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# Strength of the spirit



Vikki Masterson, center, and Cecelia Sanchez co-founded the group Sarah's Promise to help families of people who suffer from cancer. Sanchez survived a brain tumor and Masterson lost a daughter, Sarah, to cancer. Tony Masterson, 15, was 12 years old when his little sister was diagnosed with the disease.

## Cancer brings two women together to help others

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's the story of a little girl with wisdom beyond her years.

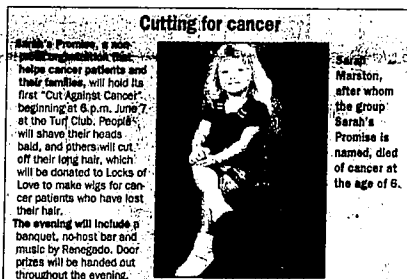
But during her short time on Earth before the cancer took her, 6-year-old Sarah Marston left pieces of that wisdom with every life she touched.

It seems fitting to tell Sarah's story on Easter. It's a story about death and renewal. A story of faith and hope and believing in miracles despite the odds. Most of all, it's a story about the amazing strength of the human spirit.

It's also a story about how a common experience brought two women together in a mission to help others.

Sarah Marston's story took place in Tacoma, Wash., where she was the youngest child in a military family. Her father, Michael, was in the U.S. Air Force Special Forces, a job that had already made Sarah an accomplished world traveler.

Her story begins in September 1998, six months after Sarah, her father, mother Vicki and 12-year-old brother Tony returned to the United States from Turkey, where Sarah's father had been stationed.



Cutting for cancer

Sarah's Promise, a non-profit organization, helps cancer patients and their families. It holds its first "Cut Against Cancer" beginning at 6 p.m. June 7 at the Turf Club. People will shave their heads bald, and others will cut off their long hair, which will be donated to Locks of Love to make wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair.

The evening will include a banquet, no-host bar and music by Renegade. Door prizes will be handed out throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20, and proceeds will benefit local families facing cancer. For tickets or more information about Sarah's Promise, call Vikki Masterson at 732-7363 or Cecelia Sanchez at 731-1888.

Sarah Marston, after whom the group Sarah's Promise is named, died of cancer at the age of 6.

Then 5-year-old Sarah could barely contain her excitement about going off to kindergarten. But there would be a change in plans.

The usually vibrant, energetic little girl began feeling sick to her stomach and sleeping more than usual. Vicki took her daughter to the doctor four times in one week, including one trip to the emergency room, each time

being told her daughter's symptoms would pass. But mother's intuition told Vicki it was more than just a case of the stomach flu.

"Any parent knows their child," Vicki said. "She'd lost a significant amount of weight."

Vicki demanded a diagnosis, so doctors did a CAT scan. The doctor came into the waiting room where Sarah's family anxiously

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waited, sat down, gently braced Vicki and said the words a mother doesn't want to hear.

"There's a tumor in Sarah's head," the doctor told her. Twelve hours later, Sarah was in surgery. Doctors were honest about the prognosis. Considering Sarah even survived the surgery, they might not get all the tumor. She might not walk again, and she probably wouldn't be able to talk for awhile either. And the surgery could impair her intellectually.

"You be sure to give her a really good kiss goodbye," one of the doctors told Vicki.

Sarah was in surgery for eight long hours - hours Vicki spent praying.

"Just let me hold her again," Vicki prayed.

The surgeon came into the waiting room, and Vicki tried to read the expression on his face. His face said the news was good.

"Just seeing him, I knew he was going to be my superman," she said.

"That tumor practically popped out," the surgeon told her.

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## Bit by bit, Iraqis begin to see glimpses of freedom

Shiite Muslims prepare to march to Karbala for a pilgrimage Saturday in Baghdad. The event was an emotional revival of an annual religious pilgrimage banned for decades by Saddam Hussein's Sunni Muslim regime.



### Recovery goes step by step

The Associated Press

From whiskey to religion, Iraqis tasted freedoms denied for years Saturday in a slow climb back to a normalcy an entire generation never knew. Completing their own journey to freedom, seven U.S. captives from the war flew to a Texas homecoming.

In a widening sweep of officials from Saddam Hussein's toppled government, authorities arrested his former finance minister, hoping he can lead them to

the former dictatorship's hidden wealth. They also took custody of the suspected mastermind of Iraq's nerve agent program, who gave up.

Postwar recovery advanced in scattered steps.

Thousands of Shiite pilgrims renewed a tradition banned for decades as they set out on a walk of faith down dusty roads to two holy cities. U.S. troops kept anxious watch and said they would keep a respectful distance as long as the march of three to four days did not turn

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## Local economy weathers challenges

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Record-high gas prices, soft demand for frozen potato products and other national forces put pressure on the Magic Valley economy during the first quarter.

But in the valley's central market, employment diversity, strong economic-development leadership and incoming homebuyers helped the local economy weather the blows that hit Idaho and the nation.



Economic

Indicators - D1

proof? Take a look at the 4.0 percent March jobless rate for Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties. And the astounding addition of 3,100 jobs in the three counties since first quarter 2002.

"I'm a little surprised, because we have outdone last year at this time, and last year was a blockbuster year," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist.

Magic Valley's nice level of consumer confidence during wartime was one reason for his surprise. He had expected the Twin Falls-area unemployment rate to rise early this year. It did the opposite.

Automobile sales revved up. Home building was hot. Tourist traffic started the season strong.

But farm prices - particularly for potatoes and milk, the valley's signature products - were the low note in the early months of 2003.

For the rest of the story, see the Money section in today's edition for Business Editor Virginia S. Kasper's report on first-quarter economic indicators.

## Agreement on revenue remains elusive

By Chuck Oaley  
Associated Press Writer

BOISE - The tax deal reached last week by House and Senate went a long way toward ending this year's record-long legislative session, but members are

entrenching themselves again on how much additional money is needed to balance the state budget. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on a House members Thursday after the reluctant body passed a one-cent sales tax increase, raising at least \$160 million. But the governor's chief of staff said Friday that amount still was not enough to reach Kempthorne's \$200 million benchmark to fully fund public schools, health and welfare programs and the state's prisons.

The governor intends to keep lawmakers in session, at a cost of \$27,000 a day. "Until we meet our constitutional responsibility to balance the budget," said Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of staff.

A bill that would hike cigarette taxes is still waging action in the House. But weary House Speaker

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Dining out  
Is your restaurant food safe?  
Monday

Hang it on a wall  
TV watchers discover the wonder of plasma.  
Tuesday

What's cooking?  
Learn the secrets of the kitchen.  
Wednesday

Gobblers  
Secrets to remember for the spring turkey hunt.  
Thursday

Jive! talkin'  
Twin Falls High School's concert vocal group will perform its spring concert.  
Friday

New band in town  
Christian musicians from England are coming to Twin Falls.  
Saturday

The E-Bay culture  
Some of your neighbors are wheeling and dealing online.  
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and warmer. Highs in the upper 60s...
Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and cooler with a good chance for showers and a possible thunderstorm. Highs in the lower 60s.

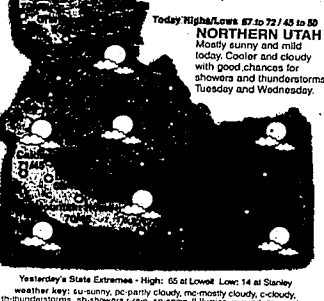
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warmer and sunny. Highs in the upper 60s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy and cooler with a good chance for showers and a possible thunderstorm. Highs in the lower 60s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

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A brief period of high pressure will bring sunny to partly sunny skies to the region through today. Showers and clouds return on Monday and Tuesday.



Today Highs: 47 to 58. Tonight's Lows: 21 to 31.
NORTHERN IDAHO
Sunny and mild today. Mostly cloudy skies and cooler with a chance for showers and a low thunderstorm on Monday. More showers Tuesday and Wednesday.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times and moon phases.

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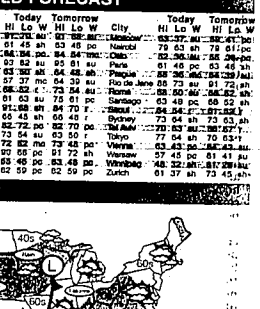
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists major cities in other countries.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists major Canadian cities.

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Searchers intensify manhunt for USS Cole jail escapes

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) - Police have arrested 25 people in connection with the escape of 10 suspects in the fatal bombing of the USS Cole, but the fugitives themselves remain at large, officials said Saturday.

Tourist ship sinks in Brazil; 11 die

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - A tourist schooner with 64 people on board sank Saturday morning in a canal east of Rio de Janeiro, killing at least 11 people, local authorities said.

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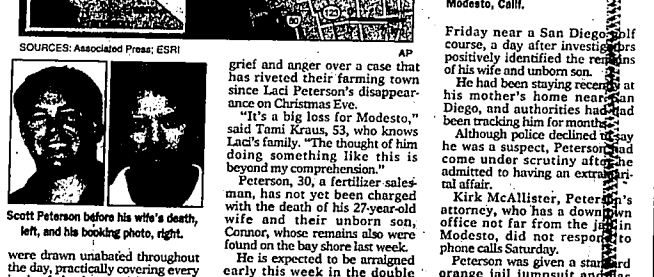
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Police: Peterson carried \$10,000 in cash

Los Angeles Times
MODESTO, Calif. - Scott Peterson had \$10,000 in cash with him when he was arrested in connection with the deaths of his wife, Laci, and their unborn son, a law enforcement official said Saturday.

Bodies found are of missing woman and son

Two bodies found by people walking along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay were identified Friday as Laci Peterson and her infant son, Peterson, missing since Dec. 24, 2001, was eight months pregnant at the time of her disappearance.



Scott Peterson before his wife's death, left, and his booking photo, right. They were drawn unabated throughout the inch, partially covering every inch of the lawn with flowers, teddy bears, toys, candles and balloons.

The revelation could help explain authorities' concerns that Peterson would flee, possibly to Mexico, before they could arrest him on Friday.

Revenue

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Bruce Newcomb, who cobbled together a majority of moderate Republicans and Democrats to pass the sales tax increase last week, says the tobacco tax increase has no momentum.

grief and anger over a case that has riveted their farming town since Laci Peterson's disappearance on Christmas Eve.
"It's a big loss for Modesto," said Tami Kraus, 53, who knows Laci's family.

bill himself, and other House leaders already oppose any tax increase.
Another bill that is on hold in the Senate could be amended to reflect a cigarette tax increase, but it would also have to run the same hostile gauntlet through the House before it could go to the governor's office.

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# Syria tightens restrictions on Iraq border

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) - Syria has banned Iraqis without visas from entering the country, airline sources confirmed Saturday, an apparent effort to counter U.S. charges that it is sheltering former members of Saddam Hussein's regime.

The move was another sign that Syria seeks to ease tensions with Washington ahead of an expected visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

After days of harsh allegations from the Bush administration, U.S. officials said Thursday that Syria was reacting positively to complaints that it harbors members of the ousted Iraqi government, turning some Iraqis away at the border and possibly preparing to quietly expel others. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Washington also has accused Damascus of having chemical weapons and sponsoring terrorism - both of which Syria denies.

Syria quietly issued a directive last Monday banning the entry of any Iraqi who did not already hold a visa. Previously, visas could be obtained at airports or border crossings upon arrival.

The new rules became apparent Friday after two Iraqis were prevented in Cairo, Egypt from boarding a Syrian Airlines flight to Damascus because they did not have visas. Syrian airport officials confirmed the rule change Saturday.

Lebanon started enforcing similar rules shortly before the war began March 20, security officials at the Beirut airport said Saturday.

Also Saturday, a top Lebanese official said he was optimistic that Powell's planned visit would help ease the crisis.

## IN MEMORY



Rachel Ashwood, 9, pauses at the chair in memory of her aunt, Susan Forrell, who died at the Murrah Building bombing, during a memorial service in Oklahoma City on Saturday, the eighth anniversary of the bombing.

# Marines temper aggression with goodwill

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The old men playing dominoes barely looked up from their tiny, steaming cups of coffee as the U.S. Marines arrived to search for weapons in a dim and smoky coffeehouse in one of this city's main markets.

But a few heads turned when a small cache of AK-47 assault rifles was dragged from under the soot-stained brick oven, and several bulging sacks of ammunition and Iraqi dinars came to light in a back storeroom.

Accompanied by a small contingent of Iraqi police, half a dozen Marines had fanned out Saturday through the market's winding, covered alleyways - part of a long and dusty day's patrol that combined cross-cultural goodwill gestures with a hair-trigger state of readiness for urban combat.

The day's mission was to search for illicit weapons in a part of Baghdad where U.S. troops had not previously ventured on foot, a crowded, rundown district where gunfire still crackled in the near distance.

But the Marines also were trying, on what was to be their last day in the capital before heading over policing duties to Army troops, to establish lines of communication with the crowds of Iraqis who turned out to gawk and cheer and shout out appeals for food, money, electricity, and protection from looters.

"We want to get out here and

show ourselves, to make the civilians feel at ease and to make the guys with guns feel nervous," said Sgt. Daniel Marez, the patrol's 28-year-old leader, from Albuquerque, N.M.

"Sometimes it's hard to do both."

Complicating their task was the presence of Iraqi police, who only days earlier were regarded by most people here as hated symbols of decades of repression at the hands of Saddam Hussein.

In the wake of the looting spree that accompanied the capital's fall, U.S. officials consider it urgent to get a functioning police force back on the streets. Growing numbers of Iraqi police officers have been returning to work, and are receiving training from U.S. troops, including Marine reservists who are police officers themselves back home.

Out on joint patrols, the Marines sometimes have had to step in to prevent Iraqi police from roughing up suspects. But looters and suspected gunmen do not get particularly gentle treatment from the Marines, either.

Only moments into Saturday's patrol, moving toward the market district in three Humvees with mounted TOW missile launchers,

the Marines spotted several Iraqi men leading big canisters of looted vegetable oil into the back of a battered flatbed truck. The men tried to flee; the patrol gave chase.

"Get out! Get out NOW!" the soldiers, M-16s at the ready, shouted as they swarmed toward the truck. The men inside were dragged out and forced to lie prone on the ground, their hands trussed behind them with plastic ties. One of them was barefoot, and another trembled all over as he lay on the pavement.

"It's not fun to have to treat them like that, but we pull so many weapons out of cars that we can't take chances," said Matt Clayton, a Navy corpsman attached to the Marine unit. "If we don't move in like that, we'll wind up shot."

In many ways, the day's work of these soldiers was emblematic of the dangers still faced by any occupying force in a densely packed city of nearly 5 million people.

Moments of high tension punctuated the easy rapport shared by the men, who had fought their way through the southern desert together and were among the first American units to arrive in Baghdad.

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NATION/WORLD

# After decades of fear, Iraqis revel in free speech

By Niko Price  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The entire neighborhood was ordered out onto the street. Militiamen with machine guns stood guard on surrounding rooftops. Commandos brought out the young man, hands bound behind him. His parents gasped.

Quietly, the crowd began to chant "Allah akbar" — God is great. It was all they could say as a militiaman pulled out a box cutter and sliced off part of Firaz Adnan's tongue. His crime: He had cursed Saddam Hussein and his family.

It was March 5 — two weeks before the start of the war.

"There was no justice. There was no law," the 23-year-old Adnan mumbled Friday, his voice slurred by his deformed tongue.

Since American troops drove Saddam's government from power, Iraq has been in the midst of a chaotic, violent and confused transformation. But for many, the most monumental change has already come: For the first time in many people's lives, they are free to speak their minds.

"In the past we couldn't talk about anything. Now we can talk about everything," said Raud Abdul Hamid, a 36-year-old taxi driver.

Hamid sat on a plastic chair in front of a lawyer's office, basking in the sun and chatting with a few friends. The old friends can talk all day. Suddenly, their discussions are fascinating.

"The regime was fascist!" proclaimed one, Abdul Razak Abbas, 50.



Firaz Adnan, 23, recounts Friday in Baghdad how militiamen imprisoned and tortured him and cut off part of his tongue for cursing Saddam Hussein.

"I didn't know you thought that," said Abdul Muteleb Mohammed, 42. Then he corrected himself: "Everyone thought that. They just didn't say it in public."

The group even felt free enough to criticize those who made their discussion possible — the American and British troops now in the midst.

"The Americans came as libera-

tors, but we have seen no liberation," Hamid said. "We will be free when the Americans leave."

The transformation of a society of silence into a culture of chatter has been so sudden that some people haven't registered it. As a journalist interviewed some teenagers about newfound freedoms, their mother hissed from the house: "Just tell him everything is normal."

Her fear is understandable. Only a month ago, as Adnan and thousands more can attest, speaking openly was a crime punishable with jail, torture or death.

Yedullah Jani, a Kurdish ironworker who lives in Baghdad, was arrested in 1982 for talking with members of the Kurdish opposition in northern Iraq. Three or four times a day, he was pulled from his prison cell and told to

confess to opposition activities.

"They would handcuff me and hang me by the hands from a hook on the roof. They used electric shocks and pulled off my toenails," he said, taking off a sock to reveal a hobnail foot.

Jani finally confessed, and was sentenced to life in prison. He was released after four years under a blanket presidential pardon granted during the Iran-Iraq war of 1980-88.

"For two years my wife didn't know where I was," he said. "We were living in fear and terror. Nobody could say anything."

People knew government spies could be anywhere. "Even the man who sells cigarettes in the street could be secret police, even a taxi driver," said Thamer Arsham, 27, himself a taxi driver.

As that fear dims and Iraqis open up to one another, many say they are forging deep friendships with people they have known all their lives — but never really spoke to.

Zaki Ghazi, a 46-year-old accountant, kept his views to himself. He hated Saddam's government with a passion, but he didn't dare tell anyone.

"I was afraid of my neighbor. Some people were afraid of their own son or wife," he said. "Many times, wives put their husbands in jail."

Last week Ghazi paid a few visits to his neighbors and gingerly explored their political views. He was shocked to hear they felt exactly the same.

"I talked to them and I agreed with them," he said with a laugh. "They say now what I thought before."

# POWs fly to U.S.

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AP) — Seven former U.S. prisoners of war knelt and waved to a crowd of well-wishers Saturday as they boarded a C-17 in Germany that was carrying them home to their families in the United States.

About 30 well-wishers waving American flags and one bearing a banner that read "Proud of Our Warriors" gathered beside the plane to see the seven off and to wish them a safe journey home.

The former POWs were to fly to Fort Bliss in Texas, where five of them are stationed with the U.S. Army's 50th Maintenance Company. Two other Apache helicopter crewmen, who are with the First Cavalry Division, will then continue to their home base at Fort Hood.

A nine-member team of debriefing specialists and a psychologist were accompanying the seven on their trans-Atlantic flight, which was expected to last about 13 hours. The plane, which took off at 2:55 p.m. local time, will be refueled in flight to avoid requiring an additional stop, U.S. Air Force officials in Germany said.

The crowd waved and cheered for U.S. Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson, as she was carried onto the plane on a stretcher. Johnson, who was shot in both ankles during an ambush, waved happily and gave the V-for-victory sign with her fingers.

# Iraqi fighters head home from Kurdish prison

ASHKOTWAN PRISON CAMP, Iraq (AP) — He moved north, an Iraqi man journeying across a nation at war in search of the soldier who was his brother. Ali Abdel Karim checked hospitals, prisons, even graveyards. He feared the worst.

Then, on Saturday, he landed at this prison camp in the farthest reaches of northern Iraq. Here he found his brother, Adel — safe, rea-

sonably healthy, riding out the war at the sloping foot of a lush mountain range in a Kurdish-controlled prison camp equipped with volleyball courts and CNN.

"For six days I've been looking for him," Ali Abdel Karim said, embracing his brother and weeping. "I can't believe he's alive. Please make our happiness known around the world."

On Saturday afternoon, scores of

Iraqi fighters from Saddam Hussein's army began the journey home, freed by their Kurdish captors after up to three weeks of detention at Ashkotwan prison camp.

Prisoners said they had been treated well, spending their time playing volleyball and soccer and watching television captured from satellite dishes.


As the releases began, the mood

was buoyant. "The tyrannical regime is finished. Saddam is finished. We were forced to fight," said Ali Dhaqi, 27, a Sunni Muslim soldier from Anbar, near the Syrian border.

The Kurdistan Democratic Party is one of two groups that control separate sectors of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq established in 1991 under U.S. protection.

Alli Abdul Qader, right, from Basra, embraces his brother Adel, an Iraqi held prisoner of war by the Kurds, after Adel was released from Ashkotwan camp near the Turkey-Iraq border Saturday.







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Assessing the need for relief

With the end of large-scale fighting in Iraq, humanitarian organizations poised to begin relief efforts are hard pressed to assess or even assess much of the war-torn nation. In many cities, water, power and medical facilities are failing and in some cases inactive.

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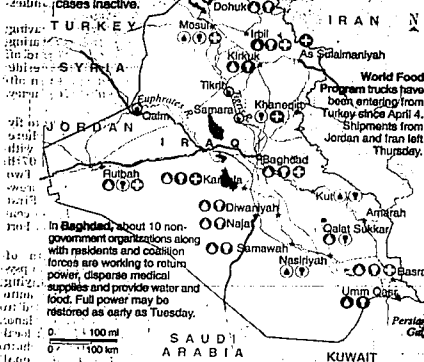
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against them.  
"We don't want to interfere with the pilgrimage," said Maj. James M. Bozeman, a civil affairs officer with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, which was helping to police it. "We want it to proceed as normally as possible. But we are prepared for the worst."

In Baghdad, vendors overruled another prohibition from the Saddam era and began peddling whiskey and beer on the street. There was an influx of necessities, too. A 50-truck convoy brought the first massive shipment of donated food to the capital, including flour. In southern Iraq, a British and Iraqi workers reopened a rail line between the port city of Umm Qasr and Basra to spur humanitarian relief supplies to that region.

On another front, Jordanian officials announced the seizure of 42 paintings believed to have been looted from Iraq's National Museum, at best just a portion of Iraq's plundered antiquities from the days of chaos that followed the American occupation of Baghdad.

Coalition military forces in Iraq are putting the finishing touches to a proclamation formally declaring the war over, Australia's foreign minister Alexander Downer said Sunday. Downer told Australian television's Seven Network that final details are still being worked out, "but it will happen in the next few days."

Smiling and waving to well-wishers, seven U.S. soldiers freed from Iraqi captivity last weekend took off from a military base in Germany on Saturday for an evening welcome in Texas. Five are with the U.S. Army's 507th Maintenance Company in Fort Bliss; two were crewmen who flew in an Apache helicopter with the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood.

The crowd cheered for U.S. Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson as she was carried out the plane on a stretcher. Johnson, shot in both ankles in an ambush, waved happily and flashed the victory sign.  
"Rescue from the allied occupation, foreign ministers from countries around Iraq have appealed for the United States and Britain to get out quickly, but the UN is at the center of rebuilding and let Iraqis handle their own affairs at the first opportunity."

The United States has made clear it is not leaving soon. After this initial postwar phase with allies in control, Washington wants power handed over to an interim Iraqi authority broadly influenced by the war's winners, with an independent Iraqi government to follow.

Despite the diplomatic slap from the Mideast session, the United States saw examples of practical cooperation from the region. Sensitive to U.S. charges that it is sheltering senior Saddam loyalists, Syria now has banned Iraqis without visas from entering the country, airline officials said. U.S. capabilities as a stabilizing force in Iraq are being tested in a multitude of ways, from the scenes of bank robberies and commercial plundering to the occasional sniper attacks.

American troops in Baghdad have been guarding bank vaults blasted open by robbers using

rocket-propelled grenades. Marines equipped with machine guns and tanks have been standing watch over what they estimated was \$1 billion in gold.

Now security forces are trying to smooth the way for the pilgrimage to the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, and the shrine of the prophet Muhammad's grandson, Imam Hussein. Great religious sensibilities are at stake in policing it.

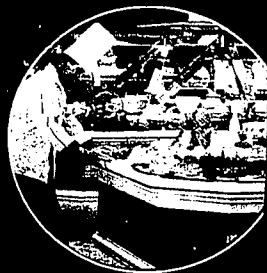
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Graves of Iraqi victims cast shadow over key northern town

By Mark McDonald Knight Ridder News Service

KIRKUK, Iraq - The statue of Saddam Hussein in the main square of this oil-rich northern city has been pulled down and beheaded, and tea shops and food stalls have reopened. Some of the old regime's traffic police are back in uniform and back on the job, dozing in their kiosks as usual.

"But this is just a superficial calm," said Kemal Kerkuki, a Kurdish civilian official who is the chief liaison with U.S. forces in Kirkuk. "Deep down, it's still very dangerous here. Many Baathists are still armed and still at large. Some of them are ex-security officers whose hands are red with Iraqi blood. It will take a bit more time to restore order to Kirkuk."

Fires have been burning all over the city for more than a week, and Saturday a warehouse fire sent up a fat plume of black smoke that curled into the shape of a question mark that hung over the city. "The gristliest question is this: Who are all those people buried in the wheat field?"



A Kurdish family tours the Kirkuk Castle Thursday - an army stronghold under Saddam Hussein - now reopened to the public.

Turn left at the Pepsi plant, continue past the scorched tanks and the empty

Iraqi bunkers, make your way through the wildflowers and the waist-high winter wheat, and suddenly, just over a gentle rise, there they are, 3,000 of them, grave after grave of them, row upon row, acres, and acres of man-sized mounds of dirt.

All but 10 of the graves are unmarked, and two of the bodies have been exhumed for examination and dating.

A local gravedigger said the bodies in the field were civilian and military victims of the 1988 Anfal campaign, Saddam's reign of terror against northern Kurds and other opponents of his regime.

The old gravedigger said he ought to know who was out there in the wheat field. He buried them there himself.

The Anfal campaign was the work of Gen. Ali Hasan al-Majid, Saddam's cousin, "Chemical Ali," as he came to be known, is believed to have been killed by a coalition air attack on his house April 5 in the southern city of Basra.

"Sometimes the ghosts throw stones at us to warn us to stay away from here."

- Reian Ahmed, Kirkuk grocer

Another of his houses, on a hilltop in Kirkuk, overlooks the mass graves in the wheat field.

Local people call the burial ground al-Mansia, the Forgotten Place, and they swear they can hear shouts and whistling coming from under the earth at night.

"Sometimes the ghosts throw stones at us to warn us away from here," said Reian Ahmed, a Kirkuk grocer and former anti-aircraft gunner in the Iraqi Army. "You can tell, they are not happy under this earth."

Kirkuk has always been one of the richest prizes in Iraq, and a new tug-of-war is under way as rival Kurdish parties, regional Arab chieftains and a large Turkmen political group jockey for position. Control of the oil fields will mean billions of dollars.

U.S. military officers have been holding meetings with leaders of all the factions, but the military's top priorities are getting round-the-clock control of Kirkuk and hunting down renegade snipers and high-ranking members of Saddam's Baath Party. Some municipal and police officials from the former regime have been called in to help, although they're being closely watched and investigated.

"We have lots of suspicions about them," Kerkuki said. "They could be most dangerous to us."

U.S. special forces, military police and combined Kurdish units have secured Kirkuk's oil fields, pipelines and pumping stations, along with the main hydroelectric station at Dibis. But some of the oil installations were sabotaged before the Baathists fled Kirkuk.

Bomb mishap wounds U.S. soldiers, small child

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Four U.S. soldiers on patrol were wounded Saturday when an Iraqi girl handed them an explosive and it blew up, American military officials said. They said they believed it was an accident.

None of the injuries was life-threatening, said Col. Michael Linnington, commander of the 101st Airborne's 3rd Brigade, the wounded soldiers' unit. One soldier's leg was amputated. The girl, who appeared to be about 7 years old, suffered a hand injury and was taken away by her family, apparently to a hospital. U.S. forces were searching for her Saturday night to make sure she was safe.

Linnington said the girl approached one of the soldiers with an M-42 "bunker," a canister-size piece of a cluster bomb. "As she handed it to him, it went off," Linnington told The Associated Press.

Human rights groups have criticized Americans' use of cluster bombs. They contain 200 or more small bombs, each of which can explode into hundreds of metal fragments.

Many fail to explode on impact,

and opponents stress the need to deal with the dangers that unexploded ones pose to civilians.

The wounded soldiers' names were not immediately released. Three were evacuated for medical treatment, the military said, while the fourth was treated and returned to duty.

Linnington said there are "some remnants" of American ordnance still around Baghdad. He said an Iraqi man was killed Friday and three soldiers from the 101st were wounded when an M-42 "bomber" exploded under similar circumstances.

Residents of the Dura neighborhood in southeastern Baghdad have been trying to negotiate their way through what appear to be U.S. cluster pieces scattered through the area, including some found hanging in trees.

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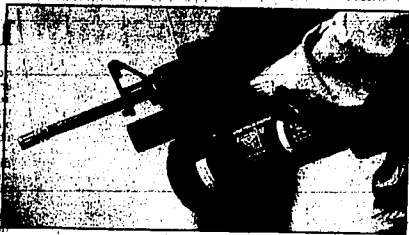
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United States Marine Sgt. Jose Acostavejo carries a flower offered to him by an Iraqi civilian as his squad of Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, patrols a neighborhood in Baghdad earlier this month.

# Iraq vets find forgetting is hardest part of killing

By Joseph B. Ventrone  
Associated Press writer

The beefy Army drill sergeant had been a soldier since he was a teenager. Now 35, he was eager to go to war with the Third Infantry Division and do for real what he had been teaching recruits. But after at least five confirmed kills, he discovered combat was different than he had expected.

"I didn't think it would be like this, killing people," Staff Sgt. Thomas Slago reflected, not long after squeezing the trigger on his assault rifle to stop an approaching Iraqi guerrilla, then watching the gruesome result through his scope.

"He exploded like a watermelon," Slago said. In numbers not seen since the Vietnam War, trauma experts say, soldiers soon will return home from battle forever changed by what they've seen and done.

War in Iraq has meant machine-gunning guerrillas intent on suicide charges. It has meant gunplay in neighborhoods, building corridors and desert bunkers.

Marine Cpl. Clint Begley of Shekevoport, La., approached a bunker thinking, "I don't know if there are three or 30 in there. Oh my God, am I going to have to shoot that guy?"

He did. So did his platoon mate in the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Cpl. Juan B. Elenes, 21, of Portland, Ore. In another bunker, Elenes shot off the top of an attacker's head. Then a second man "I didn't want to get shot, so I shot him first," Elenes explained.

Afterward, he said, "OK, I'm done. I'm ready to go back to Kuwait now." The presence of Iraqi villagers and irregulars in civilian disguises added to the stress and confusion.

"I didn't expect the whole civilian thing," said Lance Cpl. Jack Self, never taking his finger off the trigger of his grenade launcher. He watched a woman tugging two heavily-laden donkeys away from a stone house that could prove a hide cover to snipers. He had blasted other buildings like it and found bodies in the rubble.

"Part of me wants to kill everything I see. You just can't trust anybody," he said. "I hope there's nobody in that building when I destroy it."

Veterans centers are posting trauma advice on Web sites for both soldiers and their families. They are expanding treatment programs for that fraction of soldiers who need special help.

"There will be a lot of work to do when the men and women come back from Iraq," said psychiatrist Matthew J. Friedman, executive director of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and a researcher at Dartmouth College.

"We've had killing and we've had death and injuries. We've had civilians killed. There was a fragging."

How many soldiers will require mental health treatment? Past conflicts offer clues. A nationwide, long-term study of Vietnam veterans - now entering its third phase - concluded that one-third of combat soldiers returned emotionally wounded. After the 1991 Persian Gulf War, about 10 percent of the troops suffered distress from a conflict that was much briefer and less intense.

Given the confusing, urban ambush-style fighting in this Iraq campaign, experts predict trauma levels closer to Vietnam's. Counselors say most soldiers reconcile disturbing memories with the support of family and veterans' groups. Reflections on good deeds - rescuing wounded comrades, liberating an oppressed nation, distributing humanitarian aid - can help protect soldiers' fragile psyches.

But, psychologists agree, a portion of combatants will develop disabling psychiatric illnesses as episodes of fear and violence imprint on their memories, triggering biological and chemical changes that change how their brain cells function.

Fifteen years after being discharged, the post-Vietnam study shows, 15 percent of veterans still suffered from PTSD, the most serious of trauma reactions.

# Marines feast on game from Saddam's preserve

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) - Supper time has become a double treat at a Marine base outside Saddam Hussein's hometown - not only is there fresh meat, but it's from Saddam's personal hunting preserve.

The Tikrit South airfield, where Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 set up base in last week's campaign to take the city, is on the edge of a preserve where Saddam and favored guests once hunted gazelle.

Now, Marines are venturing into the woods to hunt the animals, which stand about waist-high. They haul back the carcasses as a welcome substitute for the prepackaged Meals Ready to Eat that have been their staple.

"It was delicious. I don't know if it's because we've been eating

MREs for two months, but everyone's enjoyed it a lot," said Cpl. Joshua Wicksell, 26, of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Wicksell's review may be biased - he's the cook, and has been putting his two-year culinary arts degree to good use in an unexpected setting.

Each of the squadron's platoons has been limited to killing

one gazelle a day to make sure the herd isn't depleted.

The soldiers are using 9mm pistols to hunt after initially being forbidden to use firearms for fear that gunshots in the woods might be mistaken for enemy fire.

"We hunted them with rocks, as Stone Age as that sounds," Wicksell said. "We gutted them and skinned them and pretty

much carried them over our shoulders barbarian-style."

The preparation is almost as primitive: a fire pit dug in the ground, covered by a radiator grill from one of the Marines' trucks.

Wicksell tenderizes the meat with a fork and rubs in salt, pepper, sugar and seasonings scavenged from MREs.

# Kuwait helps feed animals at Baghdad's zoo


KUWAIT CITY (AP) - As the war in Iraq winds down, attention is turning to one group of forgotten victims: the animals at Baghdad's zoo.

Weakened before the war by lack of food and medicine blamed on years of U.N. sanctions, the animals' lives were endangered during the conflict by the placement of an Iraqi gun battery on the zoo's grounds, opening it to destruction by U.S. military attack.

Moved by their plight, Kuwait shipped seven tons of frozen meat, fruit, vegetables and feed by truck to Iraq on Friday in an effort to save animals that haven't yet died or escaped from their cages to roam the streets of Baghdad.

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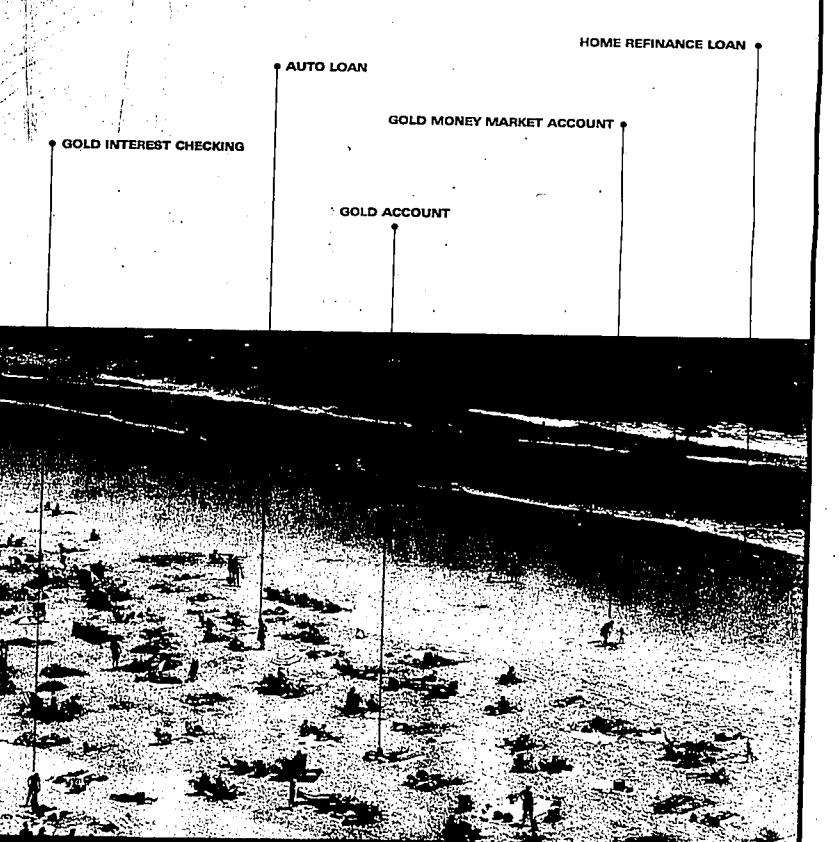
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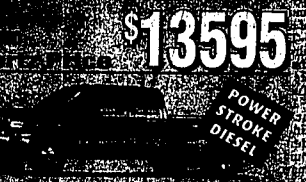
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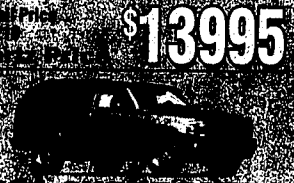
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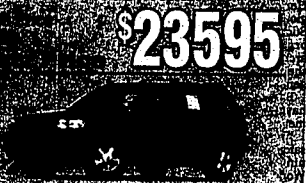
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# 13-year-old prodigy adds degree to his resume

ASHLAND, Va. (AP) — He was solving math problems at 14 months, reading and correcting adults' grammar by 2 — the same age he decided to become a vegetarian. He was explaining photosynthesis to kindergarten classmates at 5.

He breezed through 10 grades of school in three years, graduated with honors from high school at 9, founded an international youth advocacy organization, met with prime ministers and presidents, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Twice.

Now, 13-year-old Gregory Robert Smith is about to add another line to his resume: College graduate.

Greg will receive his bachelor's degree in mathematics May 31 from Randolph-Macon College, a private Methodist school 15 miles north of Richmond. Greg, who was elected Phi Beta Kappa, is graduating cum laude.

He has not yet said where he will attend graduate school. He plans to earn PhDs in math, aerospace engineering, political science and biomedical engineering, and pursue multiple careers while continuing to champion nonviolence and children's rights.

Among his goals is to become president of the United States. "It would give me the opportunity to help so many people," Greg said in an interview in the campus office where Janet Smith

spends her days managing her son's always-packed daily schedule.

Greg's arrival at Randolph-Macon in September 1999 drew so much attention that he had to schedule two news conferences — one before classes and one at the end of the day. School officials expect a similar crush on graduation day.

Since that first day of college, Greg has shot up 13 inches — "5 feet 7," he says proudly — but his maturity and personal growth are much harder to quantify, said his mentor, psychology professor Michael Wessells.

"I don't have a measuring stick for it," Wessells said. "He has

come much farther in three years than anyone I've ever known."

Greg already was well ahead of his classmates intellectually when he arrived, Wessells said. But the cheerful lad with the distinctive bowl-shaped mop of golden hair lacked life experience and cultural understanding.

"That is where he has made the greatest strides, Wessells said.

"He has boundless curiosity, a tremendous sense of values around peace and social justice, and great motivation. His is a mind that should not be straitjacketed."

Greg could have entered a larger and more well-known college. But Janet and Bob Smith liked

the small classes at the 1,100-student school and what seemed a safe environment for their son, who received his first threatening note — likely from a jealous classmate — when he was 8. An adult is always by his side, often a campus security officer.

Janet Smith said concerns that her son has missed out on his childhood are misplaced. Greg has charted a course that makes him happy, and that includes not only advanced learning but also playing sports with children his own age.

"I feel I've lived the life of a normal child," Greg said. "I've just been given so many incredible opportunities."



Randolph-Macon College senior Gregory Robert Smith, 13, right, looks at digital pictures with fellow senior Bob Legandor at the school in Ashland, Va., earlier this month. Smith will receive his bachelor's degree in mathematics May 31. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Smith is graduating cum laude.

## Peru find indicates early civilization in the Americas

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — They are not much to look at: a couple of scraps of ancient vegetable matter carrying a barely legible design. But in the field of archeology, seemingly nondescript objects frequently revolutionize our knowledge of the past.

So it is with the recently discovered remains of a pair of ancient gourds that researchers believe have the earliest known depictions of a god in the Americas, which could force scholars to drastically revise their whole understanding of the emergence of civilization in the New World.

The discipline's gossip network already has been buzzing about the find, announced in an issue of its trade journal, *Archeology*, Tuesday.

In it, Jonathan Hass, a curator at the Field Museum, reports finding the representations of a deity, known as the Staff God, burned into the gourds approximately 4,000 years ago.

Hass and a co-author, Winifred Creamer, a professor at Northern Illinois University, made the find during an expedition to Peru in 2002.

Previously, it was assumed that the peoples of the Western Hemisphere began making religious figures only after 1000 B.C. Such totems are the mark of an organized religion, something archeologists recognize as one of the sure-fire signs of the emergence of a high culture.

But the newly found gourds have been dated by radiocarbon methodology to 2250 B.C.

"What we have here," Hass said, "seems to be the very beginnings of civilization in the New World."

It also means that the Western Hemisphere was not a Johnny-come-lately to civilization. It confirmed by subsequent investigations, Hass and Creamer's find would push back the emergence of high cultures in the New World to approximately the same period as their appearance in Egypt (2600 B.C.), Mesopotamia (3000 B.C.), India (3000 B.C.) and China (2500 B.C.).

Even before it was formally announced, Hass and Creamer's discovery — and the revised cultural timetable it implies — was finding support from other scholars in the field. Richard Burger, a professor at Yale University and former director of its Peabody Museum of Natural History, gave it the highest possible academic praise. "I'm sure going to cite their discovery in my own work," Burger said.

The gourds were found in the Pativilca River Valley, on the coast of Peru about 120 miles north of Lima. Hass and Creamer note that the region has been increasingly identified by archeologists as the ancestral home of a series of cultures that culminated in the great Inca civilization encountered by the first European explorers.

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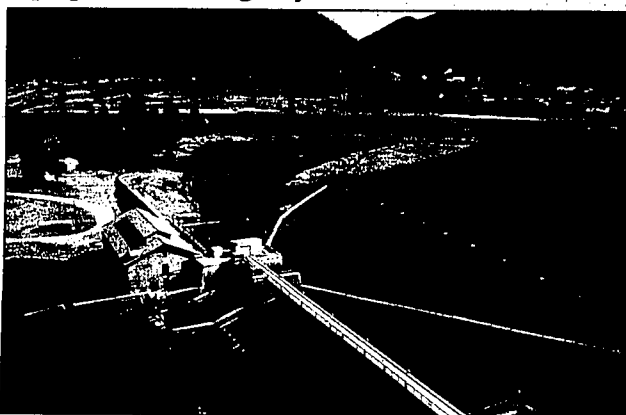


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# Once again, a river will run through it

Bush administration proposes breaching a hydroelectric dam in Montana

By Blaine Harden  
The Washington Post



The Milltown Dam, terminus of the nation's largest Superfund site and repository for tons of poisonous sediments that decade produced, would be removed under the proposed cleanup of mine waste that washed down the Clark Fork River for decades, the EPA says.

MISSOULA, Mont. — When he campaigned for the presidency three years ago, George W. Bush stood foursquare for the virtues of dams in the Pacific Northwest.

"These dams are important for a way of life," he said of hydroelectric dams on the Snake River. "If George W. Bush becomes president, the dams will not be breached."

The Bush administration, however, on Tuesday proposed breaching a hydroelectric dam near here at the confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot rivers, just a couple of hundred miles from the Snake.

The EPA announced that it wants to tear down the Milltown Dam, which for nearly a century has been trapping toxins from upstream mining and holding them in a reservoir that poisons the groundwater and kills fish.

The announcement marks a rare — and probably temporary — truce in a wide-ranging legislative and legal war between the Bush administration and environmental groups over water, timber and energy policy across the West.

"The Bush administration is doing the right thing here," said Tracy Stone-Manning, executive director of the Clark Fork Coalition, an environmental group that has campaigned for three years for the dam's removal. The project is expected to cost \$95 million and take six years.

The EPA was quick to insist that removal of the Milltown Dam, which produces barely enough power to light up the public schools in Missoula, will not set a precedent for removal of larger dams that environmentalists want breached to save endangered salmon.

"This is a completely different situation," said Russ Forba, EPA manager for the Milltown project. "This is not analogous to the dams on the lower Snake River. They are big energy producers and it was pretty self-evident to everyone back in headquarters in Washington that this was not a major energy producer."

The Milltown, perhaps more than any dam in the West, has become a structure that Republicans at the national and state level can comfortably hate.

Joining the Bush administration, Montana Gov. Judy Martz, R, who once described herself as the "lady of industry," said the dam must go because "it's simply

the right thing to do."

In a recent visit to Missoula, Martz suggested that there are higher powers — and not just in Washington — on the side of breaching the dam and removing toxins behind it.

"God has a plan, too," she said. "We have to help Him by cleaning up the sediment. Then He will do the rest."

Politically, the dam has become hugely unpopular in western Montana. Arsenic levels in groundwater behind the dam are 42 times higher than federal standards and have forced the EPA to provide alternative safe drinking water to 40 households near the dam.

Heavy metals in the mud behind the dam, especially copper, periodically foul the gills of fish, causing them to drown. When an ice flow stirred up sediment in the mid-1990s, trout numbers fell by about 60 percent. With no fish ladders, the dam also blocks migration routes for bull trout, a fish listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The Blackfoot River, which spills into the Clark Fork just above the dam, is "the big river" of rainbow and brown trout that Normen Maclean celebrated in

his poem to fly fishing, "A River Runs Through It."

In Missoula County, which has a population of 90,000, more than 10,000 people have written to the EPA, demanding that the dam be breached and nearby contaminants removed.

What makes its removal especially appealing to politicians and local taxpayers is that they don't have to pay for it. The project will create many as 160 jobs for six years, providing a much-needed annual injection of \$14 million into the local economy.

Under the Superfund law, which requires polluters to pay the cost of cleaning up their own environmental messes, most of the \$95 million tab will be picked up by Atlantic Richfield Co. In 1977, it bought Anaconda Mining,

the company that silted the Clark Fork with contaminants from huge upstream processing plants and mines in Anaconda and Butte.

Not surprisingly, Atlantic Richfield, which was bought three years ago by British Petroleum Co., is the only major player in Montana that opposes breaching the dam. It has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to clean up Superfund sites on the Clark Fork.

"We continue to have concern that removal will do more harm than good," said Sandy Stach, an Atlantic Richfield spokesman. "You will be mining contaminated material in the middle of the river and in our opinion that will pose some risks to the ecosystem."

# Chemical buildup in bodies causes alarm

Los Angeles Times

Toxic chemicals used as flame retardants are rapidly building up in the bodies of people and wildlife around the world, approaching levels in American women and their babies that could harm developing brains, new research shows.

The chemicals, PBDEs, or poly-brominated diphenyl ethers, are used to reduce the spread of fire in an array of plastic and foam products in homes and offices, including upholstered furniture, building materials, televisions, computers and other electronic equipment.

This year, the European Union banned the two PBDE compounds that have been shown to accumulate in human bodies. Some European industries had already begun to phase out the chemicals, and levels in the breast milk of European women have begun to decline.

But in the United States, no action to regulate the flame retardants has been taken, and their use continues to rise. About half of the 135 million pounds of

PBDEs used worldwide in 2001 were applied to products in North America.

Scientists who specialize in toxic contaminants say they haven't seen a chemical build up in human bodies and the environment as quickly as that of PBDEs in almost half a century. They flame retardants are as potent and long-lasting as PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and DDT, chemicals that began to accumulate in the environment in the 1950s and were banned in the 1970s. Even if PBDEs were banned today, they would endure in the environment for decades, scientists say.

A single, small dose of PBDEs fed to newborn laboratory mice and rats disrupts their brain development, altering their learning ability, memory, behavior and hearing, according to three studies, two conducted in Europe and one at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mice fed less than 1 part per million of PBDEs performed poorly in maze tests and were hyperactive and slower to become habituated to new environments.

# Study finds one quarter of Harlem kids have asthma

NEW YORK (AP) — A study has found that one out of every four children in the city's Harlem section has asthma, double the rate researchers expected and one of the highest neighborhood rates in the nation, experts said.

Results of the study, by Harlem Hospital Center, suggest that asthma cases may be more frequent among the urban poor than previously thought.

The data suggest that further testing might find asthma rates "much higher than suspected in any number of inner-city neighborhoods around the country," Dr. Stephen Nicholas, who led the project, told The New York

Times in Saturday editions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that about six percent of all Americans have asthma, which claims 5,000 lives nationwide each year. New York is believed to have a higher rate than most cities, although it is not known why.

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# NATION

## Legislators' house has religious atmosphere

### Congressmen live upstairs of church

WASHINGTON (AP) — Six members of Congress live in a \$3.6 million Capitol Hill town house that is subsidized by a secretive religious organization, tax records show.

The lawmakers, all Christians, pay low rent to live in the stately brick, three-story house on C Street, two blocks from the Capitol. It is maintained by a group alternatively known as the "Fellowship" and the "Foundation" and brings together world leaders and elected officials through religion.

The Fellowship hosts prayer vigils, luncheons and other meetings on the first two floors of the house, which is registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a church.

The lawmakers — Reps. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn.; Bart Stupak, D-Mich.; Jim DeMint, R-S.C.; Mike Doyle, D-Pa.; and Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev. and Sam Brownback, R-Kan. — live in private rooms upstairs.

Rent is \$600 a month, DeMint said. "Our goal is singular — and that is to hope that we can assist them in better understanding of the workings of Capitol Hill and applying it to their jobs," said Richard Carver, a member of the Fellowship's board of directors who served as an assistant secretary of Clinton during the Reagan administration.

The house, valued at \$1.1 million, is owned by the C Street Center, a sister organization of the Fellowship. It received more than \$145,000 in Fellowship grants between 1997 and 2000, according to IRS records — including \$96,400 in 1998 for reducing debt.

The group meets together once a week to discuss religion in their daily lives.

"We do have a Bible study," said DeMint, a Presbyterian who used to move to the house less than a year ago when there was a vacancy. "Somebody'll share a verse or a thought, but mostly it's talk about things that are going on in our lives, and how we're dealing with them."

Members of the Fellowship are willing to talk about its mission. But secrecy is unsetting to the Rev. Barry Lynn, a United Methodist minister who heads a watchdog group Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. "What concerns people is when you mix religious and political power, and secrecy," Lynn said. "Members of office in Washington should always be candid about things that are going on in their lives, and how we're dealing with them."

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Use groups — living under religious auspices is not necessarily a bad thing, Lynn said, "as long as there are no sweetheart deals being made that could result in a conflict of interest."

The Fellowship organizes the annual National Prayer Breakfast, headed by the president, members of Congress and dignitaries from around the world. The group has, in its name of the program, although it spent \$924,373 to host the event in 2001, bringing in \$2.2 million in proceeds, according to the most recent available IRS records, and pays travel expenses for foreign officials to attend.

DeMint, a Catholic from Pittsburgh who moved to C Street about six years ago, got involved with the Fellowship when he began attending weekly prayer breakfasts in the Capitol as a freshman lawmaker in 1995. He met Doyle, who helped organize Fellowship-sponsored youth leadership seminars. He was president of the House Prayer Breakfast in 2000.

Fellowship arrangements are totally appropriate and within the House rules," said Doyle. "There's no direct correlation between the members and the Foundation — there are no tenants who have absolutely zero involvement, and some do. And there's no benefit to live there, other than the fact that it's convenient."

## Bush, allies push hard for tax cut

**The Washington Post**

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush and his allies in business are launching a nationwide campaign to pressure reluctant lawmakers to vote for his tax cut, with Bush planning to travel heavily to strategic states in his first big push on a domestic issue

— since the run-up to the war. The immediate issue is whether Congress, which plans to take up the tax cut in the next few weeks, will pass a 10-year package that is closer to the \$726 billion in cuts Bush proposed or the \$350 billion that some key Republican senators have said is their ceiling: Both parties said

the fight is ultimately over whether Bush will go into 2004 looking like a strong steward of the economy, or laced with some of the same vulnerabilities that cost his father re-election. The drive is effectively a dry

run for next year's re-election race, complete with barnstorming by Cabinet members, television advertisements by groups friendly to the White House and ferocious counterprogramming by Democrats.



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# Cruise ships dock in paradise, close to poverty

**LABADIE, Haiti (AP)** — The turquoise bay ringed by ruins of a 15th century plantation and crimson-flowered flamboyant trees is everything the tourist brochures promise — tranquil waters, pristine beaches, good food, exotic local culture.

But few tourists realize they've taken a cruise to Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation.

"Can you see Haiti from here?" Linda Tracy, 59, of Camden, Maine, disembarking from the cruise ship Explorer of the Seas with 3,400 other passengers who hurry toward banana boats, Jet Skis and art stalls.

Since 1986, the Royal Caribbean line has provided the biggest source of tourism revenue to Haiti, sometimes bringing more than 7,000 tourists a week. Each passenger pays a \$6 tax to the government, which comes to more than \$2 million a year, and more than 200 or so Haitians are paid to tend to them as bartenders, waiters and cabana boys.

The jobs are a blessing in a country where political instability has stunted growth, leaving a third of workers without jobs. But some people say more knowledge of Haiti and its problems might bring more help.

"In America, we've taken opportunities for granted," says Rust Winslow, a customer service representative from Akron, Ohio. "Here, people would love to have opportunities that we hardly hear anything about in their country."

Winslow said he had to search his travel itinerary to realize he was going to Haiti. Some passengers were told they were headed to Hispaniola, the island shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Most said they were going to a private beach off the coast of Haiti.

Royal Caribbean's Web site refers to the bay as "Labadee, Hispaniola." Another section calls the beach, on Haiti's north coast, a "private island."

"This is merely an effort to be elusive and refer to the entire island of Hispaniola, which is geographically correct," said Michael Sheehan, a company spokesman. He described the cruise as a win-win situation: "Our guests get to experience the unique culture of the given destination — and the destination experiences a positive economic impact."

The company leases Labadie Beach from Societe Labadie Nord SA, which puts on the entertainment. It also provides rifle-toting guards on days there are no cruise ships, usually Wednesday through Sunday, when they allow in Haitian tourists who can afford it.

"On cruise ship days this place is very different," says Jean-Arrol Santel, 32, a beach supervisor who earns about 2,000 Haitian dollars (\$540) a month. "Hopefully even more people will come and there will be more jobs. It's important for Haiti."

Maryse Penette-Kedar, president of Societe Labadie, which is known by the acronym Solano, said more jobs could be created if the brisk business continues. She also said that if conditions improve, tourists might start going farther afield, such as to the Citadelle fortress or Sans Souci castle.

"I think it's improved the country's image abroad and helped



Anthony Julien, of Trinidad and Tobago, an employee on the Explorer of the Seas cruise ship, sells tropical drinks to passengers on the beach in Labadie, Haiti, Dec. 19, 2002.

Haitians," she said. "Solano is the No. 1 employer in the north, with more than \$1 million of payroll a year."

On Mondays and Tuesdays, cruise ships sail into the harbor and small boats ferry thousands of people across the idyllic bay. They flock to hear Haitian musicians, slurp pina colodas and snack on

water, then run back to the beach to collapse on lounge chairs.

The excursions last about seven hours. Then they're off to their next Caribbean stop.

Musician Felix Valcourt, 75, wishes the tourists would do more.

"If each one of them dropped a quarter in a bin during their visits, it would help build a high school or a clinic," says Valcourt, dressed in a tropical shirt stiff from pressing. In two weeks he and his band of four earn 1,000 Haitian dollars (\$200).

He complains the tourists rarely tip and says none has ever ventured across the bay to Labadie Village or shown much interest in Haiti.

"No one ever asks us any ques-

tions about our lives, and the ships keep coming without bringing us any kind of real rewards," he says.

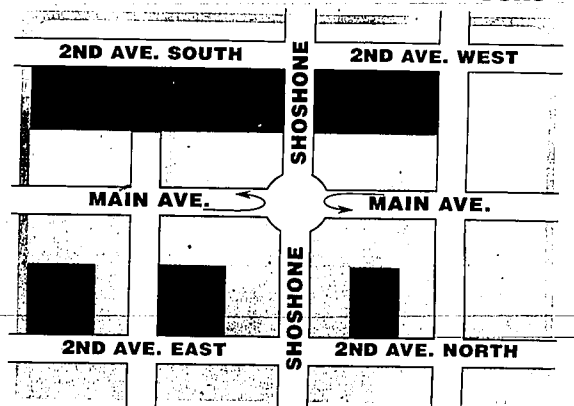
For those locked outside the gates of Labadie, the rewards are even slimmer.

Many craft vendors stand outside, hoping the stall operators will buy their cha-cha rattles and paintings that sell at a 30 percent profit inside. Other people rummage through garbage in search of leftover food.

Still, Tracy, the visitor from Maine, said the stopover had made her think about the broader Haitian culture.

"This has been a humbling and educational experience," she said. "Voodoo, witchcraft and poverty — that's all I knew."

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Artist's Perrine sculpture suits city's celebration

The legacy of I.B. Perrine shaped Twin Falls' first century. So it's fitting that the city he helped pioneer will honor him with its Centennial art project.

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission announced the selection last week of local artist Ralph Lehman's proposal for a bronze sculpture of Perrine. A panel aided by public comments picked Lehman's proposal from a group that included seven other entries. Lehman's Perrine statue will be placed permanently beside the Snake River Canyon rim, probably near the bridge that also bears Perrine's name.

Like any historical figure, Perrine has been both praised and panned for his contributions. While many locals have applauded his grand vision of making southern Idaho desert bloom, others have focused on his imperfections.

Some residents may argue that Perrine's name already adorns a bridge, an elementary school, and potentially a downtown street — so he doesn't need a statue. Perrine himself might agree. He's historically described as a man who didn't care to have his picture taken, which is why there are few images of him.

"In fact, Lehman's initial proposal was for a sculpture of both Perrine and early-day photographer Clarence Bisbee, to be titled, 'One Theme, Two Approaches.' The pose would have had both men scanning

the distance for a proper scene to photograph, with Perrine deflecting attention from himself toward the Snake River. Hence, the pose of Perrine pointing toward the canyon. (The final design omits Bisbee, and the position of Perrine's hand may be changed.)

The historians of the Magic Valley rightly note that Perrine isn't the only individual who shaped this region. But his influence cannot be denied. As Lehman says, "He was one who really had the entrepreneurial spirit and the imagination to get this valley going."

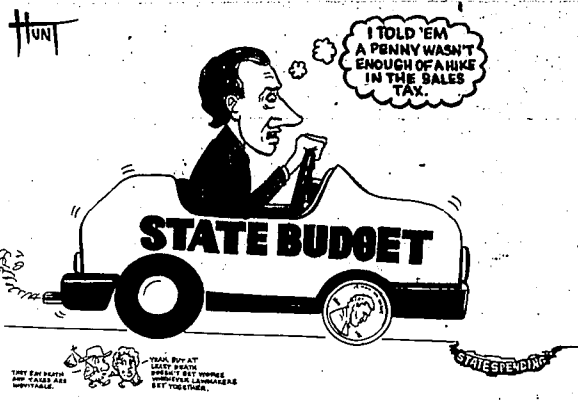
The funding for this centennial art project comes partly from a Howard Charitable Foundation grant to the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's Legacy Committee. The Howard family owned *The Times-News* for three decades before selling it in 2002, and we are proud to have helped make this centennial art project a reality.

Robert S. Howard, who presided over Howard Publications, sought to create the foundation as a way of giving something back to the community after years of support from readers and advertisers.

The Perrine statue will reflect that appreciation, but it primarily will serve as a symbol of Twin Falls' heritage. Perrine deserves the honor. The valley eventually might have been settled without him. But it was his dream that made it happen when and as it did. His image atop the canyon rim is a fitting tribute.

**Our view:** The proposed sculpture of I.B. Perrine is a fitting monument for Twin Falls' Centennial.

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



### Moderate Republicans take stand

They are, by any reckoning, the most scorned people in politics — moderate Republicans. For decades, going back at least to their rout at the Republican National Convention in 1964, they have been labeled as weaklings, folks who can't get organized and who never win. In other words, wimps.

Former Democratic Sen. Eugene McCarthy had a bunch of unflattering descriptions of moderate Republicans, one of which became a classic. "They are," he said, "the people who, after the battle is over, come down from the hills and shoot the wounded."

Imagine Washington's astonishment then, when a small band of moderate Republicans stood up to the leadership of Congress and to the White House and forced a major recasting of the budget, just before the Easter recess.

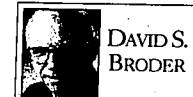
On the House side, the moderates were able to lift the spending limits in the budget resolution enough to avoid severe cutbacks in Medicare and Medicaid and veterans programs, while reducing the scale of President Bush's proposed tax cut from \$726 billion to \$550 billion.

In the Senate, moderates insisted the tax cut could be no larger than \$350 billion, and by hanging tough in the final negotiations, they secured a personal pledge from the chairman of the Finance Committee that their demand would be met, no matter what.

On both sides of the Capitol, they showed they could — for once — exploit the close partisan balances and use their leverage to extract major concessions from the GOP's dominant conservative wing.

"At the end of the day," John Feehery, House Speaker Dennis Hastert's press secretary, told me, "they were able to dictate the outcome because they had the votes. Their voice was heard."

Why were the moderates, who



had been rolled so many times in the past, able to stand their ground this time? It turns out that without attracting much notice, they have been muddling up for just this kind of fight.

In 1997, Rep. Arlen Specter, a classic Eisenhower Republican and industrialist from Corning, N.Y., started something called the Republican Main Street Partnership to link the "Tuesday group" of House GOP moderates to outside contributors who prefer that kind of party.

Over the years, the group has expanded its fund-raising capacity, to the point it could put \$1.7 million into campaigns for like-minded challengers in 2002, and it has built a six-person staff under Sarah Chamberlain Resnick. This is tiny compared with the conservative apparatus in Washington (or the Democratic Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., which modeled itself) but a breakthrough for this wing of the party.

A few weeks ago, Resnick arranged for the first-ever breakfast meeting for several of the House leaders and like-minded senators.

At the breakfast in the Senate Dining Room (right under the watchful eyes of Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist), Sens. George Voinovich of Ohio, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Snowe discussed the coming budget battle with Reps. Mike Castle of Delaware, Fred Upton of Michigan, Doug Ose of California and Houghton.

Specter soon opted out, but the other senators and most of the

House moderates persisted. Eleven House Republicans signed a March 14 letter to Hastert and Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle saying they could not support the original budget. It was enough to force significant changes on the spending side. Then on April 8, 15 House Republicans — among them, Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, the former chairman of the House GOP's main campaign committee — endorsed the \$350 billion tax relief figure that Snowe and Voinovich were advocating.

The unusual coordination between the two sides of the Capitol produced benefits for both. Castle said the \$350 billion limit set by Snowe and Voinovich "let us go to Denney (Hastert) and Nussle and say, 'You've got to agree on a reasonable figure.'"

Snowe said, "The fact that I could point to a letter signed by 15 House members showed this was not an empty gesture."

Despite heavy White House pressure and predictions that the moderates would cave, they won the day. The fight is not over, and there may well be retaliation. The anti-tax Club for Growth — one of several groups on the conservative flank — already is targeting Houghton, Snowe and Voinovich with ads comparing them to France at the United Nations.

But the moderates have enjoyed a rare taste of victory. The Main Street membership list now includes 11 senators and 53 House members — enough to make a difference on such issues as education, Medicaid and prescription drugs. As Mike Castle said, "The one thing they understand around here are votes. I think they know now we can make the pressure and not crumble."

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

### A good cause needs no applause

You'd think Arabs everywhere would be rejoicing. A tyrant who ruled over 23 million Iraqis is gone. His torture chambers are gone too. He's no longer a threat to his Muslim neighbors.

You'd think Arabs would celebrate that.

Instead, people from Cairo to Damascus to Beirut seem appalled by this turn in the war. Many in Arab countries said they shut TV's off when Saddam's regime collapsed. They couldn't bear watching it even though the scenes were of Iraqi jubilation. In Syria, state television showed cheering thousands to dismiss it: "It is only the thieves and looters who are celebrating," an Egyptian lawyer told the BBC. Some Arabs even said the people cheering down the Saddam statue were American agents.

I suppose I can understand their mindset.

Arabs resent our tanks in their heart of a city that once symbolized Arab civilization. They feel humiliated that an Arab army collapsed so suddenly before Western troops. And for weeks they've been bombarded with images of civilized casualties. In short, they see us as hated invaders.

But sit here wondering nevertheless.

How can they not see the way so many Iraqis — the Arab brethren — welcomed us? And that over the years, Saddam killed many times more Iraqi civilians on purpose than we did by accident?

Perhaps they doubt our mission is pure, assuming all of the reason we invaded Iraq was opposed to their dictatorships.

And it may well be hard for many Arabs to grasp even the concept of a liberation army. Their own history — all history really — has few examples of a foreign military seeking only to free a faraway nation, then go home.

Of course, we did exactly that in Kuwait. Others helped, but you didn't see Arab nations rushing to rescue Kuwait until we stepped in.

There may still be secret resentment over that. And I'm sure that a harsh dictator who suppressed Arabs has been toppled by Egyptians, Syrians or Saudis, but by the supposed Great Satan.

All of this is why it's unlikely we'll earn the applause of the Arab world even if Iraq blows up into a stable, free society.

In a way, that's too bad, but I don't suppose we need it.

We did not go to Iraq for the applause.

And I'd thought our success would change minds, but voices from Egypt to Europe to Washington continue to condemn the war.

Since the regime's collapse, many war opponents have written me saying they still fear our invasion will destabilize the region and justify other nations preemptively attacking their own enemies.

Even some Democratic presidential candidates remain against it, saying the billions spent there should have been spent at home.

I can't deny the opponents make worthy points. In many ways, it would have been easier, and less risky, to have not done this.

But it strikes me that's what makes America a superpower — as opposed to a bigger, richer version of France or Switzerland — philosophy.

We feel that despite the risks and burdens, there still are things worth fighting for.

We went to Iraq to make ourselves, and the world, a safer place. And in so doing, to free a people.

It's too bad we're not getting global applause.

But that doesn't mean we're not right.

MARK PATINKIN

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### Silence over coach's accident is disturbing

The coach, who also teaches driver's education, must be very popular in Twin Falls. There have been no negative comments concerning his pending case regarding driving while under the influence.

The police officer was doing his job and to try and use the officer was not invited in is an attempt to avoid responsibility for doing wrong. Thank God it was not a child he ran over. The fact is he had been drinking and the officer would never have arrested him had he not exhibited signs of being under the influence. He was driving; his wife confirmed this when the officer questioned her at the door. He fled the scene of an accident; the officer followed the fluids from his car to his driveway.

This man is not much of a role model. Beating the system does not mean you are innocent.

Innocent people do not flee from the scene of an accident. Why not try the "got drunk after I arrived home" defense?

At least the school principal stood up and assumed responsibility for her actions. I do not know that woman, but I read the criticism of people of Twin Falls had against her. Maybe she is more important to the families that are fighting to have him hired than she is getting positive exam-

### Send dairies and their waste into outer space

Hey, Diddle Diddle, the cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon.  
The old dog laughed to see such sport,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

I was reading about the debris released into space by space shuttles, and there is now some concern about various vehicles being in danger of colliding with it.

I'm thinking, they hauled it up there, why not haul it back?

Dear Old Mother Earth has been trashed, polluted, exploited, raped, etc., by greed. Now we start on space.

I don't have a college degree, but common sense tells me that this cannot be smart.

I stepped out of my door to get my newspaper this morning and was hit with the odors of the dairies east of us. Pshaw! I came up with a brilliant idea.

When they develop living in space, why not locate the dairies close to the equator, where the surplus of milk could replenish it. The waste could be sent out

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into space and when space travels it's his, all they will need is a wash rag when they come back.

And guess what — hey, diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle — the cows could jump over the moon!

**WYNARDA EXON Hagerman**

**Classroom factors force teachers to do more**

As the other half of the Lincoln School kindergarten team, I can no longer remain silent as your paper once again publishes information concerning our schools which is totally not true.

Lincoln School has not taken away access for its kindergarten students. Our students, as well as most kindergartners students in the Twin Falls School District, receive a recess time. For the first two months of this school year, I took out my students and observed them. As our classes get larger, the makeup of our students becomes more diversified with more individual problems and health issues.

I wanted to make sure that all of my students were able to play together. I want them to learn to get along and help each other. I want my students with health and emotional issues to feel the bond of friendship, and it has developed. They look out for each other. My students that

### Administrators stand by decision to release classes

On Monday, April 7, Kimberly Public Schools held a memorial service for a member of our Kimberly Schools family. A young boy, whose life was cut short, who was a vital part of our schools, a student leader, athlete, cheerleader, friend and colleague, was remembered by her extended family for accomplishments in her short life. The service was held at school so that all members of our extended community family who wished could participate.

On behalf of the students, teachers, administrators and the Kimberly Schools family, we said goodbye to Lacie Rice. With few dry eyes in the Kimberly High School gym, there was not one family member, teacher, administrator, student or other individual who didn't wish they could have been in school that afternoon with Lacie.

**JOHN GARNER**  
Kimberly  
(Editor's note: John Garner is the superintendent of the Kimberly School District.)

### Classroom factors force teachers to do more

speak little or no English play right alongside their classmates and learn from them.

On the other side of the pressure to make sure all of my students are ready for first grade. Most of us remember the joy of learning to read in first grade. However, with more requirements being placed on us as teachers, this is now expected to happen during kindergarten.

And as the bar is continually raised, our students rise to the occasion with our continued help.

In addition to teaching morning kindergarten, I serve as the reading specialist at Lincoln and Snowe discussed the coming budget battle with Reps. Mike Castle of Delaware, Fred Upton of Michigan, Doug Ose of California and Houghton.

Specter soon opted out, but the other senators and most of the

### Classroom factors force teachers to do more

students learn than I ever thought possible. Mrs. Eldredge is an asset to our school, and I am proud to have her as my mentor and friend.

**CAROLE STEVENS**  
Twin Falls



# Young men and women at the front don't have luxury of debating war

With a son fighting in Iraq as an officer in the Marine Corps and reports about civilian casualties, my mind wanders back to the end of World War II, when I was just a boy almost always a civilian casualty at the hands of American GIs myself.

My four siblings — ranging in age from 8 years old to 9 months — my grandmother and mother and I were refugees from the western front, living in a small, one-room country school near Bonn. Like most fathers those days, ours was on the floor of that classroom, in a corner whose felicitous location saved our lives.

UWE E. REINHARDT

The Amis, as we called them in the German shorthand for Americans, came to our village one sunny day in March 1945, guns blazing. I was awakened by the noise of bullets crashing into the walls of our schoolroom, plaster chips falling into my eyes. Frozen with fright, I peered from under the blanket and saw muzzle flashes under the door to our room.

Luckily for us, the soldiers could shoot only into the corner next to ours. Not one of us uttered a peep. Eventually, the English-speaking schoolmaster in the basement found the courage to stick out a white flag and tell the GIs that only women and children were upstairs. Immediately, the shooting stopped and the door to our room was kicked in. There they stood: two soldiers, rifles in hand, calmly surveying our room and seemingly eating something that, I learned later that day, was chewing gum. We were ordered to walk to a nearby barn. Programmed by years of propaganda, my mother whispered that we should stick together as we would probably all be shot.

Nothing of the sort happened, of course. We merely were told by a German-speaking GI to surrender immediately, go home and stay indoors until further notice. When no such notice had come after a whole hour, my older brother Valter unilaterally declared the curfew lifted and we, my older sister, Heide, and I ventured outside.

## LETTER

### Who decides which products are 'optional'?

I find it very interesting that *The Times-News* endorsed the idea of adding taxes to "optional consumables" in their editorial comments on Sunday, April 13. Apparently they think it would be a good way to increase revenue by adding taxes to the nasty items of cigarettes, beer, wine and soda pop.

I dislike cigarettes with a passion, but how far are we going to go to put them out of business? And for the other items, why just them? I agree that all these items are not essential for life, but I would guess that if you want to consider what is essential, almost 90 percent of everything sold is not essential. Potato chips, cookies, candy, bakery items, bottled water, steak and most everything else that we like is not essential. But if you consider your lifestyle and if you use these items, you probably consider them essential for you. "Essential luxury!"

If we really do not have any other ideas to raise revenues, let's not pick on any certain category or items but increase the cost over the broad spectrum. Personally, I would be in favor of keeping the sales tax where it is but start to charge sales tax on services. Why shouldn't I pay sales tax to get a hair cut? It certainly isn't essential. My wife gets her nails done — once again, not essential, except to us. But think about all the other services that do not collect sales tax. I get my vehicles serviced. I don't pay sales tax on the labor. Why not? We could exclude sales tax on medical services, as I know this is one of the complaints about this idea.

In summary, if we have to raise taxes, do it fairly, don't pick on a small section of society's "consumable essentials."

Just out of curiosity, I didn't see *The Times-News* suggest putting a tax on their newspaper, and it is certainly not essential.

RICHARD L. RICHIE  
Twin Falls



Soon a giant tank began following us down the road. Try as we might, we could not outrun that tank. When it stopped and the turret popped open we expected, once again, to be shot. Instead, after peering down at us for a moment, the tank disappeared. He reappeared shortly thereafter, equipped not with a gun but with a C-ration package, which he emptied onto the ground. We looked at him in stunned incomprehension. He reached down, rubbed our

heads and then drove off. Among the package's wondrous contents were biscuits, dried lemonade, chocolate, chewing gum and three Lucky Strike cigarettes. We ate the chocolates and the biscuits and we tried in vain to swallow the gum. Finally, to top off the feast, my brother lighted a Lucky Strike, graciously handing one to my sister and me as well. "Best cigarette I've had in some time," he opined, wise beyond his years. I merely choked on mine and

promptly got sick. What were we to make of these GIs who treated us so gently after nearly killing us just before? Why did they shoot first and ask questions later? It turns out that, as they approached our village at dawn, some fanatic German major (or his superiors) had ordered a platoon of retreating troops to open fire on the advancing Americans. Can anyone blame them for returning fire? Neither my mother nor my

grandmother blamed those GIs for even one moment. They understood that the Americans had every right to protect their own lives. Instead, my mother's and grandmother's ire was reserved for the irresponsible Germans whose contrived sense of duty made them forget that there can be no honor in prolonging a lost battle.

At home today, we have the luxury of debating the merits of this war in Iraq and the horror of civilian casualties with the detachment

of students at a Princeton seminar. Not so the young men and women at the front. Under great duress, often after days without sleep, they must make awesome moral trade-offs in split seconds. My heart, my understanding and my admiration go out to them.

Uwe E. Reinhardt is professor of political economy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

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Sarah, like Vicki, is a spiritual woman, a woman who believes everything happens for a reason, that there are no coincidences. Had it not been for a car accident in which she hit her head, she might not have found out she had a brain tumor until it was too late. Doctors discovered the tumor when the blow caused the tumor to bleed.

In June 1999, Sanchez, surrounded by family, traveled to San Francisco to have the surgery. She met Burger, the man who would save her life, 20 minutes before being wheeled into one of the surgical suites at UCSF.

Sanchez believes in the power of prayer.

"At home, there were 1,200 people praying for me, and I was on every prayer chain," she said. "I felt the presence of peace. I went in there knowing I might not come out, and I was fine with that."

It was an eight-hour surgery assisted by seven doctors. Sanchez remained awake throughout, so doctors could test how the surgery was affecting her speech and other senses.

The surgeon removed the last of the tumor. Then came the big test. Her speech was fine. A few of the doctors wept, she said.

She was released from the hospital two days later.

"I was overjoyed," Sanchez said. "I definitely felt like celebrating."

## Sarah says goodbye

Two months after doctors discovered the cancer had spread, Sarah suffered a stroke, which paralyzed the left side of her face and body.

"The doctors said she probably wouldn't make it through the night," Vicki said.

But Sarah bounced back. Not only did she walk and talk again, but the cancer cells miraculously began to die.

"They had never seen someone who'd suffered that kind of stroke come back like that," Vicki said.

Sarah was well enough to go home for Thanksgiving. But then she suffered facial seizures and had to be rushed to the hospital. This time, she wouldn't be coming home.

Again, Vicki prayed. But this time her prayers were different.

"Sarah's tired," Vicki prayed. "If you can't heal her completely, take her home with you."

Vicki knew her daughter felt a sense of peace. A month before she died, she told her mother "she was going to heaven and she'd be OK there."

The next day, surrounded by her family, Sarah died.

But her spirit lives on.

"How many people can say their 5- or 6-year-old daughter taught them how to live?" Vicki asked. "She taught me that in life, pain and suffering are inevitable, but misery is an option. The biggest thing Sarah passed on to me is to never allow the fear of what might happen tomorrow prevent you from cherishing what you do have today."

## Sarah's promise

A year after Sarah's death, Vicki and her husband divorced, something that's not all that unusual for a couple that has lost a child, Vicki said. In September 2001, wanting to be closer to family, Vicki and Tony moved to Twin Falls, where her mother lives.

Vicki went to work for the Salvation Army, where she's the director of the Plan for Success program. But she said she was still searching for her "soul's work."

Across town, Sanchez was working as the sales manager for KXTV Fox 35, where she still works today. Although she enjoyed her job, she said she was still searching for her "purpose in life."

One day Vicki went to talk to Sanchez about buying some advertising. Sanchez asked Vicki why she moved here. Vicki told her the story of Sarah.

There was an immediate connection, two women bonded by a common experience that changed their lives.

"One phone call, one moment changes your life forever," Vicki said.

It was no coincidence they met, they both say now.

Vicki found her soul's work, and Sanchez found her purpose in starting "Sarah's Promise," an organization that gives emotional and financial support to cancer patients and their families.

"Sarah had promised herself she would make a difference and help other people going through this," Vicki said. "Families facing cancer are incredibly strong."

So strong, she said, they often don't reach out for help. But cancer patients and their families need the comfort of those who've been in their shoes. They need to look into the face of someone who has survived.

"They look at me and they look at hope," Sanchez said.

And Sanchez knows firsthand the challenges cancer patients face. An attractive woman, she remembers looking in the mirror following her surgery to see a shaved head and a face bloated by steroids.

"I know what it's like to look in the mirror and see someone you

don't recognize," Sanchez said.

And Sanchez knows the financial burdens, too. Vicki's family had it a bit easier because the millitary paid for Sarah's treatment. But insurance only goes so far, and Sanchez and her husband ended up draining all their financial assets. And there was an issue of pride. Though family, friends and strangers alike wanted to help Sanchez, she found it difficult to accept their money.

Today, through Sarah's Promise, the two women hope to make life as easy as possible for other cancer patients and their families. The two women dream of a day when no cancer patient or his family has to be concerned about anything but getting well. No worrying about finding the gas money to get to Boise; no worrying about losing a home. But

most of all, they want cancer patients and their families to know they're not alone in their struggle. They want them to know there is hope and that miracles do happen.

For Sanchez, there was yet another miracle that came along after the surgery. Doctors had told her she would probably never be able to conceive the third child she so desperately wanted because of everything her body had been through. Two months after being released from the hospital, Sanchez became pregnant. Nine months later, she delivered a healthy baby girl. She named her Victoria Rose.

For victory.

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**The Mission of Sarah's Promise:**  
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Section B

## Twinkle, Twinkle, Dixie Chicks

Can Porter Waggoner make you smarter? Jeff Jacobsen thinks so. Jacobsen is the father of a toddler in Maryland who has just released an educational CD aimed at tots from 4 months to 3 years, with a country soundtrack. For \$14.98, you can buy 30 minutes of toddlers playing and laughing to countrified versions of "Old MacDonald" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," complete with the twang of steel guitars.

"Country fans seem to love it," Jacobsen told the Baltimore Sun. "They feel it's their kind of music—something they want their children to hear."

The notion, of course, comes from the controversial theory that you can make a baby smarter if he or she is exposed to classical music at a tender age. Disney's "Baby Einstein" series of videos has sold millions of copies on that premise.

The former governor of Georgia, Zell Miller, even got that state's legislature to appropriate enough money to buy a classical CD for the parents of every baby born in the state, figuring it would lift Georgia's IQ a mile.

Maybe, but mightn't "Country Baby" have the opposite effect? Country may be America's most honest music, but there ain't much intellectual challenge to Three Chords and the Truth.

And does a toddler really need to hear about how his Tonka truck's gonna get repossessed?

See, in Nashville, children fall into two categories: the consequences of unwise behavior by their parents and the objects of redemption. ("Please, daddy, don't get drunk this Christmas; I don't want to see my mama cry.")

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# Hollister residents mull charter school

By Mickey Walker  
 Times-News correspondent

**HOLLISTER** — Could making Hollister Elementary School a charter school be beneficial to students and solve what some people say are problems associated with new mandates? That question was the focus of a meeting held at the Hollister school last week. More than 25 people attended the meeting, organized by resident Heber Loughmiller. Loughmiller said he thought a charter school would allow for more local control over school curriculum and testing and would help address how some of the school is staffed.

"A charter school would give us the freedom to move away from the state-mandated curriculum and design a program we think would work better," Loughmiller said.

Filer School District officials could not be reached for comment last week on the proposal to turn the school into a charter school. To become a charter school, those interested would have to petition the district. Sixty percent of Hollister's teachers and 60 percent of its parents would have to sign on.

The deadline for a petition would be June 15 in order to have the charter school ready for next school year. But the need for additional information on funding and the school's financial feasibility would make this year's deadline hard to meet, Loughmiller said.

Following brief discussion at last week's meeting, it was agreed there is interest in pursuing a charter petition. Loughmiller noted that more meetings would be scheduled and the funding issue would be a priority.

In Idaho, charter schools are nonprofit public schools funded in the same manner as other public schools. Enrollment is open, although students must earn a certain score on state-approved tests and participate in an interview with academy officials to be admitted.

As a charter school, Hollister would be graded more heavily by the standards set in its charter petition than state standards set for public schools.

Loughmiller said he thought the failing grade Hollister received as a result of the

federal "No Child Left Behind" Act — which was based on results of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test — was unfair. Because the school has such a diversified student population, including a large Hispanic contingent, he said setting a standardized test for student achievement was unrealistic.

Changing to a charter school would not exempt Hollister from taking the ISAT, however. "But it would allow us to set up a testing program where each student shows progress instead of all students having to reach a certain benchmark," Loughmiller said.

"We could go in and defend our ISAT scores and say, look, our students achieved this level of progress no matter where they started," he said.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

The former governor of Georgia, Zell Miller, even got that state's legislature to appropriate

enough money to buy a classical CD for the parents of every baby born in the state, figuring it would lift Georgia's IQ a mile.

Maybe, but mightn't "Country Baby" have the opposite effect? Country may be America's most honest music, but there ain't much intellectual challenge to Three Chords and the Truth.

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# HOT WHEELS



Boise resident Willie Branman, left, let 4-year-old Twin Falls boy Brock Key sit in one of the Garden City Police Department's Police Association for Community Education cars during the 27th annual Magic Valley Early Iron car show Saturday. PACE cars are used in drag strip competitions with high school students in Boise.

# Classic cars cruise into CSI for show

By Robert Mayer  
 Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Sitting there in perfect showroom condition, it was difficult to imagine that Casey Anderson's 1965 Mustang convertible not long ago was a disassembled pile of junk.

Not only had it been missing the engine, transmission and other key parts, the highly sought after vehicle had been painted a shameful reddish-orange.

Unfold hours and dollars later, the Mustang was receiving a steady stream of "oohs" and "ahhs" Saturday at the 27th annual Magic Valley Early Iron car show at the College of Southern Idaho's Expo Center.

"You always spend more on them than you want to," said the Burley resident. "But to do it the way you want it done, you have to spend whatever it takes to do it in either time or money or both."

Nearly 100 different vehicles were on display at the event sponsored by the Magic Valley Early Iron car club. The show continues today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The variety ranged from early '50s Army Jeeps seemingly straight from the MASH TV series to Grant Loeb's sleek black behemoth, a 1970 Cadillac, probably the largest if not longest two-door vehicle under the roof.

Other notables were a late '50s Edsel, surrounded by fresh lemons to commemorate Ford's largest debacle in its history. Other lovingly restored debacles included a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair, GM's attempt at a rear-mounted, air-cooled engine similar in design to a Porsche without the superior handling. It was that vehicle which made Ralph Nader a household name with his book, "Unsafe at Any Speed."

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# Lawmaker pushes for local-option sales tax

By Julie Ponce  
 Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Legislation that would give Blaine County the ability to assess a county sales tax to build a new jail could be in jeopardy.

And with lawmakers already cranking from a session that won't end, the problem has some of them pretty stirred up.

Co-sponsored by Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, and Rep. H. J. Kellogg, R-Post Falls, the bill is designed to remedy a predicament that Kootenai County taxpayers are facing as a result of an Idaho Supreme Court decision last summer. The high court struck down a state that essentially singled out Kootenai County as the only one in the state that could levy a half-cent local option sales tax. The law was declared unconstitutional because it discriminated against the other 43 counties.

Ridinger's bill would allow any county in the state that is designated as a resort county to levy up to a half-cent sales tax. Two-thirds of the county's population would have to approve it. Half of the revenue would go toward property tax relief, and half would go to pay for jails.

The bill passed 11-8 in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, known to be notoriously difficult for getting legislation approved. It was scheduled for debate by the full House. But last week, without

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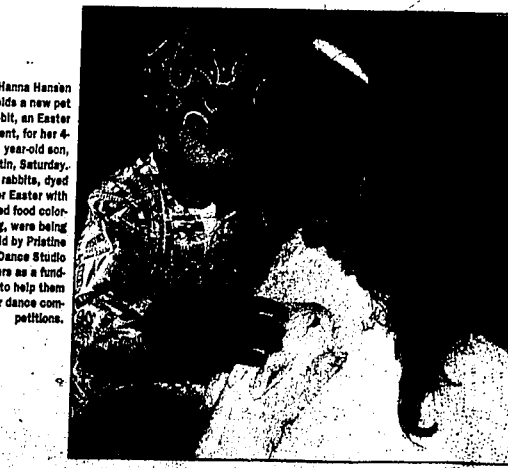


Rep. Tim Ridinger



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# FLOPPY-EARED FRIEND



Hanna Hanan holds a new pet rabbit, an Easter present, for her 4-year-old son, Dustin, Saturday. The rabbits, dyed for Easter with diluted food coloring, were being sold by Pristine Dance Studio dancers as a fundraiser to help them enter dance competitions.

# 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.

**Richard L. 'Monty' Gonzales**  
 • Age: 33.  
 • Hometown: Hollister.  
 • Local family: Parents, Billy and Patty Gonzales.  
 • Service, date of enlistment: Army, assignment: Officer 2, 75th Exploitation Task Force, Iraq.

**Charles L. McGregor**  
 • Age: 43.  
 • Hometown: Paul.  
 • Local family: Mother, Leola Bailey.  
 • Service, date of enlistment: Marines, January 1985.  
 • Rank, assignment: Staff sergeant, Kuwait.  
 • Additional information: His wife and three sons are living in Jacksonville, N.C.

For a list of other people serving in the war from Magic Valley, go online to [www.magicvalley.com](http://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 Sharissa Barnes at 733-3253 or [sharissabarnes@hotmail.com](mailto:sharissabarnes@hotmail.com). Please include your own name and contact information.













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# Groups pray that U.S. 666 will lose its diabolical name and reputation

CORTEZ, Colo. (AP) — South of here, U.S. 666 is the only asphalt cutting through a barren desert that looks about as Godforsaken as can be imagined.

Few signs declare this stretch of the so-called Devil's Highway to be "adopted" by any Scout troop or other do-gooders. The brown glass of rusted beer bottles and aluminum cans glist along the highway in searing sun. A few sagebrush puncture crusty earth tinged a sullurous yellow.

But the days this desolate road will be known by the diabolical digits 666 are numbered. After

77 years, the road's numerals, identified as the "number of the beast" by the Bible's Book of Revelations, are likely to change into an evil, some say satanic, stigma.

The 190 miles of U.S. 666 start at Gallup, N.M., wind through 70 miles of Colorado and end in Monticello, Utah. Their demonization has been urged by the state of New Mexico, the Navajos and Ute Mountain Utes. And Colorado and Utah highway officials say they will go along.

"It's a pretty involved process,

and such requests are pretty rare," says Richard Reynolds, director for Region 5 of the Colorado Department of Transportation. "The reason I'd like to change it is that people steal the highway signs out there like crazy."

He said the department doesn't track the numbers of stolen signs by individual roadway, but his workers grumble that every year some of U.S. 666's are taken and replaced, only to be taken again.

New Mexico's governor, legislators, and highway and tribal

officials blame the road's number for scaring off some local motorists, tourists and economic development. Reynolds says the Utes, whose Colorado reservation is bisected by 666, have indicated to him they do not care for the numerical implications.

New Mexico officials also say that the stretch of two-lane, hilly 666 in their state has a high accident rate, and the perception in Colorado is likewise that it is a dangerous road. But Reynolds says statistics belie the widespread belief. The Colorado section, although badly in need of

improvements, he says, is average in terms of safety when compared with similar highways in the state.

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Times-News Ad: 4-25  
**JMA AUCTIONEERS**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1:00PM**  
Lanier Estate, Twin Falls  
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Times-News Ad: 4-25  
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# Library officials consider consortium

By Janet Chaney  
Times-News Staff

**RUPERT** - Personnel at two Mini-Cassia libraries are working on a cooperative plan.

DeMary Memorial Library officials talked with Rupert City Council members Tuesday about their desire to secure a library services and technology planning grant. The grant funds would help library officials as they consider forming or joining a consortium, or group of libraries.

One option, said Assistant Librarian Sharon Kimber, is to join an existing consortium. The two nearest Rupert are in Buhl and Pocatello.

Another option is to form a new consortium with either DeMary and the Burley Public Library, Kimber said. This may be the most beneficial to library users because people travel between the two cities. People wouldn't necessarily travel to Pocatello to check out a book.

Entering into a consortium would mean DeMary would have to automate its system. Currently a paper card catalog is used. Kimber said automation would be important and a good step forward for the library.

The Burley library has been automated for about five years, said Director Julie Woodford. Schools in the area also have the same system - Follett software. Potentially schools in both counties could be included in a consortium.

The same system allows people to use multiple libraries easily because things are so similar, Woodford said.

Woodford also pointed out a brand-new feature for the library: Library cardholders can access the library's catalog from home.

<http://www.bpllibrary.org>. When they find the book they want,



Ann Pletty, circulation clerk at the Burley Public Library, checks books in using an automated system which has been in place for about five years. DeMary Memorial Library officials are considering building a consortium which could allow that library to be automated, too.

they can call the library and have the book reserved until they can come in and pick it up.

"It's just neat to know people can use the library from their own home," Woodford said.

That is one service that could be shared in a consortium. There are many ways resources could be shared, Woodford said. The planning grant will allow organizers to explore what to share and how.

Being in a consortium would allow cardholders from either library to use either library, "which basically doubles your

collection," Kimber said.

"I can see that as a being a huge convenience," Woodford agreed.

Serving more people could help the libraries earn more grant money or find discounts when purchasing some items, Woodford said.

"The serving more people is a big one for grants," Woodford said.

The idea of creating a consortium between the two Mini-Cassia libraries is not new, Woodford said. Previous attempts have been tried and

discussions have been ongoing.

When Kimber approached the Rupert City Council, members had a concern about how the planning grant is funded. It's a reimbursement grant, Kimber said, which means money is spent up front, then the library is paid back. The amount of money is not set.

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# Utah town waives bills for reservists

LINDON, Utah (AP) - The city is waiving household utility bills for military reservists, saving them about \$50 a month.

City Administrator Ott Dameron said the exemption will be taken by as many as 20 of Lindon's households.

Many reservists take a pay cut leaving their civilian jobs, and the utility break shows appreciation in a tangible way, councilman Jim Dain said.

"We recognize it can be a financial hardship for these families," Dain said. "We think it's a good way to show we care."

Councilwoman Lindsay Bayless said that at first, "we were just going to send a letter of appreciation. But the more we talked, the better it seemed to do something

that could really make a difference."

The council's vote was unanimous last week.

Qualifying households will not have to pay for Lindon's water, sewer or storm-drain fees or garbage pickup. It wasn't certain how much money the city might give up.

The city couldn't waive utility bills for secondary water because they guarantee payment of bonds taken out to install the system.

Layton is the only Utah municipality waiving utility bills for military service, according to the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

"We've received nothing but positive support for this idea," Dameron said.

# Jury will consider if abuse led to killing

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A jury will hear allegations Devin Furtwangler abused the woman who stands accused of smothering her last year.

Such evidence will be included in Kelly Nakaji's second-degree murder trial.

Friday's hearing before First District Judge John Luster was the latest maneuvering over what evidence in the death of 4-month-old Dallon Yoshio Furtwangler jurors should be allowed to hear.

Police said Nakaji of Sandpoint confessed to killing the boy with a pillow Aug. 31 in a Coeur d'Alene women's shelter. Nakaji told them she did not want the father, Furtwangler, to gain custody of the child.

Nakaji's trial was set to begin Monday, but has been delayed until late June.

Furtwangler of Sandpoint

attended the brief hearing Friday, staring intently at Nakaji in her red jail jumpsuit.

"Leaving court, that was difficult," said Furtwangler, who has denied abusing Nakaji. "It was instinctual - you want to look in the person's eyes that had the ability to kill a child. You want to let them know you are unhappy with their deeds."

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas had argued allegations about abuse by Furtwangler or by Nakaji's ex-husband in California would only confuse the jury.

But Dain said the jury would more likely be confused if the issue was never raised, noting that Nakaji and Dallon Furtwangler were in a shelter for abused women when the infant was found dead - and Nakaji was found with slashed wrists and an overdose of tranquilizers.

# Guards detain teens on school photo project

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) - Security guards at the Conoco-Phillips refinery here detained two high school students for a "breach of security" earlier this month - taking photos for the refinery for a school project.

Senior High students Wiley Miller and Jeremy Harrison had one hour to get a photo for "A Day in the Life of Billings" on April 4. As Harrison clicked a shot of steam pouring from a refinery tower, they heard a security guard yell, "No photos."

Several guards approached the boys, who were standing outside a refinery entrance. The teens said they would leave, but were told they had to stay, Harrison said.

The center's application form asks women how they discovered the program.

"At least 75 percent of our applicants say they heard about us from someone who said, 'They really did something to help me,'" Staffel said.

"They said they would call the refinery management, but they didn't tell us they also called the sheriff," he said.

One guard took Harrison's film, but not Miller's.

Sheriff's deputies checked Harrison and Miller's identification and telephoned their photography teacher, then released the boys. They were detained for about 45 minutes.

"We had no idea what was going on," Harrison said. "I mean, we're two teenage kids walking around, taking pictures, and they're treating us like we're terrorists."

Conoco-Phillips spokeswoman Laura Hopkins called the incident a "breach of security."

# Utah dedicates Sand Hollow its 41st state park

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - Utah officials dedicated a new state park: Sand Hollow, which features red sand dunes and a reservoir taking piped water from the Virgin River.

"Sand Hollow will be one of the most significant tourist draws in the state," Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, told about 500 visitors on Friday. "It's a two-for-one: It's a tremendous recreation site and it stores water."

The reservoir, built by the Washington County Conservancy District for \$35 million, is still filling up. It will hold 55,000 acre-feet of water over a surface of 1,300 acres within a few years.

A five-mile-long pipeline is

delivering the water.

Utah's 41st state park, about 12 miles northeast of St. George, has a parking lot large enough for more than 100 vehicles and a boat ramp that can accommodate up to five boats.

Park Manager Bruce Hamilton said.

On the drawing board but yet to be built are two 50-site campgrounds, 100 picnic sites, an equestrian trail and concession stands.

Gov. Mike Leavitt said the new reservoir represents the importance of vision, compromise and collaboration along with the need for conservation as Utah enters its fifth straight year of drought.

# Mother's home: Inn houses pregnant women

ROBERTS (AP) - It has been a transitional year-and-a-half for The Shepherd's Inn, a 100-year-old home that takes in women with unplanned pregnancies and nowhere else to turn.

After extensive remodeling, ancient furniture and endless brainstorming, the inn is getting ready for the beginning of a new era.

"It's exciting. We're finally going to get a sign to do what we've come here to do," said Swenson, who with his wife, Barbara, is one of the inn's house parents.

They plan to admit a woman from Pocatello soon, in addition to a roof over her head and a bed to sleep in, she will have clothes to wear from a maternity boutique downstairs, prenatal care, personal and career counseling and an example to observe.

With three bedrooms on the main floor (the Swensons live on the second), the Shepherd's Inn can take in four women at a time. They must be older than 18, and there is an interview process they must go through. The inn is not set up to handle anyone with severe behavioral or substance-abuse problems.

But for a woman who is seeking a responsible way of living, whether she keeps her baby or gives it up for adoption, the

Shepherd's Inn aims to provide, in the words of director Julie Zahn, "a life-changing, life-skills program."

The inn was started in 1999 by Sheila Powell, who was moved to action by the story of an Idaho Falls woman who left her newborn baby in a Dumpster.

In the time Powell ran it, 13 women stayed at the inn, a two-story stone house built in the early 20th century.

Powell left in the fall of 2001 to pursue a college degree, leaving the board with some key decisions about what it had to do to keep the inn going.

"I think a lot of people have watched to see if we're real," Zahn said.

A consultant, Amy Jones, from Christian Life House in Raleigh-Durham, N.C., was brought in to help with a "discernment report."

"We had to ask, 'Is this ministry viable?' or 'continue?' Is it viable?" Zahn said.

The consensus was that the inn could be more than simply a shelter for women to stay. The

Swensons, a retired couple with three children and six grandchildren, were hired in April 2002 to be house parents. Since then, there has been much training, not to mention a lot of remodeling.

"I'm really glad they've taken the time to do things right," said Jones, who has kept in touch and provided training.

Continued financial support is essential for a home such as the Shepherd's Inn, because programs like it are expensive, Jones said.

Zahn said everything has been possible because of the support she has received from foundations, churches, community groups and businesses. The mortgage is paid off. It has great name recognition among pastors, social workers and community leaders around eastern Idaho.

The challenge now is to build awareness.

"The young lady who is in crisis must not know about us," Zahn said.

She is puzzling over how to get the word out.

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# Tax

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notifying Ridinger or Kellogg, the chairwoman of that committee - Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa - pulled the bill.

"Some of my members came to me and said they didn't know what they were voting for," Crow explained. "This bill is written in such a way as to open up the tax for everything, not just the 10 percent."

Ridinger insisted the language in the bill clearly says the revenue will go only for jails or for property tax relief. But also, in the House process, committee calls for committing chairman to speak to bill sponsors if they

have problems with them.

The usually slow-to-anger Ridinger was so exasperated that he appealed to House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, for help.

"Bruce has always stood for our system and for rules and for being respectful of others," Ridinger said.

Enlisting Newcomb's help worked. Crow scheduled a hearing for Monday.

If the legislation doesn't pass during this session, Kootenai County residents will face a 20 percent property tax hike because they have a \$12 million debt for a brand-new jail.

# Crump

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"Don't listen to that (stuff)," he said, expressing a mouthful of disappointment: "I expect a bill making me depressed."

Point taken. Do you really want your kids growing up in a house where the father is a millionaire?

stepped in the sensibilities of country music.

"If you took a newborn here and educated him in the classics, he'd still want an 8-track and Natalie Imbruglia for his 18th birthday."

That's because in Idaho, love is in air. And so is FM.

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# Two Canadians face charges in marijuana smuggling case

OROVILLE, Wash. (AP) - Two British Columbia residents await trial on charges they tried to smuggle \$2.4 million worth of marijuana into the United States on a canoe.

Border Patrol agents were waiting in the bushes when the suspects landed their 18.5-foot canoe on the American side of Lake Osoyoos, in central Washington on April 8, said

Richard Graham, head of the U.S. Border Patrol office at Oroville.

The craft was laden with 478 pounds of high-grade marijuana in 14 hockey bags, Graham said.

Agents spotted the alleged pot paddlers about 1 a.m. during a routine patrol of Lake Osoyoos, which runs from Osoyoos, British Columbia, to Oroville.

# Cars

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said, "So many of the cars these days, you can't tell us from another."

But it was a bright yellow 1970 Plymouth Barracuda that held him captivated, reminding him of the one he owned some 30 years ago.

"I'm partial to Mopar, anything Mopar is like," he said, referring to the name synonymously with Dodge, Chrysler and Plymouth vehicles. "Doesn't make a difference if it's a classic or a '70s Mopar. I like their style."

Also drawing a regular crowd was a modernized 1932 Ford sedan, often considered the quintessential hot rod.

"How can you do better than that?" Andersen said.

A deceptive sleeper car, the car of the outside looked just as it did at the beginning of the Great Depression. But under the hood, it sported the alleged pot paddlers about 1 a.m. during a routine patrol of Lake Osoyoos, which runs from Osoyoos, British Columbia, to Oroville.

desirable aim, Andersen said that sometimes it makes sense to upgrade a few features, particularly when the car is to be used as a daily driver.

"With the speed limits we have today, it doesn't make sense to have a car that will only go 50 mph," he said. "You'd get run over."

Better brakes and suspension make a big difference in comfort and safety.

"We've come a long way in 70 years," he said.

Yet his '65 Mustang, nearly 40 years old, can keep up with most

cars coming off the factory line today, he said.

Especially now with its rebuilt engine and drivetrain and flawless interior.

"It's a brand new car, basically," he said.

As such, he said he thinks nearly half its value in just a few years, his convertible will only grow in value while providing an exciting yet reliable ride.

"It's smart money, really."



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# Local Dealership Now Has National Resources to Serve Customers Better

## Randy Hansen Auto Group is now Chevrolet Cadillac Suzuki of Twin Falls, a Lithia store

By Miles Carson

**TWIN FALLS, ID** — Randy Hansen Auto Group is now Chevrolet Cadillac Suzuki of Twin Falls, a Lithia store, giving the community a new resource for the finest automobile selection and service of their vehicle anywhere. The store is still at the same location, 1654 Blue Lakes Boulevard North, on the corner of Blue Lake Boulevard and Pole Line Road.

"We're really excited about the positive changes that Lithia brings to the table," said store manager Bob Allen. "Simply put, there are more resources for us to help our customers get the selection and service they are looking for."

Lithia has stores in three other communities in Idaho, by bringing in Chevrolet Cadillac Suzuki of Twin Falls, Lithia is now covering Idaho's customers' needs for service, sales and related automotive needs border to border, from Pocatello to Boise and Twin Falls right in between.

Lithia, America's Car and Truck Store, started as a family business in 1946 in the small town of Ashland, Oregon. Today, Lithia is a national automotive company in ten states across America, selling vehicles on the web through Lithia.com, traded on NYSE (LAD), and is still run by the family that started it all.

The resources which Lithia brings to the market are numerous. Lithia has national ties to finance companies across America. Lithia offers a network of 100 specialized lenders for all credit levels from challenged credit to premium status.

"Lithia has an exclusive used vehicle warranty program", the Used Car Manager Joe Butler said. "The Lithia 60 day, 3000 mile warranty program comes with every single used car sold, insuring customer confidence in any used vehicle purchase. Just ask us about the details at the store"

**"Promo Priced vehicles save you money!"**

"With Lithia's specialized Promo Pricing program, buying a vehicle will never be easier." Jim Nickels, the New Car Manager said. "Promo Priced vehicles save you money! Promo Priced vehicles are popular new vehicle models that are ordered with the most

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popular options, and there's always more than one in stock at the low Promo Price." Jim added, "At Chevrolet Cadillac Suzuki of Twin Falls, the advertised price is the price you pay on our Promo Priced vehicles."

Promo Pricing is just the beginning. Chevrolet continues to set the pace with some of the most incredible incentives offered by an auto manufacturer, making it more affordable than ever for customers to buy...and save.

By combining **The Promo Price** and **Zero to Sixty** program, the savings are incredible. For example, choose any of the Promo Priced 2003 S-10 Pickups for just \$11,499 after \$3,000 rebate. Or... choose 0% APR / 60 month financing\* and you don't pay interest, saving you thousands! You must hurry, when these aggressive incentives first came out after Sept. 11 many stores sold out of the most popular models.

**"0% APR / 60 months financing...pay no interest at all!"**

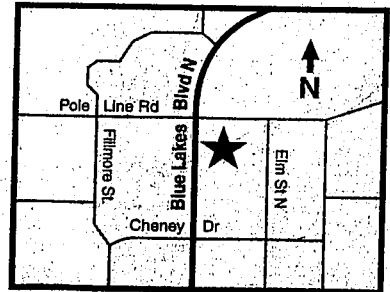
0% APR in lieu of factory rebate. For example: \$1,400 down, \$233.89 per month for 60 months, 0% APR on approved credit. Stock #38182642

"Our personal commitment is to making sure you're as happy driving your car everyday, as the day you drove it home for the very first time!"

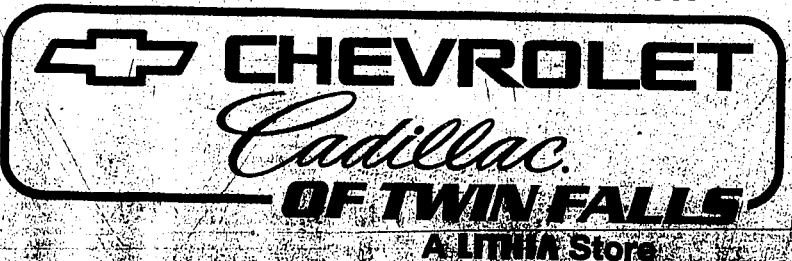
## ZERO TO SIXTY GM

Chevrolet just announced the new **ZERO to SIXTY\*** program. This program has the most exciting incentives seen in the history of the automobile business. The new incentives are even more aggressive than the ones offered after the events of Sept. 11. GM has just announced interest-free, **0% APR financing for 60 months\*** or **factory direct rebates up to \$3000** on virtually every model they make! Here at Chevrolet Cadillac Suzuki of Twin Falls, every new Chevrolet and Cadillac qualifies for **0% APR/60 month financing!** Customers will pay **no interest at all!** The specific rebate amount will vary by vehicle and not all customers will qualify for the financing, as all financing is on approval of credit.

Bob Allen added. "I hope people will call me at 208-733-3033. I would love to show them the Lithia experience first hand."



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SPORTS

Bruins sweep pair at Pocatello

Wood River blasts Bishop Gorman 17-5 in Las Vegas

The Times-News

POCATELLO - Nick Carr struck out 12 and scattered three hits and A.J. Stone cracked a solo home run as Twin Falls swept a doubleheader at Pocatello, 10-4 and 4-1 Saturday.

The wins keep the Bruins (12-2) perfect at 3-0 in Region Four-Five-Six.

Carr followed up his no-hit game against Borah on Tuesday with a commanding performance, said head coach Matt Rasmussen.

"He had a good, live fast ball today and a good curveball and mixed a good slider," Rasmussen said.

Brett Miller, Drew Bernhard and Todd Rehbein all had two hits and Tim Mealer ripped a two-run single on a full count in the sixth inning to make it a 6-1 game.

"That kind of broke it open," Rasmussen said.

Andy Coats and Christian Reith combined for a two-hitter for the sweep. And Stone added a double. Luke Hawkins hit an RBI single.

The Bruins also stole 10 bases in the doubleheader.

"You kept us in check early. But we started running the bases and started to get some swings late," Rasmussen said.

Twin Falls has a busy week scheduled Monday at Burley. The Bruins host Jerome on Tuesday before playing Idaho Falls Wednesday and hosting Highland on Saturday.

This is the week to make or break us," Rasmussen added.

Local sports

Wood River 17, Bishop Gorman, Nev. 5

LAS VEGAS - Wood River closed out a 3-1 showing with a 17-5 blowout of host Bishop Gorman Saturday at the Guel Bishop Gorman Easter Classic tournament in Las Vegas.

Drew Dewilder had three hits; Steve Durkin went 2-for-2. Matt Conover added two hits and Steve Hansen two RBIs in the win.

Wood River coach Lars Hovey said it was a good experience for the Wolverines (10-3-1).

"We are appreciative of the administration and the community to allow us to participate in a great event," Hovey said.

Wood River returns to the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference slate hosting Filer on Tuesday.

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Softball

Twin Falls 5, Highland 3 Highland 2, Twin Falls 1

POCATELLO - In the first power matchup of the season, Twin Falls split at Highland in their Region Four-Five-Six softball showdown on Saturday.

Ruth Anna Spooner collected 22 strikeouts in both games. In the first, a 5-3 win, saw Krista Gambrel go 2-for-4. The Bruins stranded 10 base runners in a 2-1 loss in Game 2 against Highland ace Becky Davis.

Justine Williams went 4-for-6 with two runs scored to lead the Bruins in the doubleheader.

Twin Falls (9-4, 2-1 Region Four-Five-Six) returns to Skyline on Thursday in Idaho Falls.

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A member of Chad Packham's (No. 38) pit crew reacts as Packham ties up with Bill Miles (25, in rear) while crossing the finish line during their qualifying heat in the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway. The wreck came as Miles went to pass Packham just before the finish.

Corbridge ends Ironman streak

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Speedway said a "So long for now" to its Ironman.

Mountain Dew Modifieds veteran Rick Corbridge announced

that Saturday's main event was his last for a while, snapping a streak of never missing a race since the class opened in 1994.

He and Travis Metz were the first and only two drivers in the division's first race in 1994, eventually seeing the class swell to 20 vehicles in 1996.

In 2003, Corbridge's last race featured seven vehicles as he finished fourth behind winner Steve Jones, rookie Mike Buddenhagen and Rob Vest.

But that wasn't the most important thing. The fact that he never failed to complete a race weighed more on his mind. That is about 200 main events, folks.

"We may have finished a lap behind but we never got completed a race," he said, the pride evident in his voice.

His pride could continue as he holds the keys over to his son, Josh, an accomplished motocross racer and assumes a role in the pit crew.

"Hopefully I can do as well for Josh as I've done for me," Rick Corbridge said.

Corbridge drove the first two races to help break-in this year's car using the new rule changes,

notably the weight added to the passenger side for non-crate-powered cars.

"We had to get the car ready for him because he's never been here before," Corbridge said.

"We want to make sure the changes are right for him."

The first weekend, Corbridge won the heat and was leading before getting spun out in a collision in Lap 18.

Corbridge said he will miss the racing and competition. Judging from the number of drivers and pit crew members shaking his hand Saturday, he'll be missed out on the track when the Modifieds resume in two weeks.

It may not be long.

"I'll be back," Corbridge said. "This is not retirement."

One guy who was back in the winner's circle was Jones, who won his second main event in a row, putting Buddenhagen on turn 3 of lap 44 and pulling away for the victory. It was the first time the 2002 season points champion won twice in a row.

After a caution on lap 20, Jones was right behind Buddenhagen. Jones rode his bumper for the next 23 laps.

"I was waiting for him to make a mistake," Jones said. "You can count on them making mistakes when they're inexperienced. It's a matter of taking advantage of it."

Buddenhagen knew Jones was there - a few bumps every now and then helped.

"He got me right as I went into

the corner," he said. "It bumped me and sent me wide and I had to let off. I knew I was done. It's too bad. I had that checkered flag in my eyes."

It was a night of repeats.

Dan Doan prevailed for the second week in a row in the Budweiser Grand Nationals. Curt Kanaster took second for the second week in a row while Charlie Hocking took third.

It was the same in the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks, where Mike Greco passed defending season points champion Bill Miles in lap 18 before pulling away.

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Wild stay alive with 3-2 win over Avs

DENVER (AP) - Manny Fernandez stopped 26 shots in his first career playoff fifth game, and Willie Mitchell gave Minnesota the early lead it needed to stave off elimination.

Colorado leads the best-of-seven series 3-2. The Avalanche won three straight after losing the opener but again struggled in a Game 5 at home.

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Playoffs

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The Leafs won 4-3 in a double overtime Monday night.

Toronto had Alexander Mogilny back after the star struck wing sat out Game 4 because of concussion symptoms.

Edmonton, Alberta - Mike Modano scored with 6:52 left to send Dallas into the second round of the playoffs.

Modano's goal, his fourth of the series, eliminated Edmonton in Game 6 of the best-of-seven series.

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Batter: ...

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Batter: ...

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Pitcher: ...
Batter: ...

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BRUINERS 4, ASTROS 2, 14 innings
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YANKEES 4, TWINS 2
Pitcher: ...
Batter: ...

Auto Racing

Formula One, San Marino GP, 5PM, 5:30 a.m.

Golf

Exro Tour, Algarve Open, final round, TGC, 7 a.m.
PGA, The Heritage, final round, CBS, 1 a.m.
LPGA, Takaheji Classic, final round, TGC, 2:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Playoffs, Magic at Pistons, Game 1, ESPN, 10:30 a.m.
NBA Playoffs, Lakers at 76ers, Game 1, ABC, 1:30 p.m.
NBA Playoffs, Hornets at 76ers, Game 1, TNT, 6 p.m.

Baseball

MLB, Phillies at Braves, TBS, 11 a.m.

Tennis

WTA, Bausch & Lomb Championships, Lona Chernobina vs. Lindsay Davenport, final, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Football

Arena, TBA, NBC, 1 p.m.

Hockey

NHL Playoffs, Lightning at Capitals, Game 6, ESPN, 1 p.m.
NHL Playoffs, Canucks at Blues, Game 6, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

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# Home of 'Los Expos' has historic namesake

**By Don Walker**  
Associated Press writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — As the Montreal Expos settle into their part-time home in the Caribbean, fans all over are becoming more familiar with Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Bouncy, red-colored artificial turf. Enormous foul territory. Booming base music. Chanting fans and gyrating cheerleaders.

Only one question: Who was Hiram Bithorn?

Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda seems surprised that anyone would need to ask. Because when he was growing up here in the 1940s, everyone knew.

"He was the first person from Puerto Rico to make it to the major leagues," Cepeda said. "He did so much for the island."

Top players such as Roberto Clemente, Felipe Alou and Willie Montañez came later, and now the likes of Puerto Rican stars Javy Lopez, Roberto Alomar, Ivan Rodriguez, Carlos Beltrán, Bernie Williams, Carlos Beltrán and Juan González fill big league rosters.

But they all followed Bithorn. He made his debut in 1942 and pitched four seasons with the Chicago Cubs and White Sox. His

career was interrupted when he spent two years with the U.S. Marines during World War II. Bithorn was 34-31 with a 3.16 ERA in 105 games. The right-hander led the NL with seven shutouts in 1943, going 18-12 and completing 19 of his 30 starts.

He tried a comeback a few years later in the Mexican winter league. But on Jan. 1, 1952, at age 35, he was shot to death by a policeman in Mexico. Reports on the shooting were sketchy, and the circumstances have always been a mystery.

"I remember watching him pitch against my father in the winter league and meeting him," Cepeda said. "When I was about 10, I played for him on a team he ran. He was a big star."

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Montreal pitcher Javier Vazquez was well aware of Bithorn.

"Being a ballplayer, we all knew about him and what he meant to Puerto Rico," Vazquez said. "He was the first, and that's history right there. But a lot of people, I don't think they know who he was."

Count Chris Barnes among them. A big baseball fan from Nashville, Tenn., he was on vacation this week and visited Hiram Bithorn Stadium to watch the

Atlanta Braves play the Expos. As he approached the front of the park, he circled an 8-foot statue of a pitcher. There was no name or plaque, however, and Barnes was curious.

"When I walked up, I saw the high leg kick and I could see where it said 'San' on his jersey, so I thought it was Juan Marichal," Barnes said. "But when I saw that it was 'San Juan,' I had no idea."

Bithorn played for the San Juan Senators and at age 22 became the youngest manager in the history of Puerto Rican winter ball. Soon enough, he was pitching at Wrigley Field.

His promising start, though, did not last once he returned from military service. After going 6-5 in 1946 for the Cubs, he moved to the White Sox and only pitched two innings in 1947, developing a sore arm that ended his career.

Bithorn's achievement of making it to the majors remained a source of pride in Puerto Rico, and he was honored in 1962 when the biggest ballpark on the island was built and named for him.

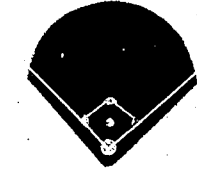
"He was an important man," Cepeda said. "I wish more people now knew about him."

## Home away from home

Seeking to increase revenue from the Montreal Expos, who are among the worst draws in the major leagues, three homestands covering seven series — 22 games — will be played at Hiram Bithorn in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Hiram Bithorn Stadium**  
Capacity: 19,646  
Surface: Artificial  
Height of walls: 8 feet

**Olympic Stadium**  
Capacity: 46,500  
Surface: Artificial  
Height of walls: 12 feet



**Los Expos schedule**  
Montreal's 2003 home games in San Juan.

April 11-14	New York Mets	June 3-5	Anaheim Angels
15-17	Atlanta Braves	6-8	Texas Rangers
18-20	Cincinnati Reds	Sept. 5-7	Florida Marlins
		9-11	Chicago Cubs

SOURCE: Associated Press

## Fan throws cell phone, hitting Everett in head

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas right fielder Carl Everett was hit in the back of the head with a cell phone at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago during a White Sox game on Saturday.

The male fan was arrested, according to A's spokesman Jim Young, and Everett said he planned to press charges. Everett was discussing it with an Oakland police officer after the game in the clubhouse.

"I luckily I was wearing a hat," Everett said. "If it wasn't for the hat, I'd be out back there. That fan should be ashamed of himself."

Everett was hit four days after umpire Laz Diaz was attacked by a fan at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago during a White Sox game.

An officer answering at the Oakland Police Department's control desk said he had no information on the arrest.

Everett complained to umpires before the start of the sixth inning that he had been hit.

"I stepped over the fence," Everett said. "I was angry. We are all going to be heckled in this game. That's part of it. But it's wrong to throw stuff."

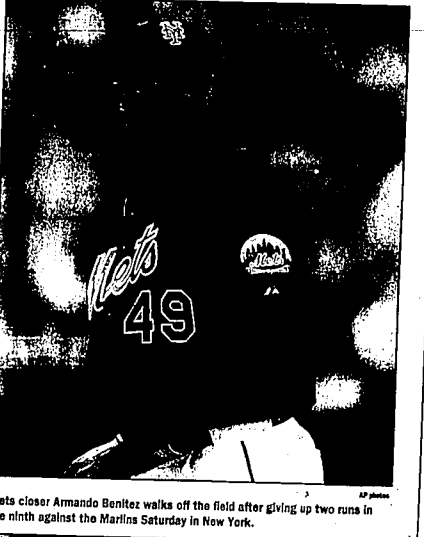
# Benitez blows fourth save as Mets fall

**Gonzalez blast gives Kim first win as starter**

NEW YORK (AP) — Armando Benitez blew his fourth save chance this season, allowing two runs in the ninth inning of a 6-5 loss to the Florida Marlins on Saturday.

Luis Castillo hit a game-tying RBI single and Ivan Rodriguez beat out a potential double-play grounder to drive in the go-ahead run.

Benitez (0-3) converted 33 of 37 chances in 2002 for the last-place Diamondbacks.



Mets closer Armando Benitez walks off the field after giving up two runs in the ninth against the Marlins Saturday in New York.

**Diamondbacks 4, Cardinals 3**

ST. LOUIS — Byung-Hyun Kim (1-3) won his first career game as a starter and Luis Gonzalez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the fifth off Jason Simon (0-1).

Kim, a converted closer who had a team-record 36 saves last year, allowed three runs and five hits in a career-high seven innings, and Matt Manion got six outs for his first save since April 16, 2001, at St. Louis.

**Brewers 3, Astros 2**

MILWAUKEE — Pitcher Glendon Rusch, pinch hitting because Milwaukee ran out of hitters on the bench, bloomed a bunt off Scott Lewis (0-1) for a game-winning single in the 14th inning.

**Phillies 4, Braves 0**

ATLANTA — Vicente Padilla (3-1) pitched a four-hitter for his second career shutout, stopping Atlanta's five-game winning streak.

Mike Hampton, in his Atlanta debut, allowed four runs, six hits and four walks — one intentional — in five innings. Hampton, who had been on the disabled list because of an injured calf, also threw a pair of wild pitches that led to runs.



Arizona's Luis Gonzalez congratulates a two-run home run against the Cardinals Saturday in St. Louis.

**Expos 8, Reds 7**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Vladimir Guerrero homered and drove in five runs as Montreal completed a sweep of the day-night doubleheader and extended Cincinnati's losing streak to 11.

Javier Vazquez (2-1) struck out five as Montreal rolled to a 9-0 lead.

Brian Schneider homered twice in the opener, including a leadoff shot in the 10th off Scott Williamson (2-1). Luis Ayala (1-0) won his first major league game as starter in the opener. Jimmy Anderson (1-2) lost the night game.

Austin Kearns was Cincinnati's lone bright spot, homering in both games to claim a major league-leading eight.

**Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 2**

BOSTON — Trot Nixon and Todd Walker each drove in two runs during Boston's five-run third inning as the Red Sox won their sixth straight game.

Toronto has lost three straight games and nine of 10. The Blue Jays, who entered as the AL's worst fielding team, committed three errors that led to three unearned runs.

**White Sox 12, Indians 3**

CHICAGO — Rookie Josh Stewart got his first major league win and D'Angelo Jimenez had four hits as Chicago scored six unearned runs in the first off Brian Anderson (2-2) and beat Cleveland.

Jimenez had two hits in the opening inning and drops in three runs. Magglio Ordonez homered in the fourth and extended his hitting streak to 15 games, longest in the AL this season.

**Rockies 10, Padres 9**

DENVER — Ronnie Bellard drove in the winning run with a squeeze bunt that capped a three-run, ninth-inning rally off Brandon Valbuena (0-2), who was also allowed an RBI groundout to Bobby Estelle and a tying single to Chris Stynes.

Stynes homered twice and had five RBIs for San Diego.

**Angels 12, Rangers 2**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Mulder pitched seven strong innings and Miguel Tejada and Scott Hatteberg homered as Oakland defeated Texas.

Mulder (2-1) gave up two runs on five hits, striking out

**Devil Rays 9, Orioles 7**

BALTIMORE — Jorge Sosa (1-1) allowed three hits to become the first Tampa Bay starting pitcher to win a game this season as the Devil Rays won on to beat Baltimore.

Tampa Bay starters hadn't recorded a victory in the first 15 games.

## Major League Baseball

All Times MT  
AMERICAN LEAGUE  
East Division

New York	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Boston	14	6	.692	-2B2	W3	7-2	7-1	0-0	
Baltimore	12	5	.706	2	W3	7-2	4-3	0-0	
Tampa Bay	7	9	.438	6.5	L-1	3-5	4-4	0-0	
Toronto	6	11	.353	8	L-4	W-1	4-6	2-5	0-0
	6	12	.333	8.5	L-1	L-3	2-7	4-5	0-0

Central Division

Kansas City	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Chicago	11	6	.647	2.5	W-2	7-0	6-3	0-0	
Minnesota	9	8	.529	4.5	L-2	3-5	5-3	0-0	
Cleveland	5	12	.294	8.5	L-4	L-3	3-7	2-5	0-0
Detroit	1	15	.063	12	L-9	L-6	1-7	0-8	0-0

West Division

Seattle	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Oakland	10	8	.556	2	W-2	7-1	3-7	0-0	
Anaheim	8	9	.471	2	L-4	L-2	5-4	3-7	0-0
Texas	7	11	.389	3.5	L-2	L-2	5-5	2-6	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
East Division

Montreal	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Philadelphia	11	7	.611	-2B3	W-2	5-3	6-4	0-0	
Atlanta	9	7	.562	1	W-1	5-5	5-3	0-0	
Florida	9	10	.474	2.5	L-4	L-5	4-4	0-0	
New York	7	11	.389	4	L-3	L-1	4-4	3-7	0-0

Central Division

Chicago	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
St. Louis	12	6	.667	-	W-3	W-5	7-3	5-3	0-0
Houston	9	7	.562	2	L-1	4-3	5-4	0-0	
Pittsburgh	8	9	.471	3.5	L-3	L-1	5-4	4-4	0-0
Milwaukee	7	11	.389	5.5	L-5	W-1	3-6	4-5	0-0
Cincinnati	5	13	.278	7	L-5	L-4	3-4	2-7	0-0

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Friday's Late Games

Seattle 8, Anaheim 2	Oakland 9, Texas 0
Boston 7, Toronto 2	Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 7
Kansas City 9, Detroit 2	Chicago White Sox 12, Cleveland 3
Oakland 12, Tampa Bay 2	N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 2
Seattle at Anaheim, late	

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Elizbeth 0-1) at Baltimore (Dad 0-2), 11:05 a.m.	Toronto (Helday 0-2) at Boston (Fossum 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (March 0-4) at Kansas City (Asencio 1-0), 12:05 p.m.	Chicago (Edwin 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Bunnie 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Francis 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-0), 2:05 p.m.	Seattle (Francis 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 3-0) at Minnesota (Luby 1-0), 6:05 p.m.	Texas (Lewis 2-0) at Oakland (Luby 1-0), 6:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Friday's Late Games

Colorado 12, San Diego 1	San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 1
Montreal 8, Cincinnati 7, 10 innings, 1st game	Montreal 8, Cincinnati 5, 2nd game
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 0	Milwaukee 3, Houston 2, 14 innings
San Francisco at Los Angeles, late	Chicago Cubs 6, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings

**Today's Games**

Cincinnati (Greer 0-2) vs. Montreal (Arma 1-1) at Baltimore (Dad 0-2), 11:05 a.m.	Philadelphia (Duscher 0-0) at Atlanta (Reynolds 1-1), 11:05 a.m.
Florida (Beck 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Glover 2-1), 11:10 a.m.	Chicago Cubs (Edwin 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Fossum 1-1), 11:35 a.m.
Houston (Robison 1-0) at Milwaukee (Scott 1-0), 12:05 p.m.	Arizona (Bellini 0-2) at St. Louis (Torre 1-1), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Francis 3-0) at Colorado (Cheon 2-0), 1:05 p.m.	San Francisco (Answorth 5-0) at Los Angeles (Nomo 1-3), 6:05 p.m.

**Of note:**

The Royals are 8-0 when scoring five or more runs. ... Tampa Bay OF Ben Greive, who has an infection at the base of his left thumb, was hospitalized Friday night and held for observation at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. A team spokesman said Greive was doing well Saturday, was receiving intravenous antibiotics and is expected to be released Sunday. ... The new seats above the Green Monster have been a bit at Fenway Park. But with it has come extra trash that blows onto the field from atop the 37-foot wall, causing a ground crew member to run out and clean up the area a few times this season.

## notes

**Baseball ad campaign nips opposing teams**

Marketing campaigns for baseball seem to be the rage early this season. Toronto already has its senior vice president for marketing writing the following ad campaign that urged fans to skip Japanese rookie Hideki Matsui and showed a New York Yankees cap filled in bird droppings. Atlanta and Cleveland price last weekend for a printout with the headline, "Come see batting practice with Greg Maddux and the Braves." Maddux arrived in Miami with a 0-3 record and 11.05 ERA. But he left with his first win after holding the Marlins to one run and two hits in six innings.

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Step aside, Robin Yount. The anything-for-a-buck Milwaukee Braves are suing up comedian Steve Buscemi to play a union diannector. Bruce will appear in July for a movie being shot at Miller Park and other Milwaukee locations.

Entitled "Mr. 3,000," it stars Mac as a fictitious 3,000 career hits player who retires with 3,000 career hits, only to stage a comeback years later when a statistical correction leaves him three hits short of the milestone. Producers plan to film live crowd and action scenes during the Brewers-Houston Astros games July 23-24.

Brewers hits leaders Yount (3,142) and Paul Molitor (2,283). But you do know this is the second time he's hit a Triple A team in the City of Suds. The 1989 hit Milwaukee was filled with Milwaukee's old County Stadium, even though it was about a dozen towns Cleveland Indians teardrop

**Notes:**

The Cleveland doubleheader in Puerto Rico between the Reds and Montreal marked the Reds' first regular-season games before the continental U.S. opener in franchise history. In the 1950s Cincinnati had its Triple A team in Puerto Rico in the Havana Sugar Kings. Pirates OF Brian Giles (sprained leg) apparently still doesn't know when he'll return to the team. He has been 90 days out of the lineup. The Pirates won't return to the two-to-four week time-out for his return until he has 90 days next weekend. ... The Marlins have struck out 19 consecutive batters since they hit a Triple A team in Puerto Rico on Saturday. ... The Marlins have struck out 19 consecutive batters since they hit a Triple A team in Puerto Rico on Saturday. ... The Marlins have struck out 19 consecutive batters since they hit a Triple A team in Puerto Rico on Saturday.



SPORTS

# Garnett, Wolves seek end to oh-fer streak

## But they face no easy task against Lakers in Round 1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett's inability to lead his team to playoff success has sullied his otherwise stellar career with Minnesota Timberwolves.

Garnett just finished his best season yet, posting career highs in points (23.0), rebounds (13.4) and assists (6.0) as well as six triple-doubles.

Yet the numbers that matter most in the big picture have come late April, when Minnesota has gone 0-for-6 in the first round of the playoffs.

The fourth-seeded Wolves start postseason No. 7 at home Sunday afternoon against the three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

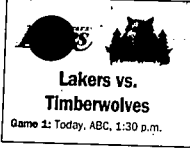
"I don't think of Kevin Garnett not winning a playoff series," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson. "I think of the Minnesota team not winning a playoff series. Kevin's obviously a fine player on that team, but it doesn't sit on his shoulders.

Comparing Garnett's record to Michael Jordan's early days with Chicago, Jackson pointed out that once Jordan's teams finally did some damage in the playoffs, everyone expected the Bulls to win because Jordan was such a great player.

"That's going to happen to Kevin eventually, too," Jackson said Saturday at the Lakers' practice facility before the team left for Minnesota.

Garnett, though, is further along in his career than Jordan was as the same age.

"You can't feel sorry for yourself," Garnett said. "This is a no-nonsense league. It's eat or be eaten. No one cares that we've lost in the first round for 'X"



Lakers vs. Timberwolves  
Game 1: Today, ABC, 1:30 p.m.

amount of years."

Last year, the criticism of Garnett peaked — in particular for his perceived refusal to dominate the ball in the fourth quarter when his team most needs his offense.

One of the main strengths of Garnett's game, though, is his selfishness.

For a 7-footer, Garnett possesses a keen ability to find open teammates, see the entire floor and play anywhere.

"I can't say I'm worried about how they feel about me," Garnett said. "I'm not going to change any of that. I've always been a person who can look myself in the mirror and be satisfied. I've got to get into what got me where. I've got to be aggressive, control my emotions, make sure I'm forward to it."

"I'm looking forward to it." The Lakers know what they have to do to advance past a team that split the season series with them.

"It's very easy to know the head is Kevin Garnett," Rick Fox said. "Without being violent about it, we'll try to cut it off. Once we do that, the other guys will have to step up."

The Lakers are 15-2 on the road in the playoffs the last two years, but the past is the past — just as it is for the Timberwolves.

Six straight first-round exits? "That has never been mentioned," Saunders said. "We didn't play the Lakers the last six times. We're playing them now."

# Suns shock Spurs

## Buzzer shot in OT clinches win for Phoenix

BAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two bank shots from 3-point range — one by Rippen Stoudemire late in regulation; the other by Stephen Marbury at the buzzer in overtime — gave the Phoenix Suns an unlikely victory.

Marbury banked in a running 3-pointer after Tim Duncan missed three free throws in the final 16 seconds, lifting Phoenix past the San Antonio Spurs 96-95 Saturday in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

Marbury got the rebound after Duncan's final miss with 5.1 seconds left and sped up the floor.

He leaped from a foot outside the 3-point arc and released his shot just before the horn sounded, the ball kissing off the glass and through the net.

The wife was the Suns' fourth in five games against San Antonio this season.

Two of those contests went into overtime.

The Spurs missed six of eight foul shots in overtime and managed to go only 26-for-41 (63.4 percent) at the line for the game. Duncan was 3-for-8.

Marbury led Phoenix with 26 points, 17 of them coming in the second half. Shawn Marion and Stoudemire added 24 apiece.

Stoudemire hit a 3-pointer off the glass from a nearly straightaway angle with 8.4 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the score at 87-87.

It was only his third 3-pointer of the season. Duncan missed a corner jumper before the buzzer to force overtime.

Stephen Jackson paced the Spurs with 23 points, while David Robinson had 18 points on 8-for-8 shooting and Duncan scored 17 to go with 13 rebounds.

Tony Parker shot just 2-for-13 for seven points.



Suns guard Stephen Marbury shoots a game-winning 3-pointer over San Antonio Spurs defender Tim Duncan at the buzzer during overtime of Game 1 of their Western Conference playoff game in San Antonio, Saturday.

# Celtics stun Pacers; Nets topple Bucks

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For the first 35 quarters, Paul Pierce was off-target and Boston appeared overmatched. By the end, Pierce had changed everything.

Pierce scored 21 of his 40 points in the final quarter, leading Boston back from a 13-point deficit in the final 7.5 minutes as the Celtics rallied past the Indiana Pacers 103-100 in Game 1 of their first-round series.

Antoine Walker scored 22 points for Boston and Eric Williams added 18.

Ron Artest led the Pacers with 26 points. Jermaine O'Neal had 24.

Pierce hit a key 3-pointer with 1:30 seconds left and went 21-for-24 from the free-throw line to lead the Celtics to victory.

Pierce left the Pacers stunned. Pierce set an NBA playoff record for most free throws without a miss, and his 11 free throws in the fourth were two shy of the most ever made in one playoff quarter.

Pierce had missed 15 of his 19 shots from the floor in the first three quarters.

Indiana, just as it did over the course of the regular season, faded after a fast start. The Pacers made only four field goals in the fourth, giving the Celtics plenty of chances to rally.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Monday night.



and six rebounds, holding Payton scoreless for more than 35 quarters Saturday as the defending Eastern Conference champion New Jersey Nets beat the Milwaukee Bucks 103-96.

"He set the tone," Payton said of Kidd. "He made shots and got assists. He scored 14 points in the first quarter. His whole team played well."

The Bucks didn't, particularly Payton.

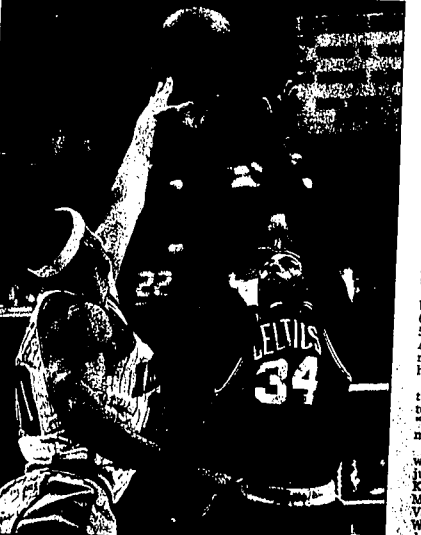
The perennial All-Star didn't score until there was 4:10 to go, drawing a derisive cheer from those left in the crowd of 16,102.

He finished with eight points, 10 assists and five turnovers in a game in which the Nets led by 20 at halftime and 31 early in the fourth quarter.

Kenyon Martin, who took an awkward fall under the basket early in the third quarter, returned quickly and had 21 points and 15 rebounds in leading seven Nets in double figures.

Kerry Kittles had 18, Lucious Harris 17 and Jason Collins added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Tuesday.



Boston Celtics guard Paul Pierce puts up a 3-point shot against Indiana Pacers guard Jeff Foster during the fourth quarter of their first-round playoff game in Indianapolis, Saturday, April 19.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Monday night.

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# Hornets face challenge of stopping Iverson

## Mashburn gives Sixers equal test

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson had his best all-around season for the Philadelphia 76ers. Jamal Mashburn did the same for the New Orleans Hornets.

Iverson opened their best-of-seven Eastern Conference series against the Hornets on Sunday night, and one of the key questions is which team has the toughest challenge on defense?

"Their team trying to stop me, simple as that," Iverson said. "Because my energy level is going to be so high, just getting back to the playoffs, having another opportunity to win a championship."

"I'm just not bringing everything I got, not just trying to score, but trying to create for my teammates as well. Once this series starts, I'm going to demand a lot of double- and triple-teams, and hopefully that'll get open shots for my guys."

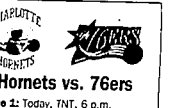
A three-time scoring champion and former MVP, Iverson improved many aspects of his game this season. He averaged 27.6 points, 5.5 assists, 4.2 rebounds and played in all 82 games for the first time in his seven-year career.

Mashburn also had one of his best years, averaging 21.6 points, 6.1 rebounds and a career-high 5.6 assists. He played in his first All-Star game and also didn't miss a game for the first time in his 10 seasons.

"Allen is one of the top two or three scorers in the league," teammate Keith Van Horn said. "He's one of the toughest matchups in the league."

So is Mashburn, a 6-foot-8 forward with quickness and a sharp jumper. The Sixers will start Kenny Thomas against Mashburn, and also plan to use Van Horn and reserves Monty Williams and Greg Buckner to defend him.

"He's a guy you don't want to give a steady diet of any one player," Van Horn said. "You want to give him different looks, different feels. He's a great rhythm player. When he gets into a rhythm, he's tough to stop."



Hornets vs. 76ers  
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Iverson and Mashburn have solid supporting players around them.

Van Horn, coming off a foot injury that sidelined him six of the last seven games, gives the Sixers another viable scoring option. He averaged 15.9 points and shot 48.2 percent. Eric Snow had his best season, averaging 12.2.

"Keith is a scorer," Thomas said. "With him on the floor, it opens things up for everybody else. He's going to draw double-teams, and if he finds the open man, we're going to win."

Mashburn has help from the backcourt tandem of Baron Davis and David Wesley. Davis played in just 50 games due to knee and back injuries and averaged 17.1 points. Wesley, who missed nine of the last 14 games with a foot injury, averaged 16.7.

"I expect to see some double-teams and rightfully so," Mashburn said. "But it makes a difference having Baron out there because he's a dynamic player and you can see opponents. When he's right, they tend not to want to leave him, and they don't want to leave Wesley so that gives me a big opportunity to do what I have to do."

The Sixers finished fourth in the East at 48-34, one game ahead of New Orleans. But with Van Horn and center Derrick Coleman, they're out of the lineup, Philadelphia lost five of its last eight games.

The Hornets won their last five, including three straight ones they got their starting lineup — Mashburn, Davis, Wesley, P.J. Brown and Jamaal Magloire — back for the first time since late January.

"We're going in there without the team intact and now that we are, I think our chances are as good as anyone," Hornets coach Paul Silas said.

New Orleans was 18-23 on the road, but won in Philly's last Sunday — one of its two victories over the Sixers in three games this season.



SPORTS

# USTA chief still carries passion for game

Alan Schwartz, president and CEO of the United States Tennis Association, hits a shot Friday at the Mid-Town Tennis Club in Chicago.



## Schwartz works on improving the sport, and his forehand

By Hal Beck  
Associated Press writer

Tennis lifer Alan G. Schwartz has a cool job. He goes to all the Grand Slam tournaments, presents the winning trophies at the U.S. Open, travels to exotic Davis Cup venues and schmoozes with some of the greatest players in the history of the game.

These are the ceremonial duties that go with being the top man at the United States Tennis Association, and he enjoys them as much as hitting a winner at his regular Thursday night doubles matches.

Schwartz comes to this job with definite ideas on how to improve the game, and much of it involves reworking the schedule.

"Right now, we have a year-round calendar, which never seems to end," he said. "We're the only sport with an off-season. I'd like to see our players have two months off at the end of the year. Lack of time for recuperation makes it very tough for our players."

So he'd change some dates, make the Grand Slam events the peaks of the season and make sure the players get some time off to prepare.

Schwartz brings a player's perspective to his job. At 71, he still holds his own on the court, playing with the same passion he now brings to building the sport. He's always coming up with ideas.

"A grandparents and grandchildren program," he said, thinking about his grandson, Zacko. "That would work. What grandparent would turn down playing with a grandchild?"

Schwartz is the first USTA president who made his living from tennis, coxing it out of its country club roots with his Tennis Corp. of America, which owns and operates 40 indoor clubs in North America.

"My mission is to promote and develop the game of tennis," he said. "We have 23.5 million players now. If we could grow 3 percent annually, we could be at 30 million by 2010. That would be exciting. That's the goal."

Schwartz believes the growth will come from community-based programs such as the ones in Compton, Calif., where Venus and Serena Williams developed their game. He believes that James Blake, who first played in Harlem, and Donald Young, the nation's top-ranked 14-year-old, from the Chicago playgrounds, are perfect examples of how the game can expand.

He wants courts in city parks, and he's willing to have the USTA fund much of it with stipends for local professionals to coach. He wants the electricity generated each August and September at the U.S. Open to become a year-round lightning rod.

On his planning board is a \$50 million bond to further upgrade the National Tennis Center. He wants more indoor courts to accommodate more players. He wants space for a national tennis trade show. He'd like to construct an American tennis Hall of Fame to parallel the international one in Newport, R.I.

It's all ambitious stuff, but Schwartz believes it can be done. "If you care about something, you do something," he said.

Schwartz traveled with the U.S. Davis Cup team to Croatia in February, a trip accompanied by the appropriate frills.

"The prime minister meets you at the airport. The ambassador has a reception for you. The mayor holds a cocktail party. That's heady stuff," he said.

But the schedule was not good. After two days of speeches, I caught a 4 a.m. flight out of Zagreb so I could get to Cincinnati to be with the commu-

nity tennis workshop people.

"These are the people who build our game. There's a 76-year-old woman, Clare Maisel, who runs the 'Never Ever' program in Knoxville. It's for people over 50 who never ever played the game."

Schwartz captained his college team at Yale, so he hardly qualified. But she challenged him anyway.

"Let's play," she said. "Now!" Then she backed off.

"OK, you just had a 16-hour flight," she said. "Tomorrow, then."

America's Davis Cup failure was a disappointment for Schwartz. But he believes part of the problem involved timing and a crowded calendar.

"If I were betting, I'd bet both the Australian and Wimbledon will move by 2005 or 2006," he said. "It's a personal opinion, but not unfounded. We need to give players more rest at the end of the year."

Rest, huh? Clare Maisel might not endorse that idea.

# Kung holds off field for first LPGA title

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Candie Kung made sure the 18th hole wouldn't be her undoing this time around.

Kung built a three-shot lead in the Tuzefuji Classic before Saturday to win her first LPGA Tour title by two shots over Annika Sorenstam and two others. The second-year player lost the sole lead in both the first and second rounds with final-hole miscues. This time, the finishing three-putt bogey didn't matter.

"I was just trying to hit a green and walk out of there with a par," the 21-year-old Kung said.

Kung double bogeyed the hole in the first round and bogeyed her final hole after shanking a shot in the 4-footer she missed Saturday, the 4-footer she missed for par meant only that her winning margin was smaller.

Kung finished with a 2-under 70 and was 12 under for the tournament.

Sorenstam rallied on the back nine with three straight birdies and closed with a birdie on the 18th hole. But, after being six shots out in the opening round, she never threatened to take the lead in the 54-hole event.

Sorenstam shot 67 in both her final two rounds, but ran out of holes to catch Kung. Christy Kerr and Soo-Yun Kang finished tied with her for second at 10 under.

Eight of the 35 tournaments on the LPGA Tour this year are 54 holes instead of 72.

Cink clings to lead after up-and-down day at Heritage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. - Stewart Cink shot a 69 and showed some new confidence Saturday, surviving an up-and-down third round to hold the lead

at the MCI Heritage. He stood at 12-under 201, a stroke ahead of Jeff Sluman, who had the day's best round of 64.

Woody Austin (65) and Keegan Perry (67) were at 10-under on Davis Love III (69), Hal Sutton (71), Steve Flesch (67) and Chubb Campbell (70) were another shot behind.

Watson, Gilder pace pack at Emerald Coast

MILTON, Fla. - Tom Watson and Bob Gilder finished Saturday's second round of the Emerald Coast Classic tied for the lead at 10-under-par 130, one stroke in front of six other Champions Tour golfers.

First-round co-leaders Gil Morgan and Leonard Thompson were one shot back, along with Bobby Wadkins, Morris Hatakeyama, Larry Nelson and Vicente Fernandez. Tom Purtzer and Dana Quigley were each two strokes off the lead.

That set the stage for Sunday's final round of the 6,832-yard, par-70 course at The Moors Golf Club.

Jacobson tops leaderboard in Algarve Open in Portugal

FARO, Portugal - Fredrik Jacobson of Sweden shot a 67 under-par 71 Saturday to take the one-stroke lead heading into the final round of the Algarve Open.

On a windy day, Jacobson had three birdies and two bogeys to go to 5-under 211 for the tournament.

Overnight leader Greg Owen of England ballooned to a 76 and dropped to a second-place tie at 212 with countryman Brian Davis (71 Saturday).

## Community

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# Davenport will meet Dementieva in final

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) - The tempestuous Russian blonde is one victory away from her first title. A familiar story? Sure. Only this time, it has nothing to do with Anna Kournikova.

Elena Dementieva ended topsided Justice Henin-Hardenne's seven-match winning streak Saturday with a 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 victory in the semifinals of the Bausch & Lomb Championships.

After her first win in four tries against Henin-Hardenne, the 10th-seeded Dementieva moved into the fifth final of her five-year pro career, including the 2000 Olympics.

In the final Sunday, she will play second-seeded Lindsay Davenport, who defeated

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Jennifer Capriati 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

"I'll go walking on the beach tonight - nothing really different," Dementieva said when asked how she would prepare for the big match.

Davenport, 6-2 lifetime against Dementieva, came into the semifinals having lost just five games in three matches in the tournament. Her win over Capriati was, understandably, more difficult, but she is still playing some of her best tennis since coming back from knee surgery that sidelined her through the first half of 2002.

"I've never seen her play this well before," Capriati said.

Ferrero ousts Spadea, reaches Monte Carlo final

MONTE CARLO, Monaco - Defending champion Juan Carlos Ferrero easily eliminated Vince Spadea 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to reach the final of the Monte Carlo Masters.

Spadea was the first American in the Monte Carlo semifinals since Aaron Krickstein in 1992.

In Sunday's final, Ferrero will play Guillermo Coria of Argentina, who beat 1998 French Open champion Carlos Moya 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Ferrero and Coria played just once before, at last year's French Open. Ferrero won en route to the final.

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# Runyan races for records, inspires others along the way

Legally blind runner is a contender at Boston Marathon

By Jimmy Golst  
Associated Press writer

**WATERTOWN, Mass.** — On days like this, Marla Runyan doesn't mind being known as a blind runner.

On the course, Runyan insists on being treated like any other athlete, even though she is legally blind because of a degenerative disease that began taking her sight at age 9.

"But here at the Perkins School for the Blind, Runyan is a natural inspiration for students.

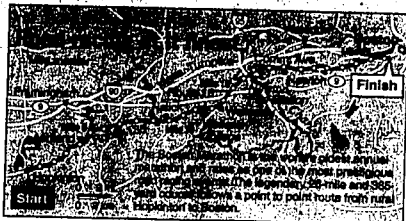
"It isn't something I think about daily. It's who I am," she said at the school during a visit ahead of Monday's Boston Marathon. "But, obviously, there's another side to my story. And it can be helpful to other people, which is great."

Indeed, Runyan is more than a novelty.

She is the top female marathoner in the United States, and the only American man or woman with a chance to contend in Boston this year. She finished fourth last year at the New York City Marathon — her first race at the distance — with the fifth-fastest time ever run by an American woman.

But she is more than a marathoner, too.

She has competed at everything from the high jump to the heptathlon, at world championships, the Pan Am Games, the Olympics and, yes, the Paralympics. She has set



SOURCES: Boston Athletic Association; Runner's World; Associated Press

American records at 800 and 5,000 meters.

"The vision thing is not even a story in my eyes," said her coach and husband, Matt Lonergan. "Anybody who knows anything about the sport doesn't pay attention to that. If they know the history of the sport, they know there's never been anybody who's done what Marla's done."

Still, what brought her to Perkins is the fact that she's done it despite Stargardt's, a macular disease that has left her with 20-1,000 vision. Even wearing contact lenses, which improve her eyesight to 20-300 on one side (20-400 on the other), she cannot read the big "B" at the top of the eye chart.

Runyan can see 10-to-15 feet without trouble, so she sees potential obstacles such as potholes and trolley tracks in plenty of time to avoid stumbling over them when she runs. Keeping an eye on the other runners is not a problem, either.

"Seeing my competition is the easiest thing I do," she said. "It's

easier if they're behind me."

For Boston, Runyan will be accompanied by a race official on a bicycle who will tell her about the course and her pace; her water bottle will be the first one on the table, so she doesn't have to search for it. Similar arrangements were made for her in New York.

"I'm not going to get any special accommodations," Runyan said. "For the most part, I'm just like everybody else."

It's a statement that is equally true on the course from Hopkinton to Boston and here at Perkins. The nation's oldest school for the blind, it counts among its former students Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. It is the birthplace of the Perkins Braille, a typewriter that is the industry standard, manufactured here on a

## 107th Boston Marathon

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Of note: Jerome runner Richard Heberman is running for the second straight year. Last year, Heberman finished in 3 hours, 53 minutes and 48 seconds to finish in 113.187th place.

verdant campus in the Boston suburbs.

The school has 200 students, many of them with multiple handicaps. A few dozen of them awaited Runyan, sitting on a mat or in wheelchairs in the gymnasium where they play goal ball and race with scooters, the boundaries marked with raised tape so

they know when they cross the finish line.

An ambassador for the school since she visited after the 2000 Olympic trials, Runyan knows to go to the students when she calls on them. She knows to stand directly in front of them when they talk. And she knows that otherwise simple tasks can be a challenge. But the challenges can be the most rewarding part.

"They have to work twice as hard," Runyan said. "They have to put in twice as much effort. Everything they do academically, I know I did in school."

On the track overlooking the gym floor, Runyan, Lonergan and four-time Boston Marathon winner Bill Rodgers alternate

taking laps with the students, offering an elbow to guide them around the oval track. In many cases, the elite runners have to strain to keep the eager students from running ahead.

Runyan told the students to make running a habit, challenging them to complete the marathon distance in a week. At 24 laps to the mile, they would have to run or walk around their indoor track more than 600 times; they applaud when she assigns the problem to them as math homework.

"That's how you get started, a little bit at a time. Just keep adding it up," Runyan told the students. "We don't know what your limits are. Let's find out."

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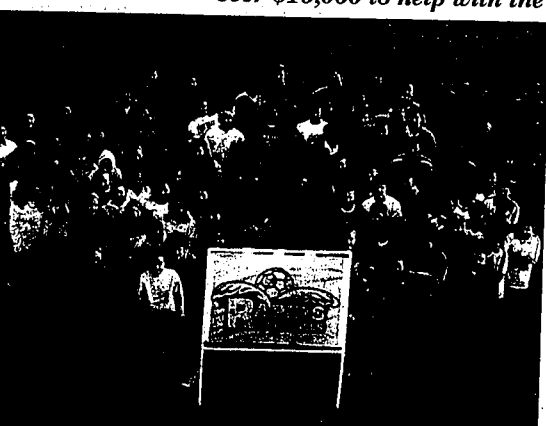
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**SPORTS**

**Polynice gets fine for berating prosecutor**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Former NBA player and jazz center Olden Polynice was fined \$450 and ordered to get anger management therapy for yelling obscenities at a prosecutor.

Polynice, 36, pleaded guilty Friday to disturbing the peace for the hallway confrontation with Holladay city attorney Lohra Miller when she was prosecuting him for a golf-course assault.

Polynice arrived at court from a jail where he served two days for the assault on another golfer. That conviction violated

Polynice's probation for a previous conviction of impersonating a police officer.

City Justice Court Judge Virginia Ward also sentenced Polynice to six months probation for the December yelling incident.

"You may not chase a public official down the hallway yelling obscenities. It makes the community uncomfortable," Ward said.

On Thursday, another judge fined Polynice \$1,850 and ordered him to perform 240 hours of community service for assaulting the golfer in July 2001. He told the judge he was

offended when Miller called him "an angry black man" during the golf-course trial last December. Miller maintained she referred to him only as an angry 7-foot man.

Polynice, married with four children, lives in the Salt Lake City suburb of Holladay and plays for a Continental Basketball League team.

He played for Utah, Seattle, Los Angeles, Detroit and Sacramento during 14 seasons in the NBA.

Polynice was convicted of a class B misdemeanor for attacking Tyler Swensen at the Old Mill Golf Course on July 23, 2001.

**Ridnour leaves but Jackson remains**

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - University of Oregon basketball standout Luke Ridnour confirmed that he has requested early entry into the National Basketball Association.

But teammate Luke Jackson says he will not.

The decisions are considered pivotal to Ducks' basketball program next season. Oregon reached the NCAA playoffs this year but was eliminated in the first round by Utah, 60-58.

Ridnour, a 6-foot-2 guard, a junior, was the Pac-10 player of the year and the Most Valuable Player in the Pac-10 Tournament,

which Oregon won. Jackson, a 6-foot-7 guard from Creswell, also a junior, ranked in the top 10 in the conference in scoring, assists, rebounds and steals.

The university said Ridnour has not contacted with an agent, which will allow him to keep his options open, which could include a return to Oregon for his senior year.

He said his final decision likely will not come until just before the June 19 withdrawal deadline. The draft is June 25.

"For me I've decided to enter the NBA draft and just explore my options and not fully com-

mit," he said Friday.

He was an Associated Press honorable mention All-American and ranked second in the conference in scoring with 19.7 points per game. He was first in assists with 5.6 per game.

The Blaine, Wash. native set school and Pac-10 records with 23 consecutive free throws in January and February. He set an Oregon record with 218 assists this season and tied another with 63 steals.

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Section D

The Times-News

Sunday, April 20, 2003

## AREA NUMBERS SHINE THROUGH

### Notes on the economy

#### About Business Plus III

**B**usiness Plus III is a six-county initiative that by May 30 aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years. Of that money, \$1.15 million would be for business attraction and business-retention incentive grants, \$250,000 for regional marketing, and \$40,000 for operations, overhead and investor relations. The Business Plus III campaign provides a weekly update of its fundraising. The status Friday.

Number of investors: 50  
Total raised to date: \$1,303,250

Organizers plan a free program briefing from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Anyone is welcome. Scott C. Wilson, campaign executive, will talk to business people about the campaign's five-year strategy. Potential investors, or anyone who wants to sign up for the briefing, may call 736-1085.

Source: Rebecca Wildman of Business Plus III

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### CSI center offers job workshop on Monday

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions is offering a "Job Seeking Skills" workshop for those who are interested in starting new jobs, moving up in their current employment or increasing their confidence to get jobs.

Participants will learn the basics of job-seeking skills such as application processes, resume formats, the cover letter impact, interview techniques and follow-up with a potential employer. The free workshop will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Center for New Directions. Students must call or come in to sign up. For information, call 732-6680.

#### Career planning workshop gets under way in T.F.

**TWIN FALLS** - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a career planning workshop. The workshop will benefit those who are beginning an education, trying to identify interests or developing new skills. A professional staff member will help participants identify their interests, discover their work-in-place talents, explore their options in demand and investigate their options. Class will be held in two parts - from 5 to 7 p.m. April 28 and May 1 at the center. Admission is free. To sign up, call 732-6680 or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 6680.

#### Small-business center sets Quick Books classes

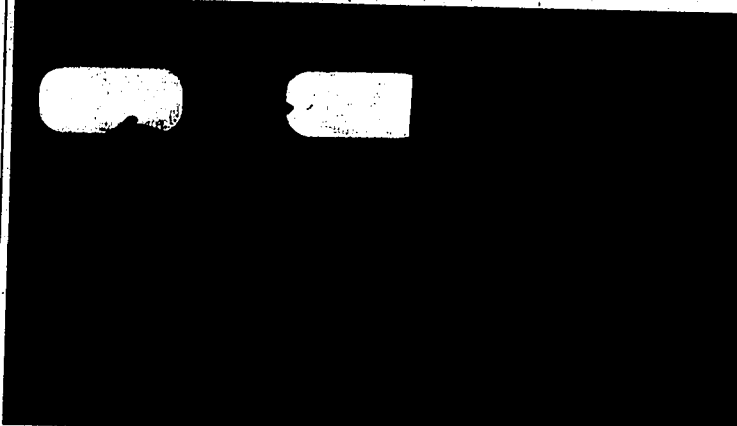
**TWIN FALLS** - The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold two Quick Books Pro classes.

Quick Books is an accounting and inventory-tracking software that helps small-business operators set up a company, handle accounts receivable and payable, track and use merchandise, and do payroll, reconciling and reporting. Students need to be computer literate and be familiar with accounting principles. Dennis Tilly, a certified public accountant, will teach the classes. Cost is \$100 per person. Class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. one evening a week. The first class is from May 15 through 23, and the second is July 10-24.

For information or to register, contact training coordinator Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or srust@csid.edu.

#### Magic Valley builders group gets together for pig roast

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Builders Association will host its 15th annual Pig Roast at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Sawtooth Door Co., 2440 Eldridge (near Seasport Manufacturing and Beans). Those involved in the building industry are invited. Association members who bring a prospective member will get in free without cost is \$7. For information, contact president Chris Garner will be 736-8991 or email to mrb@magicvalleybuilders.com.



Showered by the light coming through the garage windows, David Whaley, owner of Whaley's Truck Wash in Twin Falls, hoses down a client's truck Friday. Truck drivers should see more money in their pockets due to gas prices dropping after the recent price surge.

## T.F. economy weathers blows that hit Idaho, nation

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Long-haul truck drivers for The Northwest Connection LLC put the brakes on spending as fuel prices climbed this year. "They haven't had any extra money. Every cent they've earned, basically, has gone into the operation. They haven't had any disposable income whatsoever," said Kevin Adam, president of the Twin Falls company, which contracts with 20 independent drivers and leases the drivers' trucks and trailers. "I'll probably take about four or five months for them to get back to where they were before the beginning of the year, you know, monetarily. They've lost money for the last four months."

Fuel prices peaked in March, and truck drivers are feeling some relief as prices retreat, Adam said. Still, Idaho prices were 20 cents higher than Wyoming's last week and 15-20 cents above California's, and drivers weren't celebrating yet. "They're just getting by," he said. "Gas costs weren't the only national force to put pressure on the Magic Valley economy during the first quarter. War in Iraq, and the resulting U.S. consumer caution, squeezed the market for a Burrell french fry factory's products. McCain Foods USA Inc. in late March announced plans to temporarily lay off about 125 of the plant's full-time workers around June 28. Company official Dale McCarthy cited "overall softness in the demand for frozen potato products."

A.J.R. Simplot Co. spokesman said much the same thing this month as he announced 52 permanent layoffs to hit Simplot's Heyburn spud plant in May. But in Magic Valley's central market - Twin Falls and its closest neighbors - unemployment diversity, strong economic development leadership and incoming homebuyers helped the local economy weather the blows that hit Idaho and the nation.

The evidence is in the numbers. Particularly the 4.0 percent March jobless rate for Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties. And the astounding addition of 3,190 jobs in the three counties since first quarter 2002. "Isn't that amazing?" Greg Rogers said. He's the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist. He credited some of the job growth to retailers, Dell Computer Corp.'s call center, milk-processing plants and expansion in some food-manufacturing sectors. "I'm a little surprised, because we have outdone last year at this time, and last year was a blockbuster year," Rogers said.

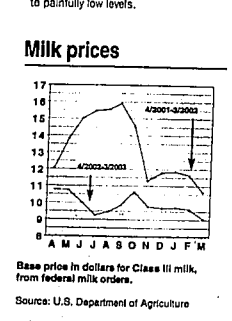
Magic Valley's nice level of consumer confidence during winter was one reason for his surprise. He had expected the Twin Falls-area unemployment rate to rise early this year. It did the opposite. Automobile sales revved up. Home building was hot. Tourist traffic started this season strong. Farm prices - particularly for potatoes and milk, the valley's signature products - were the low notes in the early months of 2003. Consider these results from *The Times-News*' quarterly survey:

**The mostly good news**  
• Home prices in Twin Falls County

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### Highlights of our survey:

- Take a look at the unemployment rate for Twin Falls County and its closest neighbors to the north. Joblessness there ended the first quarter almost a full percentage point below a year ago.
- The first quarter's year-over-year job gain in the three-county market was the largest in a long time, with new hiring spread across various sectors.
- All was not well on Magic Valley dairy farms, however. Milk prices fell to painfully low levels.



Base price in dollars for Class III milk, from federal milk orders. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

#### Inside

It might be too early to tell, but sales apparently drop in Magic Valley. Page D3

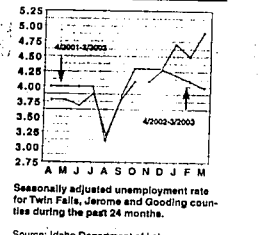
Low mortgage rates, job creation keeps home builders busy. Page D3

New retailers could add to valley's job growth in 2003. Page D4

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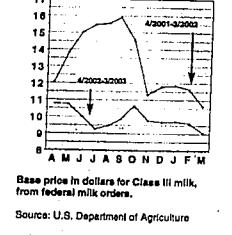
rose at a respectable clip. The average selling price topped the county's average in any of the previous six first quarters. (The record might be longer-standing than that, but the South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service overhauled its computerized record-keeping and said earlier tallies aren't

#### Jobless rate



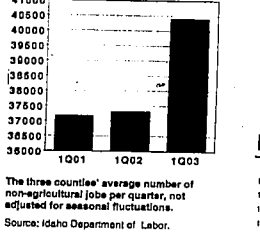
Source: Idaho Department of Labor.

#### Milk prices



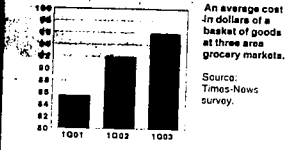
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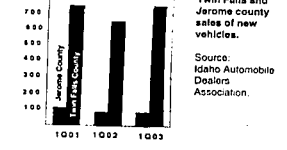
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#### Market basket



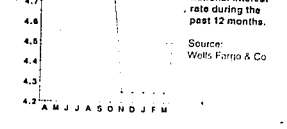
Source: Times-News survey.

#### Auto sales



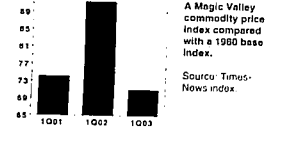
Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

#### Interest rates



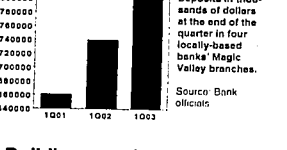
Source: Wells Fargo & Co.

#### Farm price index



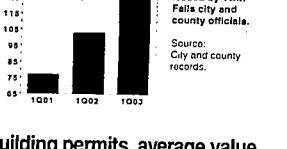
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#### Bank deposits



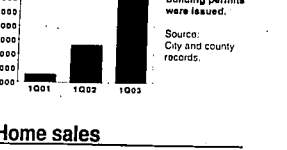
Source: Bank officials.

#### Building permits



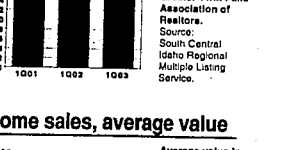
Source: City and county records.

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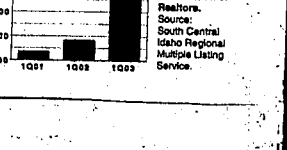
Source: City and county records.

#### Home sales



Source: South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

#### Home sales, average value



Source: South Central Idaho Regional Multiple Listing Service.

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### Art, craft gallery opens doors for business in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - Main Street Peddlers, a new art and craft gallery at 153 Main Ave. E., opened for business April 15.

Owner Marianne Reese said the store is expanding daily and is in a great spot but needs space to sell and buy arts and crafts.

Reese has had the shop for about a year, but wanted to move downtown for a better location. The shop but rents out space to other vendors who could not find small areas for their businesses. She owns and runs the shop but rents out space to other vendors, giving them their own shop also.

The shop features quilts, place mats, pillows, doilies, Swedish weave, jewelry, candles, bath and body products and more. A ribbon-cutting event will be held at 10:30 a.m. May 9 and a two-day grand opening will be May 9-10.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Main Street Peddlers can be reached at 733-2329.

### 'Success Stories' segment features Cleary Building

**HAZELTON** - Wisconsin-based Cleary Building Corp., manufacturer of pre-engineered buildings, was chosen as a feature two-minute segment on Summerall's Success Stories.

President Sean Cleary was interviewed by football star and broadcaster Pat Summerall about how Cleary Building has separated itself from its competitors and evolved into an innovator in the pre-engineered building industry, the company said.

The segment will be broadcast sometime between 4 and 4:30 p.m. April 29 on the Headline News Network. The complete interview with Summerall will be available on or after April 29 at [www.clearybuilding.com](http://www.clearybuilding.com) and [www.patsummerall.com](http://www.patsummerall.com).

Cleary Building is a family-owned and operated business and makes its home in Verona, Wis., employing more than 900 employees across the United States. It has an office in Hazelton.

### Washington Federal reports record quarterly earnings

**JEROME** - Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. - parent of Washington Federal Savings - announced earnings of \$37.704 million, or 54 cents per diluted share, for the quarter ended March 31.

That is up from \$35.759 million, or 51 cents per diluted share, a year earlier, a 6 percent per-share increase. Earnings of \$37.704 million represent a quarterly performance record for the company.

Washington Federal's second fiscal quarter produced a return on assets of 2.1 percent, and return on equity of 16.4 percent. The company's efficiency ratio was 18.4 percent for the quarter. Its capital ratio increased to 13.5 percent as of March 31.

"We are pleased to report record earnings once again this quarter," Chief Executive Officer Roy M. Whitehead said. "Included in net income is a nonrecurring pretax gain of \$3.4 million related to the sale of real estate held for investment. Our overall financial condition remains very strong."

### Lithia Motors will report 1Q earnings on Friday

**TWIN FALLS** - Medford, Ore.-based Lithia Motors Inc. - new owner of the former Randy Hens automobile dealership in Twin Falls - will release its first-quarter earnings at 6 a.m. Friday.

A conference call to discuss the results will be held at 11 a.m. the same day. To participate, call 877-582-2700 or at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning.

To listen live on Lithia's Web site, visit [www.lithia.com](http://www.lithia.com), go to "Investor Relations" and click on the conference call icon. The replay will be available until July 29.

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

### Cable ONE gains 100,000th high-speed Internet customer

**TWIN FALLS** - Cable ONE reached a milestone with its high-speed Internet service this month as it signed on its 100,000th customer to its service territory.

Cable ONE said its Internet service has become the preferred provider for high-speed Internet in its market where it's chosen four to one over DSL.

"Our customers have responded enthusiastically to the many features of our Internet service. We've added up to 65 customers per week since its launch. Now the service is available throughout the Magic Valley," said Mark Wolfe, Internet business manager.

With our dramatically increased upload and download speeds, as well as new features to protect against unwanted e-mail and to block Web sites as needed, we've continually demonstrated our commitment to quality and utility."

Starting this year Cable ONE upgraded its download/upload speeds to 500/128 or 1,000/200 kilobytes per second, offering residential customers the choice of two levels of service.

Other recent enhancements include a three-level Spam Patrol e-mail filtering system to block unwanted e-mail and a built-in virus detection service to quarantine e-mails that may corrupt the system.

Cable ONE also provides an optional Web-stop service that helps parents protect youngsters from inappropriate Web sites. Since the device doesn't reside on the home computer, it's more difficult to bypass, the company said.

Cable ONE, the cable division of The Washington Post Co., operates 52 cable systems serving 715,000 subscribers in 19 states.

### Champion Enterprises reports \$24 million loss

**FILER** - Michigan-based Champion Enterprises Inc. - a housing manufacturer which owns retail Westwind Homes in Filer - reported first-quarter net revenue of \$24 million and a writedown of \$24 million, or 52 cents per diluted share.

Results for the quarter included a 7 million gain from debt retirement and a charge of \$5.4 million to value finance loans receivable, which were reclassified to held for sale, at the lower of cost or market. The writedown calculation included 6 cents per diluted share due to the company accelerating the reduction in the conversion price for its Series C preferred stock.

In the comparable quarter a year ago, the company reported a net loss of \$12 million and 25 cents per diluted share, on net sales of \$306 million.

"Results continue to be hurt by tough market conditions, with year-over-year industry HUD-code wholesale shipments dropping 28 percent through February," Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer Walter R. Young said.

"Our quarterly revenues were the lowest in this cycle and our retail equity of 16.4 percent, 64 percent from the peak in mid-1999. Substantial uncertainty persists as a result of the ongoing lack of capital available to the industry and the high consumer repression levels. While we are disappointed with our results, we continue to take the necessary steps to manage through this cycle."

Young continued: "We are encouraged with the progress our retail equity has made to move closer to breakeven, but were disappointed that our manufacturing operations reported a loss due to operating in cycles caused by lower production levels and sales volume."

### Jeanie Bryant

**BUHL** - Jeanie Bryant joined Western Cellular in Buhl, an authorized agent for U.S. Cellular, in March as manager.

Locally owned and operated by Jim Schoetger of Gooding, Western Cellular is a

cellular in downtown Buhl is a branch operation of the original Western Cellular located inside Western Auto in Gooding. It offers U.S. Cellular products and services, specializing in rate plan analysis and customer service.

Western Cellular was certified in U.S. Cellular sales skills training. She has been in sales many years and has extensive background in customer service.

Western Cellular is at 104 1/2 Broadway Ave. S. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bryant can be reached at 543-2000.

### Dr. Frederick Prins

**TWIN FALLS** - Dr. Frederick Prins, an independent optometrist, is relocating his practice to Ann's Eyewear Boutique.

Prins received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada in Reno, Calif., and his doctor of optometry degree from the Los Angeles College of Optometry, now known as the Southern California College of Optometry. He practiced in Ontario, Calif., for seven years before moving to Wendell.

"After a year in Wendell, he moved to San Diego, and returned to Wendell one year later to take over the family dairy. When the dairy was sold, he resumed the practice of optometry and had been with Vista Optical since 1998.

Prins is married, with five children and 10 grandchildren. Ann's Eyewear Boutique is at 691 Shoshone St. N. Prins can be reached at 733-1067.

### Helen Odenwald

**TWIN FALLS** - Helen Odenwald attended a career conference in Salt Lake City for Mary Kay Cosmetics to further her career.

Odenwald's expertise is in skin care and makeovers at her salon. She has been an independent beauty consultant with the cosmetic giant since 1999. She can be reached at 735-8443.

### Bob and Joyce Larna

**TWIN FALLS** - Bob and Joyce Larna of Sky Lane Park were named 2003 Idaho Community Managers of the Year by the Idaho Manufactured Housing Association. This is the second

time the couple has received the award.

The honor is presented annually to the individual or husband-wife team who has done the best job of managing an attractive, manufactured housing community. Judges consider honesty, dedication to the job, consideration of resident needs, maintaining of an attractive community, etc. Recipients are nominated by their peers.

The Idaho Manufactured Housing Association, with offices in Sun Valley, is a statewide trade group representing all segments of the factory-built housing industry.

### Mickey Yardley

**TWIN FALLS** - Mickey Yardley of Twin Falls graduated from Professional Truck Driving School. He acquired his tanker, hazmat, and doubles-and-triples endorsements, and his Class A commercial driver's license.

Yardley works for Pennington Transportation.

### Mortgage company workers

**TWIN FALLS** - Pacific Republic Mortgage announced the addition of several new employees since January.

Becky Walter is a loan officer, with 12 years of experience in lending. She comes from a fourth-generation farm family and is a lifetime resident of southern Idaho. Her husband, Gerald, is a

farmer; they have two children.

Brad Mealer, a loan officer, came to Pacific Republic Mortgage from Sysco Food Service. He has worked for various companies in sales and customer relations over the past 25 years. He is married to Carol Mealer, who is also employed at Pacific Republic. They have two children.

Samantha Evans is a loan officer. She recently completed the residential loan

officer course, along with the automated underwriting training. She was previously a sales professional at Jensen Jewelers and has been involved in customer service work for 10 years. She and her husband, Bryan, live in Twin Falls.

Sunny McKelevy is the office manager and lead processor. She is a business owner in the Magic Valley for more than six years and has been a Realtor for more than three years. She is a native of Twin Falls, where she lives with her husband and three children.

Teizy Garner is a loan officer. Garner previously owned her own business in California and has returned to loan origination after being a stay-at-home mom. She has extensive and diverse knowledge in the financial area. She has a master's degree in administration from California State University at Long Beach. She has worked in stock investment, real estate investment, sales, public relations and journalism. Garner lives in Kimberly with her husband, John, and their three children.

Lisa McClain is a loan officer. Her experience includes 10 years of business and estate planning, insurance sales and more than seven years of construction office management. She has received her master's degree in business administration from Boise State University and is a certificate of completion in the Idaho Construction Liens program. She also assists her husband in his drywall business. McClain has lived in the Magic Valley with her husband, Doug, and their two children for 17 years.

Nancy Smith is a loan processor. She was previously employed by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as the county financial representative and legal assistant and by Countrywide Home Loans as a loan specialist. She has two sons and is a Twin Falls native.

### Farming award winners

**RUPERT** - At the recent Minidoka County Farm Bureau annual banquet, Rep. Maxine Bell - a longtime member of Farm Bureau in Terome County - was the featured speaker.

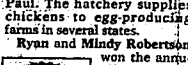
Local farmers and several won recognition.



Mindko Farm Bureau members at each banquet. This year's honoree was Loyd C. Merrill. He and his wife, Ruth Merrill, have Merrill Poultry Farm in Paul. The hatchery supplies chickens to egg-producing farms in several states. Ryan and Mindy Robertson won the annual Young Farmer and Rancher award. The Young Farmer and Rancher Leadership program is sponsored by county, state and national levels of Farm Bureau. Mindko County, as in most counties, a committee test of interested applicants based on their farming operations.



Ryan Robertson



Mindy Robertson

Equipment Co. of Rupert sponsors a prize of 50 hours' use of a new tractor.

Other activities included an annual report to members from county president Mike Atchley and humorous poetry from Gerald Marchant, an Idaho Farm Bureau state board member from Oakley.

### Walker Center employees

**GOODING** - The Walker Center made several announcements about staff members:

Mary Louise Ruef, a Walker Center counselor during the beginning years, has returned as the clinical coordinator, after 17 years of working in the alcoholism and drug abuse field in Oregon.

Stun Kraemer was hired as a counselor to provide outpatient services in the Minidoka area via the Burley office.

Anna Stowe, Jill Hoffer and Victoria Roper recently completed two-day training in Santa Monica, Calif., on the matrix model for intensive outpatient alcohol and drug treatment, sponsored by the Matrix Institute.

Mike Bailey recently attended four-day training in Tucson, Ariz., sponsored by the Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Carmalin Resz and Mike Anthony attended two-day training in Seattle on dialectical behavioral therapy, sponsored by the Behavioral Technology Transfer Group.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Everton Mattress Factory Direct manufactured 22 twin mattresses and donated them to Healing Hands for Haiti Foundation. The organization fosters the expansion and quality of rehabilitation services for the benefit of physically disabled adults and children in Haiti.

Everton Mattress' spring supplier, Leggett & Platt, donated the coil units and metal bed frames.

More contributions on page D5

## Servicemen don't draw top pay

The Associated Press

While the armed forces draw many volunteers, it's often not the paycheck that attracts them.

Privates with a year of service have an annual base pay of \$15,480, while a corporal with three years of service has a base pay of \$19,980.

Enlisted men and women, however, receive an array of benefits, including health care and college education money.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, six occupations averaged less pay than a first-year private: woodworkers, butlers and housekeepers, childcare workers, theater ushers and crossing guards.

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# Quarterly review

## Big-ticket spending



# Mortgage rates, more jobs keep house sales strong

## Buyers invigorate Twin Falls auto market

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Local home builders won't slacken their pace soon, loan activity suggests. Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank this month had more home-construction loans in progress than last year at this time. "And last year was a record year for us," President C. Alan Horner said. The current round of construc-

tion loans doesn't include many speculative home-building projects. "Everything for the most part is presold," he said. Some buyers, as always, are retirees. "Also, we're starting to see quite a few people in that generation 25-35 (years old). A lot that are coming home," Horner said. Those former residents, now parents, realize Twin Falls is where they want to raise their children. Please see B10, Page D4

# Economy

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The Times-News gathers deposit data from Buhl-based Farmers National Bank, Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank, Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank and Twin Falls-based Magic Valley Bank.

Those four don't account for the entire local banking market, of course. But they provide a measure of changes in economic activity.

Quarterly rates of growth from year-earlier deposits ranged between 10.0 and 13.5 percent in 2001-02.

The prime interest rate, which remained at the historic point in decades during the quarter, is a benefit to consumers and small businesses who are in the buying and borrowing mood.

The prime rate reported by Wells Fargo & Co. was 4.25 percent.

Major banks keep their prime interest rates set at three percentage points above the federal funds rate, which is the direct reflector of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy.

The prime rate has become a more important index of lending in the consumer side of the market (such as credit cards) and some home equity loans) than in business lending, where other indexes became more popular as competition intensified, said Kelly K. Matthews, a Wells Fargo economist.

Jobless rates in Magic Valley's central labor market kept dropping, giving a local labor economist reason to hope 2003 could be a better year than the forecast.

That market is Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties combined, where unemployment ended the quarter at a seasonally adjusted 4.0 percent by March - nine-tenths of a point lower than in March 2002.

# Twin Falls sales apparently decline

## Trend is still unclear

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls County businesses apparently are ringing up less in sales than a year earlier.

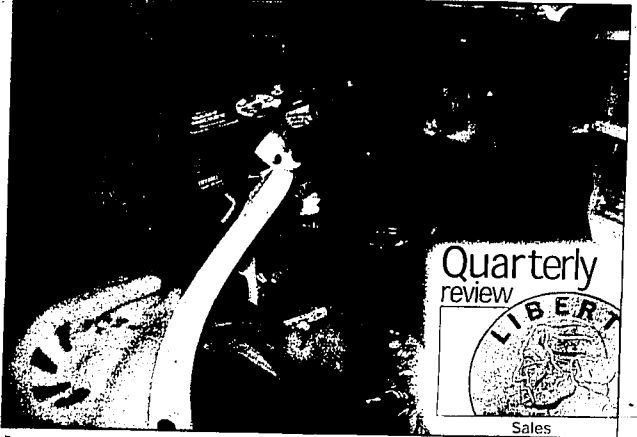
But it's hard to be sure. Certain sales in Twin Falls County - including taxable and nontaxable - totaled \$287.873 million in February and March reports, compared with \$313.034 million in the same months of 2002, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission. That's an 8 percent decrease, similar to the statewide 7 percent decrease.

Because of the normalizing in returns, the February and March reports cover sales actually made in January and February. Well, they're supposed to. But the tax commission's speed of processing the reports varies with its staff workload. Each monthly report reflects returns processed that month.

"Therefore," the tax commission warned in a statement this month, "the comparison of narrow time periods in one year to the same time periods in different years is inadvisable. Comparisons of long time periods, such as years, may be more meaningful, but there can be no guarantees."

A casual reader of the most recent February report, for instance, might conclude January sales around Idaho had dropped markedly. "That in fact was not the case," said Saul Cohen, a tax policy specialist for the commission. Rather, it was a difference in processing. This time around, the tax commission put more resources into dealing with income tax returns rather than sales tax returns, because many of the former were due refunds.

However, Magic Valley economy watchers will have to wait a "while to see" more meaningful longer-term comparisons. The tax commission's gradual shift to a new computer system periodically interrupted processing sales tax returns between the mid-2001 and January 2002. The delays artificially inflated sales totals for some periods and depleted others. The old and new computer systems process data differently, and their results aren't truly comparable. The most recent February is the first month that the tax commission had operated normally with the new computer system for a full year. So The Times-News' first-quarter comparisons exclude



# Quarterly review



## Not the whole picture

At the best of times, sales trends are hard to keep track of. In addition to the Idaho State Tax Commission's variable speed of processing sales returns, keep in mind that county-by-county sales data don't ever show the complete picture of sales. The county data always come with these disclaimers:

- They exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.)
- Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho - including many major retailers with local stores.
- Sales numbers jump around from time to time as businesses change their reporting habits. The tax commission asks businesses to disclose nontaxable sales, but because no tax is due there are no penalties if they don't. So some don't.

## Gooding County

- Total sales - \$19,752 million, almost unchanged from \$19.711 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$5,561 million, down 12 percent from the year-ago \$6,218 million.

## Jerome County

- Total sales - \$79,525 million, up 17 percent from \$67,811 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$23,927 million, up 1 percent from the year-ago \$23,775 million.

## Lincoln County

- Total sales - \$3,643 million, up 31 percent from \$2,789 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$2,916 million, up 35 percent from the year-ago \$2,160 million.

## Minidoka County

- Total sales - \$16,678 million, down 20 percent from \$58,089 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$9,263 million, down 25 percent from the year-ago \$12,391 million.

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January reports. And a two-month comparison is the longest one available so far under the new system.

With all those disclaimers, Magic Valley sees just a blurry picture of its recent sales. Through the haze, it appears that first-quarter sales rose in Camas, Jerome and Lincoln counties but fell elsewhere in the valley.

Twin Falls County's taxable sales slid 14 percent from \$97,749 million in February and March 2002 reports combined, to \$83,784 million a year later. That compares with a statewide taxable-sales trend of a 3 percent increase. Here are other Magic Valley sales processed in February and March combined, as reported by the tax commission:

## Blaine County

- Total sales - \$108,301 million, down 11 percent from \$121,413 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$68,505 million, down 8 percent from the year-ago \$74,255 million.

## Camas County

- Total sales - \$2,210 million, up 16 percent from \$1,904 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$1,387 million, up 4 percent from the year-ago \$1,338 million.

## Cassia County

- Total sales - \$67,027 million, down 8 percent from \$72,717 million in February and March 2002.
- Taxable sales - \$23,076 million, down 4 percent from the year-ago \$23,999 million.

"That's a very significant drop... over the year," Rogers said, crediting job creation by Dell and new retailers. Diversity has helped the Twin Falls-area economy withstand statewide and nationwide recessionary tendencies.

"We are one of the most robust economies in the state," Rogers said this month. (Yes, he has said that before. But he hasn't tired of it.) "2003 could be a better year than a lot of people think, including me."

The Idaho Department of Labor frequently revises local jobs-rate data. Its most recent computations pegged the three-county rate at 4.3 percent as 2002 ended, edging down steadily to 4.2 percent in January, 4.1 in February and 4.0 in March.

The three-county labor market gained a whopping 3,100 nonfarm jobs compared with the first three months of 2002.

That 8.3 percent gain was faster growth than at any time of year in the past several years. The Labor Department's revised data show Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties saw slight year-over-year growth in nonagricultural job numbers in the first half of 2002. But the trend dipped into negative territory before popping back into the black late last year.

The first quarter's average number of nonagricultural jobs in the three counties combined, at 40,407, compares with first quarter 2002's average total of 37,307. That's a much more exciting story for job seekers than the 0.4 percent, 136-job growth between the first quarters of 2001 and 2002.

Twin Falls County dealers sold a lot more new cars and trucks in the first quarter than a year earlier - a particularly welcome development. Quarterly declines from year-earlier sales had been the norm for almost

four years in Twin Falls. Automobile dealers in Jerome County, however, saw a slight dip in new-model sales. How slight? One more deal would have evened the tally with a year ago.

Twin Falls' tourism traffic started off nicely this season. The visitor center at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center, at the south end of the Perrine Bridge, stood at 1,106 for March 15-31, according to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

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

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Twin Falls County enjoyed lodging sales up 19 percent in February reports, but then suffered a 20 percent decline in March reports, compared with the same months in 2002. Because of normal reporting lag, the February sales totals, for example, reflect activity that happened for the most part in January.

Jerome County's lodging sales rose a whopping 85 percent in February reports and climbed 11 percent in March, compared with a year earlier. (January reports weren't comparable with year-ago lodging numbers, because of a change in the Idaho State Tax Commission's record keeping.)

The eight counties of Magic Valley combined saw lodging sales rise 12 percent over a year earlier. In February reports, they then took up 36 percent in March on the strength of Blaine County activity.

Changes in the state's computerized record-keeping and in the speed of processing sales tax returns, make it impossible to know for sure. Through that blurry lens, it appears that first-quarter sales rose in Camas,

Jerome and Lincoln counties but fell elsewhere in Magic Valley.

A farm-price index compiled by The Times-News fell from the year-ago first-quarter level but remained above early-2001 prices.

Most devastating: The spud prices used in the January-March index reached their lowest level for any time of year since the newspaper started compiling its index in 1991.

The languishing price for manufacturing-grade milk - a primary indicator for a growing Magic Valley industry and the largest sector in the state's agricultural economy - was down a couple of dollars from early-2002 levels.

In fact, the Class III base price in March, \$9.11 per hundredweight, was the lowest for any month of the year since November 2000's \$8.57. Through March, the Class III price peaked at \$15.90 in September 2001.

Passenger boardings at the Twin Falls airport lost altitude. SkyWest Airlines reported 7,590 boardings in January through March, down a hefty 26.8 percent from the 10,374 of a year earlier.

Magic Valley's tourism industry, however, depends largely on travelers arriving by road.

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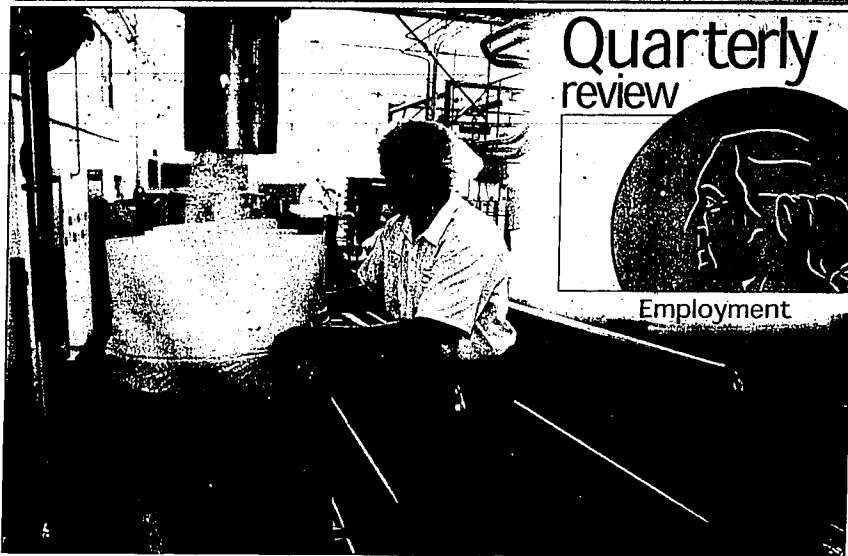
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## Employment

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 "And, of course, just new ones moving in."  
 For the latter group, the area's new jobs and resulting positive publicity are a draw, most notably, last year's opening of a Dell Computer Corp. call center.  
 "I don't think people fully grasp how big that was, and how much play we get from that nationally," Horner said.

Low-cost borrowing again helped local economic factors keep home construction and sales racing.

In the middle of March, rates on fixed-rate 30-year mortgages declined to a record 5.61 percent, the lowest since mortgage company Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgages in 1971. The Associated Press reported. Records that go back further than Freddie Mac's indicate the rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

Rates on long-term mortgages have edged up since then but remain attractively low.

Another big-ticket sector, meanwhile, experienced long-awaited growth in the first quarter as Twin Falls automobile sales shifted into higher gear.

The details from first-quarter activity:

#### Builders at work

Rate environment aside, home building is also a measure of economic activity — one that business people and economists typically track. And Magic Valley's housing market is seeing a lot of construction.

Builders and owners in the January-March quarter lifted new single-family home values by 10.1 percent compared with a year earlier.

The average value on new-home permits issued by Twin Falls and Teton Valley County building departments combined rose to an estimated \$105,000 from the \$95,332 average of first quarter 2002 and the \$91,993 of a year before that. Homes permitted in the rural areas of the county substantially rose in value, on average, while their Twin Falls city counterparts slipped from a year ago.

Those results exclude duplexes and apartment units but do include manufactured homes, and the few mobiles valued in department reports at less than \$20,000 were rounded up to \$20,000.

Here's the stunning part of the news:  
 By the end of March, department records showed a hefty 20.1 percent rise in the quarterly combined number of home permits. The first-quarter total of 134 topped the 103 of first quarter 2002. That time, the total had made a comparable advance from the 77 of first quarter 2001.

Almost 80 percent of the activity in the most recent quarter was in the 17 U.S. housing market of home building is on track for a third consecutive record-setting year.

#### Real estate activity

Local real estate agents' sales of housing during January through March (including both new and previously occupied homes) declined from year-earlier levels for the first time in 2 1/2 years. But the slip was a slight 1.6 percent — just two fewer sales. And the average price of those transactions advanced more heartily than a year ago.

Home sales in all areas of Twin Falls County (including standard single-family dwellings, residential acreages, condominiums and townhouses, but excluding mobile homes) edged down from 192 a

year earlier to 190 in the first quarter, according to data from the South Central Data Report Multiple Listing Service. That allows nine quarters of year-over-year growth that ranged from 1 percent to 31 percent.

The average price paid in the most recent quarter — \$106,953 — was 7.3 percent above first quarter 2002's average of \$99,670. That year's figure, by comparison, was up 1.6 percent from first quarter 2001's \$98,712 average.

Standard single-family homes in all of Twin Falls County which were sold in the first quarter spent an average of 141 days on the market before the sold signs appeared in their yards. Their residential-acreage counterparts spent 171 days on market, on average.

"I think it represents a healthy market, very definitely," said Steve Kohntopp, president and broker of Magic Valley Realty. He credits those low mortgage rates, local job creation and the stock market troubles which make property, by comparison, an attractive to stability-minded investors.

"They can hold it and touch it," Kohntopp said. "People have a desire to put the money where it's safe, and land usually is the safest place."

Still, he said, a good inventory of Twin Falls homes for sale provides would-be buyers plenty of selection.

The big question on Kohntopp's mind: Will financing of the U.S. war effort raise interest rates? If they rise substantially, the local real estate market will see a drop in sales.

"That's just common sense," he said.

The International Monetary Fund this month warned that the bond-financed U.S. housing market after two years of record sales and strong increases in home prices could be headed for a fall, the AP reported. The warning was not as explicit forecast of a housing bust, but it did raise concerns about the possibility given historical patterns.

#### The auto business

In another big-ticket market, meanwhile, local sales finally headed up in earnest.

For 10 consecutive quarters, new-automobile sales in Twin Falls County had fallen from year-earlier levels. Helped by major automakers' special interest-free financing, the final quarter of 2001 interrupted that slide. But the downward trend reasserted itself last year, with the third quarter's tiny improvement being one as the only break.

The most recent quarter changed the picture dramatically. The county's dealers in January through March sold a whopping 99 more new automobiles than they did a year earlier. That's a 15.2 percent increase.

The total of 749 new cars and trucks sold in the first quarter compares with 650 in the corresponding months of 2002. Then, the countywide total had been down 12.6 percent from the 744 new cars and trucks sold in 2001's first quarter, according to reports from the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

Auto dealers on the north side of the canyon, however, rang up slightly fewer sales than a year ago.

Jerome County's dealers sold 87 new cars and trucks in January through March. That's down 1.1 percent from the 88 of a year earlier. Sales there were 108 in first quarter 2001.

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## 2003 may bring new employers to valley

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TWIN FALLS — The first quarter brought news of a couple of large-format retailers expected to create new Twin Falls jobs this year, and a warehousing company's announcement of planned expansion in Jerome.

Manufacturers' layoff plans darkened the outlook at the east end of Magic Valley, but Min-Cassia consumers' resilience kept retail and service hiring steady there and the unemployment rate lower than expected.

Retail could be an interesting sector to watch this year. Midvale, Utah-based Sportsman's Warehouse, a chain selling hunting, fishing, and camping products, aims to buy a Twin Falls store site. If site negotiations and other preparations go well, the store should be open by fall, a Sportsman's Warehouse official said in February.

One of the nation's leading specialty retailers also aims to claim a piece of the Magic Valley market. Minneapolis-based Best Buy Co. Inc. is slated to open a store in Twin Falls in early fall, a spokeswoman said in March. The megaretailer of consumer electronics, personal computers, entertainment software and appliances would build a 30,000-square-foot store and employ between 80 and 150 people, both full and part time.

Mini-Cassia — weathering job losses at several food processors — got a piece of the retail expansion, too. Burley's Wal-Mart

supercenter expansion, which opened in March, created nearly 75 jobs between Wal-Mart and two new auxiliary businesses. Wal-Mart hired 45 new full-timers, a new McDonald's restaurant inside needed 20 workers (including five full time), and a beauty salon inside was expected to employ five to 10.

Retail wasn't the only sector with job-creation news in the first quarter. After just a couple of months in operation in its new 232,650-square-foot warehouse in Jerome, WOW Logistics in January announced plans for more construction if storage demand continues at its rapid clip.

Much of the ground work was already done for a 70,000-square-foot addition to be completed later this year if demand merits. With 10 employees in Jerome now, the company might add another five this year, a company co-owner said.

Sioux Falls, S.D.-based The Summit Group Inc. in March said it hopes to start building a new Twin Falls hotel this summer at the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Fillmore Street. With 75 guest rooms, the

hotel would employ 20 people, both full and part time.

The firm aims to benefit from Twin Falls' vigor.

Ask Idaho leaders where the economy is healthy right now, and you'll consistently hear Twin Falls among the answers, said John Sanders, regional manager of operations for Summit Group.

"Twin Falls has enjoyed some pretty exceptional growth over the last five years. It's arguable that that's the main point of growth in the entire state," Sanders said.

Business leaders want to keep it that way.

Their new regional development campaign, dubbed Business Plus III, aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years. The biggest chunk, \$1.15 million, would be for business attraction and business-retention incentive grants throughout the valley.

It's all private-sector money. By Friday, 50 businesses had invested \$1.3 million in Business Plus III. Organizers hope to raise the rest by May 30.

Local economic-development leaders in mid-March were rejoicing that south-central Idaho had enjoyed an unusual

amount of interest from potential employers in 2003.

At that time, Magic Valley sites were top contenders for five job-creation projects — two in food processing, two in manufacturing and one in business services — said Jan Rogers, executive director of Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization. The smallest would bring 65 jobs to Magic Valley if it comes, the largest would create 125 jobs.

All five prospects, Rogers said in March, had appeared since Jan. 1. That's a level of activity unseen this year in other areas of Idaho.

"We are starting to get a lot of attention statewide," labor economist Greg Rogers said last week.

People want to know what's going so right in Magic Valley, Greg Rogers said a lot of it is economic-development coordination, rapid response to prospective businesses' needs and polished presentations to potential employers. The 2001 success in landing Dell Computer Corp.'s new call center is still garnering attention for Twin Falls, he said.

National reports last week said teenagers are having a particularly hard time landing summer jobs this year because of the shaky U.S. economy.

"I actually don't think that will be a problem here," Greg Rogers said.

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—John Sanders, Summit Group

## Most Americans will spend tax refunds

The Associated Press

There has been abundant debate about whether the economy needs a short-term stimulus. A monthly consumer poll suggests it is about to get one as the government sends income tax refund checks.

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## Iraqi oil exports will likely be delayed by politics, legalities

The Dallas Morning News

The key battles in Iraq came and went with little destruction to the country's prized oil fields, but legal and political battles could restrict significant Iraqi oil exports for several months, analysts say.

Millions of barrels of Iraqi oil are sitting in storage tankers and terminals, waiting for buyers. But Iraq needs a legal framework and financial system to accept payments for oil shipments and to pay workers.

"No company is going to buy the oil from the Iraqis unless they have a clear legal claim to it," said Dean O'Brien, director of the Institute for Energy Economics and Policy at the University of Oklahoma. "They've got to get some kind of legal regime or a legal structure."

Just the potential for restored Iraqi oil production has pushed crude oil and gasoline prices lower in recent weeks. But major oil exporters are worried about a sharp drop in oil prices from increased supplies on the market. They're considering production cuts that could push prices higher, even if Iraq can't start exporting oil soon.

The tussle over managing Iraq's oil resources has fallen into the larger debate about the role of the United Nations and other countries in postwar Iraq. Iraq's oil-for-food program gives

the United Nations legal authority in managing revenue from the country's oil exports for humanitarian purposes. But U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan halted the program's operations as the war started last month.

President Bush, who says he wants Iraq's oil to be used to help fund its reconstruction, this week called for an end to the U.N. sanctions against Iraq, which would effectively end the oil-for-food program. Ending the sanctions would require approval by the U.N. Security Council, including war opponents France, China and Russia.

"It's going to be resolved, there's no question about it," said John Lichtblau, chairman of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation. "They're not going to keep Iraqi oil from flowing merely because they can't agree on who is responsible for exporting it and getting the money for it."

Before it can consider long-term expansion of the oil industry, Iraq will need billions of dollars to rebuild its existing oil equipment — on top of tens of billions it will need in the short term for repairing other key infrastructure.

Almost all the Iraqi government's revenue comes from oil production. So once oil exports get underway, creditors are expected to come forward to call in Iraqi debts — estimated at between \$100 billion and \$400 billion.

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# Fuel costs, low milk prices squeeze farmers

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — High oil and gasoline prices are one of the big troubles facing the agriculture community — and the rest of the economy.

"Today's prices, however, are much improved from a few weeks ago," said Kelly K. Matthews, a Wells Fargo economist. And if the war in Iraq continues on the track it seems to be on, there's reason to believe the price of oil will continue to come down, he said.

If that's the case, reduced fuel prices certainly will benefit Magic Valley.

And the valley's water worries eased as abundant snowfall in March helped compensate for a dry winter in some areas.

"It's probably not as bleak as it could have been — or started out to be," Matthews said.

Magic Valley agriculture's big problem for now is the persistently low price of milk.

"It's pretty tough, given the situation there right now," he said.

As producers' losses mount, some operations have been forced into sale or bankruptcy. Others are covering their losses from dairy, but that can't last forever.

"There's some pain out there, in that dairy," Matthews said.

Yes, indeed.

The base price for Class III milk — manufacturing-grade milk destined mostly for cheese — edged down from an already low \$9.78 per hundredweight in January to \$9.66 in February and \$9.11 in March, according to federal milk orders. Those prices were down 14-18 percent from year-ago prices: \$11.87, \$11.63 and \$10.65 per hundredweight, respectively, in the first three months of 2002.

That squeezes Magic Valley dairymen and other economic sectors that depend on them. The Class III price is an important economic indicator for the valley because most Magic Valley milk gets turned into cheese and related products.

"Processors differ slightly in how closely they follow the monthly Class III price in paying their milk producers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service receives cheese makers' weekly reports about the prices



they receive for their cheeses. From that, the statistics service kicks out a Class III milk price based on the market for the end product — but with a lag of about two weeks.

In addition to the Class III base price, dairymen typically receive premiums and quality bonuses, and receive money for the value of extra milk components (butterfat and protein) above base standards.

Here's how other ag sectors performed in the first quarter: January-to-March prices for the wheat and sugar categories used for *The Times-News'* farm-price index were above 2002's first-quarter prices, while spuds, butter, cattle and beans showed declines.

The overall index fell by 22 percent from a year ago.

Here's how first-quarter index prices compared with year-earlier ones:

- Sugar, up 6 percent.
  - Wheat, up 3 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
  - Cattle, down 3 percent (in local prices).
  - Butter, down 16 percent.
  - Beans, down 20 percent (in local prices).
  - Potatoes, down a devastating 67 percent (in local prices).
- Local labor economist Greg Rogers said that, right now, he thinks the season's agricultural

hiring will be at a normal level.

"You either plant or you don't," he said. And for now, the water supply seems adequate.

Initial hiring will be at least normal, Rogers said. But with restricted potato contracts, farm-

ers might opt for shorter-season crops, so seasonal farm jobs might end earlier this year.

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Christie Harris, personal banking representative at Zions Bank's Canyon Park office, watches as Harrison Elementary School first-grader Austly colors his 'What I'm Saving For ...' worksheet.

First-graders in a Harrison Elementary School class learned financial ABC's when Zions Bank employees paid them a visit on National Teach Children to Save Day, April 10.

Canyon Park branch employees Christie Harris, Katharyn Kelley, Michelle Montgomery and Krista Vining were a handful of the 120 Zions bankers throughout Idaho and Utah who traded in their balance sheets for chalkboards in honor of the day.

The annual nationwide event teaches students in kindergarten

through 12th grade the financial facts of life. Bankers offer students games and hands-on activities to demonstrate the concepts of saving, interest, budgeting and needs vs. wants.

According to an April 2002 study by the JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy, high school seniors know even less about credit cards, retirement funds, insurance and other personal finance basics than they did five years ago. At the same time, a survey conducted by Teen Research Unlimited shows teenagers spent \$170 billion — an average of \$101 per week — in 2002.

# Idaho truck legislation faces its last hurdle

BOISE, Idaho — Opponents of legislation that would allow heavier truck weights on some highways, are hoping public opinion will stop the bill, now sitting on the governor's desk.

The bill, supporters say, would reduce costs and increase efficiency for truckers who haul agricultural products, including sugar beets, potatoes and grain.

"This is one of the few things that the Idaho legislature can do to help the bottom line of Idaho agriculture," said Skip Smyser, a lobbyist for Idaho Trucking Association. "It will increase productivity and directly benefit the bottom line."

But opponents disagree, saying the costs will outweigh the benefits.

"We don't oppose efficiency," said Dave Carlson, director of public and government affairs for AAA Idaho, which has taken a local stand against the legislation. "But we look at the issue from a bigger perspective."

The state Senate last week narrowly approved the House-passed legislation setting out specific routes to test a plan allowing trucks weighing up to 129,000 pounds. The 20-15 vote sent the bill to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has not taken a stand on the measure.



2001 average. That is way below average."

While the news appears to be disappointing, Keith Frank, public relations specialist for Potato Growers of Idaho, said there is still room for some optimism.

"Low prices should straighten themselves out within the next few weeks," he said.

Legislation may give price relief to shippers

SODA SPRINGS, Idaho — Captive shippers are hoping a bill introduced in the U.S. Senate before the spring recess will help them break free from what they see as unfair practices by railroads.

Grain producers from Idaho and Montana fit the definition of a captive shipper — a customer served by only one railroad at origin or destination. When a railroad doesn't have any competition in a market, the railroad is able to charge significantly higher rates to haul a commodity, critics say.

Richard Owen, executive vice president of the Montana Grain Growers Association, said Montana's farmers are very dependent on rail to transport commodities. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway controls the vast majority of the freight rail in Montana and growers feel they have been unfairly penalized rate wise because of that — some say they pay up to 40 percent higher rates than those charged in neighboring states.

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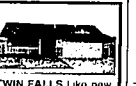
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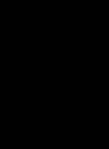
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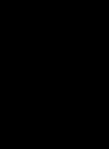
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sell, after May 19, 2003,  
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**PUBLISH:** April 13 & 20, 2003

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FARM FOR SALE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given  
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(formerly Farmers Home  
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the following real prop-  
erty for "CASH ONLY" in  
"as is" condition, located  
in Minidoka County, Idaho  
described as follows:

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2 East of the B & B  
Meridian, Section 26, Part  
of the SW1/4

The tract consists of 94.9  
acres and a dwelling, 75  
acres are cropland with  
81 acres with irrigation  
and assessed by the Minidoka  
Irrigation District. Includes  
a concrete grain bin, cattle  
scale and corral. There is  
a sprinkler irrigation equip-  
ment consisting of hand  
lines and 1780' of portable  
mainline. The dwelling has  
2 bedrooms and one bath.

The farm is located at 100  
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The appraised value of  
the farm is \$201,000.00.

Offers to purchase may  
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and Acceptance, Cash or  
Real Property by the  
United States' accom-  
panying a cashier's check  
in the amount of at least  
10% of the bid in a "sealed  
envelope."

The offers must be  
received by the Register  
Office by 10:00 a.m. on  
05/08/03, at which time  
the bids will be opened.  
The successful bidder will  
have 30 days to pay the  
remaining balance or forfeit  
the down payment.

The Government  
reserves the right to cancel  
any bid at any time and  
has no obligation to sell  
the property to any bidder.  
The Government will  
accept the highest offer and  
will not be bound by any  
other offer.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Action planned and taken  
by your government has  
been approved by the  
people of your state.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE STATE  
OF IDAHO**

**THE COUNTY OF  
TWIN FALLS**

**Case No. 2003-1206-  
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT  
SUMMONS**

**TO: CHELVIN OGDEN,  
D.O.B. 02-22-65,  
119 Adeline St.,  
D.O. 02-24-01  
SHASTA OGDEN,  
D.O. 02-24-01**

Children under the age of  
eighteen.

**STATE OF IDAHO  
SENTS GREETINGS TO:  
STEWART CROSLAND  
119 Adeline St.,  
Albion, ID 83311  
GARTH BILLING  
Unknown**

**YOU ARE HEREBY  
NOTICED THAT:**  
A petition, a copy of which  
is attached, has been filed  
in the above-entitled matter  
with the District Court of Twin  
Falls County, Idaho, by the  
prosecutor, alleging the above-  
named children came within the  
jurisdiction of the Child  
Protective Act.

You are hereby directed  
to appear personally to  
appear at a hearing at the  
Twin Falls County Court  
Room #225 Shoshone  
Street, Twin Falls, Idaho,  
on April 24, 2003 and on  
Friday, April 25, 2003 at  
10:00 a.m. Hearing on  
May 15, 2003.

You are notified that ser-  
vice of process has been  
made upon you, as the parent(s),  
guardian, or custodian of  
these children, and your per-  
sonal jurisdiction of the  
Court upon you and sub-  
sequent jurisdiction of the  
Child Protective Act.

You are notified that if  
you fail to appear within a  
reasonable time and  
without good cause, the  
court may proceed in your  
absence and a judgment  
may be entered against you  
for contempt of Court upon  
the Court upon you and sub-  
sequent jurisdiction of the  
Child Protective Act.

You are further notified  
that the children and  
parent(s), guardian, or  
custodian may be finan-  
cially liable for the support  
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**FOUND Black Lab, male,  
approx. 6 mo. old, white  
collar, off N. College Rd.  
Call 733-7192**

**FOUND In the Burley  
Times-News office. Size  
S, boys Faded Glory den-  
im, 1255 Overland Ave.  
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**FOUND Last week near  
hospital, adult blonde  
female, white hair, wearing  
Walmart pants. Call  
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**FOUND X mix puppy, on  
S. Washington, brown  
in color. Call 733-7192**

**FOUND/Border Collie X  
male adult. West of  
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1. Springer X, female, adult  
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black pup.  
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pup, female.  
4. Shepherd X pup, adult.  
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**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**  
You are hereby notified  
that on May 12, 2003 at  
10:00 a.m., the Twin Falls  
County Board of Commis-  
sioners will hold a public  
hearing on the Petition and  
Watershed Advisory Board's  
recommendation to amend  
the Watershed Advisory  
Board's jurisdiction to  
include the 12th day of  
April, 2003.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Action planned and taken  
by your government has  
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people of your state.

**ALLEGATIONS  
ANONYMOUS**  
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YOUR  
AD**

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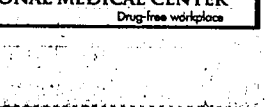
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Working Etiquette for the Job-hunter. By Amy Lindgren. It's from season and the etiquette articles are sprouting like tulips. How to greet your date's parents, which fork to use at dinner, how much to tip at the check stand and when to open the door for your date are just a few of the niceties I have been reading about.

When leaving a job: You know the saying, if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. Well, focus on the second half of the sentence. There will be a little time later to have your say, but the day of your departure is a day to keep your own counsel. If you're going to be a better job, it's impolite to brag about the details. And if you're leaving under duress, the less said the better.

When working with a career counselor: Now's the time to talk. Come to your meetings ready to hash out all your ideas. Without your partner, the counselor can only guess at your desires. The two of you together will make a powerful team.

If you attend a job-support group: It might be time to be quiet again. If you're normally a big talker, plan to be a listener (so others can get a word in). But if you're normally quiet, offer some of your ideas (so others can learn from you). Wear a nametag if it's offered - it helps others feel at ease. And consider volunteering to set up the room or bring the treats.

When using a reference: Keep your references updated, not only on the jobs they might get a call about, but on your job search in general. And be constant in your gratitude. It's a sign of faith in your character that people are willing to stand up for you.

When corresponding with employers: It's always a nice touch to send a letter or resume that fits the job at hand. It's better to write to send a personal touch to the name of the person you are addressing. Good manners are their own reward, but you should know that these two steps will increase your effectiveness.

Following up by telephone: This is almost a case-by-case situation. If you are being stepped on and that's not a call, please, there are probably good reasons for that request. Nevertheless, if more than two weeks have passed, the question of etiquette has changed hands. A brief, polite inquiry at this stage is not unreasonable.

If you drop in unexpectedly: Stepping by a workplace to inquire about a hiring process is not in itself poor etiquette. It is, after all, a place of business. But good manners demand that you create as little intrusion as possible. Explain at the reception desk that you have no appointment but that you are stepping by on the possibility that the manager might see you for a few minutes. If the manager does come out, be brief and professional. If the manager does not, leave a card or resume with a brief note and thank the receptionist for assisting you.

When meeting your interviewer(s): Stand, greet him or her by name, give your name, offer your hand, make eye contact, smile - and that's all in the first five seconds. It gets easier after that. When in doubt, stay quiet but attentive. For example, don't walk ahead of your interviewer in the hall. Don't sit down until a chair is indicated for you, don't start the conversation. And if all that's got you frowning in concentration, relax and smile. It will make the other person feel more comfortable.

When discussing past positions: Now you have to be polite to your future and past employers. To start, don't say anything negative about any people, or any difficult conditions you worked under. And don't compare. Just the facts. Your interviewer will appreciate your discretion more than your gossiping.

Negotiating your salary: Whatever technique you use, remember that if you are successful, you will eventually work with the person you are negotiating with. Seek the middle ground.

If the interviewer doesn't call you after the interview: Of course you can contact him or her. But if the news continues, you will be faced with a dilemma. Should you keep up the contact, or take the very best bit of news you are no longer being considered? The only wrong answer is to send an etiquette article to the interviewer in question. That is not only bad strategy, but also could be considered impolite.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: It is really worth my while to learn Keycard Blackwood? And what are the benefits, given that there may be some disadvantages from memory lapses?

ANSWER: You are right to be uncomfortable with opening two trump, but you should appreciate that all the alternatives are far more seriously flawed in that you will misstate the hand's strength by opening one spade — and also expose yourself without any sensible rebids no matter what partner does. Open two trump and settle for imperfection.

ANSWER: Keycard Blackwood treats the king and queen of trumps as keywords, giving them their due importance. The scheme of responses is relatively close to that of regular Blackwood, so unless you are prone to memory lapses, you should get used to Keycard quickly enough. But never forget that the more information you exchange, the easier you make the defense.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I never knew what to do when partner opens and I have a four-card major, a five-card minor, and 10 points or more. Holding ♠ K-10-4-3, ♥ J-5, ♦ K-6, ♣ A-J-6-4-3, what should I respond to a one-heart opening bid?

ANSWER: With four spades and a five-card minor, bid spades if the hand is not worth a force to game. On stronger hands, as here, bid two clubs, then two no trumps. However, if you would be happy to play a 4-3 spade fit (on the example hand, shift the club ace into the spades) so that you can run a club-suit minor, then you can respond one spade.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner bawled me out recently when I picked up ♠ A-J-10-9-3, ♥ Q-2, ♣ 8-3 and heard the auction start one club, one diamond — two clubs, round to two spades, and then I bid, two diamonds or two spades, with this hand? Incidentally, over my choice of two diamonds my LHO bid two hearts and my partner bid two spades! What now?

ANSWER: At any point of scoring I'd risk two spades directly. My spade spots are so strong that you can't afford to let the running suit get away. If I bid two diamonds and partner volunteered two spades, he should deliver some information. I'd make a game-try by putting him in for spades and letting him try to make it.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is your opinion on opening two no-trump with a weak doubleton, or with 730-800? I'm indeed with both? I recently picked up ♠ A-Q-10-7-3, ♥ 5, ♦ A-Q-5, ♣ A-K-J and elected to open one spade. My partner disagreed with my perception of the hand's value and opened two no-trump. What do you think?

Seeking Perfection, Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Wolff: How much do you need to make a free bid in response to a takeout double? I'm not sure. I've seen the auction start one club, double — one no-trump, should I bid two spades shodding ♠ A-10-9-7-3, ♥ 7-5, ♦ 10-8-6-3, ♣ 7-4, or is passing more discreet?

ANSWER: This hand is on the cusp for acting. I probably would bid, buoyed by the fact that my failure to cue-bid or to double one no-trump limits the hand a little. But make my side-suit double — one no-trump, should I bid two spades shodding ♠ A-10-9-7-3, ♥ 7-5, ♦ 10-8-6-3, ♣ 7-4, or is passing more discreet?

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 igan 4 yard loader, rebuilt  
 engine, \$19,500. Call  
 208-272-0968 (602)  
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 Schwartz Revere Tilt im-  
 plement trailer, 2-3 yr old.  
 belly dump trailer with  
 1500 gallon axle  
 trailer. 625-5444 miles.

**KW 800 '82 400 CC**, 17  
 speed, wet kit, 85 firm  
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 \$2500/offer. 643-6203.

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Blaine County Road and  
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 One 1983 Freightliner Tractor  
 Win # 1FUPYBLDP21-  
 672.  
 Sealed bids will be accept-  
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 cated South of Bellevue  
 at 186 Glendale Rd. at  
 which time they will be  
 publicly opened and read.

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 the right to reject any or  
 all bids.

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 possession of county until  
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 nice paint truck.  
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 performance 350, less  
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**DODGE '99 4x4** quad, diesel,  
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**FORD '86**, runs, 392 2x2,  
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## The timeless hope that Easter brings

Baskets and bonnets and bunnies and bows - never-changing traditions of Easter that make everyone feel warm and wonderful, and downright sugary.

Not exactly. This is Easter - then and now. Easter 2003: Easter candy is still in style, I guess. With visions of marshmallow chickens and chocolate bunnies dancing through every preschooler's head. In fact, candy researchers report, if the 15 million jelly beans typically sold at Easter were lined up end to end, they would circle the earth nearly 4 1/2 times.

Some are even giving Easter candy a second look nowadays, and encouraging the consumption of more sugar.

Sugar overload? Confectioners are insisting there is no such thing.

A press release from the National Confectioners Association cites a study conducted at Vanderbilt University and the University of Iowa School of Medicine which finds no evidence that sugar causes hyperactivity in children.

That's the bad news. Now we have to find something else to blame our kids' hyper behavior on.

That also leaves the hop-long trail clear for the Easter bunny to continue to shower us with enough sweets to last a springtime, and he won't even have to feel guilty about it.

Easter eggs have retained their popularity through the years, too, with a few significant updates.

When I was a toddler, my grandmother decorated our Easter eggs with elaborate stenciling and decorative trim that no one else was ever able to duplicate. Eventually my mother took on the egg decorating job, but she hated crafts and cooking. When she tried to color hard-boiled eggs, she usually ended up coloring the kitchen.

By the time my own children came along, I think my mother had me eggshell-shocked. As a result, I took the coward's way out and bought plastic eggs with candy inside.

Easter outfits aren't what they used to be anymore. My childhood Easters always meant a new dress and hat, a tradition that probably lasted way too long due to my mother's allergy to change. Now, every year, Mom still wants to buy my kids the kind of Easter finery she once dressed her family in - pink flowers for her granddaughter, white jacket for her grandson. Most years, I don't have the heart to tell her that today's kids seldom wear anything you can't nap in.

Even in most churches, the clothing restrictions seem to have become somewhat relaxed.

I don't know whether this is good or bad, right or wrong. But I do know that it's different.

So it is in most areas of life. Easter 2003 is a mix of old and new.

Easter may still be about honey-glazed ham and milk-chocolate rabbits, but it's probably less about wearing the finest bonnet at the Easter parade.

And yet, Easter is still about fasting and prayer. And family Easters are still about child-induced mayhem and miracles. The weekly allowance equal to the child's age, (\$8 for an 8-year-old, \$12 for a 12-year-old.) But one kid's high school, this formula is often not enough to pay for movies, burgers, clothes and occasional concert tickets.

Whatever you believe about life and death and the Easter message, there always seems to be something sweet and fresh and happy in the air when winter turns to spring. Most people call that spring "hope."

I think I like that way.

Happy Easter!

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

# Rabbit's helpers

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

The egg guy

Understand that Dennis Bowyer likes egg salad. Really.

"But I don't eat that many eggs," said Bowyer, director of the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation and chairman of the Twin Falls Optimists' annual day-before-Easter egg hunt in City Park. "I'm a bachelor, so I don't cook that many."

No. Tim Soran does that. Every Maundy Thursday, Bowyer brings Soran - proprietor of the Depot Grill - 330 downtown eggs to cook overnight.

You read that right: 3,260 eggs.

"They're pretty, heavy, I can tell you that," Bowyer said.

By Good Friday morning, the eggs are ready, packed in barrels and taken to the Heritage-Woodstone Assisted Living Center where they're colored by volunteers.

And on the Saturday before Easter, the Optimists distribute them in Twin Falls City Park, where they're scooped up by several regiments of kids.

"There's been an Easter egg hunt in Twin Falls for at least 70 years," said Bowyer, who's been involved in the last 20. "The Exchange Club used to do it, and when that group kind of petered out, the Optimists kind of took it over."

For years, the Optimists have resisted the temptation to switch to plastic.

"Plastic eggs, even with candy and prizes, just aren't that big a deal," Bowyer said.

The Optimists do plant a handful of "golden eggs," redeemable for small amounts of cash.

Having "hidden" the eggs in City Park - difficult, given that there are 4,000 of them - Bowyer has left town the past few Easter Saturdays.

"I've gotten a lot of kidding from other members of the Optimists about it," he said. "But I figure I've worked my share of Easter egg hunts in the snow and the rain."

The eggs come from Twin Falls supermarkets - they're donated, and their window of opportunity is small.

"They're a perishable commodity," Bowyer said. "That's why we can't really get started until a couple of days before the hunt."

Few turn rotten, he says, but many crack. "There's not much we can do about that, but we throw the bad ones away."

And the Optimists keep a hundred or so in reserve, just in case some child can't find one.

"Every kid," Bowyer said, "should go home with an Easter egg."

To dye for

Every Good Friday, Cathy Lynch answers a knock on the door of the Heritage-Woodstone Assisted Living Center, of which she is the administrator.

"On that day, I always wear a back brace," says Lynch, who organizes dyeing 330 dozen Easter eggs - on a single afternoon - by residents of the center.

"It goes a lot faster than you might think," said Lynch. "We organize in teams, give everybody gloves and just get to work."

No dunking in a coffee-mug full of pale



Rylee Scott, 10 months old, checks out her treat from the Easter Bunny at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.

pink solution with a wire dipper at Heritage-Woodstone, nossir: The eggs are hued in large bowls, and by the dozen.

"We've got a schedule to keep," Lynch said.

It started a decade or so ago, when the Twin Falls Optimist were seeking volunteers to dye eggs for their annual Easter egg hunt and brought a dozen to Heritage-Woodstone.

"That took about 10 minutes," Lynch said. "The residents said, 'Come on, we can handle more than that.'"

So now they handle the whole project. "It's a little messy, but you've got to expect that," Lynch said.

The annual Good Friday Easter-egg dye has supplanted traditional religious services

that afternoon at Heritage-Woodstone, and the facility also stages its own Easter egg hunt, for children of employees.

"It's fun," Lynch said. "Our residents look forward to it."

They should: They don't have to carry to colored eggs back out to truck.

"Eggs are kind of unforgiving about being dropped," Lynch said.

The sunrise preacher

For 80 years, the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls has been involved with an Easter morning sunrise service at Shoshone Falls, so the Rev. Jim Frisbie gets to preach allresvery early.

"I have a couple more sermons to deliver

## Meet some of the folks who make Easter happen

later in that morning, but I still look forward to it," Frisbie said. "It's a beautiful setting for a religious service, and it's never quite the same thing. The light, the time of day: It's a great setting for a spiritual experience."

Easter presents plenty of material for sermons, but Frisbie often invites guest speakers.

"We get 50 or 60 people, sometimes more, depending on the weather, and we serve breakfast," he said. "We have some people who are not members of the congregation who come back every year, and many members of our congregation never miss it."

The Methodists' idea is often emulated - more than a half-dozen Magic Valley congregations held sunrise services this morning - but nobody can match the setting.

The men's association of the church has sponsored the service for 44 years; this morning was Frisbie's seventh.

"It's great to get outside the church walls and celebrate a religious service," he said. "Come rain or shine, and sometimes both."

"Sometimes you get a little wet just from the spray of the falls," he said.

The rabbit lady

The Easter bunny as pet is a fading tradition, says Geri - short for Gertrude - Clarkson, rabbit breeder and bunny aficionado.

"People just don't have the time anymore," said Clarkson, who lives on a ranch near Gooding.

Clarkson raises more expensive breeds, like English lop ears, that are too spendy to serve as Easter bunnies. Those would be New Zealand whites - small, cute and pudgy - that sell \$4 or \$5 apiece.

"They're the Harefords of rabbits," Clarkson says. "They're like the meat animals; that's why they're so common."

The large and active Magic Valley Rabbit Breeders Association, of which Clarkson is a member, used to actively market Easter bunnies this time of year.

"But I think a lot of the older members passed on, and I just don't see too many people raising (Easter bunnies) anymore."

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals probably has something to do with that. For more than 20 years, it's run a highly visible campaign discouraging parents from buying rabbits and chicks for their kids' Easter time.

"Domestic rabbits can be delightful companion animals," said Jacqueline Schultz, ASPCA's director of special projects. "But it is important to remember that rabbits have an average lifespan of about 7 to 10 years, and require a great deal of specialized care."

Clarkson agrees, to a point. "They're not high-maintenance animals," she said. "But they do require some care, and if you have dogs in the house with rabbits, that's a bad combination."

Rabbits, Clarkson argues, are the perfect pets.

"They're good natured and they get along with people," she said. "I've had several that I've house-broken and kept in the house, just wandering around free."

After they'll eat just about anything.

"They're a good pet," Clarkson said. "How's that for the perfect pet? You eat the banana and give the peel to the rabbit."

## 'Mom? Dad? Did you ever ...

When you were 16, you probably weren't thinking about whether you'd have a 16-year-old someday. And now that you do, if your teen years involved any drinking, drugs, premarital sex or other, um, extracurriculars, you probably don't want to volunteer the details of your escapades.

But what if your child brings it up? You know, comes right over and asks you, "Did you ever ...?" That's one tough question.

Talk to a handful of experts and you'll get more than a handful of suggestions - some of them contradictory. But here's one thing you should definitely do: Plan now how you will respond to questions about your past. You don't want to be caught off guard.

The first step a parent must take is to decide how much information to share. This is the hard part. Parenting experts disagree on just how much you should tell inquiring kids about your past. Here are your options:

Spill your guts

Deliah Phillips, the creator of Coach-Parenting, a set of parenting tools and seminars, says you should tell all, in the interest of being "open and honest about everything."

That means sitting down and saying "Yes, I had sex when I was 17." Or "Yes, I tried marijuana, and here's what happened."

Here's why you don't want to do that: "Kids follow what you do," she says. "They pay attention to your behavior more than your words. If you admit that you deceived your parents or you lied or stuck around, you're saying this is normal - 'I did it, you can do it.'"

Parents often believe that "if they tell their kids about their past experiences, their kids will think they're cool," she says. "That's not necessarily so. And

anyway, Cohen-Sandler adds, it's important to remember that "you're not your child's peer - you're a parent."

Don't tell the whole truth

Perhaps the easiest solution is what family-communication expert Anne Lucretti calls "using honesty strategically."

Lucretti, an assistant professor of speech communication at Texas Christian University, acknowledges that when kids ask tough personal questions, "sometimes we have to withhold information."

But don't shut down the conversation and refuse to answer, either. Remember that often they have a good reason for asking those personal questions.

"I don't think the answer is what's interesting," Lucretti says. "It's that they asked the question."

You can turn the query around, she says, and find out why your child is wondering about your past.

Maybe she's tempted to try smoking, or her friends are starting to have sex, and she's using the "Did you ever?" question as a conversation-starter.

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## Allowance should depend on income, kids' needs

Knight Ridder News Service

how much they want.

Or you can take another approach and avoid an allowance altogether.

"I'm personally not wild about allowance," said Eric Brown, a spokesman for the Center for a New American Dream, a Takoma Park, Md.-based nonprofit group that encourages consumer responsibility.

A lot of times parents give allowances for household chores, Brown said. "But after the age of a certain family-oriented thing you do because you're part of the family."

Instead, Brown suggests a well-monitored pay-as-you-need approach.

Several Web sites and books offer advice about allowances, too.

'Kids' Allowances: How Much, How Often & How Come, A Guide For Parents," by David McCurrach, (Kids Money Press, \$8.95, including a workbook). He also has a Web site - <http://www.kidmoney.org/> - that includes articles that can help parents decide whether to tie allowances to chores and when to stop giving allowance.

Kiplinger's magazine weighs in on the topic on its Web site, <http://www.kiplinger.com/magazine/archives/1999/february/drtfeb99.htm>

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## SHOW

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**April 30 - Boise**  
 Prince Billy featuring Will Oldham will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

**April 30 - Utah**  
 Dick Dale will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

**May 3 - Boise**  
 Mae will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

**May 4 - Utah**  
 Johnny Marr and the Healers will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scope at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scope is located at 115 S. West Temple.

**May 6 - Utah**  
 Opeah will perform at X-Scope in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

**May 7 - Boise**  
 Tomahawk, the Melvins and Skeleton Key will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

**May 7 - Boise**  
 Chimaira and Atreya will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

**May 8 - Boise**  
 Bud Religion will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning (800) 954-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**May 8 - Utah**  
 Tomahawk, the Melvins and Skeleton Key will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**May 9 - Utah**  
 Freddy Cannon, Jay & the Techniques and Merrilee Rush will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

**May 9 - Utah**  
 Chris Whitley will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

**May 9 - Utah**  
 Bad Religion and The

Casualties will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

**May 10 - Boise**  
 Death by Stereo will play JD & Friends at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

**May 13 - Boise**  
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**May 14 - Utah**  
 Built to Spill will perform at X-Scope in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

**May 17 - Boise**  
 CKY will play the Big Easy Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**May 18 - Utah**  
 The Corn will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

**May 20 - Utah**  
 Stone Sour will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

**May 21 - Utah**  
 Loggamon and Yellowcard will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

**May 22 - Boise**  
 Loggamon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**May 22 - Utah**  
 Dope will perform at X-Scope in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

**May 23 - Utah**  
 Verbena will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

**May 28 - Boise**  
 Good Charlotte and A New Found Glory will play the Bank of America Center at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Bank of America Center is located at 223 S. Capitol Blvd.

**May 28 - Utah**  
 Journey, Styx and REO Speedwagon will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$39.50, \$46 and \$66, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

**May 29 - Utah**  
 Good Charlotte, New Found Glory, MXPX and The Movielife will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-

TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

**May 31 - Utah**  
 Matchbox twenty and Sugar Ray will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$36, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 Decker Lake Drive.

**June 15 - Boise**  
 Heart will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50 and \$39.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.idahocenter.com>, or through Ticketmaster.com, or at Albertson's in Halley or Paul's Market in Halley or Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

**June 18 - Utah**  
 Alkaline Trio, One Man Army and Start will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, are available by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Tonight - Utah**  
 Linkin Park and Mudvayne will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28.50 and \$32.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

**Monday - Boise**  
 Linkin Park, Mudvayne, Xzibit and Blindside will play the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50 and \$33.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827 or (208) 442-3232, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Albertson's in Halley or Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Idaho Center is located at 5000 Garrity Blvd. on Nampa's east end.

**Wednesday and Thursday**  
 DJ Travis Free from the Buzz will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

**Friday**  
 The Buhl Community Talent Show will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. Tickets, which are \$3, are available at the door.

**Friday and Saturday**  
 Five Nights 2003, featuring the Twin Falls High School concert vocal group, will be 7:30 p.m. nightly in Roper Auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5, are available at the door or at Everybody's Business and Tuxedos Only.

**Saturday - Idaho Falls**  
 Leon Redbone will sing at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Theater. Tickets, which are \$19, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

**May 3**  
 The Magic Valley Symphony will conclude its season with its annual Pops Concert at 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children, and are available at CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Crowley's Soda Fountain in Twin Falls.

**May 5 - Utah**  
 Peering Razors (the actual name is too naughty for family newspaper), LUXT and Cryptobiotic will play the Ritx Club in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Ritx Club is located at 2265 S. State St.

**May 9 - Shupe**  
 Ryan Shupe and Jon Schmidt will perform at Cottonwood High School in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Cottonwood High School is located at 5717 South 1300 East.

**May 11**  
 The Magic Valley Chorus will

present its Mother's Day Pops Concert, 3 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are they're available at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, Welch Music, the CSI Bookstore and Everybody's Business in Twin Falls, at the door or from choral members.

**May 13 - Utah**  
 Yum! will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.50 and \$57.50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 West South Temple.

**May 16 - Utah**  
 Kurt Bestor will perform with Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**May 17 - Idaho Falls**  
 The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will play the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A St.

## REGGAE

**May 25 - Boise**  
 Ziggy Marley will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

## JAZZ

**Today**  
 The Great Rift Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies program, presents Jazz Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls. The quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and blues. Students and families are welcome. No cover charge.

**June 12-14**  
 The fifth annual Jazz in the Canyon, featuring headliner Curtis Stigers, will be held in Centennial Waterfront Park on the Snake River Canyon north of Twin Falls from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on June 12, then on June 13 and 14. On June 12, there will be a wine-tasting-and-jazz event at Kimberly Nurseries, and on June 13, jazz bands will play at Woody's Sports Bar and Grill, the Creekside Steakhouse, Java Twin Falls, the Outback Steakhouse and on Main Avenue. For ticket information, call the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-2787.

## FOLK MUSIC

**May 11**  
 Leo Kottke will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Wood River High School auditorium in Halley, a fundraiser for the River Ridge Athletic Advisory Board. Tickets, which are \$30, are available at Big Bad Billy's CDs Etc. in Halley, at the Natural Niche in Ketchum, or by phoning Pete Kramer at 788-4956, Ext. 24, or 788-3470.

**May 23 - Idaho Falls**  
 Leo Kottke will play the Colonial Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24.50, can be reserved by phoning (208) 522-0471. The Colonial Theater is located at 498 A Street.

## CLASSICAL

**Friday and Saturday - Utah**  
 Utah Symphony will perform Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 5 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

**May 2-3 - Utah**  
 Utah Symphony will play a program of Strauss, Brahms and Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123

## OPERA

**May 9-10**  
 Utah Symphony will perform Dmitri Shostakovich's Eighth Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

## OPERA

**May 17, 19, 21, 23, 25**  
 Utah Opera will present Carlie Floyd's "Cold Sassy Tree," 7:30 p.m. on May 17, 19, 21 and 23 and 2 p.m. on May 25, Capitol Theater, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which range from \$12 to \$62, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

## KARAOKE

**Tuesday**  
 Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

**Tuesday**  
 Krokars Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's Eat Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

**Tuesday through Saturday**  
 Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

**Wednesday**  
 P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mountain Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

**Wednesday**  
 Krokars Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

**Thursday**  
 Krokars Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

## CHRISTIAN ROCK

**May 8 - Utah**  
 OC Superones and Relient K will play the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

**May 12 - Utah**  
 Michael W. Smith and Third Day will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

## THEATER

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
 Company of Fools will present Moises Kaufman's "The Laramie Project," 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and May 1-3 and May 8-10 and 3 p.m. on April 27, May 4 and May 11, Liberty Theater, Halley. Tickets, which are \$20 for reserved seating and \$15 for students and seniors, can be reserved by phoning 578-9122, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>.

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday**  
 The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Susan L. Zedor's "Mother Hecke's," 8 p.m. nightly, Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI box office. The production continues May 1-3.

## ROCK N' ROLL

**Tuesday - Utah**  
 Disturbed, Chevelle and Taproot will play the E Center in Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

**Tuesday - Utah**  
 The Red Elvises will perform at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

**Wednesday - Utah**  
 Mooney Suzuki will play Salt Lake City's X-Scope at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$9, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. X-Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

**Thursday - Utah**  
 Sum 41 will play Club X-Scope in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scope is located at 115 S. West Temple.

**April 27 - Boise**  
 Kottonmouth Kings and Zebrahead will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

**April 28 - Utah**  
 O.A.R. will perform at Salt Lake City's Club X-Scope at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Club X-Scope is located at 115 South West Temple.

**April 28 - Utah**  
 Zwan, featuring Billy Corgin, will perform at Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City, off Interstate 160 West to Exit 104.



# Weights can help seniors become fit

Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — When it comes to weight training, there's no such thing as too late.

Hirtz said Judy Shaurette, 62, who didn't pick up a weight until three or four years ago.

"I never thought I needed to," said Shaurette, who attends an aerobics class that incorporates weights twice a week.

Weight training offers a host of benefits, even for people like Shaurette who don't start until later in life. It makes bones stronger, improves posture and balance and makes daily activities easier to perform. Best of all, you don't have to pump heavy iron for an hour in the gym to notice results.

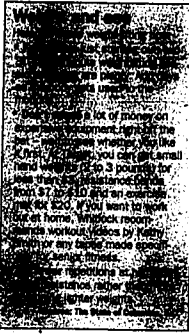
But flexibility and strength training don't often receive the emphasis of cardiovascular exercise, and many seniors haven't been exposed to the benefits it provides, said Dr. Victor Hirth, medical director for the Senior Primary Care practice at South Carolina's Palmetto Health Richland.

For starters, weight training isn't as simple as walking. It requires buying equipment or joining a gym. And then it's important to learn the proper technique so you won't get hurt. Often, Hirth said, people will overdo weight training, end up getting sore and give up.

If you stick with it, however, the benefits are numerous. Weight training makes the bones more dense because of the increased stimulation and stress placed on them, which makes them less likely to break. That's especially important for women, who are more susceptible to osteoporosis.

It increases muscle mass, which burns calories, and makes the nervous system work better. The reasons for this are not completely understood, Hirth said, but when the muscles are trained, the nervous system is, too.

A study at the University of Alabama at Birmingham found non-Alzheimer's women aged 50 to 77 who started weight training improved their strength needed to move heavy objects by an average of 52 percent. The force the women needed to push against stationary objects also rose 31 percent, and their walking speed increased 18 percent. And it



Judy Shaurette, 62, didn't pick up a weight until three or four years ago. She is now a member of the Palmetto Health Richland Senior Primary Care practice.

doesn't take forever to see results. A faster metabolism and improved muscle mass can be seen in weeks or months. Bone benefits take a bit longer, but the time invested is well worth it, Hirth said.

To get started, Hirth recommends signing up for a few sessions with a personal trainer, who can show you how to properly lift weights, or find a class that incorporates weight training, such as the one instructor Joanne Whitlock teaches Tuesday mornings at Cenova Family Karate in Columbia.

"It's everybody breathing," jokes Whitlock, though she takes the condition of her students very seriously. She offers easier options to exercises that may put a strain on students with bad backs, knees or hips.

When lifting weights, it's important to align your head with your spine and lift in a slow, controlled motion. The knees should be soft and bent, the shoulders down and pulled back.

Shaurette, who shows dogs, notices the benefits of weight training every time she goes to a dog show. She used to be unable to lift the kennels of her Chinese crested and Australian shepherds. Now it's not difficult at all. "I feel like I'm getting stronger," she said.

## Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Taco salad  
Tuesday: Chicken patty, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, bread, pudding, fruit

Wednesday: Lasagna, Italian vegetables, green salad, french bread, fruit pie  
Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cole slaw, bread, fruit dessert

Friday: Chicken a la king, biscuits, vegetables, fruit salad, brownies

Activities  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Foot clinic; make appointment

Tuesday  
Ticket Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Elks card game  
Thursday  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Friday  
Quitting  
Lunch bingo  
Blood pressure check

## West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl.  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.

Sunday-Thursday: Menu not available  
Activities  
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.

Sunday

# SENIOR CALENDAR

All-you-can-eat dinner buffet; \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.

Monday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday  
Treasure Tuesday  
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday  
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Friday  
Center closed

Saturday  
Center closed

## Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken

## Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly  
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

Activities  
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Dominoes at 1 p.m.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.

## Camas Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. All meals are subject to change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

Tuesday: Wieners and sauerkraut, hash browns, creamed corn, Jell-O, cookies

Wednesday: Pizza pockets, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pudding  
Friday: Center closed

Activities  
Monday  
Art class at 1 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday  
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday  
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.  
Friday  
Center closed

## Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.  
All diners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Meat loaf, potatoes au gratin, peas, penny carrot salad, french bread, pears

Tuesday: Barbecue spareribs, potato wedges, spinach, tossed salad, roll, custard

Wednesday: Chili, baked potato, corn, sumi salad, corn bread, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad, roll, plum dessert

Activities  
Monday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.  
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Bridge at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.

Blood pressure at 11 a.m.  
Birthday dinner at noon  
Sing-a-long at 12:30 p.m.  
TOFS at 5 p.m.  
Pinochle at 7 p.m.

Friday  
Bridge at 1 p.m.  
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo at 6 p.m.

## Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Monday: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, fruit, cookies

Tuesday: Barbecue riblets, macaroni and cheese, polar vegetables, cole slaw, brownies, juice

Wednesday: Chef salad, fruit, cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Hot turkey sandwich, potatoes, gravy, green bean

casserole, Jell-O with fruit, lemon bars

Friday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, carrots, apple salad, cake, ice cream

Activities  
Monday  
Acrobatics at 11 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Snack bar at 6 p.m.  
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Acrobatics at 11 a.m.  
Pinochle at 7 p.m.  
Friday  
Acrobatics at 11 a.m.  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

## Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Meat balls, gravy, California mixed vegetables, green salad, hot rolls, bread pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee

Tuesday: Hamburger, apricot pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

## Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rad St. W., Shoshone  
Tuesday: Chicken breast strips, stir fry vegetables, steamed rice, chocolate pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Hamburgers, tater tots, carrot sticks, apricot pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Friday: Baked ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee

Activities  
Monday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Quitting at 10 a.m.

Tuesday  
Lunch at noon  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Lunch at 10 a.m.  
Scrapbook class at 10 a.m.  
Early bird at 6 p.m.  
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Thursday  
Exercise from 9-9:30 a.m.  
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
Arts and crafts at 10 a.m.  
Friday  
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

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DANA-MELLING

**BURLEY** - Ron and Marlene Dana of Albion, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Ann Dana, to Dr. Scott R. Melling, son of Dr. Don and Ruth Melling of Burley.

Dana is a graduate of Brigham Young University. She also served an LDS mission to Japan. Melling is a graduate of Burley High School and Brigham Young University with a degree in zoology. He received his doctorate in optometry in Forest Grove, Ore.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Los Angeles LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Sweetheart Manor, corner of Overland Avenue and



Scott Melling and Kristin Dana  
42nd Street, Burley. There will be a program at 8:30 p.m.



Shannon Gull and Zachary Nipper  
The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. May 10 at Miracle Hot Springs in Buhl. A reception will be held following the ceremony.

GULL-NIPPER

**JEROME** - Ardee Gull of Shoshone and Janis Gull of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Diana Gull, to Zachary John Nipper, son of John Nipper of Utah and Patricia Nipper-Adams of Jerome.

Gull attended Shoshone High School and obtained her high school equivalency diploma in May 2000 through the College of Southern Idaho. She is a homemaker.

Nipper attended Jerome High School. He is employed at TIC, The Industrial Company, doing steel frame construction and as an apprentice electrician.

PEDERSEN-DALLOLIO

**MCCALL** - Michael and Sherri Pedersen of McCall announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly Pedersen, to Darren Dallolio, son of Janelle Lee of Heyburn and Shane Dallolio of Paul.

Pedersen is a 2002 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed as a licensed practical nurse at the Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

Dallolio is a 2001 graduate of Boise State University. He is employed by Russell and Associates Brokerage Firm in Boise. The wedding is planned for



Darren Dallolio and Shelly Pedersen  
Saturday in McCall. A reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony. The couple plans to reside in Boise.

LAMB-HAMBLIN

**TWIN FALLS** - Steve and Celeste Lamb of Idaho Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lamb, to Shane M. Hamblin, son of Dr. Kevin and Leslie Hamblin of Twin Falls and Marlene and Jerry Callen of Jerome.

Lamb is attending Idaho State University, majoring in accounting.

Hamblin served an LDS mission in Catania, Italy. He is currently attending ISU, majoring in business.

The wedding is planned for May 3 in the Idaho Falls Temple. A reception will follow from 7-9 p.m. that evening at the Cloverdale LDS Ward building in Idaho Falls. An open house will be



Melissa Lamb and Shane Hamblin  
held from 7-9 p.m. May 10 at the Jerome 5th Ward LDS building. The couple will continue to reside in Pocatello, while pursuing their education.

MOSER-BLISS

**PAUL** - Milbert and Darlene Moser of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Ann Moser, to Victor Bliss, son of Naomi Bliss of Paul and the late DeFord Bliss.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 25 N. Fourth St. E., Paul. A reception and dance to honor the couple will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks, 200 W. 85 S., Rupert.



Victor Bliss and Tammy Moser

JORDAN-MORAN

**TWIN FALLS** - Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Moran of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their son, Andrew Gregory Moran, to Jennifer Jordan of Chapel Hill, N.C., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Rand Jordan of Fayetteville, N.C.

Jordan is a 1996 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and mass communication. She is currently taking classes at the University of Central University in Durham, N.C., where she intends to teach elementary education.

Moran graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991, Idaho State University in 1995, and the University of Utah Medical School in 1999. He is currently at Duke Hospital in Durham and will



Jennifer Jordan and Andrew Moran  
complete his residency and fellowship in radiology in 2004-05. The wedding is planned for May 17 at Haymount United Methodist Church in Fayetteville with the reception following at the Highland Country Club. The couple will reside in Chapel Hill until the completion of his residency and fellowship.

THE HEISELS

**HEYBURN** - Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Heisel of Heyburn will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1-5 p.m. April 27 in the north room of the Rupert Elks Lodge. The couple requests no gifts.

Heisel and Madelyn (Penny) Ash were married April 26, 1953, in Elko, Nev. They have spent many years homesteading on the north side of Rupert. They retired and moved into Heyburn three years ago.

The event is hosted by their daughter, Shirley Whiteaker, and her daughters, Amy Howard and Carrie Knighton. The couple has four children,



Oscar and Penny Heisel  
Shirley Whiteaker of Boise, Richard Heisel and Edward Heisel, both of Rupert, and Christl Schaefer of Blue Springs, Mo. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

THE STOKESBERRYS

**FILER** - Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Stokesberry of Filer will be honored at an open house April 27 for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1703 E. Heyburn Ave., E., Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts.

Stokesberry and Joan Campbell were married April 22, 1953, at the American Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Wells Nev., Shake Creek Ranger Station and Big Smokey Ranger Station in Idaho, and in the Twin Falls area. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho and Nevada, Wagner Trucking Co., and was a dairyman and self-employed truck driver. He is currently a self-employed diesel mechanic.

She worked as a cook for the U.S. Forest Service crews, Reed Rooms Plumbing, and a volunteer tax consultant for AARP for the past 26 years. They are members of the Twin Falls Moose Lodge and are volunteers for the Veterans Administration. He is a member and past president of Our Savior Lutheran Church Council.



Forrest and Joan Stokesberry



The event is hosted by their children, Sheila (Rod) Smith of Filer and Kenny (Tammy) Stokesberry of Rigby. The couple has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Black-sheep tales abound

**DEAR EDITOR:** All my life I have been a fan of the saying, "In the black sheep of the family,". What is the origin of "black sheep"?

- F.C., HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

**WORDWATCH**  
Merriam-Webster

**DEAR F.C.:** "Black sheep" refers to the member of a group who stands in conspicuous and unfavorable contrast to the other members of the group, usually by reason of socially undesirable characteristics or behavior. The term is a spin-off of the recessive, black-fleeced sheep that turns up occasionally in a flock of normally white-fleeced sheep. Way back when, these sheep were undesirable because they were held to

be associated with the devil's wickedness, and bad things in general. As you might have guessed, this superstition arose from the connotation of the color, black with death, melancholy, sadness, depression, etc. Black sheep were also unwanted because they were unprofitable since they were genetic rascals; there were never enough of them to process the black wool for market.

WEDDING

TYERDY-BURBANK

**TWIN FALLS** - Erin Elizabeth Tyerdy and Nathan Zachary Burbank were married Dec. 28, 2002, at the Reformed Church of Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Robin Tyerdy of Buhl. She served as best man. Cameron Taylor, Jake Osen and Dustin Johnson, friends of the groom, served as groomsmen. Peyton Tyerdy, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Gloria Fleming, Sarah Barsness, Amanda Barsness and Jim Soran. Lindsay Tyerdy, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Erin Burbank, sister of the groom, and Kristina Borchard and Andrea Barkes, friends of the bride.

Jason Hill, friend of the groom, served as best man. Cameron Taylor, Jake Osen and Dustin Johnson, friends of the groom, served as groomsmen. Peyton Tyerdy, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Special guests were Martha Holmquist, grandmother of the bride, and Al and Jo Ladson, grandparents of the groom.

A dinner and dance were held after the ceremony at The Ballroom in Twin Falls. The bride is attending Idaho State University, majoring in radiographic sciences.

The groom is a graduate of ISU and is employed at Farmers Insurance in Pocatello. The newlyweds reside in Pocatello.



Erin and Nathan Burbank

Seniors

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Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden  
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.

Tuesday: Chicken cordon bleu, Jell-O salad, boiled potato, cookie.

Wednesday: Bake day, apricots, lemon cake.

Thursday: Sloppy joes, baked beans, tater tots, salad, activities.

Friday: Bingo at 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.

Monday: Roast beef sandwich, tomato soup, vanilla coconut pie.

Wednesday: Baked chicken thigh, green beans, casserole, rolls, green salad.

Friday: Fettuccini Alfredo.

spinach salad, bread, pudding  
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday  
Quilting bee  
Wednesday  
Free seminar on wills, trusts at 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley  
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.

Tuesday: Lasagna, cauliflower, green salad, garlic cheese bread, strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday: Barbecue chicken on corn bread, mixed bean salad, tater tots, pineapple cottage cheese, blueberry cobbler.

Friday: Pork roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, waldorf salad, hot rolls, chocolate pies.

Monday  
Trip to Stanley for lunch.

Tuesday  
Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
Program on volunteering at a hospital at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday  
Exercise at 1:30 p.m.

Minkin County Senior Citizen Center

702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request.

Juice and assorted beverages are served every day, weekdays.

Monday: Clam chowder, peas and carrots, rolls, ice cream, assorted salads.

Tuesday: Barbecue on a bun, tossed salad, fries, vegetables, apple cobbler.

Wednesday: Pork chops, potato casserole, corn, rolls, applesauce, ice cream, apple salad.

Thursday: Ham and beans, corn bread, fruit bowl, tossed salad, Jell-O.

Friday: Smorgasbord.

Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Blood pressure taken from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Quilting and potluck table daily during center hours. Credit cards accepted. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday upon request. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideleys at 436-1200.

Monday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday  
Pinochle from 1-4 p.m./Bingo from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday  
Pinochle from 1-4 p.m./Bingo from 1-2 p.m.

Thursday  
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.  
SHIBA: Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinghamer at 436-1200.

Friday  
Pinochle from 1-4 p.m./Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley  
All dinners are served at noon.

Monday: Beef stroganoff, spinach, rolls, cole slaw, cherry crisp.

Tuesday: Tuna salad sandwich, broccoli cheddar soup, green salad, peach cobbler.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, cheddar potatoes, peas and carrots, roll, fruited Jell-O, peanut butter crunch cake.

Thursday: Barbecue on a bun, fried, mixed vegetables, apricot Jell-O, spice cake.

Friday: Meat loaf, grilled potato and onion, creamed corn, hard roll, strawberry Jell-O, brownie.

Activities

Monday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.  
Computer class at 1 p.m.

Wednesday  
Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.

Thursday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Exercise at 11 a.m.  
Organ lessons at 9 a.m.  
Pinochle at 7 p.m.

Are you a big thinker? Try work in astronomy

One of the most appealing aspects of astronomy is its staggering scope. As a scientific discipline, astronomy encompasses not just the unimaginably gigantic (the entire universe), but the infinitesimally small (e.g. neutrinos: incredibly tiny particles produced in the sun's core, which stream harmlessly through your body by the trillions every second) as well.

Further, to understand this sweeping range of phenomena, astronomers must ponder processes that occur over time scales ranging from billions of years (the formation of galaxies) to billions of a second (the transition of an electron from one atomic orbital to another, the radiation from which allows us to trace the structure of the galaxy).

Consider other professions. A heart surgeon, for example, must be concerned with distances from fractions of an inch (the greater thickness of suture, for example) to a few tens of inches (determining the right spot for the incision into patient's chest). While blood cells are certainly significant to the success of the surgeon's work, their exact microstructure is not an immediate concern. As for time periods, the surgeon must be expert in phenomena ranging from less than a second (the beat of a heart) to the lifespan of his patients (several tens of years).

Some professions focus on a fairly large range of time, but not distance (e.g. paleontology), or vice versa (e.g. meteorology).

But all are constrained by the comparatively short time and distance scales of our small Earth and its young age, when compared against the cosmic scale of the universe.

I'm not making a value judgment

**SKYWATCH**  
Chris Anderson

**Skywatch**  
(through September)  
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
- How the Sun works  
- Mark: ASE, Inc.  
- One hour of free time  
- Free admission

between heart surgeons (or any other vocation) and astronomers. On the contrary: Thank goodness for everyone who finds fulfillment repairing ailing hearts, piecing together the puzzle of ancient life, or telling us whether we need our umbrellas today. Without them (and the thousands of other occupations we humans undertake), astronomers might not enjoy the luxury of contemplating the cosmic universe, the breath-takingly tiny, the vast by comparison of the exponentially expanding universe.

Next week: What is (or isn't) a moon?

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