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Senate OKs sales tax hike

Measure goes to House today

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - A 1-cent sales tax increase that would go into effect in just two weeks passed the Senate on Tuesday.

Such an increase would add about \$160 annually to the tax burden of an average Idaho family of four, according to the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.



The Senate's 19-16 vote was the latest volley in several weeks of Ping-Pong tax legislation that has passed among the House, Senate and the governor's office.

Nine Republicans who sided with Democrats in voting against it included conservatives from eastern Idaho and the Treasure Valley. They argued against any tax hikes. The Legislature finished its 100th day of the session on Tuesday, and each day sets a new record.

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Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, apologized for the length of the session, but said the bill "sets us in the right direction to get out of here. All attempts to reduce budgets have failed." He criticized senators who consistently voted against budget reductions throughout the session yet would not vote for the tax hike, either. The House, which had earlier approved a half-cent sales tax

increase, plans to take up the Senate changes today. Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he did not know whether his caucus would approve them. The proposed increase would bring Idaho's sales tax to 6 cents and would raise \$160 million, enough to plug most of next year's projected shortfall. However, it still leaves the 2003-04 budget between \$20 million and \$40 million short. Options for closing the gap include raising cigarette, beer and wine taxes, but they are not included under

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Utility proposes rate cuts

Residential customers of Idaho Power could see nearly 19 percent drop

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Relief for Idaho Power Co. customers still paying off high power costs from the energy crisis is on its way, with a proposed rate cut of nearly 19 percent for residential customers.

The news made Xenia Williams' day. "Any relief is great, and if it's around 30 or 40 bucks, that makes a difference," she said Tuesday.

Williams was among Magic Valley residents who testified a year ago before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in objection to high electrical rates. She lives in Jerome with her husband in an all-electric house with a domestic well. Her February power bill totaled \$170 for 2,521 kilowatt hours, she said. Under Idaho Power's proposed rate reduction, that same bill would have cost about \$30 less.

Proposed rates - A2

Idaho Power Co. applied for the rate reductions Tuesday before the Public Utilities Commission. If approved, the lower rates would go into effect May 15. The company's proposal amounts to an 18.2 percent rate reduction over all customer classes.

Most customer classes would receive significant reductions, except for irrigators because of the amount of energy costs they were allowed to defer rather than take another rate hike last year.

Proposed residential rate reductions would amount to \$16-a-month savings, from \$85 to \$69, for the typical household that uses 1,200 kilowatt hours of electricity a month, Idaho Power says.

Each spring Idaho Power adjusts its rates to reflect the previous year's cost of buying power. It's called the annual rate "true-up." Existing rates continue to reflect wholesale energy costs that piled up while the energy crisis raged on through July 2001 and rates reached historic levels.

Throughout the energy crisis, residential rates increased by about 37 percent over two years, with Idaho Power's residential customers now paying about 7.1 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity. The company proposes reducing residential rates to 5.7 cents. That compares with 5.2 cents in 2000 before retail rates spiked in step with the volatile wholesale power market.

Under the proposal, rates would remain about 10 percent higher than pre-energy crisis levels.

Williams is happy to see rates return to near pre-energy crisis levels.

"We cut down on traveling, and we've hardly been anywhere," she said. Please see POWER, Page A2

INTERSECTION UPGRADE



Bill Workman, co-owner of Cobble Creek Clothier in Twin Falls, discusses Tuesday the impact construction work at the intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street has had on his business. While Workman will be glad when the construction is done, he says his store's clientele has remained faithful through the process.

Some merchants say projects haven't slowed business

By Mark Helix Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The tearing up of downtown Twin Falls' main intersection apparently hasn't torn into business, some merchants said.

Meanwhile, officials said efforts to upgrade the intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street and expand a parking lot on the intersection's southwest side are on schedule.

"So far, it has not affected us, except positively," said Bill Workman - who co-owns Cobble Creek Clothier with his wife, Diane. "Our week has been wonderful."

"Some customers have made comments about having to walk down from the next block," said Jayne Fischer, who owns The Cookie Basket near the construction site.

She and Workman both said that if anything, the huge work

site has drawn more people downtown. "There's been people out there with cameras taking pictures of everything that's going on," Workman said.

There are actually two projects going on at once, said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courney.

The City Council recently approved the intersection project. For about \$95,000, the 30-year-old brick "bulleys" pattern will be replaced with a similar pattern of stamped concrete in red and tan.

Meanwhile, the city also recently made a deal to swap parking lot space with the company that owns the building housing Magic Valley Bank on the southwest corner of the intersection, said city economic development director Dave McAllindin. The city gave the company its lot behind the bank in exchange for lot space on the



Construction work at the intersection of Main Avenue and Shoshone Street, as seen from the law offices of Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone and Trainor, is scheduled to be completed in late May.

side facing Main Avenue, McAllindin said. The lot, landscaping and sidewalks there have been torn out there to make way

for seven more parking spaces and improved landscaping, he said. Please see INTERSECTION, Page A2

Suspicion looms as U.S., Iraqis look to form new government

Crowd of demonstrators shouts 'No to America'

By Nicole Winfield Associated Press Writer

UR, Iraq - Under a white-and-gold tent at the biblical birthplace of Abraham, the United States assembled Iraq factions on Tuesday and told them it has "absolutely no interest" in ruling Iraq.

Yet the gathering of about 80 people in this ancient city led the Supreme Alliance, first step to creating a postwar government, reflected the obvious difficulties of the plan. Some Shiite Muslims protested with wild displays, threatening to kill anyone who says "No to America" and "No to the United States."



A crowd of demonstrators gathered Tuesday near Baghdad.

'Our national heritage is lost': Pillagers plunder Iraqi library

By Charles J. Hanley Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Looters and arsonists ransacked and gutted Iraq's National Library, leaving a smoldering shell Tuesday of precious books turned to ash and a nation's intellectual legacy gone up in smoke.

They also looted and burned Iraq's principal Islamic library nearby, home to priceless old Qurans; last week, thieves swept through the National Museum, and stole or smashed treasures

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that chronicle this region's role as the cradle of civilization. "Our national heritage is lost," an angry high school teacher, Haidhem Aziz, said as he stood outside the National Library's blackened hulk. "The moon Mongols, the new Mongols did that. The Americans did that. Their agents did that," he said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance for an isolated shower. Lows in the 30s.
 Tomorrow: A better chance for shower with otherwise partly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 50s.
 Tonight: Turning mostly cloudy with a slight chance for a shower or two. Lows in the 30s.
 Tomorrow: Periods of rain showers. Highs in the 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly to mostly cloudy skies	Slight chance showers, mostly cloudy	A better chance for scattered showers	Isolated showers early, clearing late	Decreasing clouds	Fair to partly cloudy, warmer
High 53	Low 35	54/34	49/29	55/31	58/35

Yesterday's Weather

City	High	Low	Wind	Humidity
Twin Falls	53	35	10-15	65%
Burley	52	34	10-15	65%
Rupert	51	33	10-15	65%
Arco	50	32	10-15	65%
Shoshone	49	31	10-15	65%
Blackfoot	48	30	10-15	65%
Donnerstag	47	29	10-15	65%
Malheur	46	28	10-15	65%
Stark	45	27	10-15	65%
Wendover	44	26	10-15	65%
Hamlet	43	25	10-15	65%
Blaine	42	24	10-15	65%
Wilder	41	23	10-15	65%
Bravo	40	22	10-15	65%
Arbon	39	21	10-15	65%
Wendover	38	20	10-15	65%
Hamlet	37	19	10-15	65%
Blaine	36	18	10-15	65%
Wilder	35	17	10-15	65%
Bravo	34	16	10-15	65%
Arbon	33	15	10-15	65%
Wendover	32	14	10-15	65%
Hamlet	31	13	10-15	65%
Blaine	30	12	10-15	65%
Wilder	29	11	10-15	65%
Bravo	28	10	10-15	65%
Arbon	27	9	10-15	65%
Wendover	26	8	10-15	65%
Hamlet	25	7	10-15	65%
Blaine	24	6	10-15	65%
Wilder	23	5	10-15	65%
Bravo	22	4	10-15	65%
Arbon	21	3	10-15	65%
Wendover	20	2	10-15	65%
Hamlet	19	1	10-15	65%
Blaine	18	0	10-15	65%
Wilder	17	-1	10-15	65%
Bravo	16	-2	10-15	65%
Arbon	15	-3	10-15	65%
Wendover	14	-4	10-15	65%
Hamlet	13	-5	10-15	65%
Blaine	12	-6	10-15	65%
Wilder	11	-7	10-15	65%
Bravo	10	-8	10-15	65%
Arbon	9	-9	10-15	65%
Wendover	8	-10	10-15	65%
Hamlet	7	-11	10-15	65%
Blaine	6	-12	10-15	65%
Wilder	5	-13	10-15	65%
Bravo	4	-14	10-15	65%
Arbon	3	-15	10-15	65%
Wendover	2	-16	10-15	65%
Hamlet	1	-17	10-15	65%
Blaine	0	-18	10-15	65%
Wilder	-1	-19	10-15	65%
Bravo	-2	-20	10-15	65%
Arbon	-3	-21	10-15	65%
Wendover	-4	-22	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-5	-23	10-15	65%
Blaine	-6	-24	10-15	65%
Wilder	-7	-25	10-15	65%
Bravo	-8	-26	10-15	65%
Arbon	-9	-27	10-15	65%
Wendover	-10	-28	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-11	-29	10-15	65%
Blaine	-12	-30	10-15	65%
Wilder	-13	-31	10-15	65%
Bravo	-14	-32	10-15	65%
Arbon	-15	-33	10-15	65%
Wendover	-16	-34	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-17	-35	10-15	65%
Blaine	-18	-36	10-15	65%
Wilder	-19	-37	10-15	65%
Bravo	-20	-38	10-15	65%
Arbon	-21	-39	10-15	65%
Wendover	-22	-40	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-23	-41	10-15	65%
Blaine	-24	-42	10-15	65%
Wilder	-25	-43	10-15	65%
Bravo	-26	-44	10-15	65%
Arbon	-27	-45	10-15	65%
Wendover	-28	-46	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-29	-47	10-15	65%
Blaine	-30	-48	10-15	65%
Wilder	-31	-49	10-15	65%
Bravo	-32	-50	10-15	65%
Arbon	-33	-51	10-15	65%
Wendover	-34	-52	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-35	-53	10-15	65%
Blaine	-36	-54	10-15	65%
Wilder	-37	-55	10-15	65%
Bravo	-38	-56	10-15	65%
Arbon	-39	-57	10-15	65%
Wendover	-40	-58	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-41	-59	10-15	65%
Blaine	-42	-60	10-15	65%
Wilder	-43	-61	10-15	65%
Bravo	-44	-62	10-15	65%
Arbon	-45	-63	10-15	65%
Wendover	-46	-64	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-47	-65	10-15	65%
Blaine	-48	-66	10-15	65%
Wilder	-49	-67	10-15	65%
Bravo	-50	-68	10-15	65%
Arbon	-51	-69	10-15	65%
Wendover	-52	-70	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-53	-71	10-15	65%
Blaine	-54	-72	10-15	65%
Wilder	-55	-73	10-15	65%
Bravo	-56	-74	10-15	65%
Arbon	-57	-75	10-15	65%
Wendover	-58	-76	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-59	-77	10-15	65%
Blaine	-60	-78	10-15	65%
Wilder	-61	-79	10-15	65%
Bravo	-62	-80	10-15	65%
Arbon	-63	-81	10-15	65%
Wendover	-64	-82	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-65	-83	10-15	65%
Blaine	-66	-84	10-15	65%
Wilder	-67	-85	10-15	65%
Bravo	-68	-86	10-15	65%
Arbon	-69	-87	10-15	65%
Wendover	-70	-88	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-71	-89	10-15	65%
Blaine	-72	-90	10-15	65%
Wilder	-73	-91	10-15	65%
Bravo	-74	-92	10-15	65%
Arbon	-75	-93	10-15	65%
Wendover	-76	-94	10-15	65%
Hamlet	-77	-95	10-15	65%
Blaine	-78	-96	10-15	65%
Wilder	-79	-97	10-15	65%
Bravo	-80	-98	10-15	65%
Arbon	-81	-99	10-15	65%
Wendover	-82	-100	10-15	65%

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Other than a widely scattered shower or two, cooler than average temperatures and partly to mostly cloudy skies will stay in the region through Thursday.

Today Highs: 35 to 48. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 25.
 Light, isolated to scattered showers are possible today through Thursday, but accumulations will be rather light. Otherwise it will continue to be cooler than average with partly cloudy skies.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Cold weather conditions and mild temperatures are expected for the middle of the week. Developing, scattered showers move in Thursday.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 62 at Lowell. Low: 20 at Stanley.
 Weather key: su-sunny; p-partially cloudy; m-mostly cloudy; c-cloudy; b-broken; sh-showers; r-rain; s-snow; fl-flooding; w-wind; m-missing.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 52 Yesterday's Low: 35 Normal High/Low: 61/34 Record High: 83 in 1983 Record Low: 22 in 1983	Yesterday's: 0.25 Avg. Month to Date: 1.25 Water Year to Date: 6.87	Yesterday's Low: 52% Today's Forecast: 70%	Yesterday's: 30.2 Today's Forecast: 30.2	Thursday Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM Friday Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM Saturday Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM Sunday Sunrise: 6:54 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM	High: 2 Medium: 1 Low: 1

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	57-78	59-74	52-57
Idaho Falls	57-78	59-74	52-57
Blackfoot	57-78	59-74	52-57
Arco	57-78	59-74	52-57
Shoshone	57-78	59-74	52-57
Donnerstag	57-78	59-74	52-57
Malheur	57-78	59-74	52-57
Stark	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wendover	57-78	59-74	52-57
Hamlet	57-78	59-74	52-57
Blaine	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wilder	57-78	59-74	52-57
Bravo	57-78	59-74	52-57
Arbon	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wendover	57-78	59-74	52-57
Hamlet	57-78	59-74	52-57
Blaine	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wilder	57-78	59-74	52-57
Bravo	57-78	59-74	52-57
Arbon	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wendover	57-78	59-74	52-57
Hamlet	57-78	59-74	52-57
Blaine	57-78	59-74	52-57
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Blaine	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wilder	57-78	59-74	52-57
Bravo	57-78	59-74	52-57
Arbon	57-78	59-74	52-57
Wendover	5		

Powell says there are no plans for U.S. military action against Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) - Trying to calm a charged atmosphere, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday the United States has no plans to go to war with Syria or anyone else to bring democracy to a totalitarian state.

"Iraq was a unique case, where it wasn't just a matter of a dictator being there," Powell said at a news conference with foreign reporters. "There is no war plan to go and attack someone else, either for the purpose of overthrowing their leadership or for the purpose of imposing democratic values."

"Democratic values have to ultimately come from within a society and within a nation," he said, tempering heated rhetoric from Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and some other senior U.S. officials.

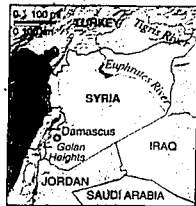
Having declared war against terror worldwide, single out Iraq, Iran and North Korea as an "axis of evil," and then gone to war with Iraq, President Bush has raised fears abroad, particularly in Europe and the Middle East, that the world's only superpower would use its muscle freely against dictatorial regimes.

Accusations that Syria provided Iraq with war material, gave haven to senior Iraqi and Baath

Syria finds itself under scrutiny

The Bush administration has accused Syria of sponsoring terrorism and harboring remnants of Saddam Hussein's Iraqi regime. Syria's 375-mile border with Iraq, and its territory dispute with Israel over the Golan Heights, link this Arab nation to the volatile conflicts in the Middle East.

Area: 71,100 sq. miles
Population: 17,155,814
Pop. density: 241 per sq. mi.
Ethnic groups: Arab 90.3%, Kurds, Armenians and other 9.7%
Principal languages: Arabic (official), Kurdish, Armenian
Chief religions: Sunni Muslim 74%, other Muslim 16%, Christian 10%
Government: Republic under military regime since 1963
Industries: Oil, textiles, food processing, beverages, tobacco, phosphate mining



SOURCES: CIA, The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2003; ESRI AP

party officials and permitted Syrian fighters to join the war against the U.S.-led coalition fued these apprehensions.

And while generally avoiding the harsh words, Powell renewed the accusations against Syria on Tuesday.

But he rejected any suggestion the administration had a list of countries against whom it might send troops again.

"There is no list," he said, even as he registered unhappiness with some policies of Iran as well as Syria.

N. Korea softens its U.S. confrontation

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Perhaps unwavering by the quick American military march through Iraq, North Korea is softening its confrontation with the United States even as it has ordered its million-man military to stiffen up for a possible fight.

Last weekend, the Kim Jong Il regime backed down on its demand for one-on-one talks with Washington, accepting broader talks over its revived nuclear weapons program.

"There has been some overall Duke turns himself in to begin sentence

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) - Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke turned himself in to a federal prison Tuesday to begin serving a 15-month sentence for mail and tax fraud.

Duke, who was driven to the west Texas prison in a pink Jeep, did not appear to acknowledge about eight admirers outside who waved signs that read "Duke President" and "Free David Duke."

Duke, a former Louisiana state representative who ran for governor and the U.S. Senate about a decade ago, did not speak with reporters at the prison but said in a telephone interview Monday that he was ready to meet the terms of a plea agreement finalized in December.

improvement, I think, in the prospects for dialogue with North Korea," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday. "A lot of pieces have come together."

But the Bush administration isn't yet ready to say how soon multilateral talks with North Korea could take place, or how many nations would participate, Powell said.

North Korea admitted last October that it has revived a nuclear facility that experts say may allow it to obtain enough material by later this year to build one nuclear bomb a month.

U.S. frictions with North Korea soared earlier this year, but Pyongyang has remained quiet during the month-long U.S.-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

"They are probably extremely upset about the decapitation strike (against Saddam on March 19) and the idea that Kim Jong Il could be targeted at a moment's notice," said Peter Hayes, the executive director of the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainability, an arms control research center in Berkeley, Calif.

Special ops forces capture terrorist

WASHINGTON (AP) - Abul Abbas, the leader of the Palestinian group that killed an American on the hijacked cruise liner Achille Lauro in 1985, has been captured in Baghdad, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

Abbas was taken by American special operations forces during a raid Monday night on the outskirts of the capital city, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A number of his associates were also detained during raids at several sites around Baghdad, defense officials said. Commandos also seized documents and weapons.



Abdul Abbas

The man known as Abul Abbas, whose name actually is Mohammed Abbas, led a faction of the Palestine Liberation Front, a Palestinian splinter group. His faction was in Tunisia until the attack on the Achille Lauro, after which it relocated to Iraq. Abbas had eluded arrest since the Achille Lauro was hijacked as it sailed from Egypt to Israel in

October 1985. Elderly American Leon Klinghoffer was shot in his wheelchair and tossed overboard. The hijacking ended with the militants surrendering to Egyptian authorities.

After Egypt put the militants on a plane to Tunisia, U.S. fighters intercepted the plane and forced it to land in Sicily. But Italy allowed Abbas to leave, saying it had insufficient evidence to hold him. An Italian court later sentenced the militants to prison and Abbas was convicted in absentia of masterminding the operation. The State Department says Iraq has provided support to Abul Abbas' group.

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Bush continues tax-cut push, but scales it back

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WASHINGTON - A day after the Pentagon declared that major combat in Iraq had ended, President Bush on Tuesday turned his attention to the struggling U.S. economy, calling on Congress to pass tax cuts worth at least \$550 billion over 10 years.

"The nation needs quick action by our Congress on a pro-growth economic package," Bush told an audience of small-business owners on a sunny day in the White House Rose Garden.

It was the first time Bush said he would accept a tax cut that is \$176 billion less than his original proposal, a concession to a Congress that has balked at running up bigger deficits.

His remarks began a flurry of activity on the president's economic agenda, evidently part of a strategy to avoid his father's fate: President George H.W. Bush's popularity rose after success in the 1991 Gulf War but fell in a recession in 1992 because of concerns that he wasn't doing enough to fix a stumbling economy.

"This administration is concerned with appearing to be



Chris Vance, chairman of the state Republican party in Washington, speaks at a Tax Day rally in Olympia on Tuesday, urging support for President Bush's tax relief plan.

engaged in the economy, drawing a lesson from the first President Bush," said Thomas E. Mann, a presidential observer with the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "Whether the blur of that activity has any impact is questionable." Polls have steadily shown high

approval ratings for the current president. But he has received lower marks for his handling of the economy, the leading domestic concern.

Mann said the net loss of 2 million jobs since Bush took office, a flagging stock market and exploding budget deficits could have the

president seeking re-election when the U.S. "fiscal and economic well-being seem in sorry shape."

Bush told his White House visitors that "economic and job growth will come when consumers buy more goods and services from businesses such as your own. And the best and fairest way to make sure Americans can do that is to grant them immediate tax relief so they have more of their own money to spend or save."

But the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated that Bush's plans for new tax cuts and more spending on Medicare and the military would swell federal budget shortfalls by \$2.7 trillion over the next decade.

Before taking an Easter weekend holiday at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, the president plans to travel Wednesday to St. Louis to tour a Boeing Co. factory and deliver a speech on the economy. And while Congress is on a two-week recess, the administration is sending more than 25 officials to 60 events in 26 states to promote the economic agenda.

Proposal aims at curbing diesel engine pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration proposed reductions greater than 90 percent in air pollution from diesel-powered farm, construction and other off-road equipment on Tuesday, predicting the curbs would prevent thousands of premature deaths, heart attacks and respiratory ailments.

The changes would start with 2008 models, and all bulldozers, farm combines and other diesel-powered equipment not used on roads must have modern emission controls by 2014. Cleaner burning diesel fuel would have to contain 99 percent less sulfur by 2010.

Diesel vehicles are responsible for large amounts of the microscopic soot that causes respiratory problems and smog-causing chemicals from motor vehicles, with construction, farm, mining, locomotive and marine engines the main sources of off-road diesel pollution.

The new engine pollution requirements are part of a broader push by the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce tailpipe emissions from diesel-powered vehicles.

The latest proposal builds on a 2001 rule ordering pollution cuts

Non-road pollution

President Bush requested a 90 percent reduction in non-highway diesel pollution, which was less than 2 percent of all diesel pollution in 2001.

Non-highway diesel pollution sources, 2001

Thousands of tons	Percentage
Construction	1,403
Farm	1,035
Industrial	232
Light commercial	158
Lawn and garden	80
Logging	734
Recreational marine vessels	130
Airport service	116
Railway maintenance	18
Recreational	16

SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency

AP

from heavy-duty diesel engines and diesel fuel used in highway trucks and buses.

Investigators: Long slit may have doomed shuttle

HOUSTON - A long, narrow slit on Columbia's left wing may have let in scorching heat and doomed the space shuttle during its plunge through the atmosphere, accident investigators said Tuesday.

A slit possibly caused by a missing or broken seal on the leading edge of the wing is the latest - and now strongest - suspect in the 25-month-old inquiry. The seal is close to where the investigators believe a chunk of foam insulation hit during liftoff, and the impact could have broken or weakened the seal and all or part of it floated away from Columbia during its second day in orbit.

The board previously suspected that a mysterious object seen floating away from the shuttle was another part of the wing. But additional testing and the growing debris collection have ruled out a so-called carrier panel, and the only remaining possibilities are a seal or a fragment of a reinforced carbon-fiber panel, said Navy Rear Adm. Stephen Turcotte, a board member.

Potential short circuits delay Mars rover launch

PASADENA, Calif. - NASA has delayed this summer's launch date for the first of two Mars rovers after discovering they were vulnerable to short circuits that could have doomed them.

NASA must partially disassemble both rovers to fix the problem, delaying launch of the first from Cape Canaveral, Fla., by eight days, to no earlier than June 6. The second rover is expected to be launched between June 25 and July 15 as

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scheduled.

N.Y.C. mayor warns of up to 10,000 more layoffs

NEW YORK - The city will have to lay off up to 10,000 city employees on top of about 4,500 previously announced job cuts unless it gets concessions from labor leaders and a tax on suburban commuters, Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned Tuesday.

Bloomberg's "doomsday" contingency budget calls for up to \$1 billion in cuts in a 2003-2004 city budget that already has been trimmed by \$600 million. It would be the largest work force reduction in more than a decade for the city, which faces a budget gap of at least \$3.4 billion.

Couple pleads guilty to harboring abortion doc killer

NEW YORK - Two anti-abortion activists admitted Tuesday that they tried to give money and refuge to a man who was later convicted of killing a suburban Buffalo abortion doctor.

The married couple, Dennis Malvasi and Loretta Marra, pleaded guilty to federal charges of conspiring to harbor James Kopp before the fugitive was captured and convicted of murdering Dr. Bumsit Slepian in 1998.

Malvasi, 53, told a federal judge he "knew Mr. Kopp was wanted" when he "offered to let him stay at my house." Marra, 39, admitted trying to wire Kopp several hundred dollars while he was hiding out in Europe.

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Protesters block Marines from meeting anti-U.S. cleric

Talking about the future of Iraq

The first meeting to discuss a postwar government in Iraq was held Tuesday in the ancient city of Ur, Iraq. The meeting began with statements from representatives of coalition forces and Iraqi opposition groups. The floor was then opened up to the approximately 60 people in attendance.

Jay Garner, head of the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance for postwar Iraq began the meeting by noting the significance of the site in Ur as "the birthplace of civilization."

Shlekh Iyasad Ahmad al-Deen, a Shiite religious leader from Nasiriyah demanded a "... a system of government that separates belief from politics."

NOTE: Photograph of Garner is dated April 14 and the photograph of Zalmay is dated Feb. 23.

Zalmay Khalilzad, National Security Council advisor to President Bush said "We have no intention of naming Iraq ... We want you to establish your own democratic system based on Iraqi traditions and values."

Hoshiyar Zebari, a representative of the Kurdish Democratic Party asked "What model will be the U.S. model, will the United Nations be involved, what will be the role of the opposition? These are things we have to decide."

KUT, Iraq (AP)—Hundreds of protesters blocked U.S. Marines from entering Kut's city hall Tuesday to meet a radical anti-American Shiite cleric who has declared himself in control here, military officials said.

About 20 Marines from Task Force Tarawa decided against trying to enter the building after being confronted by 1,200 protesters, said Lt. Col. Jean Malone, deputy operations officer for the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The protesters were shouting "No, No Chalabi!" referring to Ahmed Chalabi, the leader of the Pentagon-backed Iraqi National Congress opposition group. Many Iraqi opposition leaders fear the United States is trying to force Chalabi on them as leader of a new Iraqi administration. Said Abbas, a cleric who American officers claim is Iranian-backed and supported by only 10 percent of the local population, seized city hall before coalition forces entered Kut last weekend.

Military officials say he has been preaching anti-American statements in local mosques.

Col. Ron Johnson, deputy commander of Task Force Tarawa, said U.S. troops wanted to meet with Abbas to tell him there were more than just one leader in the region.

However, after the Marines were turned back by the morning protest, two men who claimed to be Abbas representatives came to the makeshift military headquarters in Kut and said they weren't in control of the protesters and they had nothing against the American presence, Malone said.



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The session ended with an agreement by show of hands to meet again in 10 days to discuss forming an interim authority. Participants also agreed to a list of 13 points, beginning with the principle that Iraq must be democratic and calling for the dissolution of Saddam Hussein's Baath party.

Retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, who will head the U.S.-led interim administration in Iraq, opened the conference under a tent - white on the outside, gold on the inside - at Tallil air base near the 4,000-year-old ziggurat at Ur, a terraced temple platform of the ancient Sumerians.

Garner, who wore a twin American and Iraqi flag pin, turned 65 on Tuesday. "What better birthday can a man have than to begin it not only where civilization began but where a free Iraq and a democratic Iraq will begin today?" he said.

According to the Bible, Abraham migrated from Ur to Canaan with his son Isaac carried on the Israeliite line. Abraham, who is revered by Muslims as the prophet Ibrahim, also was the father of Ismail, forefather of the Arab world.

White House envoy Zalmay Khalilzad told delegates that the United States has "no interest, absolutely no interest, in ruling Iraq." "We want you to establish your own democratic system based on Iraqi traditions and values," Khalilzad said.

Participants included Kurds and Sunni and Shiite Arabs from inside the country and others who spent years in exile. U.S. officials invited the groups, which picked their own representatives.

But many Iraqis boycotted the meeting in opposition to U.S. plans to install Garner atop an interim administration. Thousands of Shiites - who constitute Iraq's most populous religious group but were repressed under Saddam - demonstrated in nearby Nasiriyah.

"Iraq needs an Iraqi interim government," one Shiite leader, Abdul Aziz Hakim, said in Iraq. "Anything other than this tramples (on) the rights of the Iraqi people and will be a return to the era of colonization," said Hakim, whose Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq is the country's largest Shiite group.

Iraq's Shiite majority has for years chafed under Sunni Muslim dominance, which dates to the early days of what is now modern Iraq. Shiites have seen the fall of Saddam, a Sunni Muslim, as an opportunity to take what they see as their rightful political place and have shown little patience for negotiations at which they fear they will be pressured to compromise.

In negotiations before the war, Iraqi exiles at a London meeting backed by the United States gave Shiites about half the seats on an advisory board some envisioned as a government-in-waiting - a breakthrough acknowledgment of Shiites' weight, but not one recognizing their majority status. About a third of Iraq's 24 million people are Sunni Muslim and most of the rest are Shiite Muslim.

The Shiites are also handicapped by a power struggle within their own community. In a sign of the fissures among Shiites and of the difficulties that the new U.S.-led interim administration in Iraq could face, a mob last week killed Abdul Majid al-Khoei, a prominent Shiite cleric opposed to Saddam, and Haider al-Kadiri, a cleric loyal to Saddam and widely hated by Shiites, as they paid a joint visit to a shrine in southern Iraq in an attempt to promote Shiite unity.

U.S. officials stressed that Tuesday's meeting was just the first of many in Iraq. They hope other Iraqis will join the process.

Once selected, the interim administration could begin handing power to Iraqi officials within three to six months, but forming a government will take longer, officials said.

Loot

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An explosion boomed in the distance as the war winds down. The Mongols, led by Genghis Khan's grandson Hulegu, sacked Baghdad in the 13th century. Today, the rumors on the lips of almost all Baghdadis is that the looting that has torn this city apart is led by U.S.-inspired Kuwaitis or other non-Iraqis bent on stripping the city of everything of value.

But outside the gutted Islamic library on the grounds of the Religious Affairs Ministry, the lone looter scurrying away was undeniably Iraqi, a grizzled man named Mohamed Salman. "It was left there, so why leave it?" he asked a reporter as he clung to a thick, red-covered book, a catalog of the library's religious collection. The scene inside was total devastation. In much of the library, not a recognizable book or manuscript could be seen among the dark ash.

The destruction has drawn condemnation worldwide, with many criticizing U.S.-led coalition forces for failing to prevent or stop the looting, sometimes carried out by whole Iraqi families.

On Tuesday, U.S. officials acknowledged they were surprised by the rampage and said troops were too occupied by combat to intervene when they first reached Baghdad.

"I don't think anyone anticipated that the riches of Iraq would be looted by the people of Iraq,"

U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said at a U.S. Central Command briefing in Qatar.

The United Nations' cultural agency and the British Museum announced Tuesday they will send in teams to help restore ransacked museums and artifacts. Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, called on customs officials, police, art dealers and neighboring countries to block the trading of stolen antiquities.

Among the National Museum's treasures were the tablets with Hammurabi's Code - one of mankind's earliest codes of law. It was found in 1845 and had determined whether the tablets were at the museum when war broke out.

Thieves smashed or pried open row upon row of glass cases at the museum and pilfered or destroyed their contents. Missing were four millennium-old copper heads of an Akkadian king, golden bowls and colicoid statues, ancient manuscripts and bejeweled lyres.

The looting and burning - the museum had been the city of Mosul also was pillaged - has dealt a terrible blow to a society that prides itself on its universities, literature and educated elite.

"I can't express the sorrow I feel. This is not real liberation," said an artist in a wing of the National Library that had been looted, but not burned.

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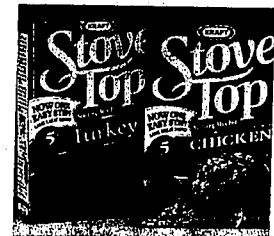
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EDITORIAL

Isn't 5 a little too young to be chained to a desk?

Even though it lasts just three hours a day, kindergarten represents the beginning of a vast new journey to a child. Kindergarten students learn ABCs and numbers, quickly processing them in the first stages of reading, writing and math. They begin with music, too. In many ways, those few hours each day shape a child's learning for years to come.

Which is exactly why kindergarten students should be given an entire spectrum of experiences, both inside the classroom and out. The decision to eliminate recess at Twin Falls Kindergarten at Twin Falls' Lincoln Elementary School seems to make little sense. Letting kindergartners exercise, interact and socialize on the playground is a valuable addition to classroom material.

Our view: Twin Falls School District officials should give kindergarten students a recess break. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Most people would acknowledge that teaching 5-year-olds is a tough job, especially in larger classes. But schools should give kindergartners the chance to stretch their wings and limbs. Anyone who has driven three hours with a kindergartener knows the importance of pit stops. Imagine making that haul with 25 tykes. Remember, this is a mere 15 minutes a day we're talking about. Some physical exertion and a little noise are a welcome change to get the wiggles out.

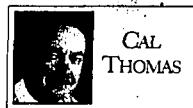
As Robert Fulghum noted in his book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," among the skills kids learn are sharing and playing well together. How will kids learn these skills if they're not allowed to play?

To say kindergartners can't have the break because of pressure to meet new federal mandates is a bit of a stretch. Sure, the No Child Left Behind Act presents some challenges. But it's tiring to hear it cited as the catch-all justification for unpopular decisions.

District officials should lighten up and consider letting kindergartners have their 15 minutes of fun.

False media prophets should be tried

When the Berlin Wall fell and Eastern Europe escaped from the shackles of communism, I wrote that we must not forget the enablers, apologists and other "fellow travelers" who helped sustain communism's grip on a sizable portion of humanity for much of the 20th century. I suggested that a "cultural war crimes tribunal" be convened, at which people from academia, the media, government and the clergy who were



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wrong in their assessment of communism would be forced to confront their mistakes. While not wishing to deprive anyone of his or her right to be wrong, it wouldn't hurt for these people to be held accountable.

That advice was not taken - but today we are presented with another opportunity in the form of scores of false media prophets who predicted disaster should the U.S. military confront and seek to oust the murderous regime of Saddam Hussein. The purpose of a cultural war crimes tribunal would be to remind the public of journalism's many mistakes, as well as the errors of certain politicians, retired generals, and allow it to properly judge their words the next time they feel the urge to prophesy.

National Review Online (www.nationalreview.com) and the Media Research Center (www.media-research.org) have accumulated some of the predictions. In light of developments, they make for hilarious reading - better than a Chinese fortune cookie or the horoscopes.

In no particular order of hilarity or error factor, there was R.W. Apple of the New York Times - who mostly writes about food these days - opining on March 30,



just days after the war had begun. "With every passing day, it is more evident that the allied made two gross military misjudgments in concluding that coalition forces could safely bypass Basra and Nasiriyah and that Shiite Muslims in Southern Iraq would rise up against Saddam Hussein."

On the same day, Peter Arnett (former contributor to NBC but ousted after his anti-American homily on Iraqi state television), also wrote on March 30: "In cranking up their war plan with expurgated intelligence, the hawks left the ground troops exposed and insufficiently briefed on the fedayeen. Idiocy should not shape facts when lives are at stake. Someone please create a plaque

with that last statement and send it to every journalist in the country, beginning with Maureen Dowd.

My personal favorite is the comment by columnist and TV host Chris Matthews, who wrote last Aug. 25 in the San Francisco Chronicle: "This invasion of Iraq, if it goes off, will join the Bay of Pigs, Vietnam, Desert One and Somalia in the history of military catastrophe."

Barry McCaffrey, a retired U.S. Army general who commanded the 24th Infantry Division 12 years ago during Desert Storm, told the BBC's "Newsnight" program on March 24: "(We) could take, bluntly, a couple to 3,000 casualties." Thankfully, the casualty numbers have been incredibly small.

There were numerous observations from journalists and commentators about the supposed "insufficiency" of troops. There were predictions that the "Arab Spring" would be averted. There were forecasts that Israel

would be drawn into the war when Saddam attacked with Scud missiles.

All of the printed and voiced prophecies should be saved in an archive. When these false prophets again appear, they can be reminded of the error of their previous ways and at least be offered an opportunity to recant and repent. Otherwise, they will return to us in another situation where their expertise will be acknowledged, or taken for granted, but their credibility will be lacking.

If these false media prophets won't "fess up," then let the tribunal begin at an academic institution or in a major television studio. I'll bet it would claim high ratings for the Fox News Channel, which is clabbering its reputation precisely because the public recognizes false prophets when it sees them.

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Following the map can lead to Mideast peace

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Current circumstances in the Middle East provide the potential for a major breakthrough. A new Palestinian cabinet is being formed under a new prime minister, and Israeli elections have been held

Over the past 2 1/2 years, more than 750 Israelis and 2,000 Palestinians have died in an escalation of the horrendous conflict in the Middle East. Our inability to improve the situation and hands-off approach have hurt American credibility in the region and compromised our reputation as an honest broker for peace. In turn, our ability to muster broad international support for other policies, such as those on Iraq and the war on terrorism, has been hindered.

Just as the Persian Gulf War reshaped the political landscape in the Mideast and helped pave the way for the historic Madrid peace conference in 1991, so too must the successful conclusion of the Iraq war pave the way for a renewed American commitment to solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Recognizing this, the Bush administration has put forward a plan known as "the road map."

Current circumstances in the Middle East provide the potential for a major breakthrough. A new Palestinian cabinet is being formed under a new prime minister, and Israeli elections have been held. The Palestinian people are suffering and need resolution, and Israelis are living with the constant fear of terror and enduring a heavy burden of economic downturn in the country's history. Fortunately, the road map - developed by the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations - can take advantage of these circumstances. The road map, based on reciprocity and mutual obligations, points out the obvious:

If the Palestinians end the violence and reform their institutions (as they are starting to do), then, under the watchful eye of the United States, a new process can take root - one that benefits everyone.

Recently, President Bush, standing side by side with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, said that he is committed to staying in Iraq "for as long as it takes." This same level of U.S. commitment is required for implementation of the road map. Of course, in response to the cessation of Palestinian terror attacks, the government of Ariel Sharon will be asked to make difficult concessions. Does anyone think there can be an effective peace process in which one side makes all the moves? Despite the rhetoric of some Israeli supporters, a heavy burden throughout the process also is on the Palestinians. They will have to do the heavy lifting of constituting a new security system that the United States and Israel can accept, and they will have to prove that it works through action. They will be responsible for finally cleaning up their political, economic and social institutions.

What is daring and unique about the road map is that if either side does not live up to its obligations, the process comes to a halt. Even in the second stage, when the plan provides for a transitional state, and in the

third stage, when final status issues are addressed, if the sides stop performing, the process is aborted immediately. This is an arrangement far tougher than the Oslo accords, where no such protections for Israel were in place.

Some people may be afraid of success. The United States has never asked Israel to jeopardize its own security. Why should it? That would endanger U.S. interests and increase its burden. But when the peace process has worked in the past, all of us have benefited. When it hasn't - and it hasn't for a long while - we all have suffered. We've had a tough time reconciling friends who disagreed with each other in the region, as I know too well from my own experience in government. But the road map is a policy that rarely comes along: a chance to promote all of our interests simultaneously with both our Israeli and our Arab friends.

The time to implement the road map is now. There is no perfect plan, but there are reliable friends. The United States has repeatedly demonstrated its friendship with Israel. Now comes a win-win opening: a plan from which all parties can benefit that can break the logjam at a critical moment for the United States. Performance-based guarantees at every step will either make the road map work or reveal why it failed and who was responsible. The United States can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines, nor can Israel or the Palestinians afford the luxury of turning their backs on this potential breakthrough. It's time for positive thinking and progress, not retrogression.

Robert S. Strauss served as Mideast envoy in the Carter administration and was ambassador to the Soviet Union and then the Russian Federation in 1991-92.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Judicial nominee could help his own case by opening up

Had it not been for a phone call from an old friend and fellow-judge, I would have been as oblivious to the story of Judge Edward Prado of San Antonio as the rest of the Washington press corps.

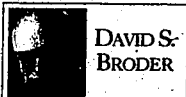
Judge Tom Stagg of Shreveport, La., told me his pal was up for appointment to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals and suggested I go by and "see how they treat him" at his confirmation hearing.

Turns out, it's like the Sherlock Holmes story of the dog that didn't bark. In the midst of the bitter partisan battle that has seen Democrats repeatedly block a Senate confirmation vote on the nomination of Miguel Estrada to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, Prado went through like gangbusters.

The story of why one Latino Republican has such an easy time while another creates such controversy is an instructive tale — and one with hopeful implications.

Estrada has been denied an up-or-down vote on the Senate floor because Democrats call him "a stealth nominee," a man of high credentials but no judicial experience and one they say was unresponsive to their questions. Their demand to look at memos he wrote while serving in the Justice Department has been rejected by the administration, and neither side has yielded.

Given this background, I was expecting to see Prado, 55, put to the test at his Judiciary Committee hearing. His credentials are impressive: a graduate of the University of Texas and its law school, four years each as a prosecutor and a public defender, a short stint as a state judge, U.S. attorney for three years and since 1984, a federal district judge —



DAVID S. BRODER

the last two appointments coming from President Reagan.

But Prado is also a character. His courtroom is wired with the latest audiovisual equipment, which Prado, a music lover and showman, loves to demonstrate. Three years ago, during a murder-for-hire trial, he came onto the bench while a recording of "Happy Together" by The Turtles filled the air, and then sang: "Imagine me as God. I do. I was appointed by the president. Appointed forever. My decisions cannot be questioned by you. I'm always right."

Many judges may feel that way, few say so and even fewer put it to music.

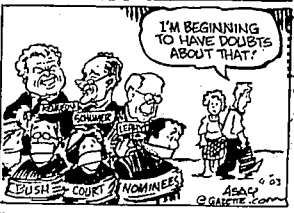
More seriously, in answering the committee's questionnaire, Prado noted controversial cases in which he ruled against a woman's claim of job discrimination by the San Antonio Fire Department, a diabetes patient's claim that he was unfairly found to be medically ineligible for a policeman's job, and a claim that the Texas high school graduation test discriminated against Hispanics.

In another part of the questionnaire, he listed 68 criminal, immigration and civil cases where he had been reversed or criticized by the court of appeals. Plenty of fertile ground, one imagined, for liberal groups to challenge elevating a Reagan judge to a closely balanced and important bench, just one level below the Supreme Court.

But in fact, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus — which has vig-

orously opposed the Estrada nomination — wrote a letter endorsing Prado. Rep. Charles Gonzalez, a Texas Democrat and co-signer of the letter, told me that he had known Prado for almost 40 years and "he has everything you want in a judge — he's smart and articulate, he's not arbitrary and he really understands people. Some of his rulings I would take issue with, but when the caucus interviewed him, he talked honestly about cases that have impacted minorities and he made it clear he knows how important the courts have been to us. It was so different from our hour's conversation with Estrada, who conveyed no sense of what we would think a Latino should appreciate about the historical role of courts in bringing us to where we are today and where we need to be tomorrow."

With the backing of the White House and the Hispanic Caucus, Prado's confirmation hearing was perfunctory. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the ranking Democrat and scourge of Estrada, read a statement complaining of past Republican treatment of President Clinton's



Latino nominees, then left without asking any questions. The two Republicans present — Sens. John Cornyn of Texas and Jeff Sessions of Alabama — said they had known Prado for years and simply congratulated him.

Prado was then unanimously confirmed by the Judiciary Committee.

When I asked Alberto Gonzalez, the White House counsel, if there might be a lesson in Prado's easy approval, he replied, "It's hard to say. We view Judge Prado as no more qualified than Miguel Estrada or others they (the Democrats) have opposed."
But the lesson seems obvious.

David Broder is a columnist with the Washington Post.

LETTERS

There is no excuse for treatment of child in store

To the person who kicked the child across the floor:
Doll Smith, thank you for writing. Wonder what kind of stores he was wearing. He had better pray he'll be a grandfather, depending on brain damage.

What a shame. Like you said, a child is a precious gift. Sure hope he gets help.
LUCY K. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

Releasing kids to go to memorial was a mistake

At 1:15 p.m. Monday, April 7, all students in the Kimberly School District were dismissed for a half day to attend a memorial service. A half day that teachers didn't have to teach. A half day that 3,300 students didn't get to learn. A half day that taxpayers and parents were stiffed by our educators.
JACK M. LINTELMANN
Buhl

Democrats offer relief from higher sales taxes

The Legislature is still in session, setting a record this week for the longest session in history, and the sales tax is most certainly going to be raised from the current level of 5 percent to at least 5.5 or 6 percent. While this increase is necessary to keep Idaho's schools and other services able to serve the population, it will be a burden on many citizens. To help alleviate some of the tax burden on fixed-income seniors and working families, the Democrats want to lower the sales tax on food. The proposal is to keep the tax on grocery items at 5 percent, or even lower to 3 percent. During hard economic times, buying some items is optional; not buying food is never an option.

If you agree that lowering the sales tax on groceries is at least a step in the right direction, something that gives everyone a little tax relief, call or e-mail our local legislators today. Encourage them to support the Democrats' plan.
TERI ANDERSON
Burley

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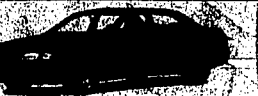
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Hagerman suspends finger scan

Raid nets meth lab equipment, arrests

BUHL - Three people were arrested after deputies found apparent methamphetamine lab equipment in a home near Buhl, according to a report from the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Acting on a request from probation and parole, deputies on Friday checked on a house at 3860 N. 1600 E.

They found what appeared to be equipment used to make meth and called in drug investigators from Twin Falls and Gooding County, according to reports.

Eddy D. Woodruff, 37, of Buhl was arrested on a charge of probation violation and held Monday without bond, according to reports.

Joseph A. Mayo, 38, of Kennewick, Wash., was arrested on a charge of manufacturing a controlled substance and held in lieu of \$150,000 bond.

Mona Francisca, 45, of Kennewick was arrested on a warrant from Benton County, Wash., and on charges of frequenting a place of drug manufacture and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

The case was still under investigation Tuesday.

Governor, others will help dedicate new building

JEROME - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is scheduled to be on hand for a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at the new Idaho State Police Region 4 headquarters in Jerome.

The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. at the ISP building - 18 W. 200 S. - and is open to the public.

Also attending will be ISP Director Dan Charboneau, former director Ed Strickfaden and members of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce.

The new building puts the patrol and investigative divisions of Region 4 under one roof. The division had previously been housed in separate buildings in Twin Falls.

Hospital foundation raises \$987,000

TWIN FALLS - Thanks to donations from the community, the ongoing Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees, the hospital's foundation raised \$987,172 last year, according to a foundation news release.

That's a 9 percent increase from the previous year, according to a recent audit.

The foundation awarded a total of \$355,182 to health care programs in the Magic Valley in 2002, the news release said, dollars that benefited seniors, youth programs, continuing education for health care workers, health care equipment, personal assistance programs and community wellness programs.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization separate from the hospital. It is governed by a volunteer board of trustees which focuses on the foundation's vision to enhance health care in the community through philanthropy, the news release said.

Those who would like to find out more about the foundation can call 737-2480.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Normal
Upper Snake River	84%	91%
Salmon Falls	59%	64%
Salmon	100%	90%
Oakley	48%	56%
Big Wood	68%	57%
Elita Wood	65%	53%
Henry's Fork/Teton	77%	81%
Big Lost	84%	89%
Little Lost	72%	73%

A comparison of total snowpack on the Snake River watershed, on the Snake River, as of April 15.

Lunch room program will await further research, parent input

By Sandra Wisocover Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The new fingerprint scan lunch room program at Hagerman has been suspended until the program can be researched.

"When we implemented the program, I feel we allowed our enthusiasm to precede some of the research, so I have suspended that program," said Superintendent Lee Mitchell. "We will revisit it at the end of the school year. We will do some more research, ask for parent

input, and do a better job of notifying parents."

Parent Gail Mann asked if the research would look at both the pros and the cons of the program. Mitchell said all aspects of the new system would be researched.

The new system had been implemented to replace a card scan system, which has now been reinstated. The metallic strip on the card is scanned and the computer accesses that student's lunch account. The finger scan program would have eliminated the problem of lost and misused cards.

"I think the (card scan) system that is there, for this size of school, is more than adequate for our kids," Mann said. "I think if teachers and students are losing

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- Lee Mitchell, superintendent

the cards, we need to teach them responsibility. When I lost my quarter when I went to school, I didn't get milk. That's what's wrong with our society now days. We are not making our children responsible." Mitchell requested that parents

with concerns submit their reasons in writing to his office. "We will research all these issues and then it will be my responsibility to report to the board on all the information we gather," he said.

The touch-and-go finger scan program will be on the board agenda sometime this summer.

Also this week, board members took issues of the meeting agenda which required financial decisions.

"I would request that we take no action on these items until the Legislature allocates our funding," Mitchell said.

Those items will be discussed at a special meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the grade school special education room.

This week included:
• Credit requirements - Credit requirements for the 2004 graduating class will increase from 44 to 48 credits.
• Some students are taking less-demanding core classes their junior year and too many have half schedules their senior year," Mark Kress, high school principal said. "We are not a two-and-a-half-year or three-and-a-half-year high school. We are a four-year high school."
• The credit requirement will increase to 52 credits for the 2005 graduating class. This class will be required to have two additional credits in math and two additional credits in science. The year after that, the students will have six credits in math, six in science and six in social studies.

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TAX TRAFFIC



Despite the office being closed, Yvonne Ditter, collector, places stamps on her federal and state income taxes before mailing them at the busy U.S. Post Office on Filmore Street in Twin Falls Tuesday evening. Mail deposited in the Post Office lobby or the outside drop boxes after regular business hours was collected at midnight by postal workers in order for the mail to receive the April 15 postmark by which taxes are due.

Bill to protect franchisees gets moving

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - After weeks of languishing in a Senate committee, a bill allowing Idaho owners of franchises to litigate contract disputes with franchisors on home turf was dusted off and sent to the Senate floor for full debate on Tuesday.

But it will require some amendments before it hits the full Senate. Sponsored by Twin Falls Republican Rep. Sharon Block, it had already passed the House unanimously minus one vote in March. But the chairman of the Senate Commerce and Human Resource Committee, John



Anderson of Boise, said late last week he was holding the bill hostage because he wanted to make a deal with the House Revenue and Taxation Committee to get a bill of his own moving. That bill would tell the U.S. Congress that Idaho is on board with taxing Internet sales in order to garner up to \$60 million extra for Idaho next year.

A Sunday article in *The Times-News* about the stalled bill triggered a number of phone calls to policy politicians who motivated Anderson to schedule a Tuesday hearing, said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

"It got the phone tree going," Newcomb said.

The fact the Legislature is running a little long has made an opening for the bill to get through the Senate, Block said.

"This bill only levels the playing field," she went on. She explained that small business owners in Idaho have no chance to defend themselves against perceived abuses from out-of-state franchisors. Those franchisors are sometimes huge corporations with seemingly endless resources. The Idaho franchisees wind up having to travel to states

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Feeding the hungry

Agency plans first commodity distribution in three years

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For some people, if it wasn't for food banks, dinner would never make it to the table. Breakfast or lunch, either.

Getting food to the people who need it will be a little easier Tuesday when South Central Community Action Agency distributes federal food commodities to low-income people in the community.

Although federal commodities have always been included in the contents of food boxes distributed by social service agencies, this is the first time in three years South Central Community Action Agency has been able to hold a commodity-only distribution, said Community Services Director Leanne Trappen.

"Several years ago, commodities became very limited, and not

South Central Community Action Agency will distribute federal food commodities to low-income people in the community on Tuesday.

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as much government surplus was being purchased," Trappen said, adding that the government stopped the quarterly commodities shipments that were specifically meant for distribution.

Now, with the agency having broken ground on a new facility on Washington Street South which it plans to open late this summer, Trappen said it made

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T.F. sees spate of crashes

Pedestrian remains in serious condition

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The traffic division of the Twin Falls Police Department could barely keep up with calls Monday and Tuesday, an officer said.

A bizarre crash near the Fred Meyer store left a trail of destruction behind a runaway car Tuesday, and a Twin Falls man struck by a car Monday was still in serious condition, said officer Chad Wigginton.

In all, Wigginton said his squad handled 14 crashes Monday and Tuesday, including at least four with injuries.

"At one point Monday, we were working four crashes at once on Blue Lakes," he said.

Hurt worst was Leland Perry, 24, of Twin Falls. He suffered serious head injuries at about 4:30 p.m. Monday - when he was struck by a car on Blue Lakes Boulevard near the Desert Industries store, Wigginton said. Perry was listed in serious con-

dition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise late Tuesday, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"I spoke to his mother today, and she said he was still in the ICU, but he had improved somewhat," Wigginton said. "He was responding to doctors and was aware that his family was there."

Perry apparently tried crossing in an unmarked intersection and might have been distracted by his cellular phone, Wigginton said. He was struck in the curb-side southbound lane by a car driven by Tracy Hoffman, 34, of Twin Falls. Perry was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and later by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus.

The accident was still under investigation, Wigginton said. Meanwhile, investigators were looking into an accident near Fred Meyer that involved a car careening out of control after its driver apparently had a seizure, Wigginton said.

Varden Davis, 53, of Twin Falls was driving his 1975 Lincoln Continental west on Caswell Avenue at about 2:40 p.m. Tuesday when he apparently sud-

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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.



Matthew Koch

- Age: 18.
- Hometown: Murtaugh.
- Local family: Parents, Jim and Debbie Koch.
- Service, date of enlistment: Navy, July 2002.
- Rank, assignment: A0AA aviation ordnanceman, aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt.
- Task: Loads bombs on planes.
- Additional information: Deployed in January.



Brandon Vollmer

- Age: 21.
- Hometown: Kimberly.
- Local family: Wife, Jamie (Hansen) Vollmer, and parents, Jason and Julie Caputo.
- Service, date of enlistment: Marines, July 2000.
- Rank, assignment: Corporal, motor transport with 3rd Battery, 11th Marines, Lima Co. of the 1st Marine Division, Iraq.
- Task: Responsible for transporting Marines and artillery on the front lines.
- Additional information: A reporter with the *National Journal* is embedded with Vollmer's company and wrote a six-day diary of events the first days of war.

- Compiled by Arnie 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 Sharrisa Barnes at 735-3259 or e-mail sharrisa@timesnews.com. Please include your own name and contact information.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Arizona will let enviros bid for land leases

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Environmentalists who intend to file state grazing land will be allowed to bid against ranchers for the right to lease the land, the state decided.

The Arizona State Land Department decision stems from a Nov. 21, 2001 ruling by the Arizona Supreme Court that upended a decades-old policy of giving ranchers a monopoly on 8.4 million acres of state school trust land.

The court decided people without the intention of raising livestock could bid on the 10-year leases, which cover about 10 percent of the state.

The Forest Guardians, a Santa Fe-based environmental group, now wants to halt cattle grazing on 162 acres leased by rancher Ethlyn Houston Telles near Elgin in Santa Cruz County. The group has been trying to gain control of that lease since 1997.

The state rejected the group's previous applications because the environmentalists intended not to raise cattle. But now the land department says "either livestock grazing or ecological restoration is an appropriate use" of the land.

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St. Ben's plans health fair next week

The Times-News

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will hold its annual Health Fair from 6 to 9:30 a.m. April 22-24 at 709 N. Lincoln in Jerome.

The fair will include free blood pressure checks, vision screenings and breast exams, reduced-fee mammogram coupons, information booths and continental breakfasts.

Blood screenings are \$12 and include glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides and calcium tests. For an additional \$8, men can obtain prostate screening as well. Those who plan on having their blood drawn could not eat for 10 hours before testing. Results will be mailed to participants within a week, according to a hospital news release.

Some additional services that haven't been offered in the past include balance and back screenings, back injury, exercise, and expanded diabetes education.

The purpose of the Health Fair is to help educate the community about health and to teach prevention. Without fail, each year the blood screenings have revealed red flags to a handful of participants who were encouraged to follow up with their physicians, the news release said.

The diabetes management department at the hospital will celebrate its newly acquired ADA certification in conjunction with the Health Fair with expanded lab work and eye seminars on the last day of the fair. Those interested can obtain glycohemoglobin tests for \$15, which represents a saving of \$25, as well as \$18 coupons for kidney disease testing.

Three seminars will be held April 24. Jeanie Mayer will discuss diabetic meal planning at 9:30 a.m., and Ann Bybee will present "What is diabetes?" at 10:30 a.m. Inside Conference Room 1. Seating is limited, and those interested should call 324-1122, Ext. 3259 or 3302. A seminar on insulin pump management will be held at 7 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria.

For more information, call Gail Mann at 324-1122, Ext. 3260.

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SERVICES

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

Virginia Belle Nelson Burns Gurr of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave.; burial at Gem Memorial Gardens; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Earl R. Stansell of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Bebel Temple Apostolic Church; burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Milton Kermer of Weiser and family of Shoshone, service at 3 p.m. today at the Weiser High School auditorium; burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser (Thomason Funeral Home, Weiser).

Dan C. Peterson of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls LDS West Stake Center, 867 Harrison St.; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary

and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Thoma Wake of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne

Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10:45-45 a.m. before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Deothy Harger of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at West End Cemetery in Buhl (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Floyd J. Montoya BURLEY - Floyd Johnny Montoya, 44, of Burley, died Friday, March 21, 2003, at his home.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2003, at the Desert View Cemetery in Wendover, Utah. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Conception Catholic Church in Buhl with Father Robb Keller officiating. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 5-6 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A vigil service will be held following the visitation at 6 p.m. at the funeral home, under the direction of Sister Rose Mary Boessen.

Betsy Torres SHOSHONE - Betsy Torres, 11, of Shoshone, died Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Funeral Service.

Paula Villalobos FILER - Paula Villalobos, 62, of Filer, died Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2003, at the Immaculate

Conception Catholic Church in Buhl with Father Robb Keller officiating. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 5-6 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. A vigil service will be held following the visitation at 6 p.m. at the funeral home, under the direction of Sister Rose Mary Boessen.

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JEROME COUNTY COURT RECORDS

The Times-News

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

Misdemeanor arraignments Glenn Alan Beebe, 44, 527 E. 18th St., Jerome, diverting the peace; pre-arrest conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Cynthia Ann Morgan, 52, 816 S. Adams, No. 1, Jerome, driving without privileges; pre-arrest conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Glenn Alan Beebe, 44, 527 E. 18th St., Jerome, diverting the peace; pre-arrest conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kevin L. Stocking, 30, 409 N. River Road, Idaho, driving without privileges; pre-arrest conference April 21; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mario Valencia Reyes, 24, P.O. Box 30, Shoshone; peat theft; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs. \$35 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Robert L. Leedom, 54, 1015 N. Fir, No. 38, Jerome; driving under the influence amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Joseph L. Noblit, 35, 326 S. 200 E., Jerome; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$400 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; \$40 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; one eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Christina R. Garcia, 25, 1285 S. Lincoln, Jerome, driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$44 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Keith Eugene McFarland, 32, 607 E. 1st, Jerome, battery, sexual battery, domestic violence amended to battery; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; \$80 public defender fee; one year and six months supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 58 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mario Valencia Reyes, 24, P.O. Box 30, Shoshone; peat theft; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs. \$35 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Alida Lynn Requa, 22, 4108 N. 2200 E., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; two counts delivery of a controlled substance; conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance; use or possession of a drug paraphernalia; status hearing; May 5, July 1, trial June 18; District Judge Barry Wood.

Felony sentences George E. Noblit, 68, P.O. Box 758, Paul; assault or battery on certain persons; \$500 fine, \$38.50 court costs, \$250 public defender fee; three years' supervised probation; three days in jail, 88 suspended, two eligible for work program; three intermediate; driving under the influence; resisting or obstructing officer; possession of a concealed weapon without a license; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Barry Wood.

Felony dismissals Daniel O. Pulver, 35, 150 E. 500 S., Jerome; two counts possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia; driving without privileges; (second offense); failure to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge Barry Wood.

Civil filings Risk Management Alternatives vs. Randy King and Linda M. King. Seeking \$1,903.63, plus interest; \$650 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Statewide Collections vs. William K. Gardner and Robin L. Gardner, spouse. Seeking \$2,279.44; attorney fees of \$600. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases State of Idaho Child Support Services vs. Drew Hamilton Crow. Seeking \$365 monthly support for Kagan Lamar Crow, child, plus 59 percent of children's medical expenses; \$849 for a prior period; \$363 attorney fees.

State of Idaho Health and Welfare Services vs. Jacob Bateman, Jessica E. Bateman, and Roxey L. McKinn; \$475 attorney fees.

Divorces Christina A. Lapp vs. Carl Tobin Lapp

TWIN FALLS

Robert Murphy 1918 - 2003 Robert "Bob" Benjamin Murphy, 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 27, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bob was born on September 4, 1918, in Burwell, Nebraska, to the late James V. and Constance E. Benjamin Murphy. He had four siblings, Daniel, Lucille, Geneva and Violen. The first seven years of his life, he lived in a rent house. Bob attended school in Burwell until the eighth grade. In 1937, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in Oregon, where he stayed for the next year and a half. In March 1942, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in both the Pacific and European Theatre. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. He is a member of American Legion Post #7. On June 5, 1951, Bob married Dorothy Evelyn Parkin in Channahville, Texas. They moved to Oregon and had two daughters, Constance and Kathleen. Then, he and the family moved to Twin Falls in 1958, where he has resided ever since. Bob worked for the Amalgamated Sugar Factory, until his retirement in 1984, after 14 years.

Surviving Bob are his wife of 51 years, Dorothy, his two daughters, Constance and Kathleen, and his daughter-in-law, Viola Scott. 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

At his request, no services were held. Cremation and Private Inurnment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

TWIN FALLS

Tom Shirahi Tom Shirahi Hirai, 91, of Twin Falls, suffered a stroke on February 28th in Los Angeles and passed away peacefully on April 6, 2003, of congestive heart failure.

Tom was born on January 2, 1912, in Auburn, Washington. He married his wife, Yawa on April 28, 1942, in Seattle, Washington.

Jack H. Kinsey Jack H. Kinsey, 64, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Jack was born June 4, 1938, in Jay, Oklahoma. He had one son, and Alice Page Kinsey. Jack joined the Navy in 1955 and was stationed in Alameda, CA. Ron loved to ski, ride his motorcycle, square dance, and travel in "Broom Hilda" (his lift-wheel) to many fine places. Among his favorite things to do, he loved to sit on the ocean beach. He will be remembered for his caring nature, teasing and loving sense of humor.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Norma of 50 years; four children, Gaylene (Gary) Bonaldi, Cynthia (Edson) Condit, Gregory (Amy) Cunningham, Janice (Scott) Naylor; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts and uncles.

At his request, no services are planned. The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Hospice IHC-Casella Regional Medical Center, 2271 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Arrangements and cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Jack is survived by his wife, Anna

of Twin Falls; two children, Anna Marie Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Jack Kinsey, Jr. of Hanson; two sisters, Pat Grubbs of Twin Falls and Connie Kinsey of Kimberly, Oregon; a nephew and his very best friend, Floyd Hazen. His parents, one son and one brother preceded him in death.

A memorial service for Jack will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Faith Assembly of God Church, 178 Fir Ave. W., Twin Falls, with Rev. Paul Springs officiating. Arrangements and cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park."

Tom and Dorothy married in Filer from 1944 until 1964 when they moved to Kimberly where they farmed until Tom's retirement in Magic Valley Area Club, Knut Grange and the Twin Falls CSI Judo Club.

Tom is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Hirai of Twin Falls, three daughters, Karen Hirai (Terry) Olson, Patricia Ann Inyo and Sue (Keri) Sogabe, all of Los Angeles, Ca., grandson Darick S. Sogabe of Boston, Ma.; sisters, Mary Masugi of Tacoma, Wa., and Mabou Okada of Seattle, Wa.; brother-in-law, Harry (Miyu) Ozawa of Los Angeles, Ca.; sisters-in-law, Hamako Kawamura, Marie Ozawa, both of Seattle, Wa., Grace (Ray) Michizawa of Huntington Beach, Ca., Mae Hirai of San Francisco, Ca., May Hirai of Chicago, Ill., and Marguerite Ozawa of Los Angeles, Ca. Also surviving Tom are many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Frank.

The celebration of life will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Friends may call on Friday from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. with the family, great friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, At Torso. Arrangements and cremation will take place under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

Ronald Loren Cunningham Ronald Loren Cunningham, 71, of Burley, passed away Monday, April 14, 2003, after a courageous 2-year battle with cancer.

Ron was born April 1, 1932, in Twin Falls, ID, the son of Ernest and Boulah Cunningham. On April 12, 1953, Ron married Norma Jean (Rita) Cunningham. Ron loved to ski, ride his motorcycle, square dance, and travel in "Broom Hilda" (his lift-wheel) to many fine places. Among his favorite things to do, he loved to sit on the ocean beach. He will be remembered for his caring nature, teasing and loving sense of humor.

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Hansen asks residents to help with park

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Arbor Day in Ketchum will be observed this year with a work day at the Dixon Memorial Park on U.S. Highway 30, and trees and labor are wanted.

of someone, is asked to reach Morrill at the city office or city maintenance man Doug Gee to get a list of needed trees.

Hansen Assembly of God Church. Residents may place outside for collection yard debris, furniture, water heaters and other kitchen appliances except refrigerators or air conditioners containing Freon. Items not accepted are batteries, wire, oil or toxic materials such as insecticides, weed sprays, oil or paint thinners.

trash, wood or metal. The church will serve lunch for the workers, with the meal furnished by the city.

Forest Service proposes campground improvements

KETCHUM - The Ketchum Ranger District is proposing a makeover of three small campgrounds.

The Federal Gulch, Sawmill and Copper Creek campgrounds are in need of repair, the Sawtooth National Forest announced in a news release.

hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday starting at 10 a.m. The event is held at the Jackpot Kidney Park on the corner of Ace Drive and Lady Luck Drive.

The Jackpot Golf Association and Jackpot businesses sponsor this event. Marianne Bloom said there will be 10 cases of eggs along with prize eggs plus eggs with money inside.

Hospital workers make 'Iraq packs' to show support

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - When Pfc. Marcus Addis leaves for his assignment near Iraq, the plan is for him to take some pieces of Rupert along.



RoZan Egan, Branda Broner, Mokei Rasmussen, Caselo Tracy and Margie Neff look through one of the 'Iraq packs' created by Minidoka Memorial Hospital employees. Each of the women has a son in the military.

The packs are shoe boxes packed full of items such as beef jerky, lip balm and Olor Eaters. Hospital employees included a note from the sender and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the Marines to write back.

front lines. Broner limited how much coverage she took in. Tracy said her son will soon leave for the Iraq area. "I don't want him to go," she said.

Class James Rasmussen, has been gone since March, on the U.S. Navy somewhere in the Gulf. "I can't wait for him to get home," she said.

However, it's an easy project to get behind because it's something people can do to support the troops, Rogers said.

Nurse Brenda Broner, who has a son stationed in Oman, estimated she sent out 10 patients' worth of some body serving near Iraq. "It's really important Rupert more than most people think," she said.

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Director of Extended Care Services Joel Rogers said that may be the only negative about the project - that it didn't get done during Vietnam. Or even two weeks ago when soldiers were attacking, Broner said.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Minicassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at shaney@magicvalley.com.

Police net two arrests in Rupert burglaries and stabbing

The Times-News

RUPERT - Police have made two arrests in connection with two burglaries and a stabbing over the last week.

Armando Matters, 19, has been charged with accessory to burglary, robbery and aggravated battery.

Martin Vergara-Carrera had been stabbed during a home robbery. He was taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in serious condition.

suspect seen running in the area, the release said. The investigation is continuing and more charges are pending, the release said.

Franchise

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where the franchisors are located. That means Idaho business owners have to pay for accommodations for witnesses and have to face the frightening possibility of finding worthwhile out-of-state attorneys.

state often since 1997, Paulos said. "They know it's just a matter of time until they wear me down."

Block explained that the bill had been approved by the attorney general's office. But also, when asked why she didn't have an attorney present to explain the bill, Block said the very situation that bill drafters were trying to guard against had occurred:

senting vote. With the Legislature likely due to adjourn within a few days, drafters are under pressure to get the language changed in a hurry. Paulos said he had another attorney who would work on the language and have it ready within a day or two.

Magic Valley businessman Constantino owns several sandwich-shop and car dealerships involving franchisees. He traveled to Boise on Tuesday to explain why he backs the bill.

"I have no problem with the spirit of the legislation, but the language seems confusing," Davis said. He explained that many judges might find the construction of the language so awkward that the legislation would not accomplish its goal.

The committee approved the bill on the basis that Block and Paulos amend it. The vote was 7-1, with Anderson's dissenting vote.

He said the car then went over a small tree, smashed into a Dumpster, crossed Fillmore, jumped over a dirt bank and glanced off another tree.

School

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"We are adding six core classes to the areas most pertinent to the Idaho Standards Achievement Test," Kress said.

The Prince Memorial Gymnasium. The date had previously been set for the weekend, which conflicted with the annual Fossil Days celebration.

Food

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sense to go ahead and distribute its stored commodities rather than move them to the new location.

Commodity distribution

For the first time in several years, South Central Community Action Agency will have a one-time commodity distribution from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the following sites:

Accidents

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ferred a seizure just as the car was passing the last entrance into the Fred Meyer parking lot near the intersection of Caswell and Fillmore Street, Wiggins said.

knocking the pole over. The car then veered back across Fillmore, struck a concrete barrier, entered the Fred Meyer parking lot and struck another tree. It finally got wedged against yet another tree and stopped, Wiggins said.

Wireless contract - The board approved a three-year contract with Safelink Wireless Communication.

Trip request - The School Board declined a request to donate funding to the senior class trip to Disneyland.

Trappen said the commodities to be distributed include trail mix, figs, pears, powdered eggs, macaroni, instant potatoes and concentrated cranberry juice.

South Central Community Action Agency, 726 Sheehane St., Twin Falls, 733-9351.

Food boxes

Food boxes are always available for people in need. They can be picked up at the agency's Twin Falls and Burley sites from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Jerome site from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Two-person household: \$1,244 or less.
- Three-person household: \$1,565 or less.
- Four-person household: \$1,885 or less.
- Five-person household: \$2,206 or less.
- Six-person household: \$2,527 or less.

The district has been on a direct wire cable system. The change to wireless communication increases capabilities and speed. It puts Hagerman on the same network as the other participating schools in the Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

Board members said the board has not funded senior trips in the past and did not want to set a precedent.

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South Central Community Action Agency, 314 E. Fifth St., Burley, 878-3514.

Income guidelines

To qualify for commodities and food boxes, recipients must meet the following income guidelines:

- One-person household: \$923 per month or less.

Recipients should bring whatever documentation they have to show they meet the income guidelines, such as 30 days' proof of income. Social Security numbers for everyone in the household and Job Service documentation.

Donations - Mitchell requested an administrative committee be appointed to solicit and allocate funds donated to the school. A final decision on the proposals will be made by the board.

Total cost of the trip is \$9,415, the majority of which will be covered by senior class funds. The seniors requested the School Board fund \$360 to cover the additional cost for three chaperones.

Trappen said the commodities to be distributed include trail mix, figs, pears, powdered eggs, macaroni, instant potatoes and concentrated cranberry juice.

South Central Community Action Agency, 314 E. Fifth St., Burley, 878-3514.

According to the USDA, more than 33 million Americans continue to live in households that

do not have adequate supplies of food, and more than one-quarter of these households include adults or children who went hungry at some point in 2001.

Graduation - Graduation will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21.

Migrant program - The summer migrant program will run six weeks from June 16 to July 25.

Commodities are distributed under the Emergency Food Assistance Program, a federal program to help supplement the

Department of Agriculture buys the food and distributes it to people in need through agencies

such as the South Central Community Action Agency. Still, many people in America - including children and senior citizens - continue to go to bed hungry.

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Sen. Craig's reactor plan faces hurdles

Senate panel approves project but it's not in House energy bill

By Daniel Pulliam States News Service

WASHINGTON - While Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, expects the go-ahead for a \$1.1 billion next-generation nuclear reactor at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to ride on the back of the national energy bill, he will look at other options if the energy bill fails.

Will Hart, spokesman for Craig, said the senator thinks that with the support that exists in today's political climate, there



Sen. Larry Craig

has never been a better time to get the reactor built.

But a House version of the energy bill, passed last week, does not include provisions for a reactor at INEEL.

The provision will be one of many items worked out in a conference committee if the bill passes the Senate later this month.

Under the current Senate provision, the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology would manage the reactor. The reactor would be built by 2010,

and \$500 million would be authorized for the construction, while \$635 million would be authorized for research. Two designs would be funded, and one would be selected for construction.

The reactor would be able to generate both electricity and hydrogen - the fuel President Bush has promoted as a way to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Craig, who serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and is sponsoring the provision to build the reactor, has said the project would help the United States rebuild its nuclear capabilities after a crash forced out by President Clinton.

While the future of the entire energy bill is precarious, promoters

of the advanced Generation IV reactor for INEEL, cleared another hurdle in the Senate last week when the Senate Energy Committee voted to allow the Idaho lab to design and build the reactor. The reactor has the support of committee chairman Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M.

"We have cleared an early hurdle, but a significant one," Craig said.

"In my mind, this reactor project is now making its way down the path from concept to reality," Craig said in a statement. "This plan is very bold and still has a long way to go, but there will not be a better alignment between the goals of a reactor demonstration and the energy needs of the nation than exists right now."

IDAHO LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

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HO044 (Newcomb) Changes state commercial leasing time frame from calendar years to fiscal years.

HO279 (Revenue and Taxation) - Simplifies income tax withholding for small and medium-sized employers by repealing "split-month withholding."

HO283 (Ways and Means) - Requires county boards of commissioners to regulate the clogging of large animal feeding operations.

HO284 (Ways and Means) - Limits the use of the water rights public interest doctrine to challenge land use proposals that will not directly affect water.

HO385 (State Affairs) - Requires courts to compile statistics relating to stipulation.

HO387 (State Affairs) - Requires minimum checking account numbers for licensed bingo halls.

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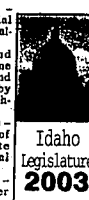
SI164 (State Affairs) - Continues state administrative rules through mid-2004. Introduced in House.

HO418 (Appropriations) - Allocated \$7.8 million for health education programs operations in 2003-2004.

HO419 (Appropriations) - Allocates \$9.8 million for special programs operations in 2003-2004.

HO420 (Appropriations) - Allocated \$26.1 million to the Department of Agriculture for operations in 2003-2004.

HO421 (Revenue and Taxation) - Prohibits retail sales shipments of cigarettes in Idaho and imposes a \$20 per-pack fine on people found with more than 10 packs of unsmoked cigarettes.



Naysayers fail to persuade Burley City Council

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

BURLEY - A couple of opponents spoke loud and long trying to persuade the Burley City Council not to allow city equipment nor manpower in the May construction of a new playground in Storybook Park.

But a councilman's assertion that he'd address their major concern and a persuasive argument from Councilwoman Adria Masoner about why the city should be involved won out.

The council voted 5-1 to allow some city tools to be used on the job site for five days the week of May 13 and to allow four city employees to work at the site for 40 hours and receive their regular salary. Those salaries will be repaid to the city through private donations, Councilman Dennis Curtis promised.

Curtis cast the lone "no" vote but assured Masoner his support of the project. The opponents seemed most opposed to the use of city staff time on the playground job.

Masoner presented a list of equipment the Families at Play

materials still need to build the playground next month.

City Community Development Director Brian Tibbets said the list represents one-twentieth of all the needed equipment.

Among the items the committee wants to borrow from the city are one shovel, one belt sander, two step ladders, one wheelbarrow, two sledgehammers, one trim saw, four hammers, one framing square, two crescent wrenches and two nail punches. She also asked to borrow some orange construction fence material to connect to a city electric source.

The four city employees are needed to work as supervisors at the site, she said. Their presence will also allow them to see how the playground is put together so they're better informed about how to care for the playground. Once it's built, the playground becomes city property. Masoner pointed out that the four men have said they'll donate many hours of their off-duty time that week, too.

In addition, the council agreed to close one block of 14th Street between the four main avenues, so some of the building

materials can be stockpiled there. After the debate about what the city should contribute, Councilman Dave Ringle said philosophically he agreed with Masoner's requests.

"If the citizens don't agree, we need to hear it now," Ringle said. "This is a long-time, good, beneficial thing for the city. If this is legal, I think we ought to do it."

Curtis said he is "adamant" about not spending city money on such projects. "But I also think this is the best project to come to Burley in a long time."

Curtis expressed disappointment that more people haven't donated more money and equipment to the project. "We're dead on our backs here," he said. "If you like the project, fund it."

John Walsh quoted from what he'd taken at the Nov. 19, 2002, City Council meeting. He said Families at Play member Laura Loveland assured people at the meeting that nothing would be asked of the city for the project, except to use land in the city park.

Walsh said the request was "without my estimation."

But City Attorney Randy Stone

said it's legal for the city to accept private contributions for a project being constructed in a city park.

Mayor Jon Anderson said that between November and today the committee members have found residents and business owners more reluctant to donate to the project than had been expected. That has changed the needs of the committee, he said.

Steve McGill said the city doesn't have enough money to pay for the things it must pay for and yet the council seems able to find money to "do all these little things."

Walsh said the committee comes up with enough money to pay for all the equipment it needs.

President Donald Allen countered that it is "entirely appropriate for the city" to allow equipment to be used on a project that will be owned by the city.

Masoner said the committee would abide by whatever decision the council rendered. "If you feel this is not an appropriate use of city money, it will be a disappointment to our committee, but we'll find an alternative."

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Betsy D. Dutt, 49, 4525 N. 1100 E., Buhl; malicious injury to property; state's attorney hearing April 17, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

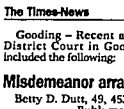
Benjamin Joseph Ratto, 28, 510 Oregon St., Gooding; driving without privileges; starting April 17, Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences

Manuel R. Chavez, 44, 1962 E. 2100 S., Gooding; driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Leif L. Burns, 45, 287 W. Wendell; hunting, possessing migratory birds in excess of limitation of regulations amounting to 300 birds in cultivated lands in violation of warning signs; one year hunting license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$71 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Madrona, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Orvil I. Fairchild, 63, 520 Willard Ave., Pocatello; three counts failure to stop damage, leaving the scene of an accident; 180 days in jail, immediate notice of an accident; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil filings

Statewide Collections vs. Jay H. Thurber and Charla Thurber, spouse. Seeking \$1,102.94; attorney fees of \$320. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Jose Vega Velazquez. Seeking determination that defendant is the father of Marlen Aracely Teller; \$15 monthly support, plus 55 percent of child's medical expenses; \$330 attorney fees.

Divorces

Bobbie Jean Sidwell vs. Adam Wayne Sidwell. Christopher M. Miller vs. Jilyen L. Miller.

Idaho expects to receive tobacco settlement payment

BOISE (AP) - State leaders received most of the \$18.6 million payment due under the national tobacco settlement on Tuesday.

Idaho was counting on the payment to help balance a recession-wrecked budget.

About \$17.9 million was deposited into the state's treasury, according to the Attorney General's office, and the remainder was expected on April 17.

Tobacco giant Philip Morris USA owed more than half of the total payment, but those funds were threatened when the company was ordered to post a \$12 billion bond to appeal a verdict in a separate case. Philip Morris officials told the state it may be unable to pay what it owed under

the earlier settlement agreement.

But on Monday an Illinois judge cut in half the amount Philip Morris had to pay to begin paying the settlement, freeing up the funds owed to Idaho and 45 other states.

Attorney General Lawrence Wadden previously warned the company that Idaho would sue if the payment was not made.

"Today's timely receipt of the Philip Morris payment nullifies the need for further legal action against the state of Idaho," he said. "If and when future circumstances raise a strong possibility that a company bound by the master settlement agreement may not meet its obligations, my office will act to protect the equal interests under the settlement."

Rupert makes plans for annual Octoberfest celebration

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

RUPERT - People may be able to imbibe alcohol on the Rupert Square again this year.

The city council approved a request from Square Events Inc. to hold the second annual Octoberfest Sept. 13 on the square.

Events President Bob Ruxman said vendors and entertainers are contacting him, wanting to be included in the festival, and he's having to tell them he's not sure it's happening or when.

The council will have to pass an ordinance to allow alcohol on the square. An ordinance passed last year which allowed an Octoberfest event had a sunset clause of Dec. 31, 2002, and the council allowed the ordinance to expire.

There are still concerns about allowing alcohol on the square.

Councilmen agreed they didn't want just a one-day running event that included alcohol.

City Attorney Rick Bollar had an ordinance for council members to look at. They directed him to go to the city's existing event organizers to have liability insurance for the event and to incorporate a window in which events would be allowed, such as Sept. 1 through Oct. 31.

Even without a window, the council would have to approve any application submitted by a group wanting to have alcohol on the square, Bollar said. Requiring the insurance also limits the people who could hold an event with alcohol; a policy is difficult to get.

In other council business:

Alan Johnson, representing the Rupert Renaissance Steering Committee, told council members the city should push ahead

with an urban renewal plan.

While there are risks, there are a great deal of benefits in installing an urban renewal district in the community," Johnson said.

The recommendation of his committee was to create a committee to establish an urban renewal plan, including the boundaries of the district. Johnson said the committee would include three community members and two council members, along with City Attorney Rick Bollar, City Administrator Roger Bagley and Economic Development Specialist Sherri Miles.

It would take at least a year for the committee to develop the plan, Johnson said.

The council is set to appoint the two council members at its next meeting.

City budget - Cutbacks made

recently should keep the city within budget given with revenues falling short of projections.

Francisco's Office, Fullerton Severson told council members.

The end of March marked the halfway point of the city's fiscal year. Sixty-seven percent of the city's estimated revenue has come in, Severson said. And with revenue short of projections, city departments have already been making cuts in travel and other expenditures.

Bagley said the 3 percent doesn't concern him at this point and agreed cutbacks will help alleviate any shortfall.

Enterprise funds - water, garbage, sewer and electric have all expended less than 50 percent of their budgets and are in good shape, Severson said.

The public hearing for the fiscal year 2004 budget will get for Sept. 2. The council will begin the budgeting process in July.

Mother pleads guilty to child pornography charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Clearfield woman Tuesday pleaded guilty in federal court to taking pornographic pictures of her two daughters.

Dee Dee Williams, 29, faces two mandatory minimum sentences in federal prison after pleading guilty to two counts of sexual exploitation of children.

As part of her plea agreement with prosecutors, Williams admitted she and her husband, Paul Williams, 28, a co-defendant in the case, persuaded their 7- and 9-year-old daughters to pose for

sexually explicit photos that they stored on the family computer.

The Williamses were arrested last year after a woman living with them found the pornographic pictures on a computer in the family's home.

Last month, Paul Williams pleaded guilty to six counts of exploitation of children.

Dee Dee Williams originally pleaded innocent and was scheduled to go to trial. But she could get up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Getaway van contained weapons

BOISE (AP) - The van of a married couple who died in a shootout on the city airport runway contained two handguns, 13 spent shell casings, bags of what could be marijuana and an open bottle of brandy, investigators said.

It is not known if Milton and Melody Sanchez, of Boise, were killed by police or if the fatal shots to their heads were self-inflicted last Wednesday. Investigators are waiting for forensic ballistics.

Police think the couple had robbed a Boise restaurant on March 29. Melody Sanchez was a former employee there and workers identified her. The two also are thought to have robbed the Sally Beauty Supply on April 5.

Police said an informant told them the couple would try to rob the same restaurant early Wednesday. The two fled from officers, racing across the city and through an airport fence. Police returned gunfire while chasing the van down the runways.

Police have not said whether they link both Milton and Melody Sanchez shot at officers during the chase. But they found a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun near the driver's seat and a .45-caliber revolver near the van's passenger seat.

Investigators also found live ammunition, spent bullet casings, an undisclosed amount of a substance suspected to be marijuana, brandy and drug paraphernalia, according to the report.

New Mexico mother finally gets call from son, freed POW

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - The call came early Tuesday for Anecita Hudson. She picked up the telephone and a voice on the other end asked, "Mom?"

It was music to the 51-year-old Alamogordo, N.M., woman's ears.

"I said, 'Joel!'" Hudson recounted later Tuesday, still brimming with excitement after the long-awaited talk with her son, Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, who was liberated Sunday after 22 days as an Iraq POW. "And he said, 'Mom, calm down, calm down. I'm OK now, I'm OK. He kept saying he's OK and he'll be home soon.'"

Anecita Hudson had kept three telephones - two cell phones and her home phone - at her house since Sunday that her son was safe.

Joseph Hudson and the other POWs have undergone medical checks and debriefings since their dramatic rescue from a house south of Tikrit, Iraq. Military officials said the group remained at an undisclosed location in Kuwait Tuesday.

But Anecita Hudson said she thought her son might be closer because their telephone connection was so good.

"No, mom, I'm still in Kuwait," Joseph Hudson responded when his mother asked if he was already at Fort Bliss in El Paso. Hudson and other POWs are members of the Fort Bliss-based 507th Maintenance Company.



Army Spc. Joseph Hudson of Alamogordo, N.M., center, gives a thumbs-up to the camera in this video image released by the U.S. Department of Defense. Hudson was one of the Iraq POWs rescued on Sunday.

Hudson's wife, Natalie, who got the soldier's first phone call Sunday, spoke with him again Tuesday. She said he's headed to Germany within the next several days for further medical evaluations before returning home to the United States.

She and Hudson's 19-year-old brother, Andrew, plan to meet Hudson before he returns to Mexico, though she didn't know where or when.

Hudson on Tuesday reassured his mother that he had been fed and given bottled

water by his captors.

He told her he was injured - grazed by two bullets in the rib area and shot once in the buttock - but told Anecita that he was doing fine, she said.

Hudson told his mother that he and his band of rescued comrades were now being given red carpet treatment.

Press on Tuesday that they do not want to be separated.

"The seven of them want to stay together," Col. Mark McGuire said. "They became a team. They were seen together as a team. The military has sayings for that: 'You never leave your wingman.' 'You never leave your buddy.'"

Military officials say there is no sign the group was tortured or mistreated.

In Alamogordo, residents are planning a big barbecue and parade to celebrate the return of Hudson and members of the 49th Fighter Wing from nearby Holloman Air Force Base.

But a Natalie cautioned that her husband won't be ready by big crowds and celebrations when he arrives home.

"That's too much stimulus," she said. "You really need to respect him. Maybe do it one at a time but not all at once."

Psychologists say returning prisoners of war need to be given time to reintegrate as they cope with a variety of emotions.

"This is just not the time to do this kind of stuff," psychologist Michael Villanueva said of celebrations following a soldier's return.

Villanueva, a clinical psychologist and captain with the Army Medical Service Corps, said returning prisoners of war can suffer from acute stress disorder. The illness can be a precursor to the more serious post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Section C

Gardens everywhere



A ceramic pixie from Kurt's Hallmark sits amid a profusion of container plants at Moss Greenhouses in Jerome. With a little creativity, nearly anything, including old doors or chairs, can become a planter.

Think color

Becky Marshall decided that her door would stand in the sun, so she chose these annuals for that sunny location: scabiosa, lobelia, nierembergia, dark red geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, trailing verbena and asparagus fern. Keep in mind that New Guinea impatiens will take maybe six hours of sun, and then only before the hottest part of the day - not past about noon. Marianne Binetti, author of "Easy Answers for Great Gardens," offers these plant combinations for containers: "Sky blue and bright yellow is the grand prize winner if you don't know what to plant," she said. Put light blue pansies and clear yellow tuberous begonias together in a shady spot and baby blue ageratum and yellow marigolds in the sun. For a memorably scented entryway, try oriental lilies, especially "Stargazer." English lavender mixed with other sun-loving herbs like sun, and their stiff, spiky growth habit makes them good candidates for the center of a mixed planter.

Photos by Bruce Shields

Got a container? Then plant a garden

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Live in an apartment, a house in town or a sprawling place out in the sticks - it doesn't matter. You can garden. If you lovingly tend a violet in a pot, that's gardening. Same as it would be if you were out digging up a 100-foot row somewhere. Gardening happens when you care for a living plant. Space is not a requirement and with a little creativity you can garden anywhere.

You just need something that will hold soil and allow water to drain.

How about a big splash of color on the corner of the porch? An outdoor room? A room divider? Like with a door?

Becky Marshall, retail manager at Moss Greenhouses in Jerome, found an old weathered door she liked. With several layers of annuals, it would perform as a wonderful container garden, she decided.

Sterling Crothers of Moss formed baskets of 18-inch wide chicken wire, folded over for strength. Then he reinforced them with two cross-wires and mounted them with staples. Gray L-shaped shelf brackets provide sup-

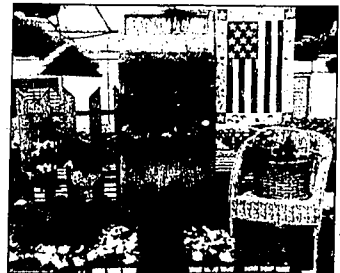
port from below and are almost invisible.

Marshall lined the baskets with sphagnum moss - just like building any other moss basket - then filled them with a good, lightweight potting soil. From there it was only a matter of choosing her flowers.

Spacing rules go out the window when you're planting in containers. Plant starts go into containers shoulder-to-shoulder. Poke damp soil into all the little nooks and crannies between so that you don't leave dead air pockets.

With fierce competition for water and nutrients in your container plantings, they'll

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An old door and red, white and blue flowers enhance a patriotic display.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Weeds: Plants we love to hate

The first step to control is determining what kinds you have, educator says

By Becca Tatroka
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Do you ever get the feeling that you'd be a great gardener if weeds were considered a prized plant? "A weed is a weed because it's growing where you don't want it," explained Terri McAfee, a master gardener in the Rupert area. "Ground-cover plants can be as big a pain (as weeds)."

For the most part, gardeners strive to rid gardens of plants they didn't ask for the traditional weed problem. Despite our best efforts, the weeds continue to grow in every piece of ground.

"If you water from the canal, the water carries the seed and the weeds come down the road to you," McAfee said.

Canal water isn't the only culprit for the spread of undesirable seeds. Matt Schuster, Minidoka County Extension educator specializing in weeds and crops, named a host of other causes.

"Find water from the canal system, shoes, cars, gravel for the driveway, and any number of ways can bring in those seeds," he said. "You know those big tumbleweeds that roll around? They're dropping seeds wherever they go."

Schuster believes weed control starts when people can determine what kind of weeds they have.

"Dandelions and thistle are perennials," Schuster said. Perennials have root reserves that allow them to keep coming back year after year. "Two common annuals are lamb's quarter or hairy nightshade."

Annuals spring from seeds in the soil, and those seeds can survive for several seasons. As early as February, depending upon the weather, you might want to go exploring your flower beds and any other patch of land the might benefit from the use of a pre-emergence herbicide.

"With a granular pre-emergence, you spread that on and it keeps any seed from germinating," explained Laura Rambo, assistant greenhouse manager at Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls. "Remember to measure the square footage (of the application site) carefully, and read the label."

Spring is a good time to put down herbicide, but sometimes spring comes quickly and the weeds are growing before you've had a chance to get outside. In those cases, a post-emergent herbicide might be the answer — something that kills them after they're up.

Many people are familiar with the post-emergent herbicides, one of the most common being 2,4-D, which can be sprayed on grass without killing it, but making care of dandelions and clover in the early stages. So when should that be done?

"If you can see them, they need to be taken care of," said McAfee, explaining the best time to apply a post-emergence herbicide.

Of course, herbicides aren't the only answer to weed problems.

"I don't think it's a good idea to rely on chemicals for the garden," Rambo said. "There should be a whole spectrum of chemical, labor and mulch to get good control over weeds."

McAfee said she likes to combat weeds with a shuffle hoe. A shuffle hoe, shaped like a quarter moon, works best when she runs it just under the surface of the soil and cuts weeds down when they're small. McAfee said that some green weeds "can lay in the row where they fall as long as there are no seeds" in them, which means catching the weeds while they're young.

But not all weeds can be left after hoeing, and McAfee suggests completely removing a weed like puncture vine and burning it, since this weed will throw out seeds after they've been cut out.

"Puncture vine is one you should get when it's small, they don't go to seed," said Schuster. "A pre-emergent herbicide works well in the spring."

you know (puncture vine) will be?"

Proper mulching can cut down on the amount of hoeing needed if done properly. Rambo explained that mulch comes in many forms. Rock or "Soil Pop," both work as mulch. The object is to shut out all light from weed seeds.

Mulch should be spread at about a two- or three-inch layer as a blanket around shrubs or other perennials, according to Rambo. At that depth, she said, "it's the best you can do to keep weed seed down." Any thicker is a waste of money and time. She added that it's great in our area because mulch will also keep the ground moist.

Newspaper and grass clippings can be used, too.

Whatever combination of weed control methods you choose, Schuster suggests that "you leave something to compete against (the weeds)." He said that with regular maintenance, fertilizer and water you can "promote good growth in desired plants," leaving little room for weeds to take root.

McAfee said she often plants thickly to give the vegetables a head start.

"I plant a little closer and fertilize a little heavier." This promotes the good growth she enjoys not only in her vegetable garden, but also in her flower beds.

Now is probably a great time to start making your plan to choose your herbicides, find your special hoe, and pick your favorite mulch so you can get those weeds, before they get you.

Times News correspondent
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The snowdrops grown at Anglesey Abbey near Cambridge, England, are hardly shy performers. These are Galanthus Richard Ayres, named after the Abbey's former head gardener. Snowdrops easily cross-breed, and as a result there are now varieties constantly emerging.

Snowdrops multiply very easily, make new varieties

By Sue Loeman
The Associated Press

LODE, England — Filtration in a chill wind, Miss Behaving flutters her green-tipped skirts; nearby, Miss Adventure trembles temptingly beneath her white and emerald hood.

It's early spring, and at 17th century Anglesey Abbey in central England, an intriguing collection of more than 100 snowdrop varieties is in full bloom. Some 15 — including Miss Behaving — are believed to be peculiar to Anglesey.

"Snowdrops multiply very easily and because they cross-fertilize we keep finding new ones," said head gardener Richard Todd as he led a party of keen amateur gardeners past nodding masses of the milky blooms. "The differences are almost infinite."

Seen from a distance, the tiny blooms all look alike. But viewed up close, the blossoms vary from the tight, tiny and bud-like to the frilled and almost blousy, from pure silky white to milky velvet with green or yellow accents. Foliage, which varies from gray-green to bright emerald, is sparse or abundant; some varieties tower above others at up to 10 inches.

Bearing the family name Galanthus — from the Greek "gala" meaning milk, and "anthos" or flower — the snowdrop was brought to Britain in Roman times and has since made itself firmly at home.

At Anglesey Abbey, 55 miles northeast of London, snowdrops took root on the fertile site of a Victorian refuse dump. More than a dozen varieties were discovered there when gardeners cleared some of the thousands of elm lost to Dutch elm disease in the 1990s.

Since then, gardeners have planted thousands of them across the 98 acres of grounds, around medieval fish ponds and under towering oaks. In an old effluent ditch groves of numbered varieties, a sort of living reference work on the snowdrop. Anglesey specialties include Galanthus Richard Ayres, named for Anglesey's former head gardener. Its milky outer petals cover tightly folded white inner petals with attractive green markings.

There is also Galanthus Ailwyn, a similar bloom found seven years ago and named after Lord Fairhaven, descendant of the peer who created the garden.

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A NEW LOOK FOR HEATHERS

Now they come out in a new season

By Jane Berger
The Associated Press

If the heaths and heathers are blooming, it might as well be spring. Sound odd? Admittedly, heaths and heathers are often associated with bleak fall and winter landscapes as la the Bronze sisters.

But many hip gardeners would rather hop through the heaths and heathers than tiptoe through those tedious tulips of spring.

Those in the know would plant winter-blooming heaths like December Red and Pink Spangles to bloom December through May, put in a pike heath (*Erica bruckenthalia spiculifolia*) for flowers from May to June; and accompany those with a series of true heathers like County Wicklow or Beesley Gold to carry the bloom through the rest of the year.

Karla Lortz, owner of Heaths and Heathers Nursery in Shelton, Wash., says heath and heather blooms are sparser in late October to mid-November, and again in June, "but if you're clever and you know exactly when you're going, you can get them going year round."

Both plants were quite popular 30 or so years ago, but then sort of dropped off the radar screen. According to Lortz, they are now enjoying another surge of popularity. They can usually be distinguished by the evergreen foliage, which is small-leaved and sealy on heaths and needle-like on heathers.

Said Lortz, "There's a lot of overlap" between the two plants. But the heathers, she said, "have the most magnificent foliage color — they have the gold, the silvers, the reds, the orange foliage — they have it all. If you have a Firefly or a Wentworth Flame, in January they are a bright orange or bright red, the whole plant, and it's just magnificent looking. And in a cloudy climate, when you go outside and see these colors, they just light up the garden."

Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) is native to Europe, but cultivation became almost an art in the 19th century, and there are now hundreds of cultivars. They range in size from small mounds to shrubs about three feet tall, and flower hues extend from white through shades of pink to deep purple.

Erica, or heath, is found around the world, and there are more than 800 different varieties, the vast majority native to South Africa. Perhaps the best-known heath is *Erica carnea*, commonly known as winter heath, which tolerates cold weather, usually blooms in spring, and which Lortz calls "the flashiest of all" because of its brightly colored flowers.

Heaths and Heathers Nursery carries some unusual ericas, including *E. spiculifolia x bergiana*, which blooms all year long, bog heathers (*E. tetralix*), Mackay's heath (*E. mackaiana*), and tree heaths that can grow as high as 10 feet tall but require temperate climates, zone 7 and warmer.

Lortz also grows some "real little rock garden treasures" ranging in size from about 2 by 6 inches to small shrubs about 18 by 24 inches.

Heaths and heathers can be finicky to grow, but once established, they are fairly carefree.

George and Edna MacKinnon have been growing heaths and heathers since 1972 at their Waquoit Heather Nursery in



Heathers aren't just for windy moors in the fall. This lush field includes the dark purple Velvet Night in the middle and the white Dorothy Metheny at the front. The latter was named after Metheny, a well-known heather specialist.

Falmouth, Mass. According to George MacKinnon, both plants prefer acidic soil amended with lots of peat or leaf mold. They should be watered deeply once a week at the root zone until well established, and after that, they are fairly drought-tolerant. Fertilizer is not required, except for an occasional boost if the soil is very sandy.

Flowering tends to be best in full sun, but heathers will tolerate some shade. Heathers also are very tolerant of cold weather and can be grown from zone 4 to zone 8 or 10, with special care.

Edna MacKinnon cautions that heaths and heathers also should be kept out of cold, windy areas. "On the moors in England," she said, "the outer ones are protecting the inner ones. So the outer ones may get burned by the wind, but the inner ones are safe because it's like wearing a jacket." In exposed areas, she recommends putting evergreen boughs over the plants in winter or surrounding them with pine needles.

Heathers need to be pruned annually to keep them healthy. They can be snipped immediately after flowering at the base of the old flower, or in early spring before new growth starts. Heaths can usually be kept in shape by pruning off untidy branches. Both plants can be grown in hot weather, but they need some protection from afternoon sun. If the weather turns hot and humid, some heathers can be affected by fungal disease.

In Washington D.C., horticultural and landscape designer Charles Mewshaw has grown heaths and heathers successfully on an irrigated slope that protected them from afternoon sun. He also heavily amended the local clay soil with lots of peat to provide good drainage. "The heathers did pretty well," he said, "although I don't think they like our heat and humidity."

The biggest problem in growing heaths and heathers is deciding which one to try. Karla Lortz's favorites include *Erica rigens* Irish Dusk, which has

brunzy foliage and salmon, rosy-pink flowers. She also likes *Erica carnea* Bell's Extra Special (named after a whiskey), and, of the heathers, Red Fred, which she says "is a favorite for springtime because of its bright red tips."

George MacKinnon is partial to White Lawn heather, which has profuse white blooms and grows almost flat on the ground, and another favorite is Winter Chocolate, which has lavender blooms, turns bronzy red in winter, and takes on a chocolate-y effect as its foliage turns back to green.

Nurseries often call ericas "heathers" although they really are a different plant. So check the label for the botanical name to make sure you're buying what you want. Both heaths and heathers are available by mail order from several specialty nurseries.

On the Web or by mail: Heaths and Heathers Nursery - <http://www.heathsandheathers.com>

“If you're clever and you know exactly what you're doing, you can get them going year round.”

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Fast plants are cinch in fast-paced world

What if we don't want to wait?

Elizabeth Lange
The Baltimore Sun

Fast food. Cell phones. High-speed Internet. OK, it's a fast-paced world, but fast plants? You bet.

If there's one thing gardening teaches, it's patience, but we don't want to wait another minute for lush foliage and big, showy blooms.

Andre Viette, co-author of *The Mid-Atlantic Gardener's Guide* (Golf Springs Press, 2003), and host of the national call-in radio program *In the Garden*, saw this phenomenon in action when he owned a retail nursery.

"After a hard winter, people will get anything blooming in their car," he says. "It's almost comical."

Annulias is a class that always be counted on to produce quickly. Pansies, primroses and English daisies could be planted now for immediate vivid color. Impatiens, geraniums and petunias can follow when all danger of frost is past.

Just about everyone points out first that the quickest way to an instant garden is to buy larger, more mature plants. They're more expensive, of course, but this just might be the spring to invest your money in "one gallon" plant material instead of smaller plants in quart containers.

Second, gardening experts stress the need to make haste slowly. How quickly a plant starts to grow is influenced by how good the growing conditions are. Properly preparing the soil, mulching, weeding and watering regularly are as important as choosing fast-growing plants for a spectacular garden in a hurry.

Third, when you're talking fast, you're potentially talking invasive.

Picking plants

There's no shortage of rapid-starting and growing plants in a fast-paced world. Here's a partial list:

- Spoody Shrubs
- American beautyberry
- Butterfly bush
- Forsythia
- Hydrangea
- Layland cypress
- Manhattan euonymus
- Mock orange
- Red tie
- Spirea
- Summer lilac
- Summersweet (Clethra)

- Viburnum
- Prompt Perennials
- Camellia
- Cornopsis
- Day lily
- English lavender
- European honeysuckle
- Herbaceous hibiscus
- Hosta
- Morning glory
- Purple coneflower
- Rudbeckia
- Russian sage
- Saint John's wort
- Trio mallow

Controlling growth should be as much of a consideration as good looks and hardiness. A classic example is bamboo, some varieties of which can only be contained with a blowtorch. (Well, almost.) But even with something like bamboo it's a matter of choosing your type carefully. Sue Fisher in her book *Fast Plants* (Fireside, 2002) recommends umbrella bamboo (*Fargesia murielae*) as being "rarely invasive" and the most adaptable of all bamboos. It needs fertile soil and lots of moisture, but unlike many varieties, it can tolerate sun and wind.

Finally, don't make the mistake of crowding, even though you want the finished garden look in a hurry.

"When you plant fast-growers, space them well and fill in with annuals," says Larry Hodgson, author of a number of gardening books, most recently *Annuals for Every Purpose* (Rodale, 2003). Check the label information for the full-grown size and plant accordingly.

Horticulturists are cautious about giving a time frame for their fast favorites. Growth is dependent on so many variables, including soil conditions, orienta-

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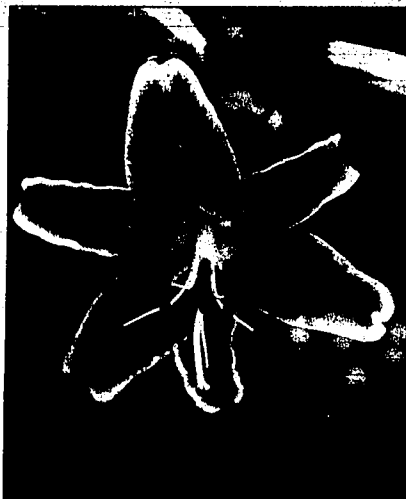
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OUTDOOR LIVING

Lovely lilies

Most require little care, provide powerful fragrance

By Ed Hutchison
The Associated Press



Each Easter, millions of us are re-introduced to one of the most splendid garden plants available. And very soon after, we seem to forget the experience.

Potted Easter lilies are enormously popular, millions are sold in the United States each year. The bulbs are mostly a product of growers in Washington and Oregon, and the lilies that will bloom this Easter were harvested from the Pacific Northwest fields in October and then carefully forced into bloom by growers working with a well-laid out plan.

The familiar Easter lily is a member of the genus *Lilium*. The genus numbers about 80 to 90 species of perennial bulbs, growing from less than 12 inches high to more than 96 inches. This plant is different than the daylily (*Hemerocallis*). The daylily grows in clumps of grass-like foliage and produces flower stalks with many buds on them, each flower lasting but one day.

The Easter lily produces one stalk, with long, pointed foliage on the stalk and usually several buds, each of which opens to last several days.

With that botany lesson completed, here are a few reasons why lilies deserve a place in gardens in all but the hottest sections of the country.

- **Longevity.** Most members of the *Lilium* genus are long-lived bulb plants that require little care and each year can be counted on to be even nicer than the year before. They offer the gardener a huge diversity in flower color, size and fragrance. The blossoms are wonderful in the garden and as a cut flower. The plant fits in wonderfully with perennials or annuals. Its only mildly fussy needs are more sun than shade and having its roots shaded from the heat of the day. This is easily accomplished by having smaller plants in front of the lilies.

- **Fragrance.** Few plants are as consistently fragrant as the lily. Among the most fragrant of the whole bunch is an oriental lily named Casa Blanca. The flowers are large, as much as 7 inches across, and shaped like a bowl, the way the petals curve back. The inner part of the petals is flocked and streaked in yellow, adding a sharp contrast to the pure white that prevails on the surface. One stem will fill a room with its rich aroma; walk within 15 feet of the garden and you know Casa Blanca is in bloom. You would think that such a large, fragrant flower would be

clumpy visually and over-powering. Dainty, it's not, stunning is the best way to describe it.

- **Choices.** Casa Blanca is just one of hundreds of varieties of lilies that do well in gardens throughout the country. The oriental lilies are the most fragrant of the bunch and tend to bloom in mid- to late-summer. The Asiatic species are less fragrant and bloom a few weeks earlier. Flower shapes are a bit more varied among the Asiatics - open bowls, similar to the orientals, to the extreme of blooms with petals curved far back. Hybrids within the Asiatic species exhibit a wide range of colors. Look for lots of pastels but also very strong reds, oranges and yellows. The true species lilies are less formal in appearance and bear softer colored flowers than most of the hybrid Asiatic and oriental varieties. Species tend to have more flowers on each stem, and many of them face to the ground, rather than holding their heads high.

- **Cutting.** A cut lily lasts at least five days inside. Even a few stems look majestic in a vase indoors and often will fill an entire room with fragrance. Bulbs that have been planted two years or more typically produce one strong stalk with as many as eight blossoms on it. The buds open in sequence, and spent blossoms can be removed at will. Given all this plant's wonderful attributes, why is it not planted more? Perhaps it is because the bulbs are overlooked in the fall planting frenzy of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other spring-blooming bulbs. In the spring (it can be planted spring or fall, fall is better), it is typically offered up as a bulb in a small cello-pack and gets lost amidst the seeds and packs of dahlias, onion sets and other spring stuff.

Increasingly, lilies are being sold as potted plants in some gar-

den centers. Problem is, potted lilies are a bit pricey and the plant only looks nice in the pot, when it is in bloom. Probably the best way to enjoy this magnificent plant is to start with several bulbs of varieties you like, and plant them this fall. Typically lilies are harvested late in the season, and if you order them by mail, they are not likely to arrive before late October. That is fine; just have the ground all prepared for them should the weather be bad when they finally arrive.

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Some gardeners dread the invasion of plants that grow aggressively, such as this myosotis, while others learn to enjoy their beauty.

Don't know it? Then plant it in your garden at your own risk

Jane Berger
The Associated Press

Beware plant geeks bearing gifts. They may be bearing enemies instead of friends.

I learned my lesson the hard way from a true plant geek who had next door. Hubert's garden was filled with varieties he came to know in his native Britain, hunted down from obscure sources all over the United States, and then ordered by mail. He also loved to propagate plants and share them with friends and neighbors.

I had no problem with the espaliered fig tree and the towering pink crepe myrtle he gave me, but I rue the day he came trotting over with a little piece of "extra" spurge that he was certain I would love to have in my garden. It was not familiar with me, but I thought it was just a "spurge" and I planted it.

I planted it in the herb garden, hoping it would help fill in some of the empty space between the egg and the chervil. And did it ever! Within a few years, it had carpeted the herb garden, jumped across the path to a perennial bed, and popped up several yards away under the dwarf nectarine tree. Even after the garden was completely renovated, the spurge sporadically appeared in the middle of the new lawn.

Hubert wasn't sure of the botanical name of this eschscholium, but it turned out to be *Cyperus spurge* (*euphorbia cyparissias*), a European immigrant which is now considered invasive in many areas. It's a beautiful plant, with soft green needle-like foliage. I'd almost think it was some kind of a dwarf evergreen - and in summer it has small yellowish-bronze bracts which she insisted had a pinkish hue. I have to say it, but I actually would plant this euphorbia again, but only in an area between two slabs of concrete or in a container.

Another well-intentioned friend gave me the rapacious moon balm (*melissa officinalis*) and the tenacious yucca (*tanacetum vulgare*), which she insisted that I try because of its quaint old reputation as the "strewing herb" strewn about the ground in olden times to disguise repulsive odors. I think it's known as the "strewing herb" because it strews its seeds all over the yard.

The lemon balm has a pleasant,emony smell, but it's a lemon of a plant. It, too, is coming up all over my yard, and although its leaves can be used for a delightful tea, I've got so much of it I could almost go into the herbal tea business.

Plant catalogs and nurseries almost never warn you that a plant might be problematical. One prominent mail-order house lists that tansy leaves can be used as an insect repellent, and another observes that the obedient plant (*physicocarpus virginiana*) has its range from the valley of the blues to the top of you push them around the stems; it won't stay put in the garden. However, unless you're the cultivator, Miss Wiggins, who lists it as a "border beautifier," is right. It's aggressive.

Most nurseries and growers are in the business of selling plants, and they tend to emphasize their

able, rather than undesirable plant traits. Before you plant anything, you should obtain a copy of the "invasives" list that is kept by your local county extension agent, or check out individual plants in reference books or on the Internet.

Not all aggressive plants are necessarily problematical. Part of it depends on the kind of look you want your garden to have.

Philip McClain, a landscape designer in Washington, D.C., welcomes a number of plants that seed themselves around his expansive yard. "How do you tie your garden together," he said, "unless you do it with plants like forget-me-not, creeping phlox or even Siberian bugloss." McClain uses these spring spreaders as a carpet under many different kinds of spring-flowering bulbs.

McClain favors the despised goldmoss stonecrop (*sedum acre*), which he notes that many gardeners would prefer to pull and then burn to a crisp. Someone gave him a handful of it several years ago, and he loves its effects in the garden. "It's great creeping in among the stones," he said, "and besides giving you mustard yellow flowers in spring, it's got a tight evergreen presence in winter." After it blooms, McClain "pulls it up by the handfuls" and throws it away - and that keeps it well under control in his one-third-acre urban garden.

In early spring, McClain favors nodding star-of-Bethlehem (*ornithogalum nutans*), which colonizes readily and becomes more prolific every year. McClain likes it because of its fragrance, its use as a cut flower, and because "the first big blast of heat every year cracks it out." He overplants it with perennials and uses it under deciduous flowering shrubs like viburnums and azaleas.

In late summer, McClain loves the look of cardinal flower (*lobelia cardinalis*), which blooms after many other flowers have faded. He lets it grow up in between the stones on his patio where he can appreciate its spiky look from inside the house. "When the mosquitoes have the rule of the garden," he lets the seed heads dry on the plant, then shakes them around other parts of the garden where he'd like to have them the following year.

McClain believes that a lot of plant lovers simply fail to appre-

ciate a plant's particular attributes, even if it is extremely vigorous. "I'd like to educate the public," he said, "to relax and focus on the next crop of beauty. Sedum can be an aggressor, bar none, but if you have a lot of other things going on, it's not a problem."

McClain said he does confine some plants like euphorbia and plumbago to containers, but he said "there are very few plants that I don't like." If you should acquire an unruly plant from a friend, he recommends that you just "plant another aggressor next to it and let them duke it out."

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Seeding is believing: Start spring early

By Ann Thompson
Times-News correspondent

Raising your own plants could be one of the most satisfying parts of your spring and summer. It's just a matter of learning the tricks of the trade, according to Marion Owen, who teaches gardening at the University of Alaska and conducts seminars all over the West.

"I like tending to something that doesn't care if you have a bad hair day," Owen said.

Raising your own plants from seed gives you access to more plant varieties, not to mention timing. You get to control when you grow, instead of relying on a garden center's timetable. And then there's the extra money you save in your pocket by doing it yourself. Owen estimates that adds up around \$200 for her large garden.

Seeds can be started in any kind of container, as long as it's 2 to 3 inches deep and has small drainage holes in the bottom. Some ideas may be yogurt cups, cottage cheese tubs and plastic salad trays from restaurants. Owen doesn't recommend egg cartons, because they don't hold enough soil and they dry out too quickly.

Use a good quality seed starting mix because they are well blended to drain well, yet retain moisture. Moisten the soil a little before you fill the containers and scoop the soil into the containers within one-half to 1 inch from the top. Tap it gently to settle it in and smooth out, but don't pack down the surface.

To sow the seeds, make individual holes or tiny furrows with a pencil. Each seed packet tells you how close together your seeds should be. In general, large seeds should be planted at least one inch apart, medium-sized seeds one-half to one inch apart and tiny seeds about one-quarter to one-half inch apart.

Owen uses a dull-tipped No. 2 pencil to plant tiny seeds. Yes, you read that right. She moistens the tip by touching it to the damp soil and then picks up as many seeds as she needs. She lightly swirls the pencil tip in the soil to remove the seeds.

"It's a lot more work for you the gardener to plant them too thick," Owen said. Using her pencil technique saves time and is easier on the plant because she doesn't have to thin them out as often (which is hard on the roots) once they start growing, she said. Providing enough of the right amount of light seems to be a common mistake for beginners, Owen said.

"Young plants need more care and more light than adult plants," she said. "They need more than window light. As the seedling grows, it leans toward the light."

This causes long, leggy, weak plants that can be easily broken by rain and wind.

"Instead, buy a long 40-watt fluorescent shop light. It (hang) it in my laundry room," Owen said. The light should be adjusted so as the plant grows so it is always four inches from the top of the plant. Use a timer on the light so the plants get 14 to 16 hours of light per day, she said.

When seedlings have developed their second set of leaves, it's time to fertilize.

"Organic fertilizers such as fish and kelp emulsion, compost tea or PlanTea are ideal." Of course, Owen developed PlanTea, so she may be a little partial.

When the seedlings are about two inches tall, it's time for them to be transplanted. Be careful not to disturb the roots, Owen said.

"Harden off" your seedlings by getting them acclimated to outside weather, which takes about a week. On the first day, set them outside in a shady spot, out of the wind, for a few hours. Gradually increase their time outside to a half day, a full day then two, then three days.

Once they are well acclimated, it's time to plant them in the garden. "Actually plant on an overcast day. You are signing their death certificate if you plant on a sunny or windy day," Owen said.

JoAnn Robbins, a Jerome County Extension agent, uses a soil thermometer to determine the soil temperature one inch under ground. That is the best way to know when to transplant your plants outside. At 35 degrees, onions, lettuce, parsnips and spinach can be transplanted outside.

The soil temperature is probably already that warm, "but because of our late frost problem around here, you have to be extra full planting much before May 1," Robbins said. "They can go out, but you have to be careful." That means keeping protective covers ready when the weather warms up.

At 40 degrees, peas, radishes and cauliflower can go out, and at 50 degrees, corn and tomatoes can be moved outside.

At 60 degrees, which it won't reach until the end of May, beans, squash, pepper, pumpkins and eggplant can be outside, Robbins said.

Because of the Magic Valley's wind, Robbins suggested using an old shingle or a coffee can with the bottom taken out to protect tiny plants. "The shingles work well because it doesn't block the sun, but it breaks the wind,"

Robbins said.

You may need to protect the newly planted seeds from the weather the first few weeks, if it is windy or a heavy rain is forecast. Keep the young plants moist but not soggy until the roots take hold, Owen said.

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Just right?

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Gourds Make Fun Craft Projects by Doris A. Black

Growing gourds can be an entertaining and educational experience for the whole family. Children and adults alike can enjoy the process of planting, cultivating, drying and then crafting gourds.

There are three main types of gourds: the hard-shelled lagenaria is best for craft projects; cucurbita kinds are the colorful ornamental kind most commonly seen in the fall; and luffas, with their fibrous interior, are commonly used as sponges.

Most hard-shell gourds take a long time to mature, up to 150 days from germination, so plan to plant them early. They like a well-drained soil and full sun. Gourds require very little maintenance during the growing season. A reasonable amount of water once a week should do it.

Before your gourds are ready to use for crafts, they need to dry. During this process they will most likely mold. That's a normal part of the drying process since gourds are comprised of 90% water. The trick is to let them dry in a location where air circulate around

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There's an art to growing - and trimming - healthy trees

By Joan Sloan
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Right tree, right place. Then plant it in healthy soil.

That's the secret to growing a healthy tree, say local arborists. Choose a tree that will grow in its space without help from you. If you need one that will grow under utility lines, choose what Idaho Power Company calls a "Class 1" tree. It grows only 25 feet tall. That way, you won't have to prune it. And you definitely will never think your tree needs "topping."

Toppling is a common tree-pruning practice when a tree grows too tall for its space. Branches - sometimes the branches - are cut without regard to tree structure, leaving large, ugly stubs that will not heal.

"Topping a tree is one of the worst pruning methods man has come up with," said Dave Klesig, who teaches horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho and train certified arborists.



"What we have discovered is that as soon as you top the tree, you have started to kill it. And every single one of them dies, without exception - a long and horrible death."

Klesig has seen the practice of chopping large limbs off "to shorten the tree" result in nothing more than dead trees for years.

"As with all things there are right and wrong ways to trim trees," Klesig said. "The nurseries do pruning seminars every year and we do pruning classes at CST."

A person does not have to

become a certified arborist to prune trees, but you do need to learn how to do it correctly, according to Klesig.

Corrective cuts can be made to shape and direct tree growth. Those cuts should be made when the tree is relatively young - before branches are bigger than three inches across. And cuts should always be made just above or beyond the branch collar.

Look for the wrinkled bark where the branch attaches to the trunk; that's the branch collar. Make your smooth, straight cut a quarter-inch outside of the collar. Never leave stubs. Stubs cannot heal, and rot sets in and travels all the way down into the main trunk, leaving it hollow or full of sawdust-like material.

Don't paint the wound. Trees heal properly made cuts quickly on their own. If you try to seal the cut with a compound, you are more likely to seal in moisture and the potential for disease than you are to help the tree.

A list of Class 1 trees - those that naturally grow short enough

never, to worry about being pruned back - includes Japanese flowering cherry, crabapple, golden rain tree, Hawthorn (English, Lavalle and Washington), flowering pear, flowering purple plum and Eastern redbud.

Now the planning. Klesig likes to dig the hole just a little bigger than the root ball. Then he adds a little peat moss or compost to the soil when he backfills the hole with the loose soil. That helps hold moisture around the root ball while it becomes established for its first year.

Next, water the tree properly. Most people don't realize that tree roots aren't very far underground, Klesig says. Most of a tree's feeder roots grow within the top 18 inches of soil. But they spread out. Count on a mature tree's root system to expand three to five times the diameter of the tree's canopy. So if the tree has grown 50 feet wide on top, its root zone can be anywhere from 150 to 250 feet wide.

Water the lawn and tree deeply enough to saturate all the roots. Most people barely water

lawns enough to wet the first three or four inches of grass roots, and that just won't do for trees. After you water long and deeply, don't water again until the top few inches of soil is dry. That allows roots to breathe.

Free roots breathe. If soil is saturated with water, roots can't find enough air to sustain life. Let your plants go through weekly cycles.

Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls, said most trees don't have a great fertilizer requirement if you are fertilizing and caring for your lawn properly. But certain

trees show deficiencies in our area because of highly alkaline soils, he added. That's why we see leaves turn yellow, beginning about June.

That is iron deficiency. Iron can be professionally injected into the tree in and around the base. Or homeowners can broadcast iron and sulfur out in the tree's root zone and water it in.

Choosing the right tree for the right place assures that you and your tree will live happily ever after.

Times-News correspondent Joan Sloan can be reached at 733-0830.

Winter garden needs some spring cleaning, too

With warmer weather around the corner, it's time for water gardens to re-emerge as refreshing focal points. Wake up your water feature with these tips from Richard Koogle, director of operations at LilyPons Water Gardens in Buckeystown, Md.

"Once everything is thawed, it's time to evaluate the general cleanliness of your water garden. With diligent skimming and plant pruning, you'll only need to drain it every three to five years. Never drain a pond more than once a year and do it only when temperatures are below 70 degrees.

Whether you remove decomposed debris by netting or draining depends upon the size of the pond and the amount of dirt at the bottom. Netting is the least invasive method, but lets assume there's too much muck for netting.

Since most ponds or pools aren't equipped with plugs, you will have to pump out the water with an existing, submerged pump or by siphoning. Before you start siphoning water out, take its temperature. Then transfer most of the old water to a five-gallon bucket, clean garbage can or kiddie pool. As you pump, remove plants. Keep them moist and out of direct sun. If you have fish in your pond, pump down to less than six inches of water to make them easier to catch.

Give the pond walls a quick rinse. Leaving most of the algae

assures a healthy pond environment. At this point, use a wet/dry shop vacuum to remove the last of the water. Refill the pond. Wait several hours, or until temperatures stabilize before returning fish to the water.

"Make sure there's no more than a three- to five-degree difference between the old and new water to you won't shock the fish," Koogle said. Add a neutralizer chemical to speed dechlorination.

If you're leaving fish in a holding container overnight, cover it with a net. That will discourage hungry predators while keeping koi from leaping to a dry death.

Koogle has a plan for keeping fish safe.

"Predators are wading animals. Avoid having shelves or shallow areas in the pool - it should go straight down from the sides. Create some hiding places for fish and frogs. Post an owl or heron decoy near the pond and move it frequently," he said.

Koi and goldfish are easy victims because they're brightly colored. If you've experienced one koi cleanout too many, try rosy red minnows. Their dark grayish-brown color is a natural camouflage. While not vivid, they do add interesting movement and they eat mosquito larvae.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Well, it's nice to know Martha Burk will have something to do after this week.

—Jerry Greene of the Orlando Sentinel, after NBA Commissioner David Stern had threatened to pull the plug on the WNBA this season if a labor agreement wasn't reached by Friday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school softball: Twin Falls at Mountain Home, 4 p.m.
- High school track: Malad Invitational, at Soda Springs, 3 p.m.
- Farmers Bank-Zions Bank Invitational, at Gooding, 3:30 p.m.
- High school tennis: Wood River at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome's Pond signs with CSI

TWIN FALLS — *Times-News* girls player of the year Jennifer Pond signed a national letter of intent Tuesday to play basketball next year at the College of Southern Idaho.

Pond, a 5-foot-11 post who led Jerome to the state championship game in February, averaged 13.0 points and 8.5 rebounds a game for the Tigers.

CSI coach Randy Rogers said he projects Pond to play at the 3 or 4 position next season.

"She's a kid that can help us and I believe she was one of the top five players in the state," he said. "I was glad to get another Idaho girl."

Pond chose CSI over Trevecca Nazarene in Tennessee. She joins Brandi Moore of Las Vegas and Krystin Patterson of Wells, Nev., as the first players to sign letters with CSI for the 2003-04 season.

Time remains to sign up for Oasis Best Ball

TWIN FALLS — Space remains for the annual Oasis Best Ball golf tournament Saturday and Sunday at Canyon Springs Golf Course and Jerome Country Club.

"The deadline to sign up is today. Entry fee is \$130. For more information, call 734-7608."

CSI players sign letters of intent

TWIN FALLS — Several College of Southern Idaho men's basketball players will sign national letters of intent today. Yakhouba Diawara will sign with Pepperdine, Ryan Davis will sign with Weber State and Guillaume Meeuw will ink with Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Jaison Williams will visit Oklahoma on Friday and Clint Diaz is choosing between Rider, Winthrop and Appalachian State.

Sign up for Hagerman softball tournament

HAGERMAN — The inaugural Larry and Mary's Icebreaker men's softball tournament for upper and lower class C teams is April 26-27 at the fields in Hagerman.

Cost is \$150 a team with a two-game minimum.

To enter or for more information, call Lyle at 736-1964.

Fan attacks umpire at Royals-White Sox game

CHICAGO — A fan came out of the stands during Tuesday night's game between the Kansas City Royals and Chicago White Sox and attacked first base umpire Laz Diaz. Security and players came to Diaz's aid and the fan was quickly taken away.

Immediately after Carlos Lee tied out to right to end the eighth inning, the fan ran on the field and tried to tackle Diaz, wrapping his arms around the umpire's legs.

It was the fans' aggression by the Royals in Chicago since coach Tony Gamboa was punished by a father and son, who came out of the stands last September.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Turmoil surrounds Jordan finale

Wizards seem to be a team in tatters

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan surely expected a different ending, not a finale amid the turmoil of his self-assembled, crumbling team.

Jordan finishes his NBA playing career — Part 3 — in Philadelphia tonight. His Washington Wizards teammates will probably try to send him out a winner, but there's no telling what to expect after the tongue-lashing some players got from coach Doug Collins at Jordan's last home game.

Jordan swan song?

On TV: ESPN, 5 p.m.

After Monday night's 93-79 loss to the New York Knicks, Collins criticized some players for showing "insidious" disrespect to a coach. He implied it could lead to a roster purge in the offseason.

Caught off guard by Collins' remarks, Jordan supported the coach but said the timing or the method might not have been the best.

"These are things you have to deal with," said Jordan, who plans to return to the Wizards' front office. "I'd rather for them not to be out for everyone's opinion. Those are things I'd like

to field internally, but I think Doug felt very disrespected."

At least this is helping the 40-year-old Jordan with one wish: He didn't want a big, somber fuss over his retirement. Instead, he's got a big mess.

His next job probably will be to fix it and continue his quest to turn around a franchise that hasn't won a playoff game in 15 years. Even with Jordan on the court, the Wizards have had back-to-back losing seasons marred by bad chemistry.

He'll sit down with team owner Abe Pollin after the season.

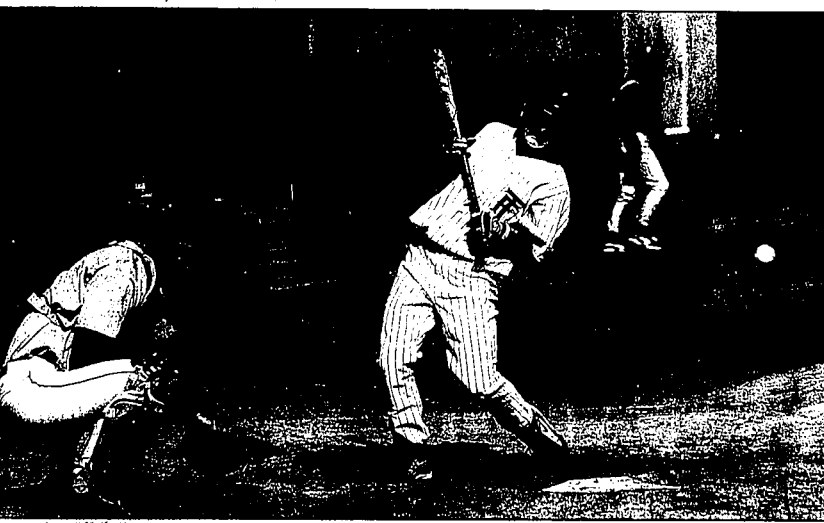
"My ending is going to be when this team is successful," Jordan said. "I am sure everybody would love to see me



Washington's Michael Jordan goes to the basket Jan. 26 in Washington. Jordan will likely play his last game tonight.

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Bruins batter Borah



Twin Falls second baseman Todd Rehbohn is hit by a pitch during the opener of the Bruins' doubleheader with Borah High School Tuesday at Bruin Field. Two Borah pitchers combined to hit a total of 10 Bruin batters in the game, won by Twin Falls 15-1. The Bruins earned the sweep with a 14-4 victory later.

Carr deals no-hitter; Twin Falls routs Lions twice

By Kevin Hall, *Times-News* writer

TWIN FALLS — Nick Carr kept throwing strikes but his Twin Falls teammates didn't see many.

Carr faced 17 batters, striking out four en route to a 15-1 no-hitter over Borah in five innings Tuesday at a blustery Bruin Field.

Twin Falls (10-2) earned the sweep with a 14-4 rout in six innings. Borah fell to 9-5.

In Game 1, Lions pitchers Greg Taddicken and Greg Barnett issued 15 total bases on balls, 10 coming via hit batters.

Taddicken didn't record an out as the Bruins batted around in the first inning, scoring eight runs on only four hits. Luke Hawkins and A.J. Stone both had three RBIs with each batting in two runs in the first inning. Hawkins came through with a long drive to the warning track in center field that

would have been a sure double. But some unsure base running limited him to one bag.

Four batters later, Stone felled down the left field line for two runs. Brett Miller, Todd Rehbohn and Drew Bernhard all produced two RBIs as every Bruin reached base at least twice.

Hawkins said the Bruins came ready to play after tasting defeat for the first time last Saturday in a two-game sweep to Capital.

"We showed up ready to play," he said. "Today we were a lot more focused."

Carr focused in after a shaky start when he put the first two batters on base with a throwing error on a bunt back to the mound and walking the second batter. A passed ball and wild pitch put the leadoff batter to third, but the sophomore with a rifle for an arm got the first of two big double play balls to get

out of trouble before striking out the No. 4 batter for the third out.

"It's hard to pitch in the wind," he said. "I felt I handled myself well out there."

Carr, who didn't face up a ball out of the infield, gave only one batter over the minimum the rest of the way.

"Nick pitched pretty well," said Bruins skipper Matt Rasmussen. "We were real happy. He threw a lot of strikes. He wasn't as overpowering as we've seen him, but it was cold out there. He got ahead on counts and located well where they couldn't get the barrel out on the ball."

That wasn't the case for the Lions pitchers, who struggled with their control the entire game.

"We weren't ready to play," Borah coach Jake Taylor said. "We had nothing."

Steve Turner earned the win in Game 2, despite giving up a home

run to Joey Sana Maria. Turner survived some early control problems to go the distance and improve to 3-0. A seven-run second by Twin Falls made it 8-3 after two innings. Jake Salinas went 3-for-4 to lead Twin Falls in the sweep.

"After Saturday's performance it was nice to get a couple of wins," Rasmussen said. "We had a little track meet last Saturday and I know many of them didn't enjoy it too much."

Twin Falls play at Pocatello on Saturday before Highland is capable of beating you too.

Game 1	Game 2
Twin Falls 15, Borah 1	Twin Falls 14, Borah 4
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Top 8th	11:21-1:15
Top 9th	11:21-1:15
Top 10th	11:21-1:15
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Top 19th	11:21-1:15
Top 20th	11:21-1:15

Stars square series with Edmonton



Dallas' Niko Kapanen, back left, celebrates his third-period goal with teammates Tuesday in Edmonton.

EDMONTON, Alberta — Stu Barnes scored the winning goal on a bank shot from behind the net as the Dallas Stars beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 Tuesday night and tied their Western Conference playoff series 2-2.

Barnes' goal, which careened off the skate of Oilers captain Jason Smith past goaltender Tommy Salo, gave the Stars a 2-1 lead just 3:45 after the Oilers tied the game early in the third period.

Barnes' first goal of the playoffs on 5:52 of the third period was set up by Jere Lehtinen and Rob DiMaio.

Rookie Niko Kapanen clinched it 23 seconds later. Kapanen roared across the front of the net and backhanded the puck past Salo.

The series heads back to Dallas for Game 5 on Thursday night.

Sergei Zubov's first-period goal

staked the Stars to a 1-0 lead they nursed into the third period. Then Shawn Horcoff scored at 2:07, setting up what could have been a repeat of Sunday's game, when Edmonton stormed back to win.

But before the Oilers could get another goal, Brad Isbister was called for hooking down Stars captain Derian Hatcher, and the Stars went on the power play.

The Oilers killed the penalty, but seconds after it expired, the veteran Barnes, a trade deadline pickup by the Stars, scored to sink the Oilers.

Lightning 4, Capitals 3, OT

WASHINGTON — Vincent Lecavalier scored on a two-man advantage in overtime Tuesday night, ending 4.5 years of Tampa

Cash-poor Penguins can coach

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins are looking for a new coach who is comfortable working with no names and prospects, not superstars.

The Penguins, virtually stripped of the big names that made them a playoff team for 10 years, fired coach Rick Kehoe on Tuesday and began looking for a replacement who understands winning without big names.

Kehoe's record of 55-81-10 was the worst of any Penguins coach since the mid-1980s, and he was the first since Bob Barr (1984-87) to miss the playoffs in consecutive seasons. The Penguins were 27-44-6 this season, their worst record since Mario Lemieux's rookie season in 1984-85.

Still, Kehoe was all but absolved of blame by general manager Craig Patrick, who said the team's money-saving moves all but made losing inevitable.

The Penguins have traded away or lost stars Jaromir Jagr, Alexei Kovalev, Robert Lang, the last two years, leaving a cast of



Rick Kehoe

Special to *The Times-News*

POCATELLO — Century High School football coach Layne Coffin reportedly resigned Tuesday, a day after he was demoted to an assistant coaching position, the Idaho State Journal reported Tuesday.

Century Principal Pat Charlton made the move Monday afternoon during a meeting with Coffin, the former coach of the newspaper. In the meeting, Charlton told Coffin he would be moving to assistant status.

The move comes a week after Coffin had been given a vote of confidence from the District 25 School Board, which rejected district administrator Linda Powell's recommendation to reassign Coffin from Century to a junior high school.

"I thought I was vindicated by the board," Coffin said last Monday. "I'm just going to resign (this) morning."

Century athletic director John Raukar will take over as head football coach.

Neither Charlton nor Raukar were available for comment.

The newspaper reported that former assistant coaches Bruce Givens, Ryan Fleischman and Cody Shelley will be given the opportunity to return to the football program as assistant coaches. All three coached under Coffin.

The school is expected to announce the moves this week.

Until Monday, Coffin was the only head football coach in Century's history, leading the team to back-to-back 4A state championships in 2000-01. Before that, Coffin coached at Marsh Valley.

SPORTS

Lott, Jerome average loss to Burley

The Times-News

JEROME - The old baseball adage "a walk is as good as a hit" paved the way to a 3-0 win for the Jerome Tigers over Burley Tuesday in Great Basin Conference baseball in...

Jerome 3, Burley 0
Charlie Harding hustled out an infield single for a run and Stu Schiffer and Doug Benson each hit RBIs on base on balls for the Tigers (9-2 overall); 2-1 Great Basin Conference baseball in...

J.D. Lott struck out 12 Bobcats and scattered two "doinks in the infield" for the win, which averaged a 2-1 season-opening defeat to Burley, said Jerome coach Jay Oyster.
Jerome travels to Twin Falls on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Jerome 3, Burley 0
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2-1 Jerome, 9-2 Burley

Buhl 10-4, Spring Creek, Nev. 9-14
BUHL - Buhl split its home doubleheader against Spring Creek, Nev., winning the first game 10-9 before falling in the late game, 14-10.
Chris Wolf hit two home runs to lead Buhl and Tim Bourner pitched the win.
The Indians gave up eight runs in the first inning en route to the loss in Game 2.
Buhl (9-5, 2-1) savvied Central Idaho Conference hosts Wendell on Friday.

Buhl 10, Spring Creek 9
Spring Creek 14, Buhl 10
Spring Creek 14, Buhl 10
Spring Creek 14, Buhl 10

Wood River 18-30, Kimberly 1-6
KIMBERLY - Wood River swept Kimberly, 18-1 and 30-6 in two Central Idaho Conference baseball Tuesday in Kimberly.
Drew Detwiler, Matt Conover, and Steve Burkin all had three hits for Wood River. Detwiler also had four runs and Conover had two runs.
Bulldog Brad Butler and Ryne Reynolds each hit home runs in the second game.
The Bulldogs (0-13, 0-3 SCIC) travel to Glenns Ferry Thursday.

Wood River 18, Kimberly 1
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Anderson hit a bases-clearing triple in Game 1 for Wood River (10-1).
Ashley Carlton went 2-for-4 and Emily Fowens went 2-for-3 with two runs scored to lead Kimberly (6-5, 2-2 SCIC), which travels to Glenns Ferry Thursday.

Wood River 7, Kimberly 1
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Wood River 10, Kimberly 1

Wood River 23, Kimberly 8
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Flier 9-10, Wendell 1-12
WENDELL - Flier split with Wendell, 9-1 and 12-10, in non-conference doubleheader Tuesday.
Janac Hymas pitched for the win. Rosete Moreno walked 13 batters and hit five.
Wendell (6-4, 1-1) Canyon Conference travels to Buhl Friday.

Flier 9, Wendell 1
Flier 12, Wendell 10
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Flier 12, Wendell 10

Buhl 1-4, Spring Creek 0-5
BUHL - Buhl split a doubleheader with Spring Creek, Nev., winning 1-0 before falling 5-4 in nine innings on Tuesday.
Buhl (10-2, 5-1 SCIC) hosts Wendell Friday.

Buhl 1, Spring Creek 0
Buhl 5, Spring Creek 4
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meet at Clear Lake Country Club.
Matt Taylor shot an 83 to lead the Bulldogs, who fired 357, edging upstart Declo (363) by six strokes.
Courtney Gemar led all girls with a 91 to help Buhl (443) to a 24-stroke win over Kimberly.

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Pacers clinch home playoff series with win

NEW YORK (AP) - Tim Hardaway made all four of his shots while playing the final 16 minutes of the first half, helping the Indiana Pacers clinch home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs with a 109-93 victory over New York on Tuesday night.
Jermaine O'Neal and Ron Artest scored 23 points each and Ron Mercer had 17 for the Pacers, who can move up to third place in the Eastern Conference if they finish tied with Philadelphia. Both teams conclude their regular seasons Wednesday night.
Lee Mallon and Shandon Anderson scored 13 apiece to lead the Knicks, who learned earlier in the day that coach Don Chaney was given a two-year contract extension that will keep him with the club through the 2005-06 season.

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Pacers have the edge in the tiebreaker if the teams wind up with the same record.
The Bulls 37-29. But it wasn't enough to offset their cold shooting. Philadelphia shot just 3



Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow proclaims April as Fair Housing Month. The proclamation was signed at the monthly meeting of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Mayor proclaims April as Fair Housing Month

TWIN FALLS - April 2003 marks the 35th anniversary of the 1968 Fair Housing Act. On April 1, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow ended the monthly meeting of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors to sign a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Twin Falls.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne also signed a similar proclamation for the State of Idaho. The Federal Fair Housing Law guarantees that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, sex, family status, handicap conditions or national origin.

Blaine Center offers class variety

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center, 115 S. Main in Hailey, is offering a variety of non-credit classes. For more information, call 788-2200.

Watercolor - This class is geared to the new recreational painter, and will make watercolor easier to understand. There will be a variety of drawings available to choose from. All new material includes mixed media and how to keep a journal. The cost is \$40 and an \$8 materials fee paid to the instructor for the first day of class.

Civic

Blue Lakes - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at WestCoast in Twin Falls, call 736-8470.
Buhl - Noon Tuesdays at Buryley Inn Convention Center, call 736-2000.
Buhl - 12:00 p.m. Thursdays at the Grand Strand, call 736-4422.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, call 736-5955.

Alpha Kappa Chapter - 7 p.m. second and third Thursdays, first and third Thursdays in November and December, Call Coyata at 734-2244.
Preceptor Pilgrimage - Buryley - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2003. Call Coyata at 734-2244.
Delta Epsilon - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. third Wednesday, call Stacy at 737-6600.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave, Kent Hill, 576-5553.
Burley - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N, Altresch, Joan, 576-0900.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Lincoln Inn, call 736-5955.
Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Walls Fargo Bank.

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Support Groups

Family Connections, Dementia Syndrome Support Group - Meets on the first and third Thursdays at North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls, call 736-4276 or 734-6244.

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Optimist Clubs

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Crowlins Lodge, 733-2277 or 736-4422.
Jerome - 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Oop's Restaurant, 161 N. Main St., 236-2468.
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Scoutmaster International

Jerome - noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at George W. call Arnett at 438-8666.

Magic Valley Chapter Harley Owners meet Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter Harley Owners (HOG) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Snake Harley Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Hamburgers will be served. Members may bring items for the potluck meal. Ride schedules and events will be discussed.

Junior Club of Twin Falls seeks new members

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club of Twin Falls, a service organization committed to performing volunteer work in the Magic Valley, is seeking new members for the 2003-2004 year. Membership is open to all Magic Valley women age 21, 22 years-old or older, and have time to participate in events.

The club raises money for a variety of Magic Valley organizations through specific projects chosen by the membership. Projects listed for 2003-2004 year include a new golf tournament, the sixth annual Garden Tour, 16th annual Bite of Twin Falls, 14th annual Holiday Home Tour and fifth annual skeet shoot.

West Minico school holds parent-teacher conferences

PAUL - West Minico Middle High School will have parent-teacher conferences from 7-9 p.m. today at the school.

Spaghetti dinner event benefits Storybook Park

RUFERT - Kat Kountry Radio will sponsor a spaghetti dinner and auction Saturday at the Rupert Elk's Lodge. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., the auction at 7:30 p.m., followed by dancing. Music will be provided by Triple Shot. Children are welcome.

Judges select T.F. queen as finalist for Idaho pageant

TWIN FALLS - Stephanie Dor and Jennifer Smith, and Julie Davis of Twin Falls, has been selected as a finalist for Idaho's 23rd Annual Homecoming Queen selection to be held April 26-27 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fund-raiser goes toward new senior/community center

HAZELTON - A walk-a-thon will be held on April 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 26 at the Valley High School track, 882 Valley Road S. in Hazelton.

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Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its winners for April 11.

North/south: first, Barbara Burke and Mary Louise McGonnigal; second, Lorna Bard and Sue Borden and third, Bud Povey and Lisa Hyton. East/west: first, Susan Faulkner and Mary Stead; second, Les Saundages and Ruby Grimes and third, Jeanne McComb and Beverly Reed.

Jerome girl competes in Sunburst USA pageant

JEROME - Sierra Mickael of Jerome is the Sunburst USA 2003 State Little Queen.



Sierra Mickael, best personality and best attire. She was second runner-up in the photogenic and swim wear categories.

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CLUB CALENDAR

- To retain or add a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Telephone number of a group contact person.
- Send to: Attention: Club Calendar, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Or fax to 734-5538. Or email to patm@magvalley.com. For more information, call 735-3288.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** - Buhl - noon Saturdays and Sundays and 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Sunburst Club, 315 Eighth Ave. N. No. 5, call 543-9923.
- Debtors Anonymous** - For more information, call 1-866-993-1198.
- Narcotics Anonymous** - For information, call 1-866-738-6224 toll free.
- Alzheimer's support groups** - Burley - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Buryley Inn Convention Center, 736-2000.
- Mentally ill** - For services of mental illness, call 736-4422.

- second Tuesday at Lincoln Courts, 736-5033.
- Burley - Post 3043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at VFW Hall, 524 Highland Ave., Burley. Post 2072, N. Andrew Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Deco Electric Building, 679-9131.
- Gooding - Post 3078, Toponta Post, 8 p.m. first Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 334-5670.
- Hailey - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Veterans Memorial Hall, 334-5065.
- Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday at senior citizens center, 426-6794.
- Rupert - Post 3078, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at Rupert Civic Development Center, 426-6794.
- Shoshone - Post 3003, Little Wood River Post, 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Shoshone members home, 886-2755.
- Twin Falls - Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459-5908.
- Wendell - Post 2974, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell, call quarter master at 324-4016.
- American Legion** - Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 101 Oakley Ave., call Lyon Morro at 678-3247.
- Hailey - Post 19, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, and third Wednesday, postluck with Auxiliary at Legion Hall, call Gene Behunjan at 334-5776.
- Jerome - Post 46, 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Jerry Myernig Hall, call Paul Koenig at 934-6867.
- Kimberly - Post 46, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Legion Hall, North Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue East, call P.J. Vinyard at 324-2607.
- Lincoln - Post 16, 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Trevelyan's Office, call Ed Hultman at 423-2545.
- Post 17, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home Wilber C. Hall, corner of Wayne and South First West streets, call Otto at 438-3774. Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home.
- Post 18, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, 447 Sostrum St., call Jerry Waters at 766-8676.
- Post 21, 8 p.m. second Thursday at Post Home.
- Post 41, 8 p.m. second Wednesday at Wendell Post Home, call Jim Cronin at 536-6642. Postluc at 7:30 p.m.
- Other** - Ministry Office of the People's Baptist Church - 679-7 p.m. first Wednesday at National Guard Armoury, 1099 Frontier Parkway, Twin Falls, call 438-6442.
- Disabled American Veterans - 6:30 p.m. first Monday at DAV Hall, 459 Soop Ave. in Twin Falls, call Edna Elliott at 734-7929.
- Marine Corps League - 7 p.m. third Monday at Twin Falls, call 734-7929.
- Call Sidley Howard, adjuster, at 736-8259.
- Other** - **John Deere** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 519 Overlook Ave. in Burley. **Post 14** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 734-7929. **Post 13** - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. **Post 15** - 7 p.m. second and fourth

N.C., Charles Pubanz of Twin Falls and Janet (Warren) Yattaw of Odenton, Md.; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Phone calls, cards or visits are welcomed.

Sage Brush Art Guild members display art at library

GOODING - Sage Brush Art Guild members have paintings and wood sculptures on display at the Gooding Public Library, 306 Fifth Ave. W.

The display will be at the library for three months. After three months, other members' work will go on display.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds dance

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Mining company posts banner year

SPOKANE, Wash. — It may be a relic of the Old Economy, but Hecla Mining Co. continued an astonishing run in 2002.

The Coeur d'Alene-based company produced more gold and silver than ever, and its stock was the second-best performer on the New York Stock Exchange.

Chief Executive Officer Arthur Brown, 62, will retire in May, although he will remain as chairman. President Phillips Baker, 43, will assume CEO duties.

Brown believes Hecla, which has 700 employees, will continue to thrive. "Hecla has been around for 112 years and along with our skills as underground miners, we have always been known for our honesty, integrity and as dealing fairly with people," Brown, who began with Hecla in 1967, wrote in the annual report released this week.

In 2002, Hecla produced 240,000 ounces of gold and 8.7 million ounces of silver. Income rose dramatically as the prices for gold and silver climbed while Hecla's costs dropped, the company said.

Commission appoints man to oversight board

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday announced it has chosen William J. McDonough, president and chief executive of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, to head the new agency created by Congress to oversee the scandal-ridden accounting industry.

The five SEC commissioners voted unanimously to select McDonough, who already had planned to leave the Fed as chairman of the accounting oversight board.

General Motors smokes Wall Street estimates

DETROIT — General Motors Corp.'s profit for the first quarter roared past year-ago results and Wall Street estimates, fueled by improved overseas results and record earnings at its finance arm.

The world's largest automaker, however, hedged Tuesday on whether it can meet its earnings target for the year. Its stock price fell.

GM said it earned \$1.5 billion, or \$2.71 a share, in the January-March period, compared with \$228 million, or 57 cents a share, in the first quarter last year.

GM is ending a lull from the \$1.1 billion sale of GM Defense and results from GM's Hughes Electronics Corp. subsidiary, GM earned \$1 billion, or \$1.84 a share.

Industry scales back production in March

WASHINGTON — Big industry, in a muddled wartime climate, throttled back production in March, highlighting a sore spot for the struggling economy.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that output at the nation's factories, minus autos, fell 0.5 percent, the biggest one-month drop since December and the second month in a row that industrial production fell.

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United will trim flight schedule by 12 percent

CHICAGO — United Airlines will reduce its flight schedule by 12 percent next month in response to the worldwide travel slump brought on by the war in Iraq and the spread of a deadly virus emanating from Asia.

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Ketchum firm supplies goggles for military

Defense Department awards major contract

**By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent**

KETCHUM — Virtually every video or still picture of U.S. combat personnel coming out of the Iraq combat zone shows them wearing large goggles to deal with sand blowing in their faces or heavy winds on aircraft carrier decks.

Chances are many of the goggles were sold to the military by a Ketchum firm, Eye Safety Systems Inc., or just ESS.

The goggles have been so successful and so popular, according to ESS president

John Dondoro, the Defense Department has awarded ESS another contract — this one for \$164,125 — for more of ESS' Land Ops model for ground troops.

ESS maintains a product development and customer service operation in Ketchum, but manufactures its line of goggles in Clearfield, Utah, north of Salt Lake City.

ESS, only 5 years old, was formed when Dondoro saw the need for goggles that would be improvements over models used in the Gulf War of 1990-91.

Although Dondoro declined to discuss specific data involving goggle deliveries or the company's income from military sales, he said ESS has outfitted the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions plus the 10th Mountain Division.

The company Web site (www.army-technology.com/contractors/personal/less) reports that "with hundreds of thousands of satisfied customers worldwide, ESS is the fastest growing military eyewear manufacturer."

Dondoro said goggles range in price from \$27 to \$110.

He said ESS has a variety of goggles for specific combat uses. The Profile NVG (night vision) goggle is for special operations units operating surreptitiously behind enemy lines. The Land Ops is for combat troops and the Flight Deck goggle

for aircraft carriers, and the Turbo Cam with a micro two-speed fan exhausts humid air to prevent fogging.

Dondoro said the goggles are made of materials that can resist impact of gunshots. Dondoro says a shotgun blast at 30 feet will not penetrate the lens.

"The guys love them," Dondoro said of the goggles, whose users have sent the company fan mail. The company has done more business in the past three months than it did all of last year.

Goggles come with interchangeable lens and lens covers, and, because of their "frameless" design, will fit any user because of what ESS describes on its Web site as "telescoping temples with bendable inner wire ear tabs."

Farmland Industries reports better performance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Farmland Industries reported under bankruptcy court protection, reported a nearly \$80 million improvement in its second quarter ended Feb. 28, compared with a year ago.

Farmland — which has Magic Valley members — reported second-quarter net income of \$28.9 million on sales of \$1.6 billion. That compared with a loss of \$49.7 million on sales of \$1.5 billion in the second quarter a year ago.

The Kansas City-based cooperative reported net income on continuing operations of \$29.2 million for the quarter, compared with a loss of \$38.4 million on the same operations a year ago.

Farmland reported a \$417 million loss in its first quarter after writing down the value of its fertilizer business and petroleum refinery by \$424 million because of the bankruptcy. After excluding that write-down, the company reported income of \$36.3 for the first six months of fiscal 2003, compared with a loss of \$46.5 million in the first six months of fiscal 2002.

"Farmland is making significant progress toward a successful reorganization by effectively operating our businesses, reducing debt and cutting expenses," Chief Executive Officer Robert Terry wrote in a letter to the cooperative's 20,000 bondholders, who hold about \$570 million in unsecured debt.

Farmland is owned by 1,700 farm cooperatives in North America that have invested money in the company. Those lost cooperation in the turn, are owned by 600,000 farmers and ranchers who buy shares in them. Magic Valley's Farmland members include United Co-op Inc. of Rupert and Valley Co-ops Inc. in Jerome and elsewhere in the valley.

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Starbucks brews resentment

Chain's fame plus anti-American feelings make it a target abroad

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Having installed its chic coffee stores across much of North America, Starbucks Corp. is aggressively expanding overseas — and like other global retailing icons, is finding that international fame can carry a price.

Starbucks, which has a Ketchum store, has been boycotted by anti-war protesters in Lebanon and criticized by New Zealand advocates seeking higher coffee prices to farmers. Faced with the possibility of terrorist attacks, the company has pulled out of Israel.

Such dissent overseas recalls some of the problems faced by McDonald's Corp., which has been targeted by everyone from anti-war demonstrators to vegetarians.

What some see as growth, others see as corporate colonialism. What some see as international expansion of Starbucks, others see as the outright hijacking of foreign cultures.

"It's very American, and is seen as this very aggressive attempt to grow that business," said Greg Carpenter, a professor of marketing strategy at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Nonetheless, Starbucks is ambitious and looking to international markets for growth. The company has more than 6,400 stores throughout the world — 1,400 in 30 countries outside North America. Although Starbucks does not break out its sales from its international operations, revenues for "all other business units" — which includes overseas sales — were \$482.7 million for fiscal 2002, up 31 percent from \$369.1 million the previous year.

Starbucks' popularity has persisted even in an economic downturn and during the war — an undeniably impressive feat as other retailers are struggling, said Greg Schroeder, a research analyst with Fulcrum Global Partners LLC.

"It's a phenomenal growth story — regional, nationally and now the final stage is to become a global consumer brand," he said.

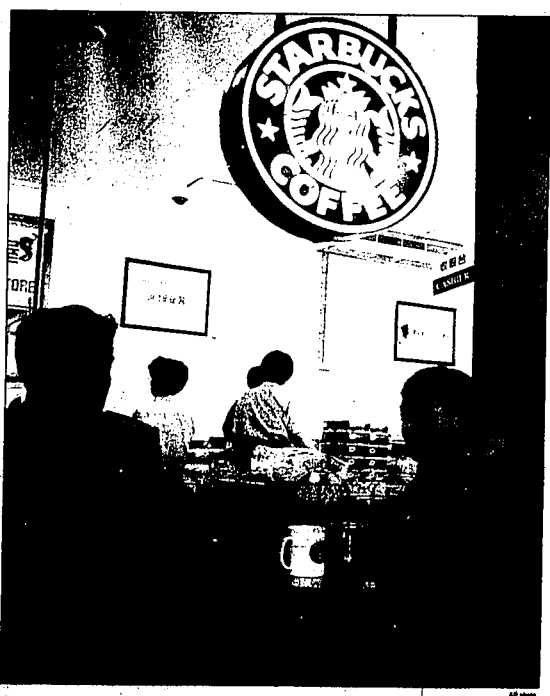
At 15, the company's confidence in its vision of a future with 25,000 stores, at least 10,000 of them in North America. Overseas, it projects 1,500 stores in Latin America, 6,000 in the Asia-Pacific region and a combined 7,500 in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

The company plans to open at least 1,200 stores in the United States and abroad in its 2003 fiscal year alone.

Starbucks' international strategy — in which it runs joint ventures or licenses other companies to own and operate Starbucks stores — differs from its domestic approach, where the stores are largely company-owned. The idea is that an experienced local partner can help identify locations, sift through tax issues and give Starbucks stores more community appeal, said Peter Maslen, president of Starbucks Coffee International.

But operating in volatile political or economic situations could introduce a lot of risk for Starbucks, experts said.

"It is typically the market leader that attracts the attention of these activists," said Prashant Malaviya, associate professor of



Chinese policemen enjoy coffee at Starbucks in Beijing in this Aug. 3, 2000, file photo. The Seattle-based chain has more than 6,400 stores throughout the world, including 1,300 in 30 countries outside North America.

marketing at INSEAD business school in Fontainebleau, France. "Both because of people's political views ... but also in countries where there is not so much a political backlash but where they may have messed up."

Starbucks need only look at such iconic American companies as McDonald's to see the potential fallout. McDonald's has been targeted by anti-war protesters from Ecuador to South Korea. In 1999, a sheep farmer, Jose Bove, led a group of protesters and destroyed a McDonald's under construction at the time, near his farm in Millau, France.

The coffee retailer has already had its own setbacks overseas.

Starbucks, in a joint venture with an Israeli company, closed its six stores in Tel Aviv this month amid continuing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

"We knew that we were a target in Israel," said Joe Canterbury, Starbucks' vice president of business development and finance. Each time there was news of a suicide bomber in Israel, the company feared the

target was one of its stores. "You start doing the math, and you realize, yeah, there's a risk."

Starbucks stores in Lebanon, owned and operated by its partner, retail giant Alshaya, are being boycotted by those who oppose the U.S.-led war on Iraq — despite the fact that Alshaya is Arab-owned.

And activists from San Francisco to New Zealand are urging the company to buy more coffee beans certified by the nonprofit organization TransFair USA as "fair trade," meaning they are grown and marketed under certain economic and social conditions.

But Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz maintains that based on the company's strong international growth, customers are voting with their wallets and buying Starbucks.

"We're not taking our success for granted," Schultz said. "We also understand that the burden of proof at times is on us given the fact that a lot is being written and there's more sensitivity than ever before about America and American companies."

Wade through that mutual fund report

Some recent columns have led to a steady stream of questions and comments from readers, which I'll try to respond to today.

Q. My high schooler owns shares in several mutual funds, and we recently received the funds' glossy annual reports. What are some of the key features in these reports that he should pay attention to?

A. If you are looking for entertainment, in my opinion, scrubbing the oil stains off the garage floor ranks higher than reading a mutual fund quarterly report. Besides, you can't win a long-term investment result. That said, some key sections of the reports can be educational for investors of all ages and experience.

get a breakdown of the fund's performance over the three-, six- and 12-month reporting periods. The manager will discuss how much money the fund made or lost, which is called the total return. It often includes a discussion of what stocks in the fund helped to improve or hurt performance.

• Average annual total return. This section includes a chart that shows you the fund's total return over the year and since it opened for business.

• Performance of a \$10,000 investment. Want to know how you would have done if you had put \$10,000 into the fund when it started? A chart will show you what that investment would be worth today.

• Top 10 holdings. These stocks represent your fund's biggest investments. The fund might also disclose here if any large stock holdings were sold over the past three months.

• Investment portfolio. This section lists every stock and other types of securities owned by your fund, along with the number of shares and the value.

Q. Where can I find information about Section 529 plans?

A. The state-sponsored college savings plans are one option available to families looking to make tax-advantaged contributions to cover higher education costs.

• You have many Web sites to

KIDS AND BUSINESS

Steve Rosen

Dollar Digest, a quarterly newsletter for shareholders of the Liberty Young Investor Fund, suggests reviewing these key features of a fund report:

The letter from the fund's president. This typically gives you the big picture of the performance of the economy and the stock market.

The portfolio manager's report. This is where you should

Boise Cascade sues Staples over slogan

The Associated Press

BOISE — Boise Cascade Corp. is suing its easy on Staples Inc., accusing the Massachusetts company of stealing its catch phrase.

The Idaho-based company — which has a corrugated container plant in Burley — filed an April 2 lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Boise against the Staples office products chain.

The lawsuit alleges that Staples used the phrase "Staples. That was easy" to market its office products as infringing on Boise Cascade's trademarked phrase "Boise. It could be easier."

"We have reviewed the complaint and it's without merit," Staples spokeswoman Deborah Hoher said.

Boise uses the phrase to market office products through its subsidiary Boise Office Products Corp. The complaint alleges that the use of the Staples' phrase is damaging Boise's business by

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MONEY

Stocks gain despite downbeat earnings, news

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors resigned themselves to lackluster first-quarter earnings Tuesday and sent stocks moderately higher despite disappointing results from General Motors and Bank One.

"There aren't a lot of companies jumping for joy that business is great, but on the other hand, it is not overwhelmingly dismal as many expected. We are seeing a rally today and yesterday based on the fact that it may not be as bad as people thought," said Thomas F. Lyon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif.

The market shook off early losses and extended its gains from Monday's big rally. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 51.26, or 0.6 percent, at 8,402.36, giving the blue chips a two-day advance of nearly 200 points.

The market's broader gauges also moved higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 0.06, or 0.4 percent, to 1,391.01, after climbing 26.10 in the previous session. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 5.58, or 0.6 percent, to 890.81 following a gain of 16.93 on Monday.

After weeks of worrying about the

war in Iraq, investors are once again focusing on earnings and the economy. While investors know the war and the buildup to fighting had a negative impact on business, they are somewhat worried that companies have more fundamental problems and that the economy is still far away from recovery.

"We're back to focusing on the economy and corporate numbers. And those things aren't really in great shape right now," said Stephen Carl, head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group in New York.

But by allowing the market to build

on Monday's rally, investors were indicating they are braced for repeated earnings results and aren't going to unload shares.

Tuesday's economic news was discouraging. The Federal Reserve reported industrial production fell in March by 0.5 percent, the weakest reading in three months and worse than the 0.2 percent decrease analysts were expecting.

But IBM climbed \$2.72 to \$82.79 after posting first-quarter revenue that exceeded expectations, although its earnings were a penny shy of estimates.

Oregon company asks for help in battle with Micron

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - A computer-chip maker in Eugene is lobbying hard for the support of Gov. Ted Kulongoski on the state's Congressional delegation in a trade war with Boise-based Micron Technologies Inc.

Over the weekend, officials at the Hynix factory sent letters to the offices of Oregon senators and representatives in Washington, D.C., thanking them for backing the 800-employee chip plant.

It was the latest salvo in the long-standing business war between Hynix and competitor Micron. At Micron's request, U.S. officials are investigating the Eugene plant's South Korean parent company for unfair trade practices. Earlier this month, the U.S. Commerce Department ruled that the South Korean government had unfairly subsidized the parent company, and declared that the United States may levy a 57 percent tariff on chips that are sent from Hynix's Korean factories to the United States. A final ruling is expected in June.

Now, Hynix is saying the ruling hurts the Eugene operation, a significant employer in Oregon.

Oregon's Congressional delegation recently introduced resolutions in the U.S. House and Senate urging the Commerce Department to carefully consider relations between the U.S. and South Korea when deciding whether to impose a tariff on Korean-made DRAM, or dynamic random access memory, chips imported into the United States.

Such a tariff would reduce the parent company's cash flow, and that could cut the amount of money the parent company can allocate to upgrade Hynix's facilities, including the Eugene plant, said S.W. Kim, strategic planning manager at the west Eugene chip plant.

In its decision, the Commerce Department proposed that chips produced by the Eugene plant be exempt from the tariff. This has underscored the importance of the Eugene plant to Hynix.

Idaho's Congressional delegation has already gone to the U.S. House of Representatives with Republican Sen. Larry Craig, requesting legislation that would put an 80 percent tariff on Hynix computer chips and stop them at the border until the duty is paid.

Micron is Idaho's largest private employer.

American Airlines pilots, workers agree to concessions

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - American Airlines pilots and ground workers approved wage and other concessions that will allow the airline to avoid filing for bankruptcy, their unions announced Tuesday.

The results of another critical vote, by flight attendants, had not been announced more than two hours after a union EDT deadline imposed by American, the world's largest carrier. Officials said the results would be released after a meeting of the board of the flight attendants' union.

Airline officials had vowed to file for bankruptcy quickly if any of its three major unions rejected the concessions. American is trying to cut labor costs by \$1.8 billion a year, or

more than 20 percent.

The Allied Pilots Association said its members approved the concessions 69 percent to 31 percent. The union said 100,000 pilots will sign a high-tonnage, long-term contract.

The margin was narrower - 53 percent to 47 percent - among ground workers, the Transport Workers Union said on its Web site Tuesday morning.

Leaders of the three main unions had said they reluctantly supported the cost-cutting deals as an alternative to bankruptcy, which could lead to even deeper cuts.

"There is no upside to bankruptcy," pilots' union president John Darrah said.

But angry employees packed union meetings to complain that terms of the

concession deals were too harsh. They objected to the length of the deals - nearly six years - and small raises in later years.

American sweetened the deals Tuesday by offering overtime bonuses of up to 4.5 percent in 2006 or later if the company's credit ratings improve sharply.

But workers began voting shortly after their unions reached tentative agreements with American on March 31, and while pilots and ground workers were able to change their votes until Tuesday, flight attendants were not. Many flight attendants may have rejected the deal before American improved its offer.

The vote was conducted by phone

and over the Internet to meet the noon EDT Tuesday deadline American had set.

American was seeking \$660 million in concessions from its 12,000 pilots, \$200 million from 34,000 ground workers and \$340 million from 24,000 flight attendants. The agreements include layoffs for 2,500 pilots, about 2,000 flight attendants and up to 1,400 ground workers.

American chairman and chief executive Donald J. Carty had warned that if American went into bankruptcy, it would seek \$500 million in additional labor concessions. Darrah said he had asked Congress to block another 500 to 1,500 pilots would be laid off.

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choose from. Start with the National Association of State Treasurers' site at www.collegesavings.org. Another great site is www.collegeboard.com, operated by Joe Hurley, who also has written a comprehensive book called "The Best Way to Save

for College."

Finally, the mutual fund experts at Morningstar have college financing information, related news stories and a list of college funds at www.morningstar.com. Check out the recent article "Are 529 Plans Becoming Irrelevant?"

Q. My kids are collecting the state quarters. What new ones will be released this year?

A. Five new quarters in the U.S. Mint's program will be available in 2003: Illinois, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri and Arkansas. This year will mark the halfway point in the 50-state

quarter program.

For more information, go to www.usmint.gov.

With a question or column idea, call Susan at The Kansas City Star at (816) 234-4879. Send an e-mail to srosen@kstar.com.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AIGP, AIGS, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES. Includes sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Detailed NASDAQ market data table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists numerous technology and other stocks.

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Market news for cheese, including prices for various types like Cheddar and Swiss.

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Market news for potatoes, including prices for Idaho and other varieties.

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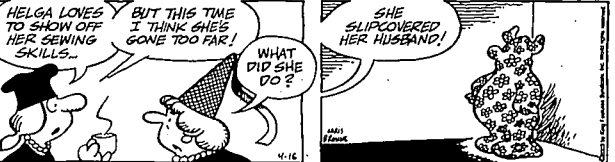
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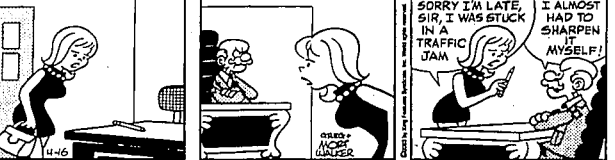
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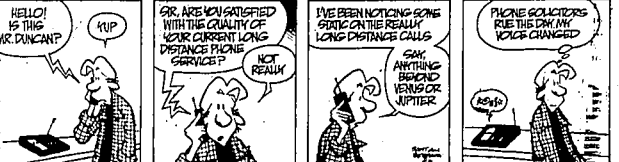
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WORLD



U.S. soldiers throw Iraqi men to the ground upon arrival at a military base in Baghdad after they were arrested for allegedly firing shots at U.S. troops from a building in the central part of the city.

Iraqis: Lynch rescue faced no resistance

Fedayeen, Baath members fled earlier in the day, docs contend

By Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

NASIRIYAH, Iraq — Accounts of the U.S. military's dramatic rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch from Saddam Hospital here two weeks ago read like the stuff of a Hollywood script. For Iraqi doctors working in the hospital that night, it was exactly that: Hollywood dazle, with little need for real action.

"They made a big show," said Hisham Glazy, a physician at the public hospital here who treated Lynch for her injuries. "It was just a drama," he said. "A big, dramatic show."

Glazy and other doctors said no Iraqi soldiers or militiamen were at the hospital that night, April 1, when the U.S. Special Operations forces came in helicopters to carry out the midnight rescue. Most of the Saddam's Fedayeen fighters, and the entire Baath Party leadership, including the governor of the province, had come to the hospital earlier in the day, changed into civilian clothes and fled, the doctors said.

"They brought their civilian wear with them," said Mokhdad Abd Hassan, who was on duty that day and evening. He pointed to green army uniforms still piled on the lawn. "You can see their military suits," he said. "They all ran away the same day."

"It was all the leadership," Gazy said. "Even the governor and the director general of the Baath Party ... They left walking, barefoot, in civilian wear."

Joint forces patrol Baghdad

Iraqi police make first arrest, but city remains unstable

By Niko Price
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A group of Iraqi policemen drove through this lawless city with sirens blaring Tuesday and immediately made themselves useful by coloring their first crook.

Though tiny, unpaid and poorly armed, the embryonic patrols are crucial to the success or failure of the U.S.-led war here, because the American occupying force has been unwilling or unable to effectively police the cities it is capturing.

Baghdadis cheered the three white patrol cars as they drove through the central al-Shorja market, following a U.S. Marine Humvee and trailed by a red bus filled with Iraqi police officers in black berets and crisp uniforms in assorted shades of green.

The convoy sped along the Tigris River, kicking up a cloud of dust, and into the city's biggest hospital complex, Saddam Medical City. There, Marines looked on from tanks as the officers lined up in ragged formation and received orders to set up checkpoints and patrol the hospitals.

"It's sad and gloomy. But whatever it is, it's better than the Americans," said Dr. Saieb Agalmani, a surgeon eyeing the new recruits.

Anger at Americans has been rising in Baghdad. U.S. forces have yet to restore electricity, water, phone service or order since Iraq's government broke down in advance of their invasion from the south.



Sgt. Michael Thompson of Oklahoma City, Okla., 3rd Battalion, 101st Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, plays with Iraqi children Tuesday in Baghdad.

The medical center, which includes different varieties of hospitals and teaching facilities, has been partially looted. Thieves made off with tables and sofas even as the police officers arrived.

Marines set up checkpoints outside the complex last week, but don't go inside unless there is shooting. They have not sealed the perimeter, allowing looters to ransack the hospital.

U.S. forces have appealed to Iraqi police officers to contact them and get back to work as the city remains in chaos. Looting and gun battles are common, and black smoke from fires set by looters coats the sky.

A few joint patrols of U.S. Marines and Iraqi police officers have begun and are expected to gather momentum in coming days.

Soudad Fadel, 28, a six-year veteran of the Baghdad police force, said some 2,000 officers have signed up and that thousands more would be joining in coming days.

"Yesterday I joined the Marines" on a patrol, he said. "Today we got our first job."

Elsewhere in Baghdad, retired Iraqi Army Col. Imad al Azawey met Tuesday at a former Baath party headquarters with Lt. Col. Michael Belcher of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, to discuss efforts to rebuild the police force in northeastern Baghdad.

"We just want life to go back to normal," al Azawey said.

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Marines move through Tikrit in force, encounter some anger

By Scheherazade Faramazi
Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq - Confronted by rage and insults, U.S. forces swept through Saddam Hussein's hometown Tuesday and began disarming residents, even as Marines came under fire while seizing an airstrip on the town's outskirts.

The U.S. military set up cordons around Tikrit to prevent Saddam's senior leaders - and in a long shot, perhaps even Saddam himself - from slipping away.

American tanks stood outside Saddam's presidential palace, which was seized without a fight, the military said. Plumes of smoke rose Tuesday from buildings around the Tikrit South airfield, which was pummeled by U.S. airstrikes before it was captured by Marines.

At Balad Southeast, another airfield outside Tikrit, the runway was strewn with gas tanks and old trucks to prevent coalition forces from landing their planes. Working aircraft had been moved and hidden under camouflage nets.

While American helicopters flew over Tikrit, Marines searched pedestrians for weapons at checkpoints and vehicular traffic was strictly controlled. U.S. tanks at a bridge over the Tigris



Iraqi doctor Ammar Thabet, the only doctor operating in Saddam hospital in the northern Iraq town of Tikrit, attends Tuesday to Issa Dafi, 20, seriously burned last week during U.S.-led coalition bombing. On the bed at left is Issa's cousin, Abdullah Nwab, 27, also burned seriously.

River blocked people from crossing, triggering the crowd's fury. "Americans are against freedom and democracy!" shouted one man.

"Saddam shall return!" shouted another. "Victory is coming!"

"(The Americans) are animals - people are sick of this. People are hungry," said a third.

U.S. forces had suspected about 2,500 holdouts from the

Republican Guard and the paramilitary Saddam's Fedayeen - and possibly officials from Saddam's regime - were holed up in the town 90 miles north of Baghdad.

Capt. Frank Thorp, a Central Command spokesman, said U.S. forces to the south and west of Tikrit had created checkpoints to prevent regime leaders from escaping. Though initial fighting



An Iraqi family returning Tuesday to Tikrit is searched at a checkpoint on the bridge leading out of the city.

had been fierce, there was no information on casualties.

American troops met less resistance than expected after the town's defenders had been subjected to airstrikes for several days. Marines attacked Tikrit from the south, west and north.

On Tuesday, some people were looting Tikrit's agricultural building and the governor-general's

office. But large-scale looting like that in Baghdad or Kirkuk was not immediately evident, and the Marines were disarming residents.

"We're taking all automatic weapons," Marine Cpl. Courtney Davis said at a checkpoint. "With handguns and pistols, we take the rounds and give them back the guns because they need them for

protection against looters."

Davis, of Clarkson, Utah, said the Marines took AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades from some vehicles. "Yesterday we got 13 AKs and detained four people," he said.

Davis said he had heard from his superiors and residents that there was still some resistance in Tikrit.

Relatives seeking news about missing speak of tragedies, years of longing

By Hanna Hendawi
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Hussein Mohammed Musa credits his faith with helping him survive the 22 years of anguish since his two sons vanished at the hands of Saddam Hussein's regime. Frail and with failing eyesight, the 75-year-old retiree came to Baghdad Tuesday in search of news about his boys.

Outside military intelligence headquarters, a place that has struck fear in Iraqis for years, Musa was disappointed to learn he could not enter the U.S.-held compound to look for information on his sons. It was another frustrating moment in his fruitless search for Mohammed and Dhafer. "They may be dead and they may be alive. I just need to know," Musa said, his eyes welling with tears.

Since the fall of Baghdad, hundreds of Iraqis have converged daily at the riverside military intelligence complex in hopes of learning what happened to loved ones who disappeared during Saddam's rule.

Some believe their relatives are locked in secret underground cells or buried in mass graves.

Prevented from going inside, they vent their anger at U.S. Army soldiers guarding the compound.

Their anger and resignation are part of the legacy of a regime whose brutal policies touched

nearly every Iraqi family. Their frustration is amplified by uncertainty over the power vacuum left by the Iraqi president's ouster.

At times, they lash out - with accusations that the Americans are "neo-colonizers," that Saddam made a deal with Washington to hand over Iraq, that the international media are distorting facts.

Mixing myth and fact, they speak of dungeons inside the complex, secret codes that open

underground cells, corridors that only fugitive officials would know about and burial grounds at the bottom of the Tigris River.

U.S. troops, helped by scraps of information from relatives, blasted open doors and tunneled through floors on Friday in search of any prisoners. They found no one and decided to declare it a no-go area for Iraqis.

Undeterred, relatives still gather outside the complex to tell anyone willing to listen how their

loved ones disappeared after a late-night visit by Saddam's security agents.

They tell of years spent trying to get news, bribing middlemen to arrange meetings with officials, writing petitions that went unan-

swered.

Hadien Massoud, 65, remembers well the night two years ago when plainclothes security men arrived at her house to take her 22-year-old son Selceme Abdel-Hussein.

Wearing a black chador and blue tattoos on her face and hands, Massoud angrily clapped her hands as she spoke. Another son, Subeih, ran his index finger across his throat to explain the risks of making inquiries

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'Human shields' casualties raise questions about Israeli tactics

Military faces criticism on its treatment of civilians

JENIN, West Bank (AP) - On a narrow dirt road separating this West Bank town from a Jewish settlement, a Swedish peace activist...



Swedish peace activist Tobias Karlsson stands in front of an Israeli armored vehicle after negotiating with the troops to let Palestinians return to their village near the West Bank town of Jenin on Monday.

Israeli critics say the self-declared human shields represent a naive idealism that ignores the context - that restrictions on Palestinians are meant to keep out the suicide bombers and other

Palestinians have long complained that Israeli troops use excessive force against civilians, and mounting casualties among foreigners are likely to draw renewed attention to the charge. In 30 months of fighting, more than 2,200 Palestinians have been killed - most by Israeli troops.

The International Solidarity Movement, a group of Palestinians and foreigners based in the Palestinian areas, says more volunteers have been signing up since Corrie was killed. "Before Rachel's death, we had one or two people filling out registrations each day," said George Rishmawi, a founder of the group. "Now we get about eight per day."

The activists spend up to three months in the West Bank and Gaza, where the Palestinians claim for their future state. Many live on little more than flat sandwiches and cigarettes. Without a salary, money raised back home has to be stretched.

"Sometimes this situation feels pretty hopeless, but this area is ripe for change," said 40-year-old Kate Rntel from San Francisco who grew up in a Zionist family.

our militants after a spate of terror attacks.

During Israel's operation, dozens of foreigners slipped past Israeli soldiers into two besieged hot spots - Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah and the church on Christ's reputed birthplace in Bethlehem.

Israel has since deported or refused entry to dozens of foreign volunteers. About 50 foreigners, most from the United States, are currently in place. Palestinians view them as saviors. "If the world sees what the Israelis do to foreigners, they'll understand what we go through," said Mohammed Abdullah, 40, a Jenin shopkeeper.

The Israeli army insists it isn't deliberately killing innocents. "We regret the loss of any civilian life - whether it's Israeli, Palestinian or a Western national," said a military spokesman, Capt. Jacob Dallal, armed with diagrams that show blind spots on an armored D9 bulldozer. The army denies the claim. "But these incidents could have been avoided by the protesters who have acted with reprehensible negligence."

Judge hands Dutch assasin 18 years

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - The killer of Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was sentenced Tuesday to 18 years in prison - a punishment that elicited court-room boos, crying and derision from Fortuyn supporters who said it was not nearly severe enough.



A supporter of murdered Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn cries over a portrait of Fortuyn outside the courthouse in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday.

Volkerk Van der Graaf, 33, confessed to shooting Fortuyn outside a radio station May 6, just nine days before elections in which Fortuyn was contending for prime minister, to prevent him from gaining power and carrying out his anti-immigration agenda.

The crime shattered the country's tradition of peaceful democracy, and Fortuyn's supporters said Van der Graaf should be sentenced to life in prison. The Netherlands abolished the death penalty in 1978.

When the judge read the verdict, outraged Fortuyn supporters booed and stormed out of the public gallery. They later threw garbage at a car taking Van der Graaf back to prison and shouted profanities at the judges.

Fortuyn supporter Patricia Houckamp, 31, wept in the public gallery after the sentence was read out. She said Fortuyn "stood up" for people like her. "And then he's called a 'danger to the country' and killed. What

you have to do to get a life sentence? The Netherlands is way too tolerant," Houckamp said. Presiding Judge Frans Bauduin said the sentence was severe enough and reflected "the brutal manner in which the victim was killed, the damage to the democratic process, and the general deterrence effect the punishment should have."

Prosecutors sought life imprisonment for Van der Graaf, but prosecution spokeswoman Saskia de Klerk said they were "not dissatisfied with the verdict," which is longer than the 12-16 years usually given to defendants convicted of a single murder.

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Misdemeanor dismissals

Cystal Lynn West, 25, 239 Pleasant St., Twin Falls, insufficient funds check \$100, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Pedro Mata Gonzalez, 19, 1200 N. 700 E., Rupert, failure to carry driver's license on person, \$12 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Kara C. Hodder, 18, 1051 Sandy Glen Lane, Burley, failure to carry driver's license on person, \$12 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Alexander James Rauh, 18, 2743 Fairmont Ave., Burley, resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Robert Robert O'Rourke, 26, Bel Air Trailer Court, P.O. Burley, insufficient funds check \$100, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Eric S. Fearn, 18, 321 N. Burton Ave., Burley, resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 James D. Payne, 49, 425 E. 700 W., Heyburn, inattentive driving, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Stephanie Garrison, 18, 2726 Fairmont, Burley, resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Angellita Osmos, 27, 1221 Almo Ave., Burley, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Brian M. Jones, 36, 757 Normal Ave., Burley, two counts insufficient funds check \$100, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Blain F. Jerman, 40, 1734 Almo Ave., Burley, failure to carry driver's license on person, \$12 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Melissa Hughes, 20, 210 A St., No. 15, Rupert, insufficient funds check fraud, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Valerie Gonzalez, 27, 440 S. 250 E., Burley, one count reckless driving, one count driving with the presence of alcohol, one count resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Michael T. Deakin, 18, 1921 V St., Heyburn, one count minor in possession of alcohol, one count resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Daniel Ross Coltrin, 18, 496 W. 30 N., Burley, resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Melinda R. Cherley, 36, 1405 S. 400 W., No. 11, Rupert, insufficient funds check fraud, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Mark E. Babbitt, 42, 480 N. Wilson, Oakley, disturbing the peace, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Patricia Archuleta, 29, 823 Second St., Rupert, insufficient funds check fraud, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Bernhard N. Bergen, 25, 797 S. 1050 E., Albion, reckless driving, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Rachel A. Jensen, 18, 1550 Conant Ave., Burley, inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Aaron Leon Clegg, 26, 1658 Vale Ave., Burley, inattentive driving, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Derrick D. Dorough, 33, 224 Fourth Ave. N.W., Decatur, Ala.; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Michael A. Walker, 35, 1375 W. 200 N., No. 156, Provo, Utah; weight exceeding allowable gross load, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 David A. Vro, 40, RR 1 Box 14, Glenville, Neb.; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Anatoly Yakarschuk, 38, 2020 E. Spruce, Apt. 214, Fresno, Calif.; maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Billy E. Sullivan, 65, 12284 Springdale Road, Terry, Miss.; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Kaiton C. Pritchey, 42, 2280 E. 170 N., St. George, Utah; weight exceeding allowable gross load, pleaded guilty, \$54 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Augustus Philip Piper, 49, 653 Galder St., Apt. 214, St. Paul, Minn.; failure to stop at checking station as required, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$38.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Ricky D. Phillips, 50, 665 N. 100 W., Brigham, Utah; no medical card, pleaded guilty, \$110 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 George Perez, 43, 1903 Abbey Road, West Palm Beach, Fla.; maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Justin Neradine, 25, 601 S.E. 110th Ave., Vancouver, Wash.; weight exceeding allowable gross load, pleaded guilty, \$362 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Richard Lowmanatoris, 58, 350 N. Meridian, Rupert; vehicle exceeding length, truck loads, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Mike Low, 43, 406 Fir Lane, Sedro Valley, Wash.; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Russ D. Knight, 40, 2725 N. 425 W., Pallas, Utah; failure to obtain oversize permit, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Furtune Jullachts, 24, 628 S. 17th St., Richmond, Calif.; maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Brent Stagner Ineson, 31, 461 N. Lake St., Apt. 308, Aurora, Ill.; failure to stop at checking station as required, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Lyle L. Hanks, 51, P.O. Box 203, Mountain Home; two counts weight exceeding allowable gross load, pleaded guilty, one count \$10 fine, one count \$69 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Viktor V. Genyichuk, 43, 25721 N.E. Mansley Road, Battle Ground, Wash.; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Richard C. Fisher, 42, 87 S. 100 W., Hammond, Utah; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Paul E. Cain, 39, Box 35, Anversville, Md.; maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Billie J. Jr., 40, 2510 S. Glenhurst Ave., Salt Lake City; failure to obtain oversize permit, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Mikaela Perry, 42, 4414 W. Cardiff Ave., Carson, Calif.; maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Maria Elena Zarba, 21, 17583 W. 775 N., P.O. Box 100, Burley, insufficient funds check \$100, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Kathleen R. Ward, 34, 585 E. Bridge, Blackfoot, Idaho; motor carrier log book violation, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Bliss Country Store, 1200 E. 325 north, Burley, no medical card, 90 days in jail, five days suspended, one count reckless driving, one count driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Maria R. Stanton, 30, 3719 Hazard Ave., Burley, insufficient funds check \$100, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Randall Richard Pierce, 16, 2000 Normal Ave., Burley, reckless driving, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony dismissals

David A. Lottemoser, 38, P.O. Box 32, Paul; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost.
 Thomas Howard Knopick, 25, 1384 Park Ave., No. A204, Burley; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$12 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Defaults

John Morales, 35, Paul Housing, No. 71, Burley; two counts enhancement for use of a deadly weapon; two counts aggravated assault; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile dismissals

John Ross Groberg, 16, 1285 W. 3100 S., Magna, Utah; instruction exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to misdemeanor littering roadway from vehicle, \$125 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Kirby Ferraro, 17, 2728 Hilland Ave., Burley; resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Hillary A. Deils, 17, 16 Granada Place, Burley; resisting officers, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Juvenile sentencing

Laura Elizabeth Morgan, 17, 1451 Almo Ave., Burley; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court cost; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.
 Joseph Torrey Vela, 17, 523 W. 18th St., Burley; one count failure to notify upon striking unattended vehicle, pleaded guilty, \$85.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost, five days in jail, five days suspended, time credited; one count reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$86.50 fine, \$63.50 court cost, five days in jail, five days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED".

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On July 14, 2003 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. of said day, at the FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Credit Union, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of IDAHO, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 2, HIGHLAND ACRES SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREON RECORDED IN BOOK 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 3, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. Commonly known as 3128 Highland Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by HENRIETTA H. MARICAN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL AND ROYTT HENNING, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC HOME EQUITY CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, recorded on 04/24/1999, as Instrument No. 1669-003802, Mortgage Record No. 1669-003802.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 1-1008(A)(1), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTORS ARE NOT PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due November 1, 2002, in principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereon; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$115,355.40 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

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to Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, ID, all of public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following description of the real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 1 in Block 3 of College Heights Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 6, Records of said County of Twin Falls, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced property, but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the trustee has been informed that the address of 418 Meadows Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Anthony L. Bopp and Janet K. Bopp, husband and wife, as Grantor, to The American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC HOME EQUITY CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 3/5/1998, recorded on 03/05/1998, Mortgage Record No. 1998004088. Mortgage Record No. 1998004088. The above Grantor is named to comply with Section 45-1500(A)(1), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this

NOTICE OF SCHOOL ELECTION
DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY
Filed with the State
Twin Falls County, Idaho
Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County Idaho, that the annual school election will be held on the 30th day of May 2003. Candidates interested in filing a declaration of candidacy must file not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 16th, 2003.

Only those qualified electors residing in Trustee Zone No. 2 may declare candidacy for a Zone No. 2 trustee position. The purpose of said election shall be to elect one trustee to serve for a period of three years from the date of the election one trustee who resides within Trustee Zone No. 2. Beginning at the intersection of 2100 East and 4000 North, thence east on 4000 North to 2300 East, thence south on 2300 East to 3600 North, thence west on 3600 North to 2250 East, thence north on 2250 East to 5th St., thence west on 5th St. to Stevehavenance south on Stevehavenance St. to US Hwy 30, thence west on US Hwy 30 and then 3600 North to 2100 East, thence north on 2100 East to the beginning.

Declaration of candidacy must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Trustees no later than 6:00 on April 16, 2003. Each declaration of candidacy must bear the name of the candidate, the name for which declaration of candidacy is made, and bear the signatures of not less than five (5) school district electors resident of the trustee zone of which the candidate is running. As provided by Idaho Code, Section 33-502A, no written vote shall be counted unless a declaration of intent has been filed with the District Clerk indicating that the person desires the office and is legally qualified to assume the duties of school trustee if elected. The declaration of intent shall be filed not later than five (5) days before the day of election. Under order of the Board of Trustees.
Arluin W. Lanting, Business Manager/Clerk
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attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$85,993.70, together with interest thereon at 7.500% per annum from 7/1/2002, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: March 13, 2003 First City National Title Insurance Corporation, 720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1100, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2850 Fax Information: http://www.trustrustee.com ASAR925845
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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE PETITION AVAILABILITY AND DISTRICT ELECTION FOR HANSEN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the office of Trustee of the Hansen Free Library District must be filed with the District Clerk/Secretary whose address is 120 West Maple Avenue, Hansen, Idaho, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 16th day of April, 2003.

Such declarations are available at the district office at the above address, or at the office of the County Clerk. Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of May, 2003. The Hansen Free Library District will be conducting an Election for trustee, to be held on Tuesday, the 27th day of May, 2003, on which day Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hansen Community Library, 120 West Maple Avenue, Hansen, Idaho.
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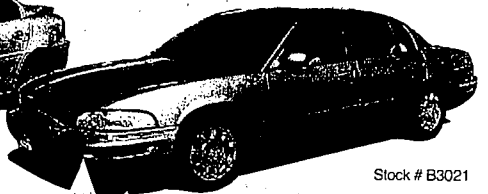
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