroptomist Club.

Kirsten Wright, daughter of Gary and Margaret Wright, is a member of the swim team, has received the gold Congressional Award, takes part in the Magic Valley Student Leadership program and volunteers at the Magic Valley Regional. She plans to attend college in the medical field. Her contributor is the Zonta Club.

Darci Ward

Kirsten Wright

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

MARCH EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls announced its March 'Einsteins.' They are, from left, top row: Sharyah Whittemore, Marissa Hodges, Matt Hutchinson, Jesse Hernandez, Veronica Banyal, Mikayla Overlin, Colton Sterling, Echo Hoskins, Kenim Kerr, Whitney Tigue and Lindsey Mancari; middle row: Luke Young, Thoa LeFevre, Sold Salazar, Jordan Rink, Ashley Van Orden, Ryan Bailley, Benica Ruso, Ashlyn Canfield, Michael Williams and Morgan Hunt; bottom row: Robert Cuellar, Madison Hymas, Anthony Pasamonte, Samantha Stockton, Carlisa Avery, Danny Lewis, Brandon Smith, Caleb Taylor, Daniel Curtis, Daniel Hernandez, Matthew Ash, Andrenia Parker and Allyson Humbarger.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local student graduates from Wisconsin University

Anton Marcus Spooner of Twin Falls has graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Madison, Wis. following summer sessions. Spooner graduated with a master's of arts in English.

Thompson receives Eagle award for project

Nathan R. Thompson of Twin Falls received his Eagle award Feb. 10 at a court of honor at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Thompson, 16, the son of G ayle Thompson and The Thompson of Twin Falls, has earned 23 merit badges.

Nathan Thompson

Thompson is a senior at Twin Falls High School on the varsity soccer team, a member of DECA, and works for Smith's Food and Drug. He plans on majoring in business in college.

Funk receives Eagle honor for school improvement

Chase Funk of Hansen received his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor on Jan. 25 at the Hansen LDS Ward building.



Chase Funk

Funk, the son of Brent and Chait Funk of Hansen, has earned 21 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he installed a flag pole at the Hansen High School football field. Other members of Troop 89 helped.

Funk is a senior at Hansen High School, and involved in several school, track and national honor societies. Troop 89 is sponsored by the Hansen LDS Church Ward. Ron May and Todd Bates are the elder leaders, and Steve Loveless is the Scoutmaster.

Twin Falls resident makes U of Nebraska honors

David Dabestani of Twin Falls has made the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb. To be eligible, students must

have a 3.60 or better grade point average while carrying 12 or more credit hours.

Dabestani is a senior, majoring in pre-English in the teacher college.

Corder receives Eagle award for camp work

Jacob Corder of Twin Falls earned his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor Feb. 8 at the Hansen LDS Ward building. Corder, 18, the son of Nathan and Laura Corder, has earned 24 merit badges.

For his Eagle project, he cleared 400 cubic yards of timber at the Sawtooth Methodist Church Camp and installed paths around the campground and to camp tepees. The group consisted of seven boys and six adults, and included 116 hours.

He is a member of Troop 89, sponsored by the United Methodist Church. His leader is Kevin Jorgenson. Corder is a senior at Twin Falls High School, has played drums for school bands for six years, and has been active in 4-H for 10 years, earned a bronze Congressional award and had been a long-distance runner for the track team and in cross-country.

GIVING CARDS

Members of the Kimberly Elementary school student body visited the residents of the Mountain View Care Center to deliver greeting cards that were made by the students in the fourth and fifth grades.



MARGARET JONES/The Times

Velasquez passes halfway mark for deployment

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael R. Velasquez, son of Badi and Larry Velasquez of Twin Falls, is more than halfway through a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Millius, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

Velasquez is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors aboard the ships of the USS Constellation Carrier Battle Group. During the first half of the deployment, Velasquez's ship made port visits in Hong Kong and Singapore. Volunteers from

Velasquez's ship helped clean and restore the Armenia Church of St. Gregory, Sailors and Marines also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Velasquez is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and joined the Navy in September 2001.

Wiersema is on deployment aboard aircraft carrier

Navy Fireman Vincent A. Wiersema, son of Estelle Wiersema of Twin Falls, and Lloyd Wiersema of Jerome, is on deployment aboard the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier

USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

Wiersema is one of more than 6,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ship of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group. The battle group is on the longest deployment since the war on terrorism began; the Armed Forces reported.

Wiersema's ship has made port visits to Hong Kong and Singapore, Japan and Fremantle, Australia. The crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the culture and cuisine. Wiersema is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School, and joined the Navy in December 2000.

THINGS TO DO

Music

Snake River Flats Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 1214 St. Rupert, Meno Falls, 434-0487.
Magic Valley Madrigals Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 101 Shoshone St. E. Men of all ages invited. Call 734-4637.

Dance

Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome, call Vera at 214-4816 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.
West End Senior Center dance - 8:11 p.m. second Saturday of month at center. \$4 per person. Call 434-4577.

Bingo

Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 291 N. Main, Silver. Doors and snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 825-5962.
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Railroad St. W.

Shoshone. Must be over 18, call 866-2100.
Aglewood Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome. Call 424-4426.
Golden Heritage Senior Center - 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley, 866-8100. Call 878-6161.
Milkhook Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 18th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 436-1007.
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 7:15 p.m. Fridays, 447 Second St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 734-1229.
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m., cash bar at 6:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over 18, call 324-5642.
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 236-6642.
Twin Falls Senior Center - 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays, call 734-2084.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, call Alice at 679-9861.
Snake River Falls 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at Judge, 401 E. 200 S. Jerome. Call 234-9200.
West End Senior Center - 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Idaho.
Burley Eka Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at Judge, 1140 S. Olive Ave. in Burley.
Magic Valley Bingo - doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 801 Second Ave. E. Call 236-1895.
Moore Lodge 612 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 5:30 p.m. Sundays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Call Dennis or Ron at 734-6607.
Western States College - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Gooding Cinema, call 734-7065.
Ball Moose Lodge 365 - 7 p.m. early bird, 7:30 p.m. regular bingo at 1101 Main St. Call 543-4415.

To add a listing, please send a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person. Send to: Pat Marcantonio, TheTimes-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to patmar@cityvalley.com. For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-5288.

Singles

Christian Singles - Grants Blvd. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Four Seasons Center, 1181 Mountain View in Twin Falls, 734-6225.
Southern Idaho Singles - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 240 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. For activities, call 735-9044.

Cards

Pinocchio - 1 p.m. Mondays and 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, Milkhook Lodge, 240 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, 734-8099. Newcomers welcome.
Magic Valley Pinocchio Club - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoppe Avenue, Twin Falls.

Vally Vets Retirement Center Pinocchio Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 651 Rose St. in Twin Falls, 734-5533.
Pinocchio club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1777 Addition Ave. Everyone invited, call Erica at 734-4923.
Snake River Eka Pinocchio - 2 p.m. Sundays at Eka Lodge, 402 E. 200 S. Jerome, next to 93rd Street Ranch. Everyone welcome.

Other

Magic Valley Arts Club - meets for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the Buhl Public Library, 543-6500.
N. Call Charity at 735-4423.
Moose Lodge 612 dance night - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, 734-6607.
Snake River Eka Book Club - meets on the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Buhl Public Library, 543-6500.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Frost room at Herrett Center, call CSI campus, call 734-2447.
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor

range - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate priced. Call Gary at 234-9042.

Snake River Canyon Kermel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.
Twin Falls Heteropology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrett Center, call Ed Peterson at 734-5673.
Wendell High Fellowship - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 653 Rose St. N. 866-8888.
Vally Vets Village in Twin Falls, call Dottie at 436-2929.

The Rousing with Paul Gault - 5:30-7:30 p.m. first Thursday, Elks Lodge, 628 Main Ave. N. Call Charity at 735-4423.
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Delta Delta Delta Sorority holds pansy luncheon

TWIN FALLS - Alumni members of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority are invited to a pansy luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Saturday at the Garden Tea Room at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Alumni members should RSVP by calling Diana Hoast Kroil at 734-3621 or Peggy Bobbitt Kroil at 734-6886.

Art Guild of Magic Valley meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lillie Brown's new studio, 1251 Parkway Drive in Twin Falls.

For directions, call 724-4237.

Walkers can register for WalkAmerica fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - The March of Dimes WalkAmerica will be held April 26 in the Twin Falls City Park, and there is still time to register. Participants obtain donations from sponsors, and walk 10 kilometers.

Supported by the sponsorship of CIGNA HealthCare, Kmart, Allied NorthAmerican, C-UM, Discovery Health Channel and Famous Footwear, WalkAmerica

has raised more than \$1 billion over the last 33 years.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency with a mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality, organizers say. It funds programs of research, community services, education and advocacy.

For more information, call the Idaho State Chapter at 1-800-336-5421 or visit the March of Dimes Web site at www.marchofdimes.com/walkamerica, its Spanish Web site at www.marchofdimes.com or call 1-888-MODIMES.

Insurance company holds seminar on long-term care

TWIN FALLS - State Farm Insurance will conduct a free seminar on long-term care at 6 p.m. Thursday at BridgeView Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd. in Twin Falls.

There also will be a tour of BridgeView Estates. The seminar is free to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Melissa at State Farm Insurance at 734-7765.

Herrett Center extends deadline for Science Trek

TWIN FALLS - The Herrett

Center for Arts and Science has extended the registration deadline on the annual Science Trek on April 25. Parents now have until Friday to sign up their third, fourth or fifth-grade students.

Participants will check in at 6:30 p.m. April 25 at the Herrett Center for a full evening of hands-on classes and demonstrations, a presentation from a University of Idaho physics professor, a private star party, planetary show, flashlight tour and sleep-over inside the Herrett Center's museum and galleries. Students can choose from among 16 workshops, including "Birds, Beaks and Butterflies," "Fishy Business," "Leapin' Lizards;" "Tooth or Dare;" "Swamp Things" and "Splatt! Make a Moon Crater."

The cost for all workshops, midnight snacks, breakfast and a souvenir T-shirt will be \$37. Complete adult supervision will be provided for the overnight stay. For more information, call Darcy Thorbhorow at 734-6664 or by e-mail her at dthorbhorow@csd.uoi.edu.

Parkinson's Support Group hears about assisted living

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the

KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Jodie Thomas from BridgeView Estates will discuss independent living, assisted living and skilled care. Members are asked to wear their name tags.

For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

DAV Auxiliary holds dance Friday at hall in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music. There is a \$2 suggested donation.

Head Start holds yard sale this weekend

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Head Start will hold a fund-raising yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Head Start, 296 Falls Ave. W. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-5550.

Day of the Children parade, events set for Saturday

BUHL - The annual Dia de los Ninos (Day of the

Children) parade will be held Saturday in Buhl.

The theme is "Hats Off to Children," and organizers encourage children to dress up, decorate or make hats, ride bikes or pull wagons. No motorized vehicles are permitted. Bike riders are asked to wear helmets while riding. The parade will assemble at 9 a.m. in the Broadway parking lot, across from Oasis and the Nazarene Church. Judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. Mayor Barbara Clinton and Buhl Mayor Ed Wilson will award ribbons to all participants.

The parade will start immediately after the judging. The parade will begin at the corner of Broadway and Maple streets, head east on Maple Street to Eighth Street, continue on Eighth Street to Main Street, turn left on Sixth Street and finish at Eastman Park.

An egg hunt will be held in the park after the parade. The egg hunt and parade are coordinated and funded by the Buhl Kiwanis and the Buhl Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Welch is the parade coordinator. Additional parade support comes from the city of Buhl, Buhl Police and Fire departments, Buhl Public Library, Buhl Head Start, Buhl's

Citizens on Patrol and Jesus Montes.

For more information, call the Buhl Public Library at 543-6500.

CSI offers workshop on decorating flower pots

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a "Decorative Flower Pots" from 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Desert Room 113 at CSI. The cost is \$20.

Students will discover creative ideas to turn ordinary containers into works of art. Flower containers will be decorated in class. Instructor Carol Jones is an interior design consultant.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.



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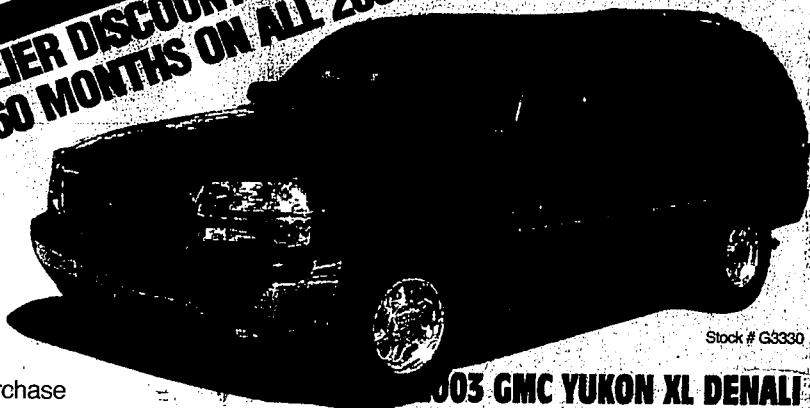
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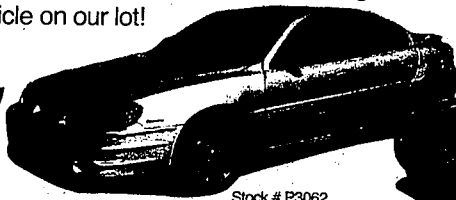
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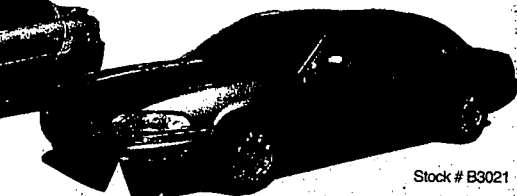


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SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s mind-boggling. I would say, out of luck, somebody on the team would be contributing.”

— *Detroit Tiger Carlos Pena on his team’s miserable start*

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
What NBA expansion team qualified for the playoffs in its first season?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
Borah at Twin Falls (2), 3 p.m.
Burley at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
Wood River at Kimberly (2), 4 p.m.
Spring Creek at Buhl (2), 4 p.m.
Flier at Wendell, 4 p.m.

High school softball
Wood River at Kimberly (2), 4 p.m.
Skyline at Minico (2), 3:30 p.m.
Highland at Burley (2), 3:30 p.m.
Spring Creek at Buhl (2), 4 p.m.
Flier at Wendell, 4 p.m.

High school track
Jerome, Vallivue at Mountain Home, 4 p.m.

High school golf
Boys Madison Invitational at Teron Lakes, 8:30 a.m.
Girls Rigby Invitational, at Rigby at Clear Lake CC, Buhl, 1 p.m.
at Gooding CC, Gooding, 2 p.m.
at Pleasant Valley, 2 p.m.

High school tennis
Coeur d’Alene at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.
Comm. School at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Wood River sports sign-ups are soon

HAILEY—The Blaine County Recreation District will hold registration this week for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 interested in playing Wood River Youth Baseball and Softball. Registration will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hailey Elementary, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Heningway Elementary. You can also register at the district office at 308 N. Main St. in Hailey. The season runs from May 5 to July 10. For more information call 788-2117.

Mint-Cassia co-ed softball meets April 23

BURLEY—There will be a meeting at 7 p.m. April 23 in the ice cream parlor at Al’s Pizzeria for anyone interested in playing co-ed softball. For more information, call Mike Hammond at 436-5826.

Magic Valley Babe Ruth registration is today

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Babe Ruth baseball program will hold registration for boys ages 15-19 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Harmon Park recreation building. A signed release form from a parent and a \$55 fee is required. If the boy did not play in the program last year, they must provide a copy of their birth certificate. The season runs from mid-May to late June with tournament play in July. For more information, call Gary at 733-5532 or Linda at 733-4600 or 734-2633.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Chicago Bulls in 1967.

Williams heads to Chapel Hill

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Roy Williams returned home to North Carolina, hoping to win the national championship that eluded him for 15 seasons at Kansas. The basketball coach, who grew up in the North Carolina mountains and learned his craft as an assistant to Dean Smith, resigned as the Jayhawks’ coach Monday to take the job at his beloved alma mater.

“There’s no doubt that I’m excited to be here, or I wouldn’t

be here,” Williams said during a news conference on a practice court at the Smith Center, before a crowd of cheering boosters. Smith and former coach Bill Guthridge stood nearby, and the Tar Heels’ players wore suits and sport jackets. Outside, a crowd of students gathered, and they could be heard cheering before the announcement.

Williams met with his Kansas players in Lawrence earlier in the day to inform them of his decision. He then flew by jet to Chapel Hill, where his hiring was

announced at a news conference. The decision came one week after Kansas lost to Syracuse in the NCAA championship game in New Orleans. Williams replaces Matt Doherty, who resigned April 1.

Williams returns to North Carolina three years after rejecting an offer to take over the Tar Heels’ storied program. When Doherty resigned, there was immediate speculation that Williams would be the front-run-



Roy Williams is surrounded by the media Monday as he leaves Kansas.

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Marbury answers doubters

By Bob Baum
Associated Press writer

PHOENIX — Stephon Marbury broke down in tears in the locker room, letting loose emotions that had been building over season after season of criticism.

Quieting his doubters, the flashy point guard from New York City led the Phoenix Suns beyond expectations — and right into the playoffs.

“There was a lot on him coming here, and then what happened last year,” coach Frank Johnson said after Phoenix beat San Antonio on Sunday night to clinch a playoff spot. “He carried us. We rode him like you wouldn’t believe.”

Marbury is almost always guarded in his comments, but the persistent criticism he has endured since he came to the NBA after one season at Georgia Tech hung over him like an ugly cloud — that he shot too much, that he couldn’t lead a winner.

“He was very emotional, because he’s been down a long road,” teammate Penny Hardaway said. “There’s been a lot of negative publicity about him being a good player and not being able to make the playoffs.”

He hugged owner Jerry Colangelo, who found himself with tears in his eyes, too. Colangelo had taken plenty of heat for acquiring Marbury. “You just can’t hold back your emotions when it’s real,” Marbury said. “When it’s fake, it’s easy to do that. But I was crying in the locker room.”

When the Suns sent Jason Kidd to New Jersey for Marbury two years ago, it was widely viewed as a ridiculously one-sided deal. The subsequent season intensified that perception when Kidd led the Nets to the NBA Finals.

With Marbury sometimes pushing himself too hard on himself, the Suns went 36-46 — the franchise’s worst record since 1987-88 — and failed to make the playoffs for the first time in 14 years.

Then in the summer, Marbury was arrested for drunken driving. What followed was the emergence of far more mature player. He served his time, apologized to fans and came to training camp



Phoenix Suns guard Stephon Marbury, left, hugs teammate Jake Voskuhl moments after defeating the San Antonio Spurs Sunday in Phoenix. The 92-85 win secured the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot for the team and its embattled point guard.

determined to prove himself.

Expectations were low. One national publication rated the Suns the 29th-worst team in the NBA. But with the addition of the imposing 19-year-old Amare Stoudemire inside, and with an unmistakable chemistry among the young, athletic players,

Phoenix surprised everyone.

“We proved them wrong,” Marbury said. “That’s the best thing as a team that we’ve got going for us. We had so many people against us. I had so many people against me. But with hard work, and from God, everything just fell into place for my team-

mates and me.”

His season compares well with that of any point guard in the NBA, Kidd included. Marbury is the only player in the top 10 in points (10th at 22.7 a game) and assists (ninth at 8.2).

That trade doesn’t look so one-sided anymore.

Tigers are as bad as it gets

By Larry Lago
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Maybe manager Alan Trammell and coaches Kirk Gibson and Lance Parrish should step out of the dugout and return to the Detroit Tigers’ lineup.

They couldn’t possibly be worse than the players who produced the first consecutive 0-9 starts in major league history. Just a sampling of the stats in which Detroit ranks last in baseball: batting average: .160; home runs: three; runs: 20.

Heading into Tuesday’s game at reigning AL Central champion Minnesota, the Tigers are 1-10 and already 8.5 games out of first place in the division.

“It’s mind-boggling,” said Carlos Pena, hitting .115 with one RBI. “I would say, out of luck, somebody on the team would be contributing.”

There is plenty of blame to go around, from the players who probably still should be in the minors to the well-paid veterans such as Bobby Higginson, Steve Palmer, Dmitri Young and Dean Sparks, who are making a combined \$3.6 million — out of a total payroll of \$49.2 million.

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Detroit Tiger shortstop Omar Infante reacts during a loss in this file photo.

Golden Eagles sweep Treasure Valley CC

The Times-News

ONTARIO, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho connected on 30 hits, including the winning, two-run double by Zack Aakhus in Game 2, to complete a sweep of the Treasure Valley Community College Chukars Monday night in Ontario, Ore.

Sean Bernhard threw well in a 12-0 win in six innings while early pitching trouble for Dustin Moutsos made Game 2 a tighter affair. CSI eventually prevailed 11-9.

CSI controlled Game 1 from the start.

“He threw real well,” said assistant coach Boomer Walker. “He hit his spots and his curveball went for strikes. He threw with some confidence.”

CSI pulled away with eight runs in the sixth inning on seven hits.

In game 2, CSI started strong with seven runs on seven hits in the first inning, only to see that lead evaporate in the bottom of

the second against Moutsos and then reliever Ryan Jones.

CSI (26-13 overall, 8-6 SWAC) scored the winning run in the top of the fourth. Kris Welker hit a leadoff double followed by a Mitch Stachovsky single. Third baseman Zack Aakhus then stroked a two-run double to make

it 9-7. He scored after moving to third on a passed ball and getting knocked in by catcher Kenny Nelson.

The Eagles return to action this Friday night at Treasure Valley with a four-game Scenic West Athletic Conference home-and-home against the College of Eastern Oregon at Jim “Skip” Walker Field.

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SPORTS

Matsui lifts Yankees Sens drop Isles in 2OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Hideki Matsui broke a tie with a three-run homer in the sixth inning to give Cuba's ace pitcher Jose Contreras his first major league victory as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-9 on Monday night.

Jorge Posada and Raul Mondesi also homered for the Yankees in a sloppy game that lasted 4 hours, 8 minutes and saw 12 pitchers issue a total of 21 walks and hit three batters.

Matsui homered off reliever Aquilino Lopez (0-1) into the third row of the upper deck in right to make it 9-6. The Japanese slugger was 2-for-3, raised his average to .306 and increased his team-leading RBI total to 14.

Royals 12, Indians 4

CLEVELAND — Mike Sweeney hit a three-run double and a solo home run as Kansas City sought to start a new winning streak with a victory over Cleveland.

Ken Harvey, Brent Mayne and Michael Tucker also hit solo homers for the Royals, who had their season-opening nine-game winning streak snapped Sunday by the Indians.

Rangers 4, Angels 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ismael Valdez threw the victory innings and Carl Everett homered twice to help Texas snap Anaheim's five-game winning streak.

Valdez (2-1) allowed only five singles coming just three outs short of his sixth career shutout. He struck out seven, walked two and threw 75 of his 119 pitches for strikes.

National League

Phillies 5, Marlins 2 PHILADELPHIA — Jim Thome is helping the Philadelphia Phillies win games with his bat and glove.

Thome hit a two-run triple and made two solid plays in the field, leading the Phillies to a 5-2 victory over the Florida Marlins on Monday night.

Thome had a rare putout at second base to end the seventh inning, and made a nice double-throw to complete a double play, ending the eighth.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 5

MILWAUKEE — Orlando Palmeiro tied a career high with four RBIs as the St. Louis Cardinals kept Milwaukee without a home with a 7-5 victory over the Brewers on Monday night.

Brett Tomko (1-1) survived a shaky start to send Milwaukee to an 0-4 mark at Miller Park, and 4 against St. Louis.

He gave up five earned runs on eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Reds 11, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Jason LaRue doubled three times and Scott Cayce had three hits as the Cincinnati Reds beat Mark Prior and the Chicago Cubs 11-3 Monday night.

Jose Guillen hit a two-run homer while Casey and Felipe Lopez each drove in two runs.

It was an encouraging victory for the Reds, who placed All-Star

Major League Baseball

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shortstop Barry Larkin on the 15-day disabled list with a strained left calf earlier in the day.

home, beating the Mets 5-3 Monday. Rey Sanchez, one of the Puerto Rican stars getting to play major league ball in their home country, set up the winning rally when he misplayed Vladimir Guerrero's one-out grounder for shortstop for an error.

The NL East-leading Expos (9-4), who play 22 of their home games with a better conference record.

New York's island visit was a wipeout, with Montreal outscoring the last-place Mets 22-8.

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Todd White's second goal of the game 2:25 into the second overtime Monday night gave Ottawa a 3-2 victory over the New York Islanders and a 2-1 series lead for the top-seeded Senators.

The teams split the first two games of the best-of-seven series in Ottawa.

Maple Leafs 4, Flyers 3

TORONTO — Tomas Kaberle scored his second goal of the game at 7:20 of the second overtime to help Toronto take a 2-1 lead over Philadelphia.

After Toronto's Mats Sundin skated around the back of the net and put a shot on goalie Roman Cechmanek, Kaberle barked the rebound in.

Avalanche 3, Wild 0

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota's fans waited 11 years for another



Ottawa goalie Patrick Lalime dives to make a save against New York's Randy Robitaille Monday. Senators defenseman Wayne Redden moves in to help.

playoff game, but Patrick Roy was unbeatatable as Colorado spoiled the coming-out party.

Peter Forsberg a goal and an assist and Joe Sakic had a goal for Colorado, which got 18 saves from Roy.

Blues 3, Canucks 1

ST. LOUIS — Doug Weight had two goals and an assist, and a stingy defense helped St. Louis

take control of the opening-round series.

The Blues, who also got a goal and an assist from Pavol Demitra, led the Western Conference series 2-1 heading into Game 4 Wednesday night in St. Louis.

Defenceman Al MacInnis, the Blues' captain, injured his shoulder on a hit by Todd Bertuzzi in the first period of Game 2 and will be out indefinitely.

Lady Pilots sweep Wood River JV

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — Pitcher Jessica Simons picked up two wins as the Glens Ferry varsity swept the Wood River JV 15-0 and 8-7 Monday afternoon in girls fastpitch softball.

In Game 2, the Wolverines took advantage of 13 walks and four Pilots errors to score all seen runs without connecting on a hit. Daphnie Darrington blooped a single into left field to score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh in Game 2.

Glenn's Ferry (6-6) hosts Kimberly Thursday and Filer on Friday.

Local sports

Glenns Ferry prevailed 11-0 in eight innings. Wood River's Steve Durkin went 3 for 5 in that game.

In Game 2, walks, a couple hit batters and three errors helped Wood River score six runs off only two hits in a 6-5 victory for the visiting Wolverines.

Pilots catcher Mike Anichstegul went 3 for 3 in that game.

The Pilots host Kimberly Thursday and Filer on Friday in doubleheaders.

Williams

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ner, but he angrily refused to answer questions about the job after the loss to Syracuse.

When he left the meeting with his players at Allen Fieldhouse, a choked-up Williams tried to put his feelings about Kansas into perspective.

"This is personal, fellas. There is something I want to say," he told reporters, fighting back tears. "This has been a special place, really appreciate the way you guys have treated me."

Williams took the Kansas job only a few months after Larry Brown coached the team to the 19-12 national title. After going 19-12 in his first season, Williams

Baseball

guided the Jayhawks to the NCAA tournament 14 straight times.

The fourth-fastest coach in Division I history to reach 400 victories, Williams (418-101) won nine conference championships and took the Jayhawks four Final Fours, including two appearances in the title game.

"It's sad for the program and the coaches who are here," said Jeff Boschee, who graduated from Kansas last year and attended Williams' half-hour meeting. "It's tough for them."

Other players had different reactions. Wayne Simien, who dislocated his shoulder in January and later had season-

ending surgery, appeared angry after the meeting.

"I gave my right arm for him, remember," said Simien, wearing a sling.

Stephen Vinson, a freshman walk-on, added: "I'm sure you can imagine it, it was not a good time in there."

At North Carolina, meanwhile, there was laughter. A school that saw Williams leave as a highly regarded assistant now welcomes him back as one of the most respected coaches in the country.

"This has been a very, very long process," UNC freshman Sean May said. "It's good to finally have a coach — and a great one at that."

Tigers

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"Everybody, young and old, feels responsible for this," said the 34-year-old Palmer, who also happens to be batting .115.

"And whether you're a rookie or a guy that is toward the end of your career, this feels awful."

It's not all that shocking to see Detroit at the bottom of the standings, of course. The Tigers lost their first 11 games last year and tied Tampa Bay for the worst record in baseball, 55-106.

"It's always disappointing when you start off not winning. But in our situation, we didn't want to come out and win the pennant," Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said.

Detroit is baseball's losingest team the past decade and has not had a winning season since 1993.

"It's my job to work with the guys we have and get them better," Trammell said.

"I have to take the brunt of it and say, 'You know what, I haven't done the job — flat out.' But I am determined to somehow, some way, get this thing going in the right direction."

There are some signs of hope. The Tigers are among the major league leaders in fielding percentage after being the AL's worst defensive team last season.

And starting pitchers Mike Maroth and Gary Knotts have combined for three quality starts, even though they're a combined 0-4.

Dombrowski insists Trammell, Gibson and Parrish — all past players — are a fourth and most recent World Series championship team; in 1984 — were not hired merely to spur fan interest.

The three are featured in a television advertisement while Trammell is on the cover of the

Toothless Tigers

The Detroit Tigers are 1-10 on the season after losing their first nine games. This is the second consecutive year they have struggled out of the gate, going 0-11 to start the 2002 season.

2003 schedule

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Result. Includes games from March 31 to April 13.

Bottom feeders

Categories the Tigers rank last or near the bottom in the major leagues this season.

Batting average .160 (30th)

Home runs 3 (30th)

Runs 28 (30th)

On-base pct. .238 (30th)

Team ERA .478 (20th)

Team leaders

Through 11 games, the offensive production has been straggling.

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Note: Santiago is the only team player hitting above .250.

Munson is also used with A.B.s.

Pistons claim top East seed

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons clinched the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs Monday night, escaping with an 89-88 victory over Cleveland when Smush Parker's dunk attempt bounced off the back rim as time expired.

The win, combined with New Jersey's loss to New Orleans, ensures that Detroit will finish with the top spot in the conference. The Pistons have a one-game lead over the Nets with one game remaining, but Detroit owns the tiebreaker.

Rick Carlisle became the second coach in NBA history to win 50 games and division titles in each of his first two seasons. Pat Riley did it with the 1981-82 and 82-83 Lakers.

Craig Williams led the Pistons with 18, including nine in the fourth quarter, while Richard Hamilton added 16 and Cliff Robinson scored 15. Ricky Davis had 25 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds for Cleveland, which has lost 21 straight on the road.

Homets 87, Nets 74

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Baron Davis scored 19 points and New Orleans Hornets limited New York Homets to 74 points in clinching a second straight

Atlantic Division title. Jamal Mashburn added 17 points and P.J. Brown had 14 as the Hornets won their fourth straight and kept alive their hopes of gaining homecourt advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

New Orleans (46-35) is a half-game behind Indiana (46-34) and could catch Philadelphia (47-33) if the Sixers lose both of their remaining games and the Hornets defeat Atlanta in their regular-season finale Wednesday.

Spurs 91, Jazz 83

SALT LAKE CITY — The Spurs clinched the top seed in the Western Conference and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

Tim Duncan scored 15 of his 21 points in the third quarter and Tony Parker finished with 25 points as the Spurs defeated the Jazz 91-83, San Antonio's 13th straight victory in the series.

Winning for the 12th time in 13 games, the Spurs clinched the Midwest Division title for their third straight season. Dallas can

still tie the Spurs by winning at San Antonio on Wednesday, but the Spurs hold the tiebreaker with a better conference record.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 20 points and seven rebounds.

Mavericks 109, SuperSonics 106

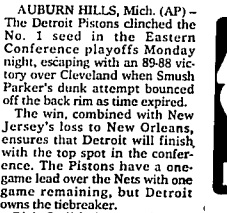
DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 39 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, but Dallas' chance to win the Midwest Division ended when San Antonio defeated Utah.

Seattle, playing its first game since being eliminated from the playoffs, did its best to play spoiler, led by 13 in the third quarter. A frustrated Don Nelson got thrown out for strutting onto the court with 9:14 left in the period.

Hawks 100, Magic 84

ATLANTA — Jason Terry, playing perhaps his final game in Atlanta, scored 23 points as the Hawks extended their winning streak to a season-high four games.

Ira Newble also scored 23 points, setting a career high for the second game in a row as the Hawks played their final home game. They'll miss the playoffs for the fourth straight year.



SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASEBALL

IN THE BLEACHERS. By Steve Moore

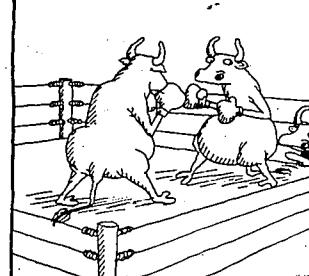
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Center bags landlord and tenant workshop

TWIN FALLS - Mark this off your calendar. The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho on Monday canceled the landlord and tenant workshop which had been scheduled for Thursday.

"We will be rescheduling that later this summer," training coordinator Sherry Rust said, adding that only two people had signed up.

For information, contact Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csi.edu.

Kmart's plan doesn't guarantee future

DETROIT - A two-day hearing ending today in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Chicago marks Kmart Corp.'s last hurdle before emerging from bankruptcy by April 30, 15 months after the federal filing for Chapter 11 protection.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby is expected to approve the retailer's reorganization plan, which spells out how Kmart will operate and pay its creditors.

But it is far less clear whether a slimmed-down Kmart, with 1,512 stores compared with the 2,114 it had prior to its bankruptcy filing on Jan. 22, 2002, can compete more nimbly against the behemoths of discount retail. Wal-Mart and Target, Wal-Mart operates 3,418 stores and Sams's Club warehouse outlets; Target Corp. has 1,167 Target discount stores.

Bankruptcy protection allowed Kmart to shut 602 underperforming stores - including one in Burley - and pull out of 25 markets.

Kmart raised \$633 million from the first round of store closings in 2002 and expects to raise \$500 million more from store liquidation sales expected to end this week. The retailer - which still operates a Twin Falls store - also shrank its work force by more than 60,000 employees, down from about 234,000 before its bankruptcy.

Those cutbacks helped Kmart pare its annual selling, general and administrative costs by \$250 million, to \$791 million, according to a court filing.

Kmart says those efforts will help it return to profitability in 2004.

IBM earnings jump, but miss expectations

NEW YORK - IBM Corp.'s first-quarter earnings rose 16 percent from a year earlier but narrowly missed Wall Street expectations even as acquisitions helped lift revenue by 11 percent.

IBM said Monday it earned \$1.38 billion, or 79 cents a share, in the January-March period, up from \$1.19 billion, or 68 cents a share, in the same quarter last year.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had an average expected earnings of 80 cents a share for the latest quarter.

Revenue rose to \$20.1 billion from \$18 billion a year ago. Analysts' average estimate was for \$19.85 billion in revenue, according to Thomson First Call's survey.

Economists: Businesses continue to be wary

WASHINGTON - Wary about customers, businesses are likely to continue showing caution when it comes to building up stocks of goods, economists say.

A report Monday from the Commerce Department highlighted one of the big challenges facing businesses during these muddled economic times: trying to gauge consumers' demand for their products.

Business' stockpiles of unsold goods rose by 0.6 percent in February as sales tumbled by 1 percent, the biggest decline since November 2001. The appetite of consumers and businesses to spend was chilled by pricier flitters and harsh winter weather, economists said.

Compiled from staff, wire reports

Tax deadline: Annual day of scrambling arrives

Night Rider News Service

Time's up. Do the math, get the Social Security numbers in place, sign the returns, write the check if needed, make copies and file those tax returns by midnight today.

You won't be the only one hurrying. It's no surprise that people put off their tax returns. They always do. Those who owe money are in no rush to write the checks.

And filling out tax returns is hard. The federal government estimates the average taxpayer will need a little more than six hours to fill out the basic Form 1040. Toss in average times for rounding up paperwork, studying the instructions and finally assembling the forms, and the elapsed time is more than 13 hours.

If you're still stuck, here are few tax tips to consider:

• Go to the Web. The Internal Revenue Service's Web site has its own tax tips - and you can get every

federal tax form. "Absolutely everything is on the Web," says Sarah Wreford, an IRS spokeswoman.

You also might be able to tap into some tax software and file your taxes for free electronically through www.irs.gov. To get free service from various tax preparers, you must go through the IRS site. But if you use any of these deals, beware of any high fees for rapid refund loans, fees for extra services or marketing gimmicks.

• No time today? If you don't have the right information to file your return by today's deadline, seek an extension. This year, the IRS offers extensions by phone. Call 888-796-1074.

• Work your numbers on a regular Form 4868 first. If you request the extension by phone, you'll get a confirmation number to show that the request was accepted.

You can authorize electronic payment of taxes via phone, too. You'll need a bank routing number and

account number.

The IRS extension gives you until Aug. 15 to file the return. But interest charges will build for any tax not paid by the regular deadline. You could also be liable for a late penalty. So pay as soon as you can if you owe money.

• Child tax credit. Amazingly, one of the most overlooked tax breaks is the child tax credit. Reportedly, some professional tax preparers are missing this, too.

See Line 50 of the federal 1040 or Line 35 on your federal 1040A form. The child must be younger than 17 at the end of 2002. You must be able to claim the child as a dependent to qualify.

The maximum credit is \$600 for each qualifying child for 2002. But there are income limits.

• Education: A number of breaks are available - some of them are new, and some force taxpayers to pick the best among several alternatives. For example, there is a new \$3,000 deduction for

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Magic Valley's guide to last-minute tax returns

Office hours

The Idaho State Tax Commission will put in a long day here in its Twin Falls office to help state taxpayers meet today's income tax filing deadline. The office provides tax forms and answers to questions.

• Today's hours - 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Address - 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C.

Idaho tax questions

Other ways to contact the state tax commission:

• Phone - Idaho taxpayers can call 1-800-972-7660 toll free.

• Online - Taxpayers can also download forms and get information from the commission's Web site at www2.state.id.us/tax.

Federal tax questions

• Web - www.irs.gov is the first place to download federal tax forms and publications. Learn about rule changes and online filing, and track your refund's status.

• Phone (recorded) - (800) 829-4477. Toll-free covers about 140 topics of common confusion.

• Phone (live person) - (800) 829-1040. IRS staff can handle questions too technical or specific for Toll-Free.

Federal extensions

• By telephone - The IRS has a special toll-free phone line for people to request extensions. The number is 1-888-796-1074.

• By computer - You may also file an extension request using tax preparation software on your own computer or by going to a tax preparer. Those filing by computer get an acknowledgment that the IRS has received their request.

Proper postmarks

For state and federal tax returns on paper, there are just two places in Magic Valley to get late-night postmarks that stay April 15.

The postal service has two Twin Falls stations:

• Main - at 253 Second Ave. W.

• Pioneer - 1376 Fillmore St.

At both Twin Falls stations, service windows will observe their regular business hours - 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. But on both stations, postal workers today will make a final mail collection at midnight in the lobbies and at drive boxes right outside of the stations. They'll postmark all that mail with the all-so-important April 15 date.

That special midnight pickup, however, will not include postal drop boxes elsewhere around town.

And don't expect special treatment today at post offices in other Magic Valley towns. They have to send mail to Twin Falls for processing, so they don't offer extended-hour collections on tax day.

Helping hand

Volunteers will staff five AARP Tax-Aide sites today, helping last-minute filers put together their returns. If you're not prepared to file today, volunteers can help you request extensions.

The program - administered by the nonprofit AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service - provides free federal, state and local tax preparation services to low- and middle-income taxpayers.

Walk-ins are welcome today at these sites:

• Fred Meyer One Stop Shopping, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls - from 3:30 p.m. until the flow of taxpayers stops at the store closes - whichever is first.

• Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland, Burley - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Blaine County Senior Center, 721 Third Ave. S., Halley - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St., Buhl - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another deadline

This one isn't related to the income tax that April 15 is famous for.

Still, today is the deadline to file for Idaho's 2003 "Circuit Breaker" property tax reduction.

Up to \$1,200 in property tax reduction is available this year to qualified applicants. The benefits apply to property taxes on a homeowner's primary residence, which must be in Idaho.

To be eligible, claimants must have no more than \$21,250 in income for 2002 after deducting nonreimbursed medical expenses. They must also be in at least one of these categories as of Jan. 1, 2003:

• Age 65 or older.

• Widow or widower.

• Disabled (as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service).

• Blind.

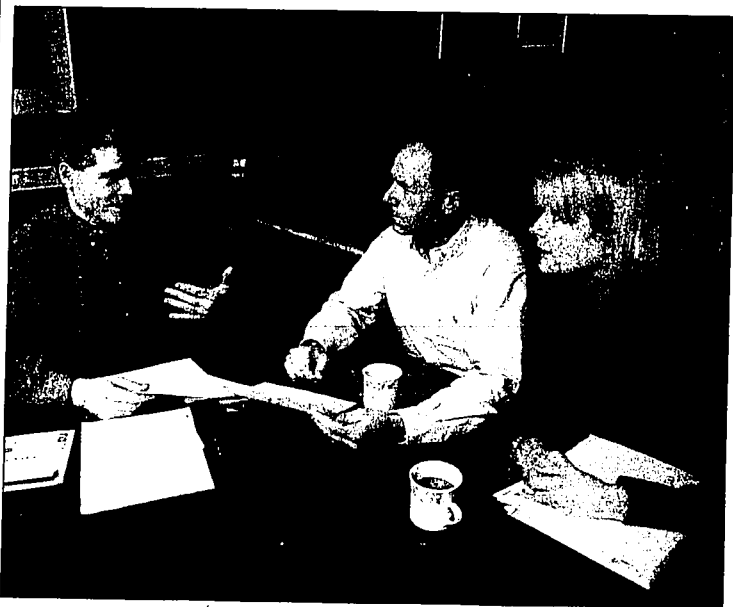
• Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years old.

Former pensioners of wage hostages.

Applications are available from your county assessor's office and must be filed by today. For information, call your county assessor's office, or call the Idaho State Tax Commission toll free at 1-800-334-7766.

— Virginia S. Hutchins

B&B, AND TAX HELP



Kevin Marshall, left, owner of the Dutch Inn Inn, goes over the completed 2002 income tax forms he prepared for Patrick Sullivan and his wife, Diane, as part of the service he includes with a night's stay in Granby, Conn., April 4.

Connecticut inn offers tax preparation with a night's stay

The Associated Press

GRANBY, Conn. - Checking their bags and settling in for a mini-vacation at the Dutch Inn Inn Bed and Breakfast was going to be a taxing experience for Patrick and Diane Sullivan.

But that's what drew them to this quaint inn's doorstep. The couple was taking advantage of a rather unusual travel offer: Host Kevin Marshall, a certified public accountant, promised to give them a night's rest, breakfast for two and a completed federal Form 1040 at checkout.

"Our tax file has been sitting in the

dining room since Jan. 31st," Diane said, leaning back on a living room couch to begin knitting in front of a fire. "It seemed like a great way to pass it off to someone else."

Marshall, who has worked in big firms and owned his own small West Hartford business, said his favorite part of accounting had been talking to his clients - a natural segue into innkeeping.

"I never got the chance to do that all the time in accounting," he said.

The inn began offering the tax package this year after two clients suggested Marshall's accounting experience

would provide the perfect extra amenity. While the offer is limited this year to Connecticut residents filing individual returns, Marshall said he is planning to expand the offer to residents across the country next year.

The cost of the stay is tax-deductible - on next year's return - because it is a tax preparation charge, Marshall said.

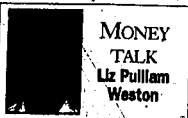
For the Sullivans, the offer was too good to pass up. Having left their three boys with their grandmother while they escaped for the evening, there was only one more thing they could ask for.

"There's a guarantee on the refund, right, Kevin?" Patrick Sullivan asked.

Financial aid process frustrates student

Question: People who need money for college are always told to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. I just want to say that the FAFSA is bull.

According to the formula, my parents are supposed to contribute \$11,000 a year for my education. If I could get that, I would not be filling out the FAFSA form! I am a good student. I graduated in the top 20 percent of my high school class. I was involved in many activities,



and I now carry a 3.8 grade-point average in my first semester of college.

Yet I am paying for all of my Plesse see WESTON, Page D6

The Times-News

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.

Tammis R. Aas, also known as Tammie Hite, doing business as K-9 Kip, 1341 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40583.

Jared Alan Aas, 346 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40581.

Roberta S. Craig, also known as Roberta S. Jacaway, 250 S.

COURT FILINGS

First Ave. Bliss, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40575.

Wanda Barba, 113 Fourth Ave. E., No. 1, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40580.

Wanda Barba, 113 Fourth Ave. E., No. 1, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40581.

Sandra McDannell, 2913 E. 3600 N., No. 66, Twin Falls, indi-

vidual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40583.

Jeremy L. Hoover, 3060 Vickie Lane, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40625.

Debra L. Kline, 147 S. Washington, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40633.

Michael T. Larson, 14 N. 200 W. Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 03-40633.

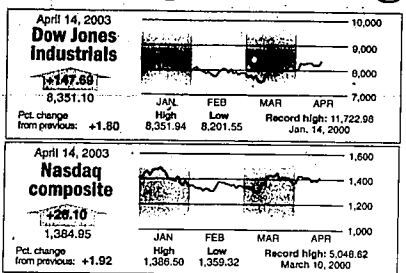
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Stocks jump in light trading

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors attracted by Wall Street's still early view of first-quarter earnings sent stocks soaring Monday, a break from last week's declines. The Dow Jones Industrial climbed more than 140 points, but volume was light, a sign that many investors want to see more profit reports before making any major moves.

Although stocks were quite a complexion, Wall Street was still concerned after hearing companies say first-quarter and yearly results will be soft. The market is again focused primarily on earnings and economic news, paying less attention to the war in Iraq now that allied success seems assured.

Amid extremely light trading, the Dow closed up 147.69, or 1.8 percent, at 8,351.10, according to preliminary closing figures. The blue chips more than erased last week's loss of 0.9 percent.



The broader market also finished sharply higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 26.10, or 1.8 percent, to 1,584.95. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 16.93, or 2 percent, to 885.23.

Deadline

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college tuition and fees. But you can't take it if you want to take advantage of the HOPE or Lifetime Learning credit. Which is best? Experts say all you can do is work out the savings for each, then choose.

For that and other details on education-related benefits, go to Publication 970. (That and other forms and instructions can be downloaded from www.irs.gov.)

Another new break allows teachers to deduct as much as \$250 if they buy school supplies out of their own pockets and are not reimbursed.

The rules on deductions for student loan interest have also become a little sweeter. In Publication 970, see page two.

Retirement savings: You can contribute to a traditional or

Both individual retirement account up until their tax return filing date. The maximum for 2002 is \$3,000 of your earnings, plus another \$500 if you are 50 or older.

You may be able to take a deduction for contribution to a traditional IRA, depending on how much total income you have and whether you or your spouse are covered by an employer-sponsored pension plan. The details are in Publication 590.

Stock losses: Not surprisingly, many people lost money by selling stocks or other capital assets during 2002. You can deduct capital losses in excess gains you can find out whether your return is over or under an annual limit of \$3,000 (for married filing jointly taxpayers). There are some limitations, starting with how long you

held the assets. Check Publication 17 for explanations.

Charitable contributions: If you itemize deductions on Schedule A, you can deduct the value of charitable contributions. That includes automobiles, old clothes and other goods.

Not all income is taxable: Some examples of items not included in taxable income are child support, gifts, inheritances, workers' compensation and cash rebates from dealers or manufacturers. The details on those and other categories, and any limitations, are in Publication 525.

One last goodby: If you're exiting a refund, you can't find out whether your return is over or under an annual limit of \$3,000 (for married filing jointly taxpayers). There are some limitations, starting with how long you

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Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case 03-40634.

Michael T. Matthews and Ana B. Torres, 5178 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40645.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Eduardo A. Rondina and Michelle L. Rondina, 131 Buena Vista St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40676.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

John Dwan Bywater, 557 S. 150 E., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40671.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Glenda P. Harmon, also known as Glenda P. Primeau, 1184 Blake St. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40582.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Kelly W. Morse and Melissa M. Morse, also known as Melissa M. Ford and Melissa M. Ford, 337 1/2 U.S. Highway 93, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40614.

Conant, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40639.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Daniel G. Fontes, 205 Fifth St., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40578.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Marilyn Olson and Rebecca Olson, 578 Pierce St., Twin Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40579.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Arnold Levinsky and Judith L. Levinsky, 403 Gem Drive, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40624.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Richard L. Perkins and Amy Perkins, 97 S. 225 E., Shoshone, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40626.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Larry T. Laub Sr. and Sherrie I. Laub, 1407 Olympia Drive, Burley, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40631.

as Virgil William Champlin and Virgil W. Champlin, and Luella Champlin, also known as Irene Luella Champlin and L. Luella Champlin, 1251 South Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40644.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Billie Faye Zeebner, P.O. Box 1144, Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40646.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Tracy Gravat and Daryl Gravat, 529 Rimview Drive, Twin Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40577.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.

Nicki Marlene Scheibing, 715 Center St. E., No. 8, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40602.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, under \$50,000.

Casey Albert Bench, doing business as Super Green Spraying, also known as Casey A. Bench and Casey Bench, and Heidi Bench, also known as Heidi Albert, 510 N. McLean, Okley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40643.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE									
Name	Div	Last	Chg	Conat	501	502	503	504	505
AAOI	28	30.02	+0.42	12/28/02	2.99	3.00	3.01	3.02	3.03
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NYSE			AMEX			NASDAQ		
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1,234,567	876,543	543,210	321,098	109,876	65,432	21,098	7,654	2,109

INDEXES

Index	Value	Change	%
Dow Jones Industrial	8,351.10	+147.69	+1.80
Nasdaq Composite	1,584.95	+26.10	+1.65
S&P 500	885.23	+16.93	+1.92
Russell 2000	1,234.56	+23.45	+1.90

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD
Albertson	1.25	13.00	+1.12	+14.2	+14.2
Advanced	0.50	10.00	+0.15	+1.5	+1.5
Altria	1.50	15.00	+0.20	+1.3	+1.3
Amgen	2.00	20.00	+0.30	+1.5	+1.5
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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg	Conat	501	502	503	504	505
AAOI	28	30.02	+0.42	12/28/02	2.99	3.00	3.01	3.02	3.03
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AAOI	28	30.02	+0.42	12/28/02	2.99	3.00	3.01	3.02	3.03

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Table of closing futures prices for commodities like soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and soybean meal contracts.

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Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybean contracts.

WHEAT

Table of wheat futures prices for various grades and origins.

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Table of wheat futures prices, including soft red winter wheat.

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Table of livestock futures prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Table of cheese futures prices for various types like cheddar and mozzarella.

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Table of potato futures prices for different grades and origins.

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Table of sugar futures prices for various grades and origins.

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Table of sugar futures prices, including raw sugar.

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What's why it's important to get a second opinion. Discusses the importance of professional advice in financial matters.

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