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## GOOD MORNING

### WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny, dry and breezy. High 76, low 50.

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Water and power: Craig proposal events the scales in dam re-licensing process, today's editorial says.

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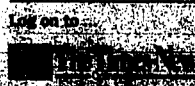
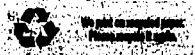
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## Rain makes for average water year

But don't expect to see big Shoshone Falls flows

The Times-News and  
The Associated Press

**TWIN FALLS** - After several years of drought, spring showers and cool temperatures are combining to bring a near-normal water year around most of the state.

Still, Shoshone Falls will

remain nearly shut off through the season, said Tim Brewer, a water engineer for Idaho Power Co. Only a few hundred cubic feet of water per second trickled over the 212-foot vertical drop this past weekend, and even that will likely end soon.

Not since 1999 has the average streamflow exceeded 2,000 cfs at

the Milner gauge.

Meeting in Boise on Tuesday, the Idaho Water Supply Committee predicted an average water year statewide, except in the extreme southern portion of the state - including the Oakley and Salmon Falls basins, which had snowpacks that were just 56 percent of historical averages.

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"Given what we've had, we'll take 'average,'" said Hal Anderson of the Department of Water Resources.

A weak El Nino, the periodic warming of tropical Pacific Ocean surface temperatures that alters global weather patterns, had been pushing moist air away from Idaho and keeping temper-

atures above normal throughout the winter, National Weather Service hydrologist Jay Breidenbach said. But in March, when El Nino subsided and ocean temperatures returned to normal, rain and snowfall increased in most of the state - and some areas received 150 percent of normal precipitation.

In fact, the 1.95 inches of rain that fell in April made it the

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## TIME FOR A SWIM



Doug Gonzales moves a roof truss into place on a new shower building, next to the new pool being built in Gooding. Six years in the making and \$200,000 later, the pool is slated to open July 4.

BRUCE CHILDS/The Times-News

## Community raises \$100,000 for new Gooding pool

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** - It's been almost 12 years since the city's outdoor pool was closed and six years, since plans for a new one started to take shape.

All those years show what a committed town can do: the new pool has a tentative Fourth of

July opening.

"It's amazing at what everyone has accomplished so far," said City Superintendent Todd Bunn. Gooding's outdoor pool was closed due to deterioration and an aging filtration system. Six years following the closure, plans and designs for a new pool began. And for the last five years, a "Splash Committee" has

been promoting a massive campaign for funding a new pool.

The community, led by the Splash Committee, through a variety of fundraising efforts, raised \$100,000 in donations, about half the cost of the \$200,000 pool. A lot of building materials and labor were donated, too, Bunn said.

Other contributors included

the city of Gooding, which gave \$25,000; the U.S. Forest Service, through a \$20,000 grant; the Gooding School District, through a \$20,000 "Millennium Grant"; the Gooding Recreation District, which gave \$10,000; and Glanbia Foods Inc., which donated \$10,000. No money was borrowed.

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### COLOR IN MONEY



Thomas Ferguson, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing holds a newly re-designed \$20 bill during an unveiling ceremony at the Treasury Department in Washington Tuesday. America's paper money - the venerable greenback - is no longer going to appear all green. See story on page A4.

AP Photo

## Saudis tie bombings to Al-Qaida cell

The Washington Post

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** - A known Al-Qaida cell headed by a veteran Saudi militant who trained in Afghanistan carried out the coordinated car bombings that ripped apart buildings and homes in three compounds inhabited by Americans and other Westerners in Riyadh, Saudi officials said Tuesday.

The ferocious explosions, which erupted in the Saudi capital just before midnight Monday, killed at least 29 people, including seven Americans and nine attackers, the Saudi Interior Ministry reported. More than 120 people were injured in the nearly simultaneous blasts, many so seri-

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ously they were not expected to live, the officials said, warning that the final death toll could surpass 100.

President Bush, visiting tornado-stricken areas of Missouri, vowed that those responsible will be tracked down, and he depicted the bombings as another chapter in the war with terrorism that began with the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon that killed about 3,000 people.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who arrived here

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## In the Matrix yet? It'll be hard to avoid after tonight's movie opening

By Steve Cripps  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - He had lived the past four years quite happily outside the Matrix, but last weekend Greg Downey borrowed a videocassette of the 1999 movie just to see what all the fuss was about.

"I was amazed," said Downey, 30, "that I'm a fan, and I can't imagine the amount of the year of our centennial Idaho. When 'The Matrix Reloaded' opens tonight,

### Opens tonight

Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley and Jerome Cinema plan 10 p.m. openings tonight of 'The Matrix Reloaded.' Twin Cinema will also run daytime screenings starting Thursday through the weekend.

Larry Roper is expecting a line. A big line.

"It should be pretty strong," said Roper, managing director of Interstate Amusement, which operates cinemas in Twin Falls

and Jerome. "The word of mouth [from exhibitors] is that it's exciting."

And with all due respect to Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne and Carrie-Anne Moss, the actors who play the rebels in cyberspace, most folks will be there for the special effects.

"The movie 'The Matrix' really makes one wonder, that with all the technology we have today. Is the world we see really what it seems to be?" asked superstar Tom Robinson. "I own and have

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Keanu Reeves, right, and Hugo Weaving appear in a fight scene from Warner Bros. Pictures action thriller 'The Matrix Reloaded.'

## TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A beautiful Spring Day. Highs in the middle 70s with mostly sunny skies and light winds.

Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows near 50.

Tomorrow: Warm, breezy and dry. Highs in the middle 70s with mostly sunny skies.

## BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm and mostly sunny. Highs in the middle 70s and it will be breezy.

Tonight: Mostly clear and mild. Lows near 50.

Tomorrow: Warm, breezy and dry. Highs in the lower to middle 70s with mostly sunny skies.

## IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. New weather continues through tomorrow. However, winds will be increasing on Friday and Saturday and it will not be quite as warm. By Sunday there will be a good chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Today High: 55 to 58. Tonight's Lows: 28 to 30. Warm and dry for today and tomorrow. Winds will become strong on Friday with windy conditions likely to continue into and through the weekend.

Today High: 50 to 51. NORTHERN UTAH Mostly dry and warm through Thursday. Hit and miss showers and thunderstorms will start to develop for late this week and this weekend.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 73 at Lewiston. Low: 25 at Stanley. Weather key: S=sunny, p=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, M=moderate rain, SH=showers-rain, SN=snow, H=flurries, W=wind, M=missing.

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## TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 76 Low 50	High 76 Low 50	High 74 Low 42	High 73 Low 47	High 70 Low 43	High 63 Low 37

## ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Today: High 76, Low 50	Today: 0.00"	Today: 60%	Today: 30.05 in.	Today: 6:16 AM - 8:02 PM	Today: Ash
Yesterday: High 74, Low 48	Yesterday: 0.00"	Yesterday: 60%	Yesterday: 30.06 in.	Yesterday: 6:16 AM - 8:02 PM	Yesterday: Ash
Record High: 80 in 2001	Record Low: 18 in 1988	Record High: 74 in 1988	Record Low: 29.50 in 1988	Record High: 8:02 PM	Record Low: 6:16 AM

## MOON PHASES

May 16	May 23	May 31	June 7
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter

## REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	70-80	73-83	73-84
Idaho Falls	68-78	71-81	71-82
Jerome	65-75	68-78	68-79
Laurel	63-73	66-76	66-77
Malheur	61-71	64-74	64-75
McCall	59-69	62-72	62-73
Shoshone	57-67	60-70	60-71
Twin Falls	70-80	73-83	73-84
Yellowstone	55-65	58-68	58-69

## MOONRISE AND MOONSET

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Idaho Falls	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Jerome	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Laurel	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Malheur	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
McCall	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Shoshone	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Twin Falls	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM
Yellowstone	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM	6:50 AM - 8:00 PM

## NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	68-78	71-81
Boston	65-75	68-78
Chicago	63-73	66-76
Denver	61-71	64-74
Houston	59-69	62-72
Los Angeles	57-67	60-70
Miami	55-65	58-68
Minneapolis	53-63	56-66
New York	51-61	54-64
San Francisco	49-59	52-62
Seattle	47-57	50-60
Washington	45-55	48-58

## CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	50-60	53-63
Edmonton	48-58	51-61
Halifax	46-56	49-59
Montreal	44-54	47-57
Ottawa	42-52	45-55
Regina	40-50	43-53
Saskatoon	38-48	41-51
Vancouver	36-46	39-49
Winnipeg	34-44	37-47

## SNOWPACK

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	0.00"	0.00"
Idaho Falls	0.00"	0.00"
Jerome	0.00"	0.00"
Laurel	0.00"	0.00"
Malheur	0.00"	0.00"
McCall	0.00"	0.00"
Shoshone	0.00"	0.00"
Twin Falls	0.00"	0.00"
Yellowstone	0.00"	0.00"

## WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	60-70	63-73
Paris	58-68	61-71
Rome	56-66	59-69
Tokyo	54-64	57-67
Sydney	52-62	55-65
Auckland	50-60	53-63
Wellington	48-58	51-61
Christchurch	46-56	49-59
Dunedin	44-54	47-57
Hamilton	42-52	45-55
Manila	40-50	43-53
Seoul	38-48	41-51
Taipei	36-46	39-49
Hong Kong	34-44	37-47
Beijing	32-42	35-45
Shanghai	30-40	33-43
Guangzhou	28-38	31-41
Shenzhen	26-36	29-39
Chengdu	24-34	27-37
Yunnan	22-32	25-35
Kunming	20-30	23-33
Guiyang	18-28	21-31
Nanchang	16-26	19-29
Hangzhou	14-24	17-27
Ningbo	12-22	15-25
Shaoxing	10-20	13-23
Wuxi	8-18	11-21
Zhangjiagang	6-16	9-19
Suzhou	4-14	7-17
Wujiang	2-12	5-15
Yangzhou	0-10	3-13
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# Bush vows 'American justice' after bombings

The Washington Post

PIERCE CITY, Mo. — President Bush said Tuesday the bombings in Saudi Arabia were the work of al-Qaida and promised "American justice" for the perpetrators.

Bush, speaking in driving rain in the town that had been ripped out by a tornado, said the bombing "was very well planned" and said "there's a lot of suspicion it is al-Qaida." Osama bin Laden's error network.

"Until al-Qaida is completely brought to justice, they want to hurt Americans and our friends and allies," he said. "They'll hit and run, and they'll try to hide. We're going to get them."

The synchronized strikes, at three housing compounds for Westerners in Riyadh, killed seven Americans just before

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in the country. The attacks were a setback to administration officials at a time when Bush has been proclaimed "optimism about achieving peace in the Middle East."

But the bombings provided Bush with a new illustration for his frequent promise of "a relentless campaign against global terrorism," which aides said they expect to be a centerpiece of his stump speech when he seeks reelection next year. "The war on terror goes on," he said. "These despicable acts were committed by killers whose only faith is hate."

Bush said even a degraded state, al-Qaida remains a clear danger. "It doesn't take much money to put a car bomb together," he said. "It takes hatred in your heart... that is the nature of al-Qaida."

Bush drew a standing ovation for the defiant stance he struck at a tax-cut rally in Indianapolis on Tuesday morning, when he said he considered the bombings to be "ruthless murder."

"The United States will find the killers and they will learn the meaning of American justice," he vowed, drawing a standing ovation from the largely Republican crowd. "Any time anyone attacks our homeland, any time anyone attacks our fellow citizens, we'll be on the hunt, and we'll find them. Just ask the Taliban."

The rally was staged by the White House to build support for a larger tax cut than the Senate now has planned, but Bush's economic speeches typically contain a long passage casting his confrontation with Afghanistan and Iraq as part of a broader war on terrorism.



While touring the tornado damage in Pierce City, Mo., President Bush denounces Monday's bombings in Saudi Arabia.

# Texas Democrats vow to continue walkout

Knight Ridder News Service

ARDMORE, Okla. — Runaway Democrats from the Texas House vowed Tuesday to dig in at their hotel getaway here and stay until Republican legislators in Austin "play fair" and scrap plans to redraw the political boundaries for Texans in Congress.

There was no sign that a compromise was nearing between Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick and the 51 Democrats holed up at the Holiday Inn in Ardmore, where they are staging a boycott to prevent a quorum vote in the House.

"We decided yesterday we would stay as long as it takes," said Rep. Jim Dunning, D-Waco, the chairman of the Democratic Party caucus in the House and the main organizer of the historic walkout.

"I can't tell you right now how long we'll be staying," Dunning said during a news conference near the Holiday Inn's swimming pool. "It would take about two minutes if (the) leadership in Austin would make the right decisions."

But Craddick said there was no room for negotiation.

"If we negotiate on this, we'll be negotiating on every calendar, and every bill, every day," Craddick said from the House chamber in Austin. "That's not the legislative process."

Dunning also criticized Craddick and Republican Gov. Rick Perry for dispatching troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety to try and find and return the legislators to Austin.

"It is cowardly to send Texas troopers across state lines after midnight to try and coerce and threaten members of the Texas Legislature to go back. And it is cowardly (that) our loved ones and our wives are still being followed by DPS troopers," Dunning said, noting that he does not blame the troopers, who are simply following orders.

The protesting Democratic legislators do blame U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texas Republican, for forcing the issue of redistricting as a



Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, cuts out photocopies of playing cards that feature Texas House Democratic members, Tuesday.

way to give the state GOP an advantage in Congress.

But DeLay, speaking to reporters in Washington on Tuesday, said the "Democrats on the lam" just need to get back to work.

"The Legislature meets every two years. This is not a Spring break. It's time to get to work. Representatives are elected and paid by the people with the expectation that they show up to work, do the people's business and have the courage to cast tough votes," DeLay said.

Back in the Texas Capitol, talk of the absent Democrats among Republicans swung from angry to humorous, with some party members distributing playing cards with the Democrats' pictures on them and passing out "Wanted" fliers and milk cartons with the words, "Got Representative?"

One of the Legislature's longtime members said the current partisan fight is the most contentious fracas he has seen in his 30 years in Austin.

"I can see some real lines being drawn, more so than when they left," said Sen. Jan Whitmire, D-Houston. "There's some very talented, good people on both sides, over there. Someone's got to take charge over there and say, 'OK, enough's enough,' because they're just beating the hell out of each other."

## Bombings

Continued from A1

Tuesday for a previously planned visit, toured one of the devastated sites, which was a training and residential complex for a company under contract to the U.S. military. With the acrid scent of the bomb blast still hanging in the air, he peered into a 10-foot-deep crater left by the car bomb.

"This was well-planned terrorist attack," Powell said, standing in front of four-story building that had had its face sheered off by the force of the blast. "Obviously the facility had been assessed, as had the others, and it shows the nature of the enemy we are working against. This is criminality and terrorism at its worst."

Earlier, in Amman, Jordan, Powell said he believed al-Qaida had been weakened, but it has not been destroyed.

The bombings marked a bloody gesture against the U.S. presence in Saudi Arabia, which has been cited by the al-Qaida leader, Osama bin Laden, as the main reason for his terrorism campaign against the United States. Bin Laden, a Saudi native, reeled toward his radical goals after U.S. troops remained on Saudi soil following the 1991 Persian Gulf War despite a promise from the Saudi royal family to dislodge Islamic jihadists that they would leave as soon as the conflict was over.

The number of U.S. military personnel in the kingdom, which rose to 10,000 during the recent war against Iraq, has returned to its normal level of about 5,000. Acknowledging widespread opposition to their presence among the Saudi people, the Bush administration announced two weeks ago that nearly all U.S. military personnel will leave by the end of the summer.

The seven Americans known killed Monday night were employees of a local subsidiary of the Fairfax-based Vinnell Corp., contracted to train the Saudi National Guard. Northrop Grumman, which owns Vinnell, said two of its Filipino employees also were killed and a number of other employees were hospitalized, two in serious condition.

In a hallmark of al-Qaida's previous operations, the three bombings came within a few minutes of each other and all used the same technique. In all three cases, U.S. and Saudi officials said, the assailants attacked guards at the compounds, opened the gates and then drove a vehicle packed with explosives deep inside before igniting the blasts.

"These were sophisticated and simultaneous attacks," said a



Saudi civil defense personnel search for bodies in the debris of the Al-Hamra compound following an explosion in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Tuesday.

U.S. army official advising the Saudi government.

Saudi officials said at least some of the attackers approached guardposts at the three gated communities driving cars commonly used by residents or guards and dressed in Saudi National Guard uniforms. As they approached, the sources said, National Guard sentries asked them for identification, and at that point they opened fire with automatic rifles. Saudi officials said that, in addition to the victims, nine charred bodies were found at the three compounds, believed to be those of the attackers who drove the vehicles as they went off. Prince Abdullah, the Saudi crown prince and the kingdom's day-to-day ruler, said in a statement that the attacks were carried out by suicide bombers whom he described as "terrorists."

In all, Saudi officials said, the confirmed deaths Tuesday night included seven Americans, seven Saudis, two Jordanians, two Filipinos, a Lebanese and a Swiss. Large numbers of the wounded — including many expected to die — were also Saudi.

U.S. officials, mindful that 15 Saudi nationals participated in the Sept. 11 attacks, have in the past criticized the Saudi government for failing to investigate al-Qaida support in the kingdom vigorously enough. In particular, they have charged some wealthy Saudi citizens are helping finance organizations linked to terrorist activities.

In that light, Saudi officials went out of their way to emphasize that Saudi Arabia, too, was a victim of the bombings. The Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud, vowed to take stern measures to combat such attacks in the future.

"The blood of Saudi citizens was mixed in this tragic event with American blood," he said. "It should increase our efforts, it should make us not hesitate to take whatever measures are needed to oppose these people who only hate, who only kill, and for no purpose whatsoever."

The Bush administration dispatched an team of officials from several federal agencies, including the State Department, the FBI and the CIA, to investigate the bombings, officials in Washington said.

The al-Qaida cell that mounted

## Suicide car bombs kill at least 29

At least 29 people, including eight Americans, were killed by a terrorist strike in the Saudi capital of Riyadh Monday.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

the bombings was formed in Saudi Arabia after the Sept. 11 attacks and was led by Khalid al-Jehani, a 29-year-old Saudi who assumed a leadership position in the organization after the capture last November of Abd al-Rashid al-Nashiri, a key planner of the attack on the USS Cole in the Aden port in southern Yemen, Saudi officials said.

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## NATION

# It's not easy being green: U.S. puts more color into greenback

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States Tuesday introduced its \$20 bill, for the first time in history adding color to the classic Andrew Jackson in a gentle, pastel blending of blue, peach and green designed to be as attractive to the eye as it is confounding to counterfeiters.

"U.S. currency represents security and integrity around the globe," Treasury Secretary John W. Snow said during an unveiling ceremony at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. "The design we introduce today will help keep it that way."

The new twenty, appearing only seven years after introduction of the large portrait bills now circulating throughout the world, comes in response to counterfeiters' increasing expertise with digital equipment, officials said.

About \$44 million in counterfeit U.S. currency was made in

2002, and nearly 40 percent of it was produced digitally, Secret Service Director W. Ralph Basham said.

In 1995, digital production accounted for less than 1 percent of all counterfeit.

The twenty is the first bill to be redesigned since it is the most frequently counterfeited of all the denominations. Bureau of Engraving and Printing Director Thomas Ferguson said a new \$50 bill would appear next year and a \$100 bill in 2005.

Only then would the bureau make a decision on tens and fives, he added, and there are no plans to change the ones and twos.

The new note, while easily recognizable as a U.S. \$20 bill, has many striking features that separate it from its predecessors, most notably the subtle shadings of blue, green and peach that "weave seamlessly across" the face and back of the bill, Ferguson said. "I like to

think it's more attractive, but it's also harder to reproduce."

In addition, the bureau has removed Jackson's portrait from its oval frame, added the blue image of an eagle to Jackson's left and added the words "TWENTY USA, USA TWENTY" below the U.S. Treasury emblem on the right. The back of the bill is imprinted with dozens of tiny yellow "20"s.

Security features from the '96 redesign continue: a Jackson watermark to the right of the portrait; an embedded "security thread" on Jackson's left and a numeral 20 on the lower right side of the face that toggles between copper and green when the note is tilted.

Although the bill debuted on Tuesday, it will not actually appear on the street until the fall, so consumers in both the United States and overseas can get accustomed to it and so banks and businesses will have time to recalibrate cash machines to recognize it.

## With tongue-splitting, piercing now looks tame

CHICAGO (AP) — Ears with two, three, even five piercings are ancient history. Studs in tongues and navels are, for many, no big deal. And who doesn't have a tattoo? These days, the attention-grabbing look is tongue-splitting: cutting the tongue to make it forked.

Some say the practice, still relatively uncommon but edging up in popularity, is nothing short of mutilation. Lawmakers in Illinois are considering regulations that would all but outlaw it.

And earlier this year, several branches of the armed services banned tongue-splitting. Officials at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina say one airman had the tissue in his split tongue reopened and sewn back together in February to avoid being kicked out of the service.

Those who've had their tongues split call it a body modification, and see it as an enhancement. A few do it for shock value. Others describe the experience as spiritual. And many say they simply like how it looks and feels.

"When I first saw it, I thought tongue-splitting was the most beautiful thing I've seen in my life," says James Keen, a 19-year-old from Scottsville, Ky., who got his tongue cut by a local body piercer in December after a surgeon declined to do it.

Keen, who now speaks with a slight lisp, says most people don't know he's had it done unless he shows them.

When he does, he demonstrates how both forks of his tongue can move independently. And it's a plus, he says, when it comes to kissing.

"People are very curious about how it feels," says Keen, whose parents gave him their blessing — and the \$500 it took to do it.

He says the cutting was done in three sessions with a scalpel heated by a blow torch and no anesthesia.

Keen's story is exactly what Illinois state Rep. David Miller, who's also a dentist, had in mind when he authored a bill requiring that tongue-splitting be done by a doctor or dentist, and only for medical reasons.

The bill passed nearly unani-



James Keen, a 19-year-old from Scottsville, Ky., shows off his split tongue at his home on May 7.

mously in the Illinois House and is awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Last summer, state lawmakers in Michigan narrowly defeated a similar bill. "Ultimately, it came down to an individual rights issue," says Tom Kochheiser, a spokesman for the Michigan Dental Association, which supported but did not introduce that state's unsuccessful measure. He says the association has no plans to pursue the issue further.

Miller, a Democrat from Chicago's south suburbs, says he understands the notion of personal freedom. "But I'm not sure the people getting this done understand the risks," he says. "We're choosing safety over cosmetics."

One of the main worries, Miller says, is risk of infection from bacteria in the mouth. He also says a person's speech could be affected by scar tissue and the splitting itself.

Essie Hakim, a 30-year-old New Yorker who had her tongue split by a surgeon in 1998, says she did have to learn how to speak again. But she enjoyed the process, and says she knew what she was getting into.

"I'm an adult making a decision that's not harming anybody. And I'm not harming me," says Hakim, who believes piercing and tongue-splitting are no different than plastic surgery.

Beaury, she says, is simply in the eye of the beholder.

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# Less dessert

States cut back on prison food due to budget woes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - From putting less meat in the goulash to eliminating dessert, financially strapped states are trying to save money behind bars by cutting back on the food served to inmates.

Texas prisons, for example, have been ordered to reduce inmates' daily calories from 2,700 to 2,500.

"He says he's served hot dogs, hot dogs, hot dogs," said Helga Dill, whose husband, Charles, is serving a 20-year sex-crime sentence at a prison near Huntsville, Texas.

Elsewhere, Minnesota is considering following Virginia's lead in serving only two meals per day on weekends and calling one of them "brunch."

Nevada lawmakers considered cutting the food budget for prisons - a move opposed by Gov. Kenny Guinn, who said the state already pays more to feed wild horses than to feed its prisoners.

At Iowa's Newton Correctional Facility, inmates get only one dessert now instead of two, and they drink a vitamin-enhanced orange-flavored liquid instead of real orange juice. Other prisons in the state are putting more macaroni and less meat in the goulash.

The belt-tightening is part of a larger effort to look for savings behind bars. Around the country, states trying to close deficits have left new prison buildings unopened, double-bunked inmates and laid off employees.

For many state lawmakers, complaints about prison food do not elicit much sympathy when they are considering cuts that could leave people without health insurance or mean fewer police and firefighters.

"We have to make sure the rapists and murderers sacrifice like everyone else," said Minnesota state Rep. Marty Siefert, author of the brunch bill.

The first proposed cutting desserts for prisoners, only to be thwarted when the Corrections Department said it would cost a half-million dollars more per year to withhold the dessert. Turns out jell-O is a cheaper way to give prisoners the calories called for under voluntary national dietary standards than, for example, fruit.



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# Pundit argues tax cuts would also benefit the less 'well-to-do'

**P**residential contender Richard Gephardt recently characterized the White House's economic growth proposal as a "kiss-Jerk tax cuts that do nothing but pay off George Bush's wealthy campaign contributors while killing economic growth."

This has a familiar ring. Two years ago, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle attracted considerable media attention when he stood alongside a brand new Lexus and alleged that the "rich" would spend their windfalls on expensive cars while the rest of us would be stuck with a Toyota.

Liberals pundits and their allies in Capitol Hill say these types of things all the time. According to them, the best way to create jobs is to expand government programs such as the Medicaid health program for the poor, extend federal payments to those

without jobs, and spend billions to bail out wasteful state governments that are running deficits.

Unfortunately, advocates for the sort of tax relief most likely to create millions of new jobs come up short in this latest episode of "class warfare."

For starters, who exactly are all these "wealthy campaign contributors" who would be luxuriating in the windfall from Bush-style tax relief? Are we looking at images of the idle rich who spend their days sipping Bordeaux next to their Italian tile-adorned pools?

Nope. When liberals assail "the rich" they unwittingly set themselves against millions of hard-working entrepreneurs who manage modest, family-owned firms and workaholic two-parent families comprised of school-teachers and middle managers who struggle to make ends meet. Earning just \$71,800 annually

## MICHAEL FRANC

puts you among the wealthiest 20 percent of all Americans.

According to some liberals, this means you're rich. Yet married couples who file a joint return make up 85 percent of this group. These are the families who pay more taxes simply because they're married. The proposals now before Congress to eliminate the so-called "marriage penalty" would bestow immediate tax relief on these "rich" couples. These families also stand to benefit immediately from the proposed reduction in tax rates, from 27 to 25 percent.

But hold on, you're saying. Surely "rich" Americans include the "truly wealthy," those in the top income tax bracket who earn more than \$300,000 per year. Surely they can afford to forgo a

tax cut?

Well, two out of three taxpayers in the highest tax bracket (\$500,000 out of 750,000) are actually small businesses — the mom-and-pop firms who comprise the engine of job growth in this country — and would realize 80 percent of the \$13 billion in tax relief due to this change.

They are the proprietors of the fabled family-owned farms that so many of our liberal friends, wearing their surfer hat and drawing from a different prepared speech, extol when they seek federal subsidies on their behalf.

They run the neighborhood restaurants, bicycle stores and flower shops you patronize. They work 60-plus hours a week and employ quite a few aspiring millionaires who hope to own something some day. They are the everyday heroes whose hard work and sacrifice should be rewarded and encouraged, not

penalized by excessive taxes and lambasted by opportunistic presidential candidates eager to score cheap political points.

These Americans make our economy grow. And they're poised to do even more. Recently, the owner of a small business in Paducah, Ky., told Commerce Secretary Donald Evans that he had already calculated the savings he would realize from an immediate drop in the top tax rate from 38 to 35 percent.

Should the cut materialize, he told the Secretary he would plough the savings back into his company to buy new equipment and hire 30 additional employees. Not buy a Lexus. Not install gold fixtures in his master bedroom. Purchase new equipment. And employ another 30 Americans.

There are thousands of small businesses just like this one, all

across the country, ready to hire — provided Congress removes some of the unnecessary impediments. In fact, research from my colleagues at The Heritage Foundation shows the legislation under review in the House of Representatives would allow these job-generators to create more than 1.2 million new jobs this year and next.

Should we shrug off a chance to spark real economic growth — like that, just so tax-cut critics can score political points deriding the "rich"?

Considering that the people they're talking about are likely to be you or someone you know — individuals who might aspire to buy, say, Lexuses of their own someday — the answer should be obvious.

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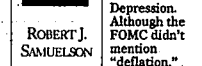
## Federal Reserve believes nation will face deflation

**T**he probability of an unconventional substantial fall in inflation, though minor, is that of a crisis in inflation from its already low level.

—Statement of the Federal Open Market Committee, May 6, 2003

Well, we face a new danger: deflation. So says the FOMC, the Federal Reserve's main policy-making body. It's astonishing what a few words can do, and these words riveted attention on something that, until recently, seemed a historic curiosity.

Deflation signifies a general decline of prices; it hasn't happened in the United States since the Great Depression. Although the FOMC didn't mention "deflation," legions of Fed



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watchers concluded that it meant deflation — and that it's mighty worried.

Deflation would arise from too much supply (of everything from computer chips to airplane seats) chasing too little demand. Prices would drop as companies competed for buyers. The problem of surplus labor and capital pushing down prices is global. In Germany, weak demand has led to 13 months of rising unemployment.

Whatever happens, the FOMC's statement signals a historic break. Since the early 1950s, inflation (which peaked at 13.3 percent in 1979) has dominated the economy. Its rise and fall affected interest rates, the stock market, housing prices and wages. Demoting inflation's importance means we've entered a new era with unfamiliar threats.

Inflation looks defeated. In March the consumer price index was up 3 percent from a year earlier, that's unimpressive, but much of the increase stemmed from soaring oil prices that are now receding. What's called "core inflation," without erratic energy and food prices, is rising at about a 1 percent annual rate. Moreover, prices for many expensive items have been dropping for several years. Since March 2000, prices have declined 2.8 percent for cars, 3.4 percent for major appliances (including washers, dryers and microwave ovens), 9.9 percent for women's suits and 57 percent for personal computers.

These price decreases reflect new technology, better management and intense competition, including imports. But a few falling prices don't make deflation if — as is now true — other prices are rising faster. Since March 2000, college is up 19.5 percent for college tuition, 16 percent for nursing-home care, 10.5 percent for car repair and 8.8 percent for haircuts. It's often said that deflation can't happen because services (about 60 percent of the CPI, covering

everything from health care to housing) don't experience productivity gains and prices don't decay easily.

This argument is weaker than it sounds. Big price declines for goods (cars, computers, etc.) could overwhelm modest increases in services. And some services do benefit from productivity gains. For example, cellular phone services have declined 14.6 percent since March 2000. Elsewhere, other services (airfares, hotel rates) drop because they can't defy the law of supply and demand. And suppose deflation does occur? Why would that be bad? Lower prices would allow people to buy more with their wages; the economy could benefit.

But what's also true is that deflation poses dangers: (1) lower prices could squeeze corporate profits, hurt the stock market and pressure companies to fire workers and cut wages; (2) falling prices could lower overnight interest rates to near zero, making it harder for the Fed to stimulate the economy; (3) companies and farmers may default on loans, which are fixed while the prices they receive fall; and (4) consumers might delay purchases, believing future prices will be lower. In the Depression, the dangers materialized. From 1929 to 1933, retail prices dropped 24 percent. Thousands of businesses and farmers went bankrupt. About 40 percent of banks failed. By 1933, unemployment was 25 percent. Although the Fed cut interest rates, the economy didn't respond. Still, deflation doesn't always spell disaster. From 1870 to 1896, prices fell about 1.2 percent a year, reports a study by economists Michael Bordo of Rutgers and Angela Redish of the University of British Columbia. Despite periodic slumps and banking crises, the economy grew about 4 percent annually. Income per person rose about 1.6 percent a year. Industrialization spread. From 1870 to 1896, iron and steel production quintupled, cigar production almost quadrupled and sugar production nearly tripled. Farmers' complaints about falling prices and oppressive debts triggered a populist backlash, but mainly workers and companies adapted.

A year ago the Fed published a study by its economists on Japan's deflation. The chief conclusions were that the Japanese hadn't anticipated deflation and that its countermeasures were too little, too late. Once deflation becomes a possibility, the study said, a government should undertake economic stimulus beyond the levels conventional. It implies — as an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure.

It may be that even lower interest rates and, temporarily, even bigger budget deficits are necessary. This is, as yet, a lesson that still makes Washington uncomfortable.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

## Lecturer criticizes affirmative action hiring

### JIM SLEEPER

Nearly seven years ago, the editor of The Washington Post Book World phoned to ask if I knew how 12 paragraphs from my June 2, 1996, Post review of Marshall Frady's "Jesse: The Life and Pilgrimage of Jesse Jackson" had wound up a few weeks later in the San Francisco Chronicle under another reviewer's byline.

I was mystified. The Chronicle's reviewer was that paper's deputy opinion page editor. Trying to imagine the heist, I pictured an overeager 26-year-old, in way over his head, writing desperately on deadline.

A more convoluted explanation came from the Chronicle's books editor: Its reviewer had downloaded my Post review to study it but had gone on vacation without finishing his own. The editor,

searching for his review, had mistaken some of my paragraphs for his and pasted them in.

That sounds like some of the explanations we're hearing from New York Times editors about the work of Jayson Blair, a young black reporter who cut a devastating swath of mendacity through the newspaper of record before resigning.

When I called the "author" of the Chronicle review for his account, he stunned me: "As an African American, I would never 'lift' a story, because we are already under the cloud of Janet Cooke," he said, referring to The Washington Post reporter who

had fabricated her Pulitzer Prize-winning tale. I said simply, "I really don't care what race you are." He insisted that his editor's story of a mix-up was true and promised to send me his original version. It never came.

Now The New York Times tells us a task force of editors will review policies and procedures that may have abetted Blair's trespasses and recommend reforms. My bet is that the Times won't report that the real solution is to get rid of "diversity" as we know it and get back to the serious business of real integration.

In an unprecedented, four-page mea culpa on Sunday, the Times described Blair's long record of making editors (and readers) believe he'd covered people he'd never met in places he'd never visited. The Times had published

stories by Blair that included material from other reporter's work. Worst of all, at least a dozen editors at the paper had looked the other way at his mistakes.

But newspapers risk caricaturing individuals and the subcultures to which they may or may not belong when well-meaning editors try to make the paper "look like America."

Americans certainly don't all see the world in the same way. Neither do differences run uncaringly along racial and sexual group lines, as opposed to, say, individual, class or geographical ones. When will we begin to acknowledge this sad truth?

Jim Sleeper, a former columnist at The New York Daily News and author of "Liberal Racism," is a lecturer in political science at Yale.

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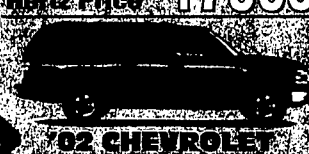


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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Local attorneys, judge vie for Higer's spot

TWIN FALLS — Four local attorneys and one local magistrate judge are in the running to replace retiring 5th District Judge Nathan Higer.

The Idaho Judicial Council announced the applicants Tuesday morning. The applicants are local attorneys Richard Bevin, John Butler, Richard Greenwood and Brian Harper, and 5th District Magistrate Judge Randy Stoker.

Higer, 58, has said he plans to step down on Oct. 1.

The Idaho Judicial Council is responsible for interviewing candidates for district court judges and Supreme Court justices, and then selecting a list of finalists for the governor to choose from.

The Council will travel to Twin Falls Aug. 14 to interview the candidates.

### Memorial service for Idaho serviceman Is in Colorado

GLENN FERRY — A memorial service is scheduled for Friday in Fort Carson, Colo., for Sgt. Richard Carl, the second Idaho resident killed while on duty in Iraq.

"Our family is dealing with this loss as well as can be expected," Carl's widow, Audrey, said in a statement issued Tuesday from her home in Glenn Ferry.

Richard was a good man, and while he was not known to the world, he played an important role," she said. "We are so proud of his contributions to our nation and his role in making the world a better place. He will never be forgotten."

The 26-year-old soldier, along with two others, died Friday when a UH-60 Black Hawk medical helicopter crashed in the Tigris River near Samarra, Iraq. The group was rescuing a child who had been wounded in an explosion. The helicopter snagged on a wire and overturned into the water.

Carl, the son of Richard and Karen Carl of Glenn Ferry, had two children — a 3-year-old girl and an 18-month-old boy.

Also killed were Brian K. Van Dusen, 39, of Columbus, Ohio, and Hans N. Gukesen, 31, of Lead, S.D., both chief warrant officers. All were assigned to the 571st Air Medical Company at Fort Carson, Colo.

A memorial service is scheduled Friday at Fort Carson for the men.

### Twin Falls band concert will take place Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Band will present its pops concert Thursday night.

Guests will include the O'Leary Junior High Jazz Band, directed by Dennis Bortz; the Twin Falls High School Jazz Band, and the Twin Falls High School Dance Corps.

Randy Brown, Jeff Crandall, Nyle Matsuoaka and Chuck Smart are seniors who will be featured in solos.

A variety of marches, overtures and popular medleys will be performed, including John Philip Sousa's march, "El Capitan;" "Tribute to George Harrison;" music from the Alfreed Hitchcock film "Psycho;" "Blues Brothers Revue;" and University of Idaho composer Dan Bukovich's Symphony No. 1, "In Memoriam Dresden."

The concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Roper Auditorium. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and will be used to buy new drum equipment, pep-band shirts, new music and band awards.

Ted Hadley is the director of the Twin Falls High band.

### Oregon Trail historian will speak tonight

KETCHUM — Oregon Trail historian Jeff Ross will discuss life on the Snake River portion of the Oregon Trail at 7 p.m. today at the Ketchum/Sun Valley Heritage and Ski Museum.

The free presentation is one of three in Ketchum celebrating Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.

Historian Ralph Harris will present a lecture about Meriwether Lewis and the Corps of Discovery on May 21.

And Jim Woods, director of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls, will discuss the "Buhl Woman," 11,000-year-old burial from the Snake River Plain, on May 28.

For information, call 726-8186.

Compiled from staff reports

# Scientists study INEEL waste risk

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Photographs of steel drums and wooden crates floating in water when the Big Lost River flooded across a radioactive waste dump above the regional aquifer never fail to leave an audience speechless and drive home a point.

The Cold War waste legacy at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls left a serious problem to fix.

Radioactive and hazardous solutions were injected directly into the aquifer. Other waste was dumped in unlined pits and trenches, and the landfill flooded three times over the years. Today flood control measures are in place.

Scientists from INEEL and the U.S. Geological Survey explained Tuesday the latest efforts to quantify and evaluate risk of underground contaminants that threaten the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The aquifer covers more than 10,000 square miles and is the sole water supply for some 200,000 people living in southern Idaho. The underground lake generally flows in a southwesterly direction from Ashton to King Hill, which means it runs under INEEL and eventually into the Magic Valley. Here it empties at a rate of about 5,000 cubic feet per second into the Snake River channel.

The sheer volume of water in the aquifer helps dilute some sources of contamination. But monitoring contamination and

cleaning it up to prevent it from migrating beyond INEEL's boundaries is a concern shared by many southern Idahoans who rely on the water not only for drinking but to water farmland.

"Tons of hundreds of volumes have been written about the Snake River Plain," said Joe Rousseau, project chief for the U.S. Geological Survey's INEEL office.

The INEEL Water Integration Project outlined Tuesday seeks to develop a model that integrates available research to help better understand the aquifer, the extent and sources of contamination and the movement of contaminants.

Here are key factors scientists will consider as they create the model:

- Subsurface life — Mike

Wright, director of INEEL's Subsurface Science Initiative, is studying the vadose zone. It's the fractured basalt layers as thick as 900 feet in some areas between the ground's surface and the water table. Scientists are studying the microbiology, geology, geochemistry, geophysics and hydrology that occurs underground and how these factors should be considered when dealing with contaminants.

- Waste catalog — Cataloging the waste dumped in the 88-acre landfill from 1954 through 1970 helps scientists identify and locate potential contaminants. In some cases this has required declassifying shipping manifests from Rocky Flats, Colo., where much of the nuclear weapons production waste dumped at

INEEL originated. Today INEEL is able to use a database to map many of the Rocky Flats shipments buried at the site.

- Water — Water can move contaminants underground through fractured basalt layers and into the water table. Scientists are studying the geology of the aquifer and the path and rate of speed water travels through it.

Some basalt layers are solid and act as a natural barrier to protect the water table. In other areas basalt fractures and volcanic rifts offer travel paths to the water table.

About 10 people attended Tuesday's morning workshop held at the College of Southern Idaho and sponsored by the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment.

## STORY COMES TO LIFE



Shelly Spackman routs the ends of boards that will be used to build the walkway through the new playground in Burley's Storybook Park while Lisa Mitton holds them steady. The playground construction began Tuesday.

## Volunteers make Burley park happen

By Arnie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Tamela Wilson sat on the curb, not far from the volunteer sign-up station. Her crutches lay in the gutter beside her as she meticulously guided hundreds of screws into a piece of soap she held in her left hand.

"I've been doing this all morning, and I haven't even taken a break," said the 17-year-old, who attends the Cassia Education Center. Soaping the screws speeds up the process for the rest of the 143 volunteers who gathered Tuesday morning to construct a new playground in Storybook Park in Burley.

No matter the ability — kids to contractors — there is a way for everyone to help this week as Families at Play, the organization spearheading the playground project, sees the fruits of their labor blossom into a 150-by-110-foot playground. It is

### Burley Storybook Park

More volunteers are needed to work on the park. People can sign up for shifts from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. until dark. To help out, call Janet Hansen at 878-4646.

scheduled to be completed by 6 p.m. Saturday and will be capped off by a grand opening celebration that night.

The volunteer group has planned for about 100 volunteers each shift, volunteer coordinator Janet Hansen said. Hansen was thrilled with the large turnout for the first shift Tuesday morning. The afternoon shift, however, attracted only about 25 people. Shifts run from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. until dark. All volunteers receive a free lunch or dinner, at noon or 5 p.m. Snacks are provided.

More volunteers are needed, Hansen said, especially during the day shifts. On Friday and Saturday, shift sizes need to increase to 200 people, she said. Volunteers may sign up for shifts by calling Hansen at 878-4646, but anyone who just shows up at the site will gladly be put to work, she said.

Volunteers did the prep work Tuesday as boards were cut, lacquered, drilled, routed and sanded on the west end of the park while other volunteers set posts into the ground on the east end.

Planning was evident, as few volunteers stood for long with nothing to do.

Skilled workers, like Gary Pawson, were designated team captains. Pawson, one of four workers on loan from the city, was busy directing volunteers as they set posts.

"I think it's a great project. I've got two little boys, and this

will give them a great place to play," Pawson said.

Meanwhile, Julie Greenman, who is pregnant with her sixth child, lacquered board after board with a long-handled paint sponge as students from Cassia Education Center brought them to her.

Greenman, who used to complain that there wasn't a good playground facility in Burley, is excited about how much sater this playground will be for her kids.

"It's going to be contained in one area while a fence around it," she said. She has trouble taking more than one child to the park because playground equipment is so spread out and streets are nearby. There will be only one entrance to this playground area.

"I'm so emotional," Greenman said. "It's great to see all these people here. I've kind of had goose bumps all morning."

• The city of Carey received \$151,000 for water system improvements. Total cost is \$317,000.

• Camas County received \$150,000 for Fairfield senior center improvements. Total cost is \$327,100.

A city of Rupert grant request for \$100,000 to help with renovation of the Wilson Theater was not approved.

"We were disappointed, but it's not going to stop us," said Chris Jackson of the Renaissance Arts Center Inc.

Jackson says the group will continue to move ahead with the project and reify for the grant in

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## Rep. Jones could head committee

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The resignation on Tuesday of House Education Committee Chairman Fred Tilman of Boise has put Rep. Doug Jones of Filer in line for the chairman-ship.

Jones, a nine-term Republican who chairs the House Agricultural Affairs Committee, said he doesn't know for sure if he is willing to give up the Ag Committee chairman-ship.

But because he is the senior member of the Education Committee, he said, "I'll have to have that conversation." Obviously I know Ag. But I do have a pretty strong education background."

Tradition is that the most senior committee member gets a shot at taking over a vacated chairman-ship. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, will have the final say, and he will have to decide sometime before the beginning of the next session.

Tilman is leaving the Legislature after 13 years because of an appointment by Gov. Dick Kempthorne to the Ada County Commission. His taking the post is not entirely unexpected. He had worked closely with the governor's staff during the 2003 session to rein in the "auto-pilot" structure of an ever-increasing public school budget.

"He'll do a good job wherever he serves," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

Bedke is a member of the Legislature's budget committee, and as such, he worked also worked closely with Tilman and the governor's staff.

Both conservatives, Bedke and Tilman devised a new format for presenting public school expenditures and expenditures areas of spending.

And they have taken some harsh criticism for tacking on major education policy changes that had either been shelved or rejected earlier in the session by policy-setting committees.

Jones, a moderate, found the approach objectionable.

"The budget committee is the only committee that doesn't allow public hearings," Jones pointed out. "I don't think it makes sense to let that committee to make significant changes in policy, especially statutory changes that are ongoing and in several cases ideas that were defeated in the public process earlier in the session."

But Bedke has consistently maintained the changes in code had to be made in order to get a handle on the budget.

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## MAGIC VALLEY

Gwendolyn May Stewart Ball and Wayne Clinton Ball of Shelton, Wash., memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Constance J. (Hill) Leiser of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ronald A. Hoskin, formerly of Twin Falls and Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel in Twin Falls; general viewing will begin at 11:30 a.m. today; burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

Madora Mecham of Hazelton, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hazelton 2nd Ward Chapel; interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Judith Ann Palmer of Burley,

service at 2 p.m. today at Payne Memorial Chapel, 224 W. Main St., Burley; burial will be in the Gen Memorial Gardens in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service today at Payne Mortuary.

Debra Lynn Thomas of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls; a reception will follow at her sister's home, Centro Court, Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Virgil Perry Payne (P.H.) Haney of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Milt Butler of Mackay and formerly of Gooding, memorial service and life celebration at 11 a.m. Friday at the LDS Church, 1228 Main St., Gooding.

Colleen Mae Thomas Hodgkins Griffith of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday with the family greeting friends from 6-7 p.m. at White Mortuary.

Florence Willemack Hanson of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca, Minn.; visitation will be one hour before the service at the church in Milaca.

(Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Gus Eklund of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. June 1st at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Virgil Wayne Thompson of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Community Bible Church, 610 Yakima, Filer (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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## OLYMPIA, WASH.



Joe Schnell

Joe Schnell passed away January 5, 2003 at Mother Joseph's Care Center in Olympia, Washington.

He was born September 27, 1910, at the original Carter's house at Salmon Dam, Rogerson, Idaho, to Anna (Leonard) Schnell and Paul Schnell, immigrants from Europe in 1906. Joe attended grade school at Rogerson and graduated from Hollister High School in Idaho in 1927.

He worked on the family ranch before joining the Navy, where he served four years. While there he became a first class electrician. Following his service in the Navy he worked at Commercial Shipyard as destroyers were converted back to freighters.

He lived and worked in Portland and later moved to California. He continued to work as an electrician and was proud to have worked on the Cow Palace in San Francisco. He later became a licensed pilot and worked as a journeyman electrician until his retirement. While living in Auburn, California, he met and married Gladys G. Crook on May 7, 1980. Joe and Gladys made many trips from California to Rogerson to see family. And there he loved to fish and hunt. Gladys learned to cook wild game to perfection. They both loved traveling through Canada and Alaska and took many trips through the USA.

Joe is survived by his wife, Gladys; his son, Gary Schnell, and daughter, Ann Schie, by a previous marriage; a grandson, a granddaughter and granddaughter; two sisters, Helen Young of Rogerson and Kay (Vern) Hansen of Twin Falls; a nephew, Ralph Schnell of Rogerson; and Aunt Betty (Leonard) Jones, also of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Margaret Schnell Skinner.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart Association.

## HANSEN



Juanita Kiechler Perrine

In Loving Memory Of: Juanita Kiechler Perrine, 62, of Hansen, went to be with her parents on May 10, 2003.

She was born November 16, 1940, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Anne Starley and Antonio Fritz Kiechler. She was the second child of three children. Her father was in construction so the family moved often to be near him when he worked in different states. They moved to Victoria, Texas. There, Juanita met and married Joseph Ellis on August 8, 1956. Her parents moved to Elko, NV, and she and Joe followed in 1957. They had three children. They later divorced.

She then met and married Robert J. Perrine, December 15, 1974, in Elko. They moved to Burley, Hansen and Ogden before returning to Hansen, making it their home. She had been a cook and waitress in her earlier years. She was a loving housewife and mother. She loved to tell the grandchildren stories about her life and the things she had done. She enjoyed traveling, camping, reading, playing games and spending quality time with her family. She loved to collect dolls and bells. She also loved to move her furniture around, which tended to make life very interesting and amusing for her family. Robert never knew when he walked in the door, where his chair would be next.

Juanita is survived by her husband, Robert; her sons, daughter, Marianne (Zane) Yokum of Twin Falls, Natalie (Frankie) Wood of Lancaster, S.C., Jody Bliss and her fiancé (Mick Squires) of Hansen; grandchildren, Warren (Melissa) Yokum, Tiana (William) Wood, Larissa (Jamie) Adams of Twin Falls, and Tesha Bliss and Demi Bliss of Hansen; great-grandchildren, Annie Adams and William Wood of Twin Falls, and a new one on the way. Also surviving are a brother, Harold Kiechler of Las Vegas, NV, and a sister, Elaine (Robert) Dunning of Sparks, NV, nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Memorial Services for Juanita will be held Friday, May 16, 2003, at 11 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call Thursday, May 15, friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

God made the sun. He made the sky.

He made the trees, & the birds that fly.

He made the flowers. He made the light.

He made the stars that shine at night.

God made the rain. He made the dew.

He made me dear mothers and grandmothers, too.

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God truly blessed our family when He made you.

You are truly loved and will be missed.

## TWIN FALLS



Colleen Mae Thomas Hodgkins Griffith

Colleen Mae Thomas Hodgkins Griffith, 76, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 11, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 20, 1927, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Herman and Arlene Brothers Thomas. She was raised and attended schools in Twin Falls. She married Edwin E. Hodgkins on March 5, 1950, in Elko, NV, and to this union 4 children were born, Andrew Eric Hodgkins, William Edwin Hodgkins, Scott Ellis Hodgkins and Carla Marie Ruffell. She stayed at home with the children for a time, and then became an active partner in the family business, Hodgkins Oil. Mr. Hodgkins died on Feb. 2, 1977, and she later married Robert "Bob" Griffith in 1980. Mr. Griffith died in 1994. Colleen enjoyed traveling, and was a "snow bird" for a number of years, enjoyed playing pinocle, but the joys of her life were her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by two children, Betty (Joyce) Hodgkins and Carla (Gary) Ruffell; 1 sister, Zelma Stanley of Sacramento, CA; 6 grandchildren, Christy Hodgkins of

Scottsdale, AZ, Billie Jean Hill of Meridian, ID, Tina Langdon of Boise, ID, Chad Hodgkins of Colorado Springs, CO, Jeremy Ruffell of Filer, ID, and Steve Hodgkins in the military in Germany, and by 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her two husbands she was preceded in death by 2 sons, Andy and Scott; 4 brothers, Clifford Thomas, Ernie Thomas, Ed Thomas, and Jack Thomas; and 4 sisters, Icie Malone, Marcella Snow, Bonnie Galey and Jean Stanley.

Funeral services for Colleen will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2003, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with Rev. Jim Sommer officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 6-7 p.m.

## BURLEY



Leon R. Mai

Leon Russell Mai (Tooter), 61, of Burley, peacefully passed away Sunday, May 11, 2003, at his home, after a brief but courageous fight with cancer.

He was born January 3, 1942, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Alex and Jean Hansen Mai. He graduated from Burley High School and served four years in the United States Navy.

Leon married Mary Wagner (Holly) on August 22, 1964, in Newport, Rhode Island. He returned to Idaho, and spent many years in agriculture. He especially enjoyed the harvest. He will be remembered for his ability to fix most anything mechanical.

Leon loved to camp, fish, and play golf with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Holly of Burley; one daughter, Michelle (Nile) Widmer of Rupert; one son, Shawn (Julio) Mai of Vancouver, Washington; two grandsons, Kolby and Trey Widmer; his parents, Alex and Jean Mai of Burley; and his siblings, Larry Mai, and Phil (Verna) Mai of Burley, Blaine (Renae) Mai of Twin Falls, Idaho; Kelly (Loretta) Mai of Hazelton, Idaho; and Julie (Rich) Vogel of Paradise, California. The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2003, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, with the Reverend Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Basin Cemetery with military rites under the direction of local veterans.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, on Friday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday prior to the service.

## RUPERT



Reinhold Bossert

Reinhold "Shony" Bossert, 89, of Rupert, died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born January 23, 1914, in Selby, South Dakota, the son of Michael and Mary Weisner Bossert. He received his education in South Dakota. He married Genevieve G. Straub on December

29, 1943, in McIntosh, South Dakota. Following marriage, they engaged in farming in South Dakota, prior to moving to Rupert, in 1951.

Reinhold worked at the United Co-op in Rupert for 27 years. He loved dancing, fishing and hunting. He was a wonderful and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve of Rupert; one son, Dennis (Christal) Bossert of Rupert; six grandchildren, Brooke (Johnny) West of Twin Falls, Holly Bossert and Chelsea Bossert of Boise, Angela Jean Van Wining of North Carolina, Steven Orick and William Bossert of Rupert; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Lydia Huber of Rupert; and a brother, Robert (Joy) Bossert of Minot, North Dakota.

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

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2003, at the Rupert Free Will Baptist Church, 206 East 6th Street, with Pastor Ron Sisco officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, on Thursday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Friday, from 10:00 until the time of service.

## RUPERT



Jessie Apple

Jessie Apple, 88, of Rupert, passed away Monday, May 12, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 9, 1915, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, the daughter of John Antoine and Stella Adams Gallego. Following the loss of her mother at age 7, she was sent to the government boarding school at Pine Ridge until she left before completing the eleventh grade. She worked as a waitress and as an aide in a hospital. She married Woodrow W. Apple twice, once in a civil ceremony and once in church. They celebrated a June 14 anniversary until his death in 1999.

In 1952, after attempting unsuccessfully to find work in Nevada, the couple stopped in Rupert where Woodrow found work. Jessie and the kids returned to South Dakota and moved to Idaho the following year.

While raising her family, she worked seasonally in the potato and beet fields. She was employed at Magic Valley Foods at the time of her retirement. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, playing cards with her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She loved to visit and tell stories of her life. Her sense of humor and fun have caused her to be labeled a "juvenile delinquent Grandma". She enjoyed attending Mass and was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church.

Jessie will be missed by her friends, young and old, and by her children, Barbara (Fred) Hoyt of Rupert, Woodrow A. Apple of Shelton, Washington, Lorraine Apple of Rupert and Gayla Apple of Rupert; seven grandchildren, Ty Hoyt, Lori Divil, Yancie Apple, Michael Wm. Apple, Mari Albright, Patrick Apple and Travis Apple; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Laura Brewer of Omaha, Nebraska. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Woodrow W. Apple; one daughter, Linda Apple Huber; one great-granddaughter, Phyllis Renee Albright; four sisters and four brothers.

A Memorial Mass will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2003, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F Street, with Father Henry Camma as celebrant. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday. Friends may call at the church on Friday, from 10:00 until the time of service. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

## DEATH NOTICES

Sgt. Richard Paul Carl

GLENN'S FERRY - Sgt. Richard Paul Carl, 25, of Glenn's Ferry died Friday, May 9, 2003, while serving in the U.S. military in Iraq.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Thomas D. Howard

HAZELTON - Thomas D. Howard, 84, of Hazelton died Monday, May 12, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 19, 2003, at the Valley Presbyterian Church in Hazelton. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 18, 2003, at White Mortuary.

A complete obituary will appear in Friday's paper.

Carl Wesley Felton

TWIN FALLS - Carl Wesley Felton, 77, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

Ethel M. Toner

BURLEY - Ethel M. Toner, 94, of Burley died Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at Hazen Nursing Home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Arrangements will be handled by Hansen Mortuary in Burley Chapel.

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# Minidoka stands to lose money in Amalgamated case

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Minidoka County could lose \$171,726 because of a state Board of Appeals decision regarding the worth of property owned by The Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Paul.

Other taxing districts in Minidoka County could lose money as well, said County Clerk Duane Smith, including cemetery district two, the West End fire district, the hospital and highway district.

The Amalgamated Sugar Co. appealed the valuation of its property in three counties — Minidoka, Twin Falls and Canyon — and the state Board of Tax Appeals ruled last week in favor of Amalgamated.

The board put the value of Amalgamated operations in southern Idaho at \$52 million. That is far less than the \$167 million valuation in 2002. The lower valuation saves the company hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes.

The amount that Amalgamated's Twin Falls plant must pay in property taxes was reduced by \$307,828 following the Board of Appeals' decision.

The board said the three counties used an unrecognized appraisal method to generate property values in 2002, departing from the procedure of linking income potential to property value that they had historically used.

Commissioners in the three counties have not decided whether to appeal the Board of

Tax Appeals' decision, said Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn. A conference call among county assessors and attorneys for the three counties is scheduled for today.

Minidoka County commissioners plan to meet Friday to discuss whether to appeal the ruling.

Smith said Amalgamated has only paid a portion of property taxes this year; the remainder of the company's taxes are due June 1. If commissioners don't appeal, there would be less money to refund at this point.

If the ruling stands, it is not known how the taxing districts would make up for the lost revenue. Smith said each taxing district would have to decide whether to reduce budgets or raise tax levies.

# Blaine County attacks weeds

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Before the summer of 2003 is over, the weed warriors of Blaine County will have attacked and either removed or killed hundreds of thousands of wild, noxious weeds with pesticides, digging tools, sheer hand power and bugs.

Bugs? Yes, bugs. Especially hundreds of beetles of the Cyphocleonus achates family, which has a reputation for boring into roots of noxious knapweed plants, resulting in even the sturdiest plants dying from the fatal infestation.

Bugs are the latest addition to the arsenal of weapons in the fight-on noxious weeds being waged in Blaine County.

Afraid of their periodic meetings Tuesday, a dozen representatives of private land owners and county, state and federal agencies serving on the Blaine Cooperative Weed Management Area committee worked over budget details and approved the weed attack program for the summer.

In the time since it was formed last year at the suggestion of Blaine County Commissioner Sarah Michael, the group has

mustered some \$75,000 in grant funds and is seeking more. This group of Blaine County's \$200,000 weed control budget.

But Michael believes most of the weed war will be fought with in-kind donations of volunteer time and materials, with grant funds going for essential expenses.

Michael said hundreds of volunteers are expected to begin the campaign against weeds on May 31, with the first "Weed Out" at Elkhorn Creek.

Thereafter, groups throughout the summer will be pulling or spraying weeds at Fish Creek, Oregon Gulch, Adams Gulch, Lake Creek, Trail Creek and north of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters outside Ketchum, according to a list of participating groups Michael distributed at the meeting.

The College of Southern Idaho also will hold a free class in how to identify noxious weeds.

Use of bugs in this summer's weed war was disclosed at the meeting by Nan Reedy, program manager for the South Central Biological Control Program. Reedy announced that a small batch of for-bugicide Cyphocleonus achates had been set up near a maintenance shed

at the luxurious private Valley Club midway between Hailey and Ketchum.

There, 100 of the weevils will breed in a patch of knapweed plants. She hopes, speaking with some optimism, to harvest as many as 1,000 weevils, which then would be distributed to fields of knapweed in Blaine County where they would gradually eliminate the plants.

Although Reedy is reluctant to define the precise acreage of knapweed in Camas County that has been destroyed by what she calls "beneficial insects," much of as many as 20,000 acres may have been cleared of knapweed by bugs.

Reedy said that using insects to destroy noxious and toxic weeds has become a popular new weapon. But the bug weapon works slow. A successful insect program that destroys weed crops might require five years.

But she said that even then, insects are more effective than pesticides and herbicides, which must be applied every year to control weeds.

The weevils aren't common garden pests. Cyphocleonus achates cost between \$1.50 and \$3 — a price, for as Reedy pointed out, they don't require any upkeep — just noxious weeds.

# Saturday event celebrates EMS Week

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If terrorism ever comes to Twin Falls, residents can take comfort in knowing a heroic legion of emergency medical professionals will be ready to respond, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

To underscore this commitment, the paramedics from

Magic Valley Regional on Saturday will kick off a local celebration of National EMS Week.

A special celebration of EMS Week will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Target parking lot on the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road. Paramedics will display their vehicles and special emergency equipment along with other emergency responders

from the area.

Saint Alphonsus Life Flight and Parnell Medical will also be on display. Free blood pressure checks will be available from the College of Southern Idaho emergency medical technician students.

Hot dogs donated by Falls Branch with buns from Wonder Bread will be for sale for 50 cents.

# Nuke contract goes to Idaho lab

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has parlayed its experience in dealing with nuclear waste into billions of dollars a year in work on the nation's planned high-level radioactive waste dump in Nevada.

While officials in Nevada continue to fight the federal plan to dump 77,000 tons of waste in Yucca Mountain, INEEL people are involved in a number of projects needed to make the facility a reality.

"We have ready-made expertise for Yucca Mountain," said Phil Wheatley, manager for nuclear materials engineering and disposition at the INEEL.

With its experience from transporting highly radioactive material from the Three Mile Island site in Pennsylvania more than a decade ago, INEEL engineers are earning the site \$1 million a year

advising Yucca Mountain planners on waste transportation.

"They can say 'That can work, but let me tell you what might work better,'" Wheatley said. "Where we move these things everyday, we're experienced."

INEEL researchers also have a \$2 million-a-year contract to design and test a system for closing waste casks before they are permanently stored in the mountain. It involves welding three separate lids shut, but it has to be done remotely because the waste is so radioactive.

They really want this stuff developed and proved out," Wheatley said. "We're able to take pieces of projects and build the mock-up, prove them out and deliver them to a customer as a working system."

"With a laboratory our size," he said, "we can reach out and pull together these multidisciplinary teams."

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

# Hansen council seeks member

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A resident is needed to help the city following the resignation of a city councilman.

The Hansen City Council accepted the resignation Monday of Councilman Roger Shanon. Shanon has moved outside city limits, which makes him no longer eligible for a seat on the council.

Anyone interested in serving as a council member for the remainder of his term, which ends this fall, can submit a letter of interest to City Clerk Linda Morrill. The mayor and council will appoint a replacement.

Also this week, the council discussed possible changes to the city's dog ordinance. Recommended changes include raising licensing fees from \$4 to \$5, or \$10 for an unlicensed dog

that the city has picked up.

Residents with more than three dogs would have to apply for a kennel license for \$15. Currently, a kennel license is not required.

For a dog that runs loose and is taken to the pound, the cost for retrieving it would be \$25 for the first offense, \$35 for the second and \$50 thereafter. There is currently no impound fee.

Also, residents who have been cited for complaints against their dogs would have to appear in court, where a fine and court costs may be assessed. Currently, a court date is not required.

The council will make a final decision on the ordinance at the council's June meeting.

Park work — Morrill reported the work day at the new Dixon Memorial Park on U.S. Highway 30 was a success. Enough money had been donated for trees, the lawn has been seeded, and Jeff

Dixon purchased curbing. Next summer the committee hopes to install benches and tables.

City cleanup — The Church of God served 62 meals to the city cleanup volunteers on Johnny Horizon Day.

There was no count available on the number of truckloads of garbage hauled to the landfill or to be recycled.

Parking ordinance — Mayor George Uribe asked if the council thought it should revisit the street parking ordinance. He is still getting complaints from residents who want to use the street easement for storage parking. The city recently passed an ordinance that bans unused vehicles on the easement in front of houses. He suggested a survey be taken to see if a majority of residents want a more uncluttered appearance on the streets.

# Buhl revitalization comes together

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Even though some of the main city streets are still under construction, the new brick trimmed sidewalks and trees and streetlights are making Buhl start to look like a revitalized town.

Main Street has been repaved from Eighth to Broadway, and parking lines have been drawn. Some residents have voiced safety concerns about parking spaces located close to intersections. City officials say they will look into the matter.

Main Street to 12th Street will be repaved in a couple of weeks. Sidewalks and fixtures are under construction along Broadway.

"The weather has been our worst enemy as rain plays havoc with poured cement and asphalt," said Scott Bybee, city engineer.

Bybee said the project is about 70 percent complete, and plans

to finish in mid-June are still on target.

Debbie Parker, owner of Grandstands Sports Grill, granted the city an easement on the alley side of the building for the construction of a power pole.

Since the city narrowed the sidewalks, an awning at Grandstands Sports Grill now extends beyond the sidewalks. The extended width does not interfere with pedestrians or traffic.

The city awarded Parker an encroachment easement until the awning is replaced and the awning must be in compliance with city ordinances.

In other business:

- Water award — Doug Howard and Steve Stauffer with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality presented the council with a plaque for outstanding service. Buhl was one of the first cities in Idaho to initiate and complete a drinking water protection plan.

- Adopt-a-truck resolution — The adopt-a-truck resolution was revised to include residents in the impact areas providing they have some city service hookups. Residents may use the city truck for cleanups and hauling on request.
- Swimming pool fees — The council approved a request by Boys & Girls Club representative Steve Kaatz to waive the swimming pool fees for the club's summer program at Popplewell Elementary School starting in June.
- Bank presentation — Pat Hamilton Jr. of Farmers National Bank, Jill Dunn of U.S. Bank and Amy Brinkman of Wells Fargo Bank gave a presentation to the council on the services their respective banks can offer the city in return for its business.
- The council will consider the banks' proposals and make a decision in the near future.

# Cassia schools head toward lean time

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Cassia County School District faces less cuts than last year, but still projects it will see nearly \$500,000 less in 2003.

The loss is due to lower enrollment numbers and a drop in the state distribution factor, said Superintendent Mike Chesley. Less students means less teachers, but he did not elaborate on exactly how many. Many positions will be eliminated through attrition.

"It is a very, very lean time," Chesley said. "These are tough times, but that's what makes people stronger."

The state distribution factor recently dropped from \$24,329.55 to \$23,968.34 per classroom unit. That's a difference of \$361 per unit the Cassia district has roughly 255 units.

The drop in the state distribution factor also played a role in the amended budget for 2002-03, which the board also approved Tuesday night.

District Business Manager Pam Wade said a budget amendment is a good idea because numbers are mostly estimates when the budget is set in the spring for the next year.

With solid numbers now in, the district is set to see a \$327,000 reduction from the state in the current year, which ends June 30, Wade said. The contingency fund has been reduced to cover those reductions.

The contingency fund sits near \$300,000 currently, Wade said. "Sorry, not a lot of good news," Wade told the board.

Other board business included:

- Tech center enrollment — Enrollment next year at Cassia Regional Technical Center will be more than 550 students, said Director Gaylen Smyer. The center had just 411 students last fall.
- New hires — The board approved the hiring of five teachers and one principal.
- Debbie Madsen is set to replace Mike Matthews at Declo High School; Sarah Lynch will teach special education at Burley Junior High; Kenneth Weeks will teach English and drama at Declo High School; Julie Nemagna will be a kindergarten teacher at Elk River Elementary; and Janet Cole will teach business at Declo High School.
- Ron Jensen is set to teach Spanish in the district. Board member Gladys Equibell said she did not support the hiring of Jensen.

Board member Steve Lynch said there are some problems surrounding the position, not with Jensen.

National competitions — The board approved giving \$50 apiece to students attending national competitions this year.

Two students are eligible to attend the National History Day competition in Maryland; nine

tech center students are eligible to attend the national SkillsUSA competition in Missouri.

New board members — The board declared Bruce Bowen and Rex Dayley the winners of the School Board election. Both were unopposed in their respective zones.

Board members take their new positions in July.



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# Jones

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"All budgets, including the public school budget, have to be set in the context of the economy and not in a vacuum," Bedko said Tuesday.

Initially, in 1999 Tilman successfully argued to the budget committee that changes in policy should be run past his Education Committee first. The discussion was prompted by a situation in which Kempthorne was maneuvering with budget writers to put in place a program to train parents as teachers. Tilman declared himself personally offended that Kempthorne

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## FAA's new rules reflect heavier luggage

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Not only have Americans gotten heavier, but so have the bags they carry onto planes.

The government acknowledged both of those trends this week when it raised its 8-year-old estimates of how much passengers and their luggage weigh. The new standard was prompted by a crash last winter that killed all 21 people aboard a commuter plane in Charlotte, N.C.

The Federal Aviation Administration is adding up to 10 pounds to its estimate for passengers and 5 pounds to luggage. The weights are used to gauge whether a plane is overloaded.

Instead of weighing all passengers and their bags, airlines generally use official government estimates to determine whether a plane is too heavy to fly safely. Such is the case with SkyWest Airlines, which serves the Twin Falls airport, said SkyWest spokesman Phil Gee.

The new weight standards are

temporary until a committee to be appointed by the FAA completes a broad, in-depth survey of passengers' weights, which will form the basis for a permanent standard, FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitaliere said.

SkyWest will participate in that survey, but it likely won't involve weighing people boarding planes in Twin Falls, Gee said.

The FAA's new estimate is that passengers weigh 190 pounds, checked bags now will be estimated. The old standard was 180 pounds for summertime travelers and 185 for winter.

Children 2 to 12 will continue to be estimated at 80 pounds. Checked bags now will be estimated to weigh 30 pounds rather than 25.

Spitaliere said U.S. air carriers have 90 days to implement the changes. Airlines will have the option of doing their own estimates if they survey their passengers' weight within that time. Gee said it's too early to say whether SkyWest will stay with the government estimates or develop its own.

Weight is important for all planes, but critically so for smaller aircraft. Too many bags or after heavy people in the back could change the plane's center of gravity and make it harder to fly.

Regional airlines support the FAA's plan, saying a much broader survey is needed than one conducted soon after the Charlotte crash.

Still, there is concern that permanently raising weights to eliminate could force airlines to eliminate seats to comply.

Debbie McElroy, president of the Regional Airline Association, said safety was the top priority.

"If the data shows that this is necessary in order to ensure the safety of the passengers and employees, we're going to make those changes,"

US Airways Express Flight 5044, which crashed Jan. 15, was found to be within 100 pounds of its maximum takeoff weight. The 19-seat Beech 1900 turboprop plunged to earth shortly after takeoff at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. Weight and mechanical problems are under

investigation as possibly contributing to the accident.

SkyWest upgraded service to Twin Falls in the early '90s from 19-passenger planes to the 30-passenger Brasilia turbo-propeller planes.

After the North Carolina crash, the FAA ordered 15 regional airlines to check passenger weights. The survey showed that the average passenger weight was higher than the estimates by 20.63 pounds, carry-on bags were higher by 5.72 pounds and domestic checked bags by 3.81 pounds, the FAA's Spitaliere said.

While SkyWest stayed with the government weight estimates, some regional airlines changed theirs. Air Midwest, for example, now estimates passengers at 200 pounds and checked bags at 30 pounds.

John Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, said those figures show that the FAA weight estimates are still too low.

"Something's wrong with the FAA's math," he said. "This new estimate is more 20 percent off what their surveys show."

## Hospital officials make case for bond issue

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Gooding County Memorial Hospital board members appealed to commissioners this week to support the bond election May 27 to build a new county hospital.

Lucy Osborne and Kris Pothier presented reasons for the \$10 million bond election and the cost to taxpayers if the bond succeeds.

County property owners would pay \$67.50 a year for each \$50,000 of property value. If the homeowner's exemption, or \$5.62 per month. The bond life would be for 15 years at about 3.75 percent interest.

"Over the last five years one of the good things happening at the hospital has been the growth," Pothier said. The hospital has seen a 45 percent increase in patients from Hagerman, 17 percent from Bliss and 10 percent from Gooding, she said. And because of this growth most of the facilities have expanded to the point of now being an inconvenience to our patients."

People who come in for lab work have to be cared for in the hallway, creating a real lack of privacy, and the x-ray department has been moved to the back door in an added-on room, she said.

Pothier said the hospital has 14 visiting specialists from different areas to visit the hospital's patients in Gooding instead of

having the patients going to them. There is a waiting list of two doctors wanting to treat patients at the hospital when room becomes available.

"Coming to this point (the bond election) has been an 18-month process," Osborne said. "With the advances in technology, working with new physicians and young physician assistants, our hospital business is outgrowing our structure."

The new hospital would increase bed space from one to 15 beds. Osborne explained that the current hospital was designed for inpatient care and cannot meet the demand for outpatient services that today's physicians and patients need.

In other county business Julie Storey and Ben Brannan presented the list of circuit breaker applicants to the board.

Storey said the property tax reduction program lists owners who qualify for a reduction in property taxes. County applicants applied for the program from January 1 through April 15. The reduction formula is based on total income, minus medical expenses.

The difference between what the county would have received in property taxes before the reduction is paid by the state, Bryan explained.

The commissioners accepted the circuit breaker rolls as presented.

The Gooding County Commission will not meet again until June 2.

## 'Polygamy czar' predicts more prosecutions will happen soon

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Ron Barton, Utah's first "polygamy czar," is after polygamists who take adolescent brides or cheat the welfare system, and he has spent the past 2.5 years cultivating sources in their insular world. It hasn't been easy. He is the state's only polygamy investigator, and there are about 30,000 Utah residents living in polygamous families.

In two years, he's prosecuted

two polygamists. "It might not look like a lot," said Barton, who has worked out of the Utah Attorney General's Office since October 2000. "We've had a slow start, but we're moving in the right direction at an increasingly fast pace."

Last year, high-profile polygamist Tom Green was sentenced to 5 years to life for bigamy and child rape of his then-13-year-old bride. Another polygamist,

Rodney Holm, faces an August trial on charges of unlawful sex with a 16-year-old girl he married when he was 32. Charges against one of Holm's wives were dropped when the complainant refused to cooperate with prosecutors.

Prosecutors also are focusing on tax fraud and abuses of the state's welfare system. Barton said some polygamists avoid income taxes by paying each

other wages under the table. And some sister-wives drain state coffers by applying for welfare or food stamps as single mothers, he said.

Prosecuting cases in polygamous communities such as Hildale, on the Utah-Arizona border, is challenging because residents shun authorities. But Barton's sources — some of them former polygamists — are starting to pay dividends.

## JEROME COUNTY COURTS GOODING COUNTY COURTS

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

### Misdemeanor arraignments

Thomas Scott Dixon, 42, 451 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference May 12; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Aquiline Lynart Adams, 27, 252 W. 300 N., Twin Falls; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Edward Earl Aragon, 49, 125 E. Ave. E., Jerome; unlawful placement of junk in open view on private property; penalty probation; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Vicki L. Bull, 32, 227 Seventh Ave. N., No. 2, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia; exceeding the speed limit; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Edith Irene Becker, 40, 209 E. Ave. C, Jerome; walking on a sidewalk; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dora D. Garcia, 44, 117 E. Ave. E., Jerome; unlawful accumulations (junk debris); penalty probation; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Alexander Edward Heitsman, 21, 131 S. Washington, Twin Falls; reckless driving under the influence; open container; pretrial conference May 19; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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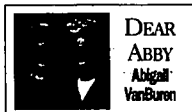
# Man jailed with friend's killer tries to forgive

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 22-year-old inmate. Two years ago, one of my best friends was killed by a drunk driver. When I was sentenced for theft and incarcerated here, I learned that the guy who killed my buddy is also doing time in this correction center.

For the longest time, I hated the guy who killed my pal. But after a while I started feeling bad for him. He has to live for the rest of his life with the fact that he killed someone because he got behind the wheel when he was wasted.

At first, all I wanted to know was what happened that night. But after time went by, I ended up wanting to forgive him. When I told my friend's wife, "Trisha," that I was getting to know this guy, she got really angry.

I understand how Trisha feels, but she's not the only one whose life was wrecked that night. I lost a good buddy and I'm trying to forgive the man who's responsible. Am I on the right track



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

here, Abby?  
—**ONE-DAY-AT-A-TIMER**  
IN MASSACHUSETTS

**DEAR ONE-DAY-AT-A-TIMER:** To forgive—or not to forgive—is a personal decision. I understand the widow's pain and anger, but she should not judge you for choosing to divest yourself of the burden of hate. Hate corrodes the vessel that carries it.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 32-year-old single female whose past has been filled with physical, emotional and sexual abuse that began when I was 5.

Even though my past was horrendous, I've always felt that my life would get better. Well, two

marriages and several long-term relationships later, I am still being abused. It seems I attract only men who are physically abusive, emotionally unavailable—or both.

Do you think there is something in my character that tells abusive men I am an easy target? I am so sad and lonely that I've found myself thinking more and more about killing myself. I know I have something to live for—I just don't know what it is.

—**LOST AND UNLOVED**  
IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR LOST AND UNLOVED:** If you have a plan to kill yourself, I urge you to pick up the phone, speak to the operator and ask to be connected to the suicide hotline. Please get the help you deserve so you can lead the happy, healthy life you want. That road begins with counseling to rid yourself of the baggage from your childhood. With professional help, you'll learn to break unhealthy and unhappy patterns

and "reprogram" your expectations about what is normal and acceptable in relationships. Please don't wait.

**DEAR ABBY:** About eight years ago, I ordered your two cookbooks and I loved the recipes, especially the Spicy Shrimp or Lobster Appetizer and the Gourmet Rice Pudding you offered. I loaned one booklet out—and never got it back—and misplaced the other. Are they still available? If so, how can I get copies of them? — J.P. IN ALBANY, N.Y.

**DEAR J.P.:** My cookbooklet set is frequently requested and it's still available. It contains some wonderful family favorite recipes and can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$10 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby—Cookbooklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

## Faster wings put African bees at a higher pitch

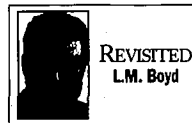
"Get it right," directs a client. "The five stages of drunkenness are: Verbose, jocular, lachrymose, bellicose and comatose."

Q. I understand African bees don't sound like domestic bees ...

A. They beat their wings faster, so buzz at a higher pitch.

Your professor may not agree, but most professional writers think the best of all the word mechanics work in sports departments of newspapers.

Marjuna induces paranoia, or intensifies it, medical specialists have claimed. Maybe so. A client writes: "My grandfather first



**REVISITED**  
L.M. Boyd

started smoking pot a couple of years ago. Within a few months, he became convinced the whole family wanted to do him in, so we could inherit. He started spending all his money. Just for revenge."

Ear twitching must be important to a horse. It has 17 muscles

for that purpose in each ear. Your cat or mine only has nine.

Can you refute the claim that Man is the only animal that feels self-pity?

No names distinguish male and female among camels. Not like bull and cow for cattle. But the young are also called calves.

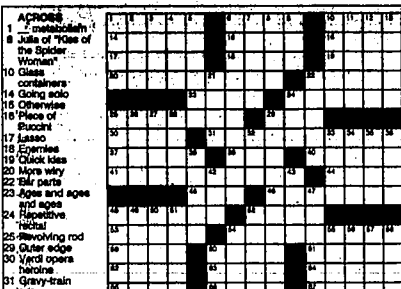
Writes a husband: "My wife cooks dinner. I make breakfast. She likes her eggs just right. Our apartment looks out on a traffic light. I give them two greens and a red."

A Connecticut law of yesterday prohibited women there from showing up in public with

bare arms.

You know President Calvin Coolidge didn't say much. So people thought him quite a formal fellow. He was, in fact, a practical joker. At his White House desk, he'd ring for his staff, then hide in the closet. There, too, he'd sit for an hour or two with his bare feet in a waste basket. Over breakfast, it's recorded, he at least once, even as he ate, had his valet rub his scalp with petroleum jelly.

Only was George Washington Carver an accomplished painter, but in his later years he created his own paint and brushes.



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## Birthday celebrants look forward to new admirers

**IF MAY 14TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... you are an ideas person; you are attractive, sexy and dramatic, and love to flirt and maintain control. Your creativity and sex appeal will draw many new admirers this year.

Whatever you put your hand to in the creative field—writing, composing or acting—will make great strides. Warning: You tend to expect everything to fall into your lap. September memorable. Change in November could involve property.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Handle details and routine with patience. You're a powerhouse today as Mars is firing your emotions. A personal relationship or new love affair could intensify. Be sympathetic and passionate.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You feel irritated. Don't allow your frustrations to become an ego clash with those around you. Use caution when handling machinery and gadgets. Scorpio is in the scene.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You are more in tune with your feelings. Compassion and genuine interest in loved ones make you a wonderful friend and listener. It's a time for achievement—not to get bored!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't settle for second best. Your aggression and determination enable you to accomplish things that you only dreamed about. You are an inspiration for some.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Rather than facing the present, you are looking to the past. You ignore your duties. Avoid misunderstandings. A romance could be intense but short-lived.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** There are no particular goals to

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pursue presently as your career has a strong foundation. You're in a position to offer help and support to someone who is working hard.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** No harm in blowing your own horn. You may be embarking on a new field of study. Curiosity will push you in directions leading to cutting-edge experience.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Striving for perfection is one thing, but considering yourself invincible and indestructible could be harsh and unrealistic. Don't promise more than you can deliver.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't expect too much from yourself or loved ones. Financial extravagance and optimism deplete your cash flow. Make future plans while your powers of intuition are sharp and clear.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You create a good impression and feel confident. You are in for an excellent day with friends—and with business negotiations. A job interview proves lucrative.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You impose harsh and unrealistic expectations on yourself. Try not to accomplish too much too quickly. Evening promises to be entertaining. Scorpio on the scene.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Busy and active, your inquisitive mind doesn't miss a trick. Make phone calls and attend to communications. Expect a short trip. You want to shower affection on those around you.

## Red fantasizes about life without kids in '70s Show'

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**Today**

"That '70s Show." — The gang gets ready to graduate with the class of 1978; Kelsey Hayes fights over Jackie Eric and Donna say good-bye to their childhood; Fes awaits deportation; Red fantasizes about life after the children are gone. Joe Thelmann guest stars as Joe. (CC) (TV14) REX 7 p.m.

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A black swan stretches to eat grass around a pond May 7 at Woodland Park in Kailash, Mont.

## Alias actress Garner files for divorce

**LOS ANGELES** — "Alias" star Jennifer Garner has filed for divorce from her husband, actor Scott Foley, six weeks after they announced they were separating.

Garner, 31, blamed irreconcilable differences for the breakup in papers filed in Superior Court, but provided no further details.

She and Foley met in 1998 on the set of "Felicity," the WB drama in which he co-starred. They married in October 2000. Foley, 30, recently starred in the sitcom "A.U.S.A.," which NBC has dropped from its prime-time lineup.

The couple's publicist announced April 1 that the actors had "mutually decided to separate." The court papers Garner filed Friday list the couple's separation date as March 23, the day of the Academy Awards, Garner, a presenter at the Oscars, attended without Foley.

Garner co-stars with Ben Affleck in the action movie "Daredevil." She's also set to star in "Elektra," a spinoff based on her "Daredevil" character.

**Mike Myers says SARS doesn't threaten Canada**

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)** — Actor-comedian Mike Myers said SARS is not a threat in his native Canada and issued a plea for American tourists to visit Toronto.

Myers, appearing Monday on NBC's "Tonight Show," said Canadians rallied in support of the United States and traveled to New York after the Sept. 11,

## People in the news

**2001, terrorist attacks.**

"I'm not organizing anything like that, but I'm saying Toronto is safe," Myers told guest host Katie Couric, who had swapped her "Today" job with Jay Leno for a day.

The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control have said the city is safe for travelers, but it's still getting "a little bit of a bad rap" in the media, said the 39-year-old "Austin Powers" star.

"You're more than welcome to come, and it's completely safe. I just want us all to support Canada," said Myers, who also gave a "about out" to Canadian health care workers.

After SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) was diagnosed in the Toronto area, the WHO issued a warning on nonessential travel to the city, which hurt its convention and tourism industry.

**Slow ticket sales spark venue change for Dylan**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)** — Bob Dylan's concert set for Sunday has been moved from the 18,000-seat Alltel Arena in North Little Rock to a nightclub on the south side of the river.

Promoter Butch Stone said slow ticket sales prompted the move to the private club NiteLife Rocks in Little Rock, a venue that holds 2,400 people. Stone said about 1,300 tickets

had been sold for the folk singer's show, and said the club will honor tickets for the arena concert. Ticketmaster's Web site on Tuesday showed the concert would be at the nightclub, with all tickets costing \$35. Seating will be general admission.

Dylan, 61, played in 2001 at Little Rock's Riverfest Amphitheatre to a full house, and played twice in the 1990s at Robinson Auditorium downtown. The latter venue wasn't available for Sunday's show because the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra had booked the hall for an afternoon concert.

**Judge grants restraining order against stalkers suspect**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A court commissioner granted a temporary restraining order against a man Sandra Bullock accused of stalking and harassing her.

The temporary restraining order, which Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Scott Gordon granted Friday, bars Thomas James Weldon, 34, from contacting the actress or coming within 200 yards of her. Bullock claims Weldon has stalked her for the past year.

Bullock's restraining order request stated that Weldon followed her to California, Texas and South Carolina, sent her several e-mails and faxes, and left voice mail messages with her production company and family indicating he wanted to have a relationship with her.

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## Police: Ex-roommate hides in attic to spy

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A man thrown out by his roommate returned to the home and hid in an attic crawl space for nearly six weeks, spying on the roommate through a telephone tap and hidden baby monitors, police said.

The secret surveillance was discovered Saturday when someone investigating strange noises pushed a screwdriver into a hole in the ceiling, and the screwdriver was pushed back, police Sgt. Andy Dewese said.

After he was discovered, Robin E. Lewis fled in a stolen vehicle, then returned Sunday and left his ex-roommate a note reading, "I will always be watching you," police said.

Lewis, who had been kicked out for not paying his share of the rent, also was wanted on an unrelated armed robbery warrant, police said. He remained at large Tuesday.



Robin Lewis



Homeowner Aaron Smith holds a TV cable, Sunday, in Frederick, Md., that was spliced and attached to a television in the second floor hideaway where his former roommate lived for nearly six weeks undetected.

The roommate, Aaron Smith, told the Frederick News-Post he planned to avoid the rented town house until Lewis is caught, "or I'll move. I don't know what else to do."

The men had been roommates for 10 months, Smith said.

"I never really wanted a roommate, but he said he had no

place to go," said Smith, 39. "I figured, 'Why not? He'll be able to help me out with the rent.'"

Smith told police he kicked Lewis out of the two-story town house at the end of March for failing to pay his share of the rent.

After that, Smith said, he heard odd noises for weeks but

could never locate the source. On Saturday, he and some guests found dime-sized holes in the ceilings of the master bedroom and living room, Dewese said.

That was when one of them pushed a screwdriver into one of the holes, and someone pushed back.

Smith and a guest then searched an upstairs storage room and found Lewis in a 10-by-10-foot chamber hidden behind an insulation panel, according to the police report.

Lewis ran, snatched Smith's keys from a counter and sped off in his car, police said.

The hidden room contained a chair, laptop computer, videocassette record and television, plus bags of beer cans, fast food wrappers and other trash, police said. Lewis apparently had tapped into Smith's cable and telephone lines, police said.

Police also found baby monitor transmitters had been hidden throughout the house with a receiver in the crawl space, suggesting that Lewis tracked Smith's activities and roamed the town house freely while Smith was at work.

## Official faces charges in accidental shooting

COEUR D'ALENE — A Kootenai County deputy prosecutor will be cited for negligent discharge of a firearm for a hunting accident that peppered a Coeur d'Alene man with shotgun pellets, a prosecutor said.

Benewah County Prosecutor Doug Payne on Monday announced the misdemeanor charge against Art Verharen.

Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas had asked Payne to review police reports into the shooting to avoid a potential conflict in his office.

Douglas said Verharen, a senior prosecutor who normally handles drug cases, would continue his duties. He will not be involved in fish and wildlife violations until the case is settled, Douglas said.

"Art is an outstanding deputy prosecutor," Douglas said. "He has not asked for any special treatment."

Verharen did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday.

Payne will prosecute the case in Kootenai County courts.

## West in brief

a locked and gated entrance, but a car jack, or something similar, had been used to bend two vertical bars far enough apart to squeeze through, investigators said Monday.

"We will be able to reverse the damage, but it will take time to assess the best way to clean up the graphics without wrecking any of the original artwork," said assistant state archaeologist Ron Root.

State workers reinforced the gate Monday with horizontal bars to make it harder for vandals to pry it open.

The cave is in the Wendover area of western Utah, near the Nevada border.

## Air Force officials

## Charge cadet with rape

DENVER — An Air Force Academy cadet was charged Tuesday with raping and sodomizing a female cadet in a dorm room last fall.

Cadet Douglas Meester, a sophomore, was off campus on leave. He is the first cadet to be charged with rape since a sex scandal broke at the academy earlier this year.

He also was charged with indecent assault and providing alcohol to two cadets in the Oct. 18 incident.

A freshman from Pennsylvania reported the attack immediately and underwent a medical examination, her lawyer, Steve Werner, said. He said she later was disciplined for fraternizing with older cadets and for drinking.

Werner had said he believed two cadets would be charged with rape, along with possibly a third who allegedly knew about the attack but did not report it.

Academy spokeswoman Pam Ancker said officials determined that only Meester was criminally liable. She said she could not comment on the investigation further, which was handled by the Office of Special Investigations. An OSI spokeswoman could not immediately provide any details.

## Prosecutors: Taunting leads to homicide in Park City

SALT LAKE CITY — A wrestling match and taunting between friends escalated into Park City's first homicide in eight years, according to charges filed in 3rd District Court Monday.

Erik Kurtis Low, 35, from Salt Lake City, was charged with first-degree felony murder, second-degree felony theft, and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit — a misdemeanor. Prosecutors say Low shot his friend, Michael Jon Hirshey, 38, once in the head and once in the left shoulder Thursday.

— compiled from wire reports

## Bioterrorism drill mirrors SARS

CHICAGO (AP) — A national bioterrorism drill mirrored real life Tuesday as coughing, sneezing patients trooped into Chicago-area emergency rooms acting out symptoms of a mystery SARS-like illness.

Mock patients were fitted with surgical masks and whisked away on gurneys and in wheelchairs as part of the five-day drill that began Monday in Seattle with the simulated detonation of a radioactive "dirty bomb."

"We've never experienced a bioterrorism attack here in Chicago, and I really wouldn't know what to do without having some sort of practice," said Teresa Chou, manager of infection control at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

The drill, aimed at testing the readiness of local, state and federal authorities, is the nation's first large-scale counterterrorism exercise since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The exercises are being headed by the Homeland Security Department. They will cost about \$16 million and involve more than 8,500 people from 100 federal, state and local agencies, the Red Cross and the Canadian gov-



Claudia Wilson, a staff nurse at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, checks the vital signs of Josephine Mazza during a mock bioterrorism drill in the hospital's emergency area Tuesday in Chicago.

ernment.

According to the drill's script, the same mock terrorist group responsible for the Seattle explosion also release a deadly plague in Chicago. Patients showing up at area hospitals Tuesday gave health officials their first clue that terrorism might be behind the outbreak.

About 160 hospitals in Illinois participated in the drill. Some

received live "patients," others were informed by fax of mock patients and their symptoms.

Illinois Masonic enacted its emergency plan about an hour after the first live patients arrived, with nurses and doctors scurrying to turn the lobby into a triage area. The hospital called in extra staff this week to ensure that real patients would not be affected by the drill.

## Smokers lose sense of time without their cigarettes

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — For smokers separated from their cigarettes, time seems to stand still. New research indicates there's good reason for that.

Time perception, one of the simplest indicators of a person's ability to concentrate, is severely impaired after just one day without cigarettes, according to a study in the current quarterly issue of the Psychopharmacology Bulletin.

In the study, 22 nonsmokers and

20 smokers were asked — after 45 seconds — how much time they thought had passed. Nonsmokers and active smokers were generally within five seconds of being right.

But smokers tested the morning after a day without cigarettes overestimated the time by an average of 50 percent.

"We had some people (who) thought it was three minutes," said Laura Cousino Klein, an assistant professor of biobehavioral health

who conducted the study with two Penn State University colleagues.

The results came as no surprise to Lynne Funk, a Penn State student who tried to quit smoking in January.

"When I'm sitting, when I'm bored ... one minute passes and it seems like five," Funk said.

"That's when it would feel like time was standing still. I wanted a cigarette just to kill time, to de-stress."



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# SARS prompts use of 'magic'

BEIJING (AP) — Hiring sorcerers, lighting firecrackers. Following advice reputed to be from a mystical talking baby. While China's government promotes science, thousands of its people are turning to the supernatural to fight SARS.

The resort to tradition has prompted efforts by China's state press and the officially atheist communist government to discourage it.

But multiple reports of what Chinese leaders consider dangerous superstition in widely scattered areas illustrate the scale of fear of a disease the Health Ministry said Tuesday has killed at least 262 people in China's mainland. More than 5,000 others are infected.

In the central province of Hunan, villagers hoping to avoid severe acute respiratory syndrome seek help from sorcerers in incense-infused rites, according to local officials and newspapers.

Scores of believers gather at temples or the sorcerer's home, kneeling in prayer before lighted incense and candles. Some burn fake money as an offering to the gods.

He Dushi, a reporter for the newspaper, Sunning Metropolitan News, wrote that believers are asked to



A hair stylist wearing a protective mask to ward off the SARS virus prays to a Buddha statue at a hair salon as his fellow workers, also wearing masks, look on in Hangzhou, in east China's Zhejiang Province April 22.

how to spiritual scrolls or a statue of Buddha. Gongs or drums occasionally accompany the ceremony.

"SARS is completely unknown to many farmers," He wrote. "Their fear of infection has been used by sorcerers to have them rely on superstition instead of science."

On Tuesday, World Health

Organization investigators who visited northern Hebei province said migrant workers had carried the virus to rural areas from neighboring Beijing. The announcement confirmed worries that SARS, still largely an urban disease in China, might spread to the countryside.

# Sharon wants settlements to stay

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon staked out tough positions on Jewish settlements, suggesting in remarks published Tuesday he will try to hold much of the West Bank's heartland.

Sharon spoke after Secretary of State Colin Powell failed to win Israel's acceptance of a new Mideast peace plan, and days before the Israeli leader was to meet his Palestinian counterpart, Mahmoud Abbas, in their first summit in nearly three years.

Sharon told The Jerusalem Post that Israel would retain some settlements in the heart of the West Bank, including Beit El, Ariel and Emmanuel.

Israeli control over those areas would make it difficult to establish a territorially contiguous Palestinian state in the West Bank, a goal of the U.S.-backed peace plan, the so-called "road map."

"It seems that Sharon did not read the road map plan," said Nabil Abu Reneh, an aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who is being excluded from the peace process by Israel and the United States. "He should also understand that any final solution

## World in brief

will not happen without removing all illegal settlements."

## Afghan gunman wounds Norwegian peacekeepers

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two Norwegian peacekeepers were shot and wounded north of the capital Tuesday by a renegade Afghan soldier, an Afghan commander in the area said.

The peacekeepers were traveling between Kabul and Bagram — where U.S. and coalition forces have their main base — when shots were fired at their vehicle shortly after noon, said Lt. Col. Thomas Lobbering, a spokesman for the multinational force.

Afghan forces in the area — about 12 miles north of Kabul — said the gunman was identified by a fellow soldier who witnessed the shooting.

"It was an Afghan soldier. He was crying and he just opened fire and ran away," said Nanga Elai, an officer in the Afghan army's 591st Battalion.

Battalion commander Amanullah Gujar identified the

suspect as Mohammed Ibrahim and said he had a head wound. He was arrested within hours of the shooting and taken for questioning.

## U.S. official asks NATO for help with postwar Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium — America's most senior military officer urged NATO allies Tuesday to join the United States and Britain in helping to stabilize Iraq and lay a foundation for its future.

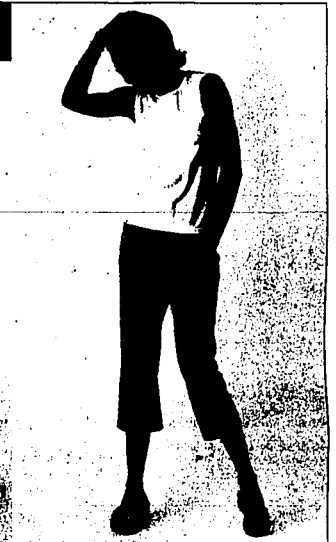
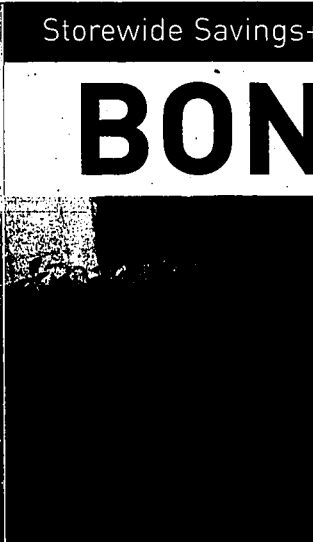
"Certainly we're hopeful that NATO countries or NATO as an alliance could help us inside Iraq in our stability operations, and those discussions are ongoing," Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters after meeting with his counterparts from the 18 other NATO countries.

Myers was the first high-ranking Pentagon official to visit NATO headquarters since the war, which was fought over the objections of two of America's longtime allies, France and Germany, and without direct support from some other members.

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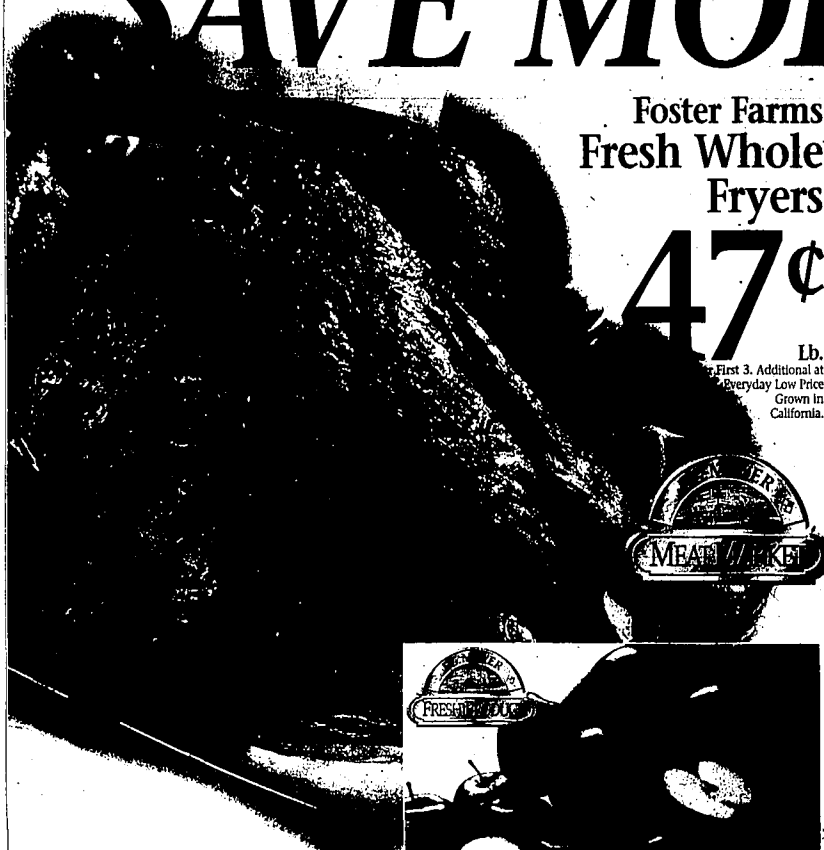
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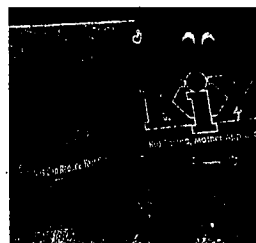
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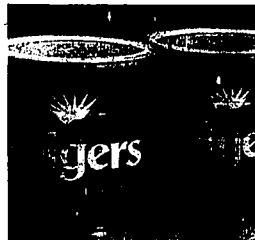
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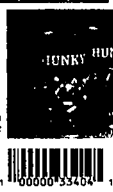
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# High-country classic

## HGTV profiles 100-year-old Hailey home

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

HAILEY - "If Walls Could Talk," the walls of the Sam and Terrie Davis home would fill volumes.

"Terrie and Sam have done a great job of learning about the history of their home and holding onto things," said Michelle Bills, a Home and Garden Television producer who was in Hailey on April 25, 2002, to film a segment of "If Walls Could Talk."

The weekly series, hosted by actor Grant Goodeve ("Eight is Enough," "Northern Exposure"), explores homes with intriguing pasts and puts the spotlight on homeowners who make surprising historical discoveries as they research and restore their homes. HGTV finds homes to feature by contacting businesses and groups throughout the country.

On the morning 13 months ago, a cameraman filmed Terrie Davis in the dining room of her 100-year-old residence on Bullion Street.

"This piece was upstairs in one of the bedrooms," said Davis, holding up a swatch of rose-studded wallpaper. Then she pointed to another find, of the type that convinced the people at HGTV to set up shop far from their Knoxville, Tenn., headquarters.

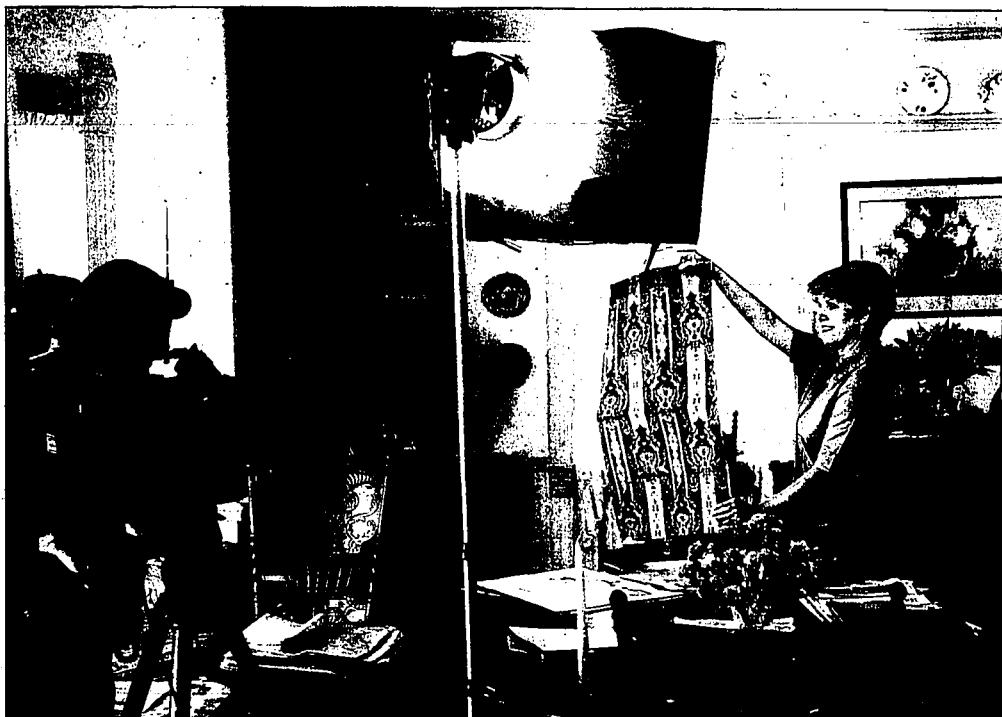
On the dining room table are magazines and newspapers that the Davises found when Sam Davis, a contractor, started tearing down walls. Inside those walls, for insulation, the original builders had placed newspapers and magazines dating back to the turn of the 20th century.

An issue of the Wood River Times carries a 1901 date. A Ladies Home Journal is dated 1910. There are several newspapers from St. Louis, Mo., published in the early 1900s.

The Davises bought the home in 1980, and began piecing together the life story of its original owner, John Povey. They found some old household record books and ledgers. One document is dated 1899, from the Necanicum Spruce Lumber Company in Seaside, Ore., and contains the offer of a job paying \$2 a day.

Before long, the Davises were well acquainted with Povey family history: John Povey was a carpenter from Liverpool, England, who built the home around 1890 when he and his wife, Elizabeth, settled in the historic mining town. He supported his wife and five children (two other children had died), by constructing mills and mine buildings west of his residence. In the early 1900s, he opened a lumber dealership next door.

"I know a lot about the history of the house from what we've found here and also from grandchildren," explained Terrie Davis, noting that some members



Terrie Davis shows off some of the items found in the walls of the Povey Penslone during the years-long renovation. The Hailey bed-and-breakfast will be featured on an HGTV episode of "If Walls Could Talk" on Sunday.  
Top, newspapers and magazines used as insulation by the original builders help date the building. This one is from 1915.

**Tune In**  
The segment of "If Walls Could Talk" about the Sam and Terrie Davis home in Hailey will air Sunday on HGTV. The program is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. HGTV is available by cable in the Twin Falls area on channel 51 and in the Mini-Cassia area on cable channel 39.

of the Povey family have stopped by the house during visits to Hailey.

The Davis children, who are grown, were mostly spared the upheavals of restoration that their parents endured. "We lived in part of the house while we tore down the rest of it," Terrie Davis recalled. "I lived for a long time without cupboards."

For years, the couple worked to maintain the original character and authentic craftsmanship of the home, with its pastel wall coverings and antique furnishings. In 1993, they gave their house a name - Povey Penslone - and opened

part of it as a bed and breakfast. One of the guest bedrooms has a pedestal sink. Another has Victorian dolls on display. Looking around his home today, Sam Davis sums up his feelings in four words. "It's been a trip," he says, but he can't pause to enjoy the fruits of his labor for long. The HGTV camera is ready for Sam Davis - on the set.

Soon, under television lights, Davis is pointing out an important shingle that he found under the roof during the remodel. The shingle has a stamp, with a business logo that delivers a significant message about the history of the Povey/Davis homestead.

"This shingle says it's from Washington Territory," Davis explains, holding the jagged piece up toward the camera. "So when we found it, we knew this house was built before Washington became a state."

Times-News writer Denise Turner can be reached at 735-3243.



The penslone is tucked away in a quiet side street and looks like many other homes in the area.

Christopher Mincher, 3, pushes his toy lawnmower while his father, Jerry, cuts their lawn in Kansas City. Mo., earlier this month.



### Knight Ridder News Service

How you feel about mowing your lawn may have a lot to do with your mower.

Buying the wrong mower for your needs can set you up for years of drudgery, said Len Shetler, owner of Shetler's Outdoor Power Equipment in Copley Township and Medina, Ohio. "Buy the incorrect piece of machinery, and you're going to hate it," he said of mowing. "It's a chore." On the other hand, the right equipment can even make the work enjoyable, he said.

We asked for mower-buying advice from Shetler, Steve Please see MOWER, Page C2

### Mower maintenance 101

Maybe you like lots of green in your lawn. Maybe you like lots of green in your wallet. Either way, maintaining your mower properly can help you get it.

A well-maintained mower cuts the grass cleanly, which helps your lawn stay healthy. It also uses less fuel, needs fewer repairs and lasts longer, which helps your bottom line stay healthy.

On top of that, proper tuning can cut a mower's polluting emissions by as much as half. That helps the environment stay healthy.

To keep your mower in top shape, give it a tuneup every year before mowing season. You can have the work done professionally, or you can do it yourself following the instructions

in the owner's manual. A tuneup generally involves changing the spark plug, oil and air filter - or if you have a reusable air filter, cleaning it.

While you're getting the mower ready, sharpen the blade, and continue to sharpen it every month or so during the mowing season. A blade duller after about five mowings. If you wish, you can take the blade to a mower repair shop to be sharpened.

Check the oil level periodically and add oil when it's needed. You should also check the air filter and clean or replace it when necessary.

Keep the mower clean of grass buildup. Scrape the grass off the underside of the

mower frequently, and clean off any grass that accumulates around the engine. One word of caution: Before working on the underside of a mower, always disconnect the spark plug wire first and position it so it can't come into contact with the spark plug. You don't want the blade to start turning accidentally.

After the last mowing of the season, add fuel stabilizer to the tank, then run the mower dry. Don't store a mower away for winter if it still has gasoline in it, because the gas will break down into a gummy substance that can harm the engine.

-Bobbie Mark Stewart of Tom Watson Lawn Mower, Akron; National Wildlife Federation; Briggs & Stratton.

## FOOD & HOME

# Your geraniums need more time indoors

It's too early to set out geraniums.

Sure, they'll tolerate temperatures hovering around the frost line, but they don't do it with a smile. They seem to do better in my garden if I wait to put them out after the nights are reliably in the 50-degree range.

That said, geraniums do like their roots to stay cooler than their tops. Much will keep roots happy while the tops enjoy our dry, breezy summer days.

Once outside, your geranium would appreciate a little soil amendment to bring the pH down a little. Add organic mulches and maybe a little sulfur.

Geraniums like a little liquid soluble tomato food. Fertilizer formulated for tomatoes is usually high in potassium, and it will encourage flowering. Some professional growers spray the leaves with an Epsom salt solution to green up the leaves a little.

Geraniums like to dry out completely before they're watered again. Prone to botrytis, an ugly fungal disease, geraniums would rather you didn't wet their leaves.

So wait another week before you put your geraniums out in the garden. You'll both be happier.

**DEAR CATHY:** Could you give any information on how to prune English shrub and climbing roses? They are becoming quite popular and we don't know how much to prune them.

— ROSE JELLY.

**DEAR ROSE:** Not very much. Old Garden Roses are easily offended, and find too much fussing quite offensive. They hate to be sprayed. With anything. They don't like to be pruned — they'll often refuse to bloom on that cane if you prune it. Except for capturing one of their lovely flowers to take with you now and then, they'd rather be left alone.

Give them plenty of water,



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

good drainage, a little food and lots of sunshine and they're quite happy. But every once in a while, we must do a little pruning, in spite of their stated desires.

Prune out dead, diseased or crossing canes all the way back to the ground. Prune out canes that rudely lie across your path. And that's about it. You can shape her a little, but by and large, an OGR wants to be left to do her own thing. Same with climbers.

Climbing rose canes are supposed to get 10 or 12 feet long or longer. That's why they're called climbers. Prune off only what you must and secure the long canes to a sturdy trellis or fence and stand back. Thanks for writing.

**Tip of the week:** Did you see the clever tip on tomato cages in the June issue of *Better Homes & Gardens*? Instead of putting the tomato cage around your tomato, plant your tomatoes on the outside of the cage. They're going to be a lot easier to manage where you can reach them.

You can plant two, three or four tomatoes around the outside of 2-foot diameter, 4-foot high wire cage. Anchor the whole thing with 5- to 6-foot lengths of rebar pounded into the soil on opposite sides of the cage. As the tomatoes grow, tie them up to the outside of the cage. Remove suckers, and you have some well-trained tomatoes.

**What's bugging your garden?**  
Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [cathy@bptm.org](mailto:cathy@bptm.org).

# Keep pets in mind for stress-free yard

Knight-Ridder News Service

Pets can't read "Keep off the grass" signs.

If you're going to share your yard with a dog or cat, you'll all be happier if you plan the space with the animal in mind. That may mean reconsidering the products you use on your lawn, putting some thought into what you plant and where, and creating safe places for your pet to do all the things animals do — things like running, digging and eliminating waste.

Here are some suggestions for creating a yard that your cat or dog can enjoy right along with you.

You shouldn't think of your yard as a free range for your pets, any more than you'd consider a jungle gym a substitute baby sitter for your little ones. Pets, like children, need to be supervised when they're out in your yard, animal-behavior specialists Bill Oliver and Karen Cummings stress.

Even a dog or cat on a leash shouldn't be left outside alone, said Cummings, who owns a pet-sitting service in Harrisburg, Pa., and has written several animal-care books, including "The Cat Lover's Survival Guide" and "The Dog Lover's Survival Guide" (Barron's Educational Series Inc.). The potential problems include escapes preying on your pet when its chance chances are limited, pets nibbling on toxic plants, ropes getting caught on obstacles and leashed pets hanging themselves accidentally.

Better to have an enclosure, such as a dog or cat run. Chicken-wire enclosures with tops work fine for cats, Cummings said, and you can even plant vines over the enclosure to help it blend into the yard. Concrete-floor dog runs are easy to keep clean, and dogs don't mind the hard surface, she said. Just make sure the run includes a place for the animal to escape the sun and bad weather.

Fences or other barriers are a good way to make sure a pet doesn't escape and endanger

itself or bother your neighbors, said Oliver and his wife, Cynthia McWilliams-Oliver. They're in a position to know: He's a dog

trainer who operates Cua's Canine on their property in Elmhurst Township, Ohio, and she's a landscape designer whose firm, C&C Gardens, is based at the same location. Together they have three dogs, plus whatever animals happen to be staying at Oliver's kennel.

Chain link and stockade fences work well for dogs, they said, and a split-rail fence, with a hard wear cloth covering the open spaces is an attractive alternative. Whatever you choose, check your community's fence regulations first, McWilliams-Oliver cautioned.

Another option the Olivers suggested is an electric dog fence, which operates by using a radio signal and buried wires to send a warning tone and, if necessary, a small electrical zap to a transmitter on the dog's collar. Electric fences can even be installed inside gardens and landscaping beds, they said, so the dog can walk beside the bed but not in it. Brands Oliver recommended are Invisible Fence, DogWatch and Innotek.

Containing clambering cats is a little trickier, but Cummings said barriers are available that keep cats from climbing trees or going over fences. One type is Cat Fence-In, an awninglike screen

that attaches to a tree or the top of a fence and projects inward, so the cat can't jump over it.

Dogs, in particular, are notorious for trampling delicate plants. That's because, just like people, they usually choose the path of least resistance, Oliver said.

It's better than fighting that tendency, it's easier to work with it. If the dog cuts through a bed in the same place again and again, create a pathway there, he said.

If that's not feasible, you might be able to redirect the dog with a strategically placed boulder, McWilliams-Oliver said. Boulders are also great in the places animals mark repeatedly with their urine, as long as the rocks are appropriate to the landscape, she said. Urine won't hurt a boulder the way it

might harm plants.

Dogs can be discouraged from jumping in flower beds by setting wire coat hangers or flexible shoots into double arches and positioning them throughout the garden. Growing foliage will obscure the arches.

If you want, say, an English-style cottage garden and a dog, you're probably in for a constant struggle, the Olivers said. You're either going to have to use barriers to keep the animal out of the garden, live with the damage, knowing the plants will recover eventually, or compromise.

The latter is probably the least stressful solution. Plants such as ornamental grasses and daylilies can stand up to dogs' wear and tear, as can herbs including ground-cover thyme, rosemary, mints, scented geraniums and sweet woodruff. McWilliams-Oliver recommends them over more delicate plants.

What she doesn't recommend is planting prickly plants to deter pets. "It can hurt your pet," she said. Besides, if it's going to be unpleasant for your dog, it's going to be unpleasant for you.

It's also important to know that some plants such as yew, lily of the valley, azaleas and rhododendrons are harmful for animals. You don't necessarily have to eliminate them from your yard, McWilliams-Oliver said, but keep them away from areas such as runs, where a dog might be tempted to chew on a plant out of boredom.



Marc Arnold and his lawn-loving dog, Lucy, of Palo Alto, Calif. The concentrated nitrogen in dog urine can create brown 'burned' spots in the grass. It's more common with female dogs, which urinate all at once.

## Mower

Continued from C1

Magoalaghan of Akron Lawn and Garden, and Randall Reeder, an agricultural engineer with the Ohio State University Extension, associate professor in the university's Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, and self-described "lifelong lawn mower." Here's what they advised:

• Consider who will use the mower. Buy a product that the principal users can handle easily, Shetler said. That includes your kids, if they're going to be mowing the lawn. Features such as an electric start or a blade brake clutch, which allows you to disengage the blade but keep the mower running, can make operating the machine easier.

If you're buying a lawn tractor, it's not just to make sure it's comfortable, Shetler said. "To me, ride and comfort is a big factor."

• Think about how much yard you have to maintain. Obviously, the wider the cutting path and the faster the mower, the less time it takes to mow the lawn. A standard 21-inch, 6- or 6 1/2-horsepower walk-behind mower is adequate for most city yards, Magoalaghan said.

For a smaller lawn, an electric mower or even an unpowered reel mower may be a good choice, Reeder said. Electric mowers are lighter and more maneuverable than gas-powered models, but they'll go only as far as the extension cord will reach,

or as long as the rechargeable battery will last.

Reel mowers have the environmental edge because they don't emit pollutants, but they're more work to use. Reeder said you also need to be diligent about mowing often enough that the grass doesn't get too long because it's hard for a reel mower to plow through high grass.

If you have more land, a tractor or a commercial-grade, zero-turn mower will get the job done faster. Some rear-engine riding mowers are available, but Shetler said they're less maneuverable — a consideration that's especially important for tight lots.

• Ask yourself what's most important to you when you're mowing the lawn. Do you want to get the job done as fast as possible? Do you like the exercise? Do you just want to spend a couple of leisurely hours riding around your yard?

You can find mowers to accomplish any of those goals,

but there may be trade-offs. A commercial-grade mower will cut your grass fast, but it requires your rapt attention to the job, it's uncomfortable to use, and it's more dangerous than mowers intended for residential use, Reeder noted. A tractor eliminates a lot of the effort, but it's generally more expensive than a walk-behind.

• Consider your budget. All the experts agree on one thing: In general, you should buy the best mower you can afford. An exception is if you need a mower only for a few years, perhaps because you plan to move some place where you won't have to maintain the lawn. Mowers don't have a high resale value, so in a case like that you wouldn't want to spend a great deal, Shetler said.

Price generally goes hand in hand with mower quality, the experts said. Aluminum decks, which won't rust as steel will, add about \$150 to the cost of walk-behind mowers, "but they're worth every penny of it,"

Magoalaghan said. (Shetler said American Honda even makes a plastic deck that's durable.) More expensive mowers also tend to have better-quality blades that cut more cleanly and hold their edge longer, Shetler said, and the better mowers usually have stronger frames and longer-lasting parts.

Money also buys the extras that can make the job more enjoyable: extras such as a quiet engine, tilt wheel, all-wheel steering for cutting closely around trees, power steering and even cruise control.

You can't judge mower quality simply by name brand, Reeder said. He noted that some well-regarded manufacturers, including John Deere, are making lower-end models for sale by mass marketers such as home centers.

"There's a lot of difference in quality," Reeder said. "You're going to pay more for quality. It's going to last longer than if you get the bargain basement" model.

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## FOOD & HOME

# Make a better brownie

By Jane Snow  
Knight Ridder News Service

The ultimate brownie is delicate and fine-textured. It is fudgy, but, not gooey. It has a deep chocolate flavor.

But that's just my opinion. You're entitled to your own opinion, and I bet you have one. When it comes to brownies, everyone's an expert.

It's extremely fudgy, with very high-quality chocolate and butter, and slightly under-baked," said Lisa Rothstein, describing her ideal brownie.

Rothstein owns the noted Columbus, Ohio, bakery Brownie Paints. Her ultimate brownie sounds a lot like mine. The difference is that my recipe is not a secret. I'm sharing it today, along with three other brownie recipes I developed - tiramisu brownies, orange-spiked Grand Marnier brownies made from a mix, and banana-toffee blondies.

More on the recipes later. First we must resolve the 110-year-old brownie texture debate. Which is better, cakelike or fudgy?

"Both types of brownies have ardent fans, but I side with the fudgies. Rothstein backs me up on this one. What makes the brownie distinctive is that it is different from cake. It is denser, flatter and moister. Fudgier, in other words.

I'd like to offer the original brownie recipe to support my position, but I can't. Just as Americans can't agree on the best texture, they can't agree on who thought up the American dessert.

Some credit Maine home economist and newspaper columnist Mildred "Brownie" Schrumph. According to the 1979 "Betty Crocker's Baking Classics" cookbook, the first chocolate brownies were accidentally invented by Schrumph when a chocolate cake collapsed in the oven. She served it anyway, and the brownie was born.

Others credit the chef at the Palmer House hotel in Chicago, who supposedly created brownies for guests who were in town for the 1893 World's Fair. That would make brownies 110 years old this year.

Still others say brownies evolved from blondies. In the Encyclopedia of American Food & Drink, John Mariani traces brownies to the late 19th century, when chocolate candy and cocoa became widely available. The first brownie recipe in print was in the 1906 edition of the "Boston Cooking-School Cook Book," Mariani notes.

Although I've never met a brownie I didn't like, these are better than most. In fact, they may be the ultimate brownies. Feel free to judge for yourself.

### DEEP, DARK CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

12 ounces fine-quality semi-sweet chocolate  
1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature  
1 and 1/3 cups sugar  
6 eggs

1 cup cake flour  
Powdered sugar  
Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment or waxed paper. Butter and flour parchment and sides of pan.

Chop or break chocolate into small pieces. Melt in a microwave or in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over low heat. Stir until smooth. Pour into mixer bowl. Cool slightly, until just warm to the touch.

Beat butter into warm chocolate. Beat in sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating until mixture

lightens. Blend in flour on low speed. Do not overmix.

Pour into pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, or until center is almost set. Cool in pan. Run a knife around edges and remove from pan. Peel off paper. Dust with powdered sugar and cut into squares.  
Makes 20 large brownies.

### TIRAMISU BROWNIES

1 recipe Deep, Dark Chocolate Brownies  
1/4 cup espresso powder or instant-coffee powder  
2 (8-ounce) containers mascarpone cheese  
1/4 cup sugar

2 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
1 teaspoon cocoa powder  
Make brownies according to the previous recipe, adding espresso powder to cake flour before incorporating in batter. Pour into pan.

In a medium bowl, whisk together cheese, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Pour over brownie batter in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, until middle is almost set and top begins to crack.

Cool in pan. Remove from pan, peel off paper and dust lightly with cocoa powder. Cut into 40 small bars.

### BANANA-TOFFEE BLONDIES

1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
12 tablespoons butter at room temperature

1 and 3/4 cups packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
3 eggs  
1 and 25 cups toffee bits  
1 cup finely diced banana (1/4-inch cubes)

Powdered sugar  
Line a 9-inch-square cake pan with parchment or waxed paper. Grease and flour paper and sides of pan.

Whisk flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. In another bowl, beat butter and sugar with a mixer until fluffy. Add vanilla. Beat in eggs briefly, one at a time, until blended.

Add flour mixture a little at a time, beating on low speed just until blended. By hand, stir in 1 cup toffee bits and banana.

Pour into prepared pan. If using an 8-inch-square pan, bake the excess batter in greased and floured mini muffin tins. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup toffee bits on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes (20 minutes for mini muffins). Cool, then remove from pan and cut into 9 to 16 squares.

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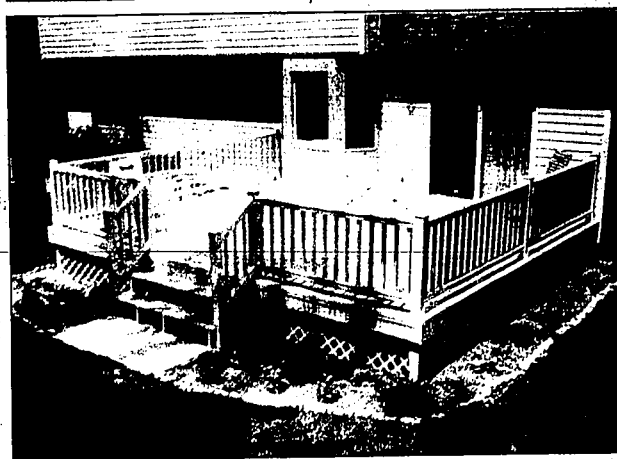


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## FOOD &amp; HOME



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## Save on maintenance – get a wood-alternative deck

**DEAR JIM:** I'm tired of the wood deck maintenance. I'm also concerned about its preservation chemicals on my kids' bare feet. What wood-alternative decking materials are available that stay cool in the sun?

—MIKE M.

**DEAR MIKE:** Wood decks do require much maintenance. Even though a wood deck is less expensive to install initially than a no-maintenance wood-alternative deck, the lifetime costs are higher. The EPA has recently eliminated the use of arsenic-based pressure treating chemicals, so any new wood decking you install is safer for children in contact with it.

As you noticed, an old wood deck, darkened from mold and mildew over the years, does get hot in the sun. This can create a heat island adjacent to your house and this heat radiates indoors through windows and walls. There are quite a few decking materials which are excellent alternatives to standard pressure-treated decking lumber.

They are all practically maintenance-free and some look very similar to real wood. Once you rip your old decking off its joists, the new alternative decking is easy to install. Most of the alternative decking manufacturers also offer many styles of matching stairs and railing packages.

Since moisture will not harm these materials, you can place plants on the decking or railing without damaging it. Plants will help shade the deck and natural-



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dullea

ly cool the air around them. Hollow vinyl is the most popular no-maintenance alternative decking material and some systems offer a lifetime warranty. Using the hollow material allows all of the fasteners to be hidden. It is also very convenient to run any low-voltage wiring to light the deck. If you choose white or another light color, it also stays relatively cool in the sun.

There are several different attachment methods. Some use a finishing strip over the rows of recessed nails. This creates a continuous smooth deck surface. Another method uses attachment clip strips which are nailed to the joists.

Once they are attached, the vinyl decking boards snap over them. Solid decking boards, which often use a composition of recycled materials (milk carton, plastic bags, etc.) and real wood fibers, resemble real wood without the regular maintenance. After several months, they weather to a natural wood deck color.

You saw and nail or screw these composite planks down similar to working with real wood decking.

If the lumber on your deck is

still sound, you can just install some of the above-mentioned alternative decking materials over it.

Another option is to roll a thick PVC decking sheet over it. This is available in many colors and creates an attractive, low-maintenance deck. It is easy to install and comfortable to walk on with bare feet.

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## Morgan has free-flowing floor plan

By Associated Designs

It's easy to imagine the Morgan on a patch of green lawn, surrounded by acres of farmland. Gables and a wrap-around porch give it a decidedly country flavor.

But inside, this large two-story home isn't the least bit old-fashioned. Its free-flowing floor-plan is designed to suit the needs of a contemporary suburban family. Three large areas dominate the lower level - the family room/kitchen, living room/dining room and master suite. Columns add elegance and delineate the boundaries between the various living environments.

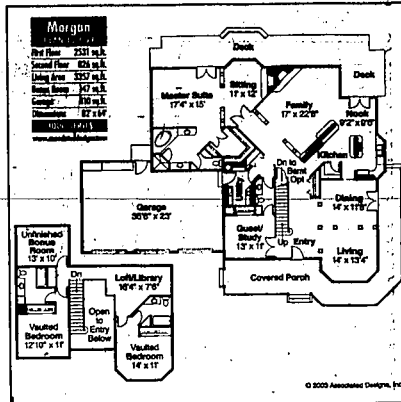
Coffered ceilings further emphasize the separation between the dining room and living room.

In the master suite, columns divide the sleeping area from a bayed sitting room with fireplace. Luxuries include a large walk-in closet, his-and-hers vanities and a spa tub. French doors open on a deck that spans the back of the home.

French doors in the eating nook also provide deck access. An eating bar divides the family room from a huge, bright kitchen with walk-in pantry and cooktop work island.

The large utility room is adjacent to the three-car garage, close to the kitchen, and has plenty of cabinet and counter space. A centrally located powder room also serves as a study that could be a home office or guest room.

Each of the Morgan's upstairs bedrooms has a private bathroom. A rambling library/loft



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overlooks the entryway below, and a bonus room is adjacent to the loft.

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# It can be tough to keep track of fish environmentally safe to eat

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Diners at Earth & Ocean restaurant in downtown Seattle never see the two lists that chef Johnathan Sundstrom keeps tacked above his desk, but they taste their influence whenever they order seafood.

The lists, and others like them, reflect the growing complexity of fish-buying decisions for chefs and consumers alike, as over-fishing and environmental issues sweep in waves over the seafood world.

Though not everyone agrees with the lists, or with the conservation groups that compile them, they're increasingly influential as seafood lovers, including Sundstrom, try to make responsible choices.

The lists rate various kinds of fish and shellfish as "green," "yellow" or "red," depending on whether they're plentiful or depleted, also taking into account other environmental issues.

On the upbeat side, Pacific halibut, considered well-managed, gets a green, or "best-choice," rating on one of the better-known lists, that from Monterey Bay, Aquarium. So do wild-caught Alaska salmon, Dungeness crab, farmed oysters and sablefish (also called black cod), among others.

But Chilean sea bass, the darling of upscale eateries not so long ago, now shows up in the red, or "avoid," category for being allegedly over-fished. Same for orange roughy, another fashionable fish of the '90s.

Also on the red list: farmed Atlantic-species salmon, Pacific rockfish, monkfish and imported shrimp.

Like a growing number of chefs across the country, Sundstrom regularly consults such ratings, and other sources, in deciding which seafood to put on his menu.

"We really are focusing on sustainable products," he said. "I hope we'll still have great things to eat 20 years from now."

Agrees Charles Ramseyer, executive chef at Ray's Boathouse restaurant in Seattle and another who consults the lists: "Sustainability definitely is



Shrimp fishermen prepare for the season in Beaufort, S.C. Shrimp imports are huge, accounting for 85 percent of the seafood imported into the United States.

A major goal for me."

The conservation lists and other efforts to influence fish decisions are elements of an ever-changing seafood scene that can pose a challenge for consumers.

While health experts advise us to eat more seafood, the depletion of many species, fish-farming controversies and other knotty issues — not to mention traditional concerns, such as freshness, quality and cost — can make choosing as tough as catching a steelhead in a fished-out river.

Some conservation groups launch high-profile boycotts. A recent attention-getter has been the National Environmental Trust's Chilean sea bass boycott, launched to help preserve the succulent species (more properly known as Patagonian toothfish) that has been over-fished in parts

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...expensive fish, it is available in some seafood markets and upscale restaurants, though much of it goes to Japan.

• **Wild-caught Alaska salmon** — considered well managed and plentiful, earning a green rating on conservation lists.

• **Farmed shellfish** — oysters, clams, mussels — generally get high marks for environmental impact and may even help keep waters clean.

• **Freshwater farmed fish**, such as catfish, tilapia and trout, are another environmental, as well as popular, success.

— Source: Seattle Times

of its native Antarctic waters.

Across the U.S., more than 800 restaurants have pledged not to serve Chilean sea bass, says NET.

One organization, the London-

based Marine Stewardship Council, awards a certification label to fish and shellfish it considers sustainable. So far, only a few species carry the label.

PCC Natural Markets, a Seattle grocery chain, has taken another path. It buys all seafood through New Hampshire-based EcoFish, a supplier that commits to purchasing only environmentally sound seafood.

Dale Erickson, owner of University Seafood & Poultry in

Seattle, said he closely follows environmental issues, as do his customers, though he doesn't agree with every pronouncement from the conservation groups.

Other small chains and independent seafood markets said they follow the issues somewhat.

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## Fish

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but that their customers' chief demand is for fresh, high-quality fish.

Of the buy/don't-buy lists, two of the most influential are the Monterey Bay Aquarium's, issued in partnership with the Seattle Aquarium, and the Audubon Society's Fish Scale - the lists Sundstrom keeps tacked above his desk.

Both organizations say their recommendations reflect statistics and research from government, industry and academic sources. Here are things to consider in weighing such lists:

- They don't totally agree. One current difference: All squid gets a yellow rating on the Audubon Society's current list, while California market squid appears on the Monterey Bay Aquarium's green list.

- They are all a little bit different, which causes some confusion," said Andrea Kavanagh of the National Environmental Trust's Chilean sea bass campaign, who uses the lists anyway.

- They often generalize. Because most kinds of fish and shellfish are caught or farm-raised in multiple locations, by different methods and with varying impacts

on their sustainability and environments, no brief list can take every variation into account, so they generalize.

Example: All imported shrimp, except highly expensive trap-caught prawns, are on Monterey Bay's red list. Shrimp imports are huge, accounting for about 85 percent of seafood imports in the U.S.

Monterey Bay says it red-lists this crustacean because tropical shrimp trawling has the highest level of catching and discarding unwanted animals, such as sea turtles, of any commercial fishery, and because farmed shrimp - most from Asia - has a history of damaging shoreline habitat and displacing fisheries.

There are exceptions to these harmful practices, but listing each of them would be impossible, and stopping the widespread damage is essential, said Jennifer Dianto of the Monterey Bay program.

"I know people are critical of the generalizations," she said. "Having confidence in your seafood dealer or restaurant may help with purchasing decisions in such cases. The most frequent advice is to ask questions about the fish you buy, such as where and how it was caught or farmed."

Even if your dealer or server doesn't know the answers, some

contend, just asking such questions encourages them to learn as much as possible about the seafood they sell.

"Opinions vary about the lists. Some government agencies and seafood-industry groups disagree with them, or parts of them."

"The agency's perspective on seafood is that if you find it in your market you should feel comfortable buying it," said Susan Buchanan, spokeswoman for the National Marine Fisheries Service. This agency regulates fishing in federally controlled waters - those between 3 miles and 200 miles offshore.

Even imported seafood must comply with international fishing and aquaculture agreements, she said.

What about Chilean sea bass, that focus of foment? Boycott supporters, backed by government documents, say a huge illegal catch from closed, depleted waters is finding its way into the U.S., jeopardizing the total fishery.

Buchanan said her agency is considering new regulations to intensify monitoring of Chilean sea bass imports and help keep out illegal catches. But she said a general boycott also shuts out sea bass caught legally in waters where the fish's numbers are healthy.

### Fish recommendations

This chart shows West Coast seafood buying recommendations of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program, in cooperation with the Seattle Aquarium.

The status of each listed species depends on its perceived numbers and sustainability, the method of catch or aquaculture, and the impact of these methods on other creatures or habitat. The chart reflects the thinking of just one influential organization. Opinions vary among industry, government and environmental groups about the appropriate status of many species. This listing largely agrees with that of another well-known group, the National Audubon Society, but indicates the few instances where the two differ.

**Best choice**  
 Atlantic, farmed  
 Calfish, farmed (U.S.)  
 Caviar, farmed  
 Clams, farmed  
 Crab, Dungeness  
 Halibut (Pacific)  
 Hoki

Luttrell, Rock (California, Australia)  
 Mussels, farmed  
 Oysters, farmed  
 Sustainable Black cod, (Alaska, British Columbia) Salmon, canned  
 Salmon, wild caught (Alaska, California)  
 Sardines  
 Sea bream, White  
 Shrimp, Prawns, trap-caught (The Audubon Society lists all shrimp in its Red, or "many problems" category)  
 Squid (California market squid)  
 Striped Bass, farmed  
 Sturgeon, farmed  
 Tapa, farmed  
 Trout, Rainbow, farmed  
 Tuna, Albacore/Yellowfin  
 Bggye, troll or pole caught

**Caution**  
 Clams, wild caught

Coat, Pacific  
 Crab, imitation/surimi  
 Crab, King (Alaska)  
 Crab, Snow  
 Lobster, American  
 Main Multi  
 Mussels, wild caught  
 Oysters, wild caught  
 Pollock  
 Sustainable Black cod, (Washington, Oregon, California)  
 Salmon, wild caught (Washington, Oregon)  
 Sanddabs  
 Scallops, Bay, farmed  
 Scallops, sea  
 Shark, thresher (U.S. West Coast) (Audubon lists all sharks in its Red, or "many problems" category)  
 Shrimp, U.S. farmed or wild  
 Sole, English (Petrale/Dover/Rox)  
 Swordfish (U.S. West Coast)  
 Tuna, canned  
 Tuna, Albacore/  
 Yellowfin/Bggye, (longline or purse seine caught)

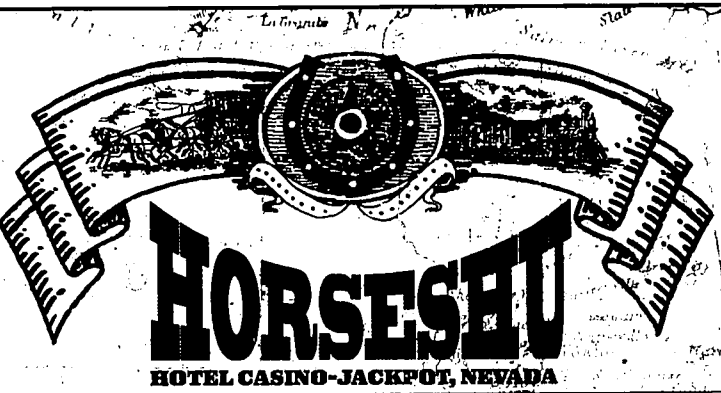
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 Chilean Sea Bass  
 Cod, Atlantic/Icelandic  
 Cod, King (imported)  
 Lingcod  
 Monkfish  
 Orange Roughy  
 Rockfish/Rock Cod/  
 Pacific Snapper  
 Salmon (farmed/Atlantic)  
 Sharks, except U.S. West Coast  
 Thresher  
 Shrimp (imported)  
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 Swordfish, Atlantic  
 Tuna, Bluefin

Sources: Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch; Audubon Society's Seafood Lover's Guide

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# Find affordable, eco-friendly fish

By Seattle Times

Let's say you've decided to follow the fish-buying advice of the Monterey Bay Aquarium's conservationist Scott Watanabe. Can you find fish that's not only listed as a "best choice" but also group but is affordable and meets health experts' recommendations?

We decided to find out. Here's what we learned:

## Cost

Seafood in general is not especially easy on the wallet these days, and several species on the "best choice" list are pricey. Salmon, for example, is currently selling at a steep \$13 or so a pound, if you can find it. And caviar (farmed) is an unlikely staple in anybody's diet.

A few of the listed species, however, are noticeably less expensive than others or are currently less costly than usual.

Catfish, tilapia and trout, all farmed freshwater fish, are some of the lower-cost options. Catfish filets were about \$4 to \$6 per pound a few days ago; tilapia (whole, gutted) can be found for a little less, though it's not widely available; and whole trout is about \$3.50 to \$5 per pound.

Among shellfish, mussels were about \$2.70 per pound, including shells, at one Seattle fish market last week, and \$4 per pound at another. Shellfish meat yield is usually about one-quarter the

## Food additive can fool tastebuds into ignoring bitterness

Knight Ridder News Service

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"There's a huge interest in this in the pharmaceutical industry," said Marcell, chief executive officer of Linguagen Corp. in Cranbury, N.J. A spoonful of sugar is not enough to get some really bad medicines to go down, apparently, Marcell said pharmaceutical companies spend millions seeking formulations that children can tolerate.

Marcell, who has a business background coupled with an enthusiasm for the science of taste, argues that bitter blockers will most likely improve America's health. The ones they've discovered so far are natural substances already found in foods such as meat, fish and milk. These substances have virtually no calories and no sodium, Marcell said. They could tremendously cut down on the large amounts of salt, fat, and sugar often used to make soups and other processed foods palatable.

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Wild-caught Alaska salmon, boosted by a big run last year, is available in some stores at \$5 or \$6 a pound for steaks - relatively reasonable compared with frequent prices of \$10 to \$13 a pound for some fresh salmon. Less costly canned salmon, also on the "best choices" list, might suffice for certain uses.

Farmed striped bass, another favored fish, was about \$4.50 per pound at one seafood market a few days ago.

The upshot: Finding affordable, or semi-affordable, fish that's green-lighted by conservation groups isn't necessarily easy, but your chances improve if you watch for bargains and are willing to try fish you might not regularly eat.

## Health

Health authorities constantly advise Americans to eat more fish. Here are some reasons to do so, as well as some cautions:

• **Omega-3 fatty acids.** These fats, abundant in some fish, are widely believed to bestow heart benefits. The American Heart Association recommends eating fish - especially the fatty types - at least twice a week.

The AHA says omega-3 consumption is associated with

decreased risk of blood clots, strokes, heart arrhythmia and sudden death; lower blood pressure and triglyceride levels; and decreased plaque buildup in arteries.

Fish high in omega-3 include salmon, albacore tuna, trout, sardines, mackerel and herring, of which the first four are on the Monterey Bay "best choice" list. However, most seafood has at least some omega-3 fatty acids and eating any can be beneficial, authorities say.

Some plant sources, including flaxseed oil, soybeans and canola oil, also are high in omega-3 fatty acids.

• **Mercury concerns.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration cautions pregnant women,

women who may become pregnant, nursing mothers and young children to avoid certain kinds of fish that may contain high levels of mercury - specifically, shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish.

However, none of these species is on the Monterey Bay "best choice" list.

According to Public Health - Seattle & King County, "These long-lived larger fish contain the highest levels of methyl mercury that may harm an unborn baby's developing nervous system."

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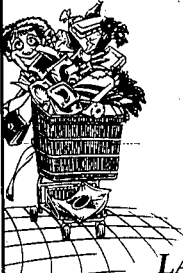
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#### J.F. grad Durham named MVP at St. Cloud State

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Former Twin Falls graduate Joe Durham was named MVP for the season at St. Cloud State University.  
Durham, a junior, hit .333 with 46 hits, 28 runs batted in, 26 runs scored, 13 doubles and four home runs.  
He also earned the North Central Conference player of the week in March.

#### Gooding CC hosts amateur tourney

GOODING — The Gooding Amateur 36-hole stroke play golf tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Gooding Country Club.  
Cost is \$50 per entry and tee times will be available by Friday.  
Flights will be determined off latest index and the tournament will be 100 percent pay-off.  
To enter or for more information, call 934-9977.

#### Fairways and Greens

Due to expanded high school spring tournament coverage, the weekly golf page, “Fairways and Greens,” will next appear May

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Joe Durham scored 21. Last published April 8.

# Jeter goes 1-for-4 in return to MLB

## All-Star shortstop was out six weeks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter walked through the New York Yankees’ clubhouse with a big smile, greeting teammates with a different handshake for each one. Jeter had plenty of reason to be happy. After six weeks on the disabled list he was set to return from a dislocated left shoulder

that threatened his season.

“It was pretty difficult to deal with,” Jeter said Tuesday before playing against the Anaheim Angels. “I’m not a patient person. When you’ve gone this long you realize how much you love this game and you can’t take things for granted.”

Jeter was cheered when he ran on the field to loosen up before the game. He got the loudest ovation during pregame introductions and received a lengthy standing ovation before fouling out in the first inning. Jeter went



Derek Jeter

1-for-4 in New York’s 10-3 loss. Jeter hurt the shoulder in a violent collision at third base with Toronto catcher Ken Huckaby in just the third inning of the season.

The Yankees more than survived without their leader, taking a major league-leading 26-11 record into Tuesday’s game.

But having Jeter back at shortstop and in his familiar No. 2 spot in the lineup was a reassuring feeling for manager Joe Torre.

“I think he solidifies what we do,” said Torre, who took over the team in 1996, Jeter’s rookie year. “He pretty much sets the tone for what we do and how we play the game. He’s compared so many times to the other shortstops. I’m not sure Derek matches up ability wise to any one of them, but he brings something else to the game.”

The Yankees won four World

Series titles in Jeter’s first five years in the majors. They fell short of the title the past two seasons, losing Game 7 of the Series to Arizona in 2001 and getting knocked out in the first round by Anaheim last year.

After one of his healthiest springs in years, Jeter had his season derailed by the freak injury on opening day.

“It’s been a long road — six weeks,” he said. “This is something I’ve been looking forward to for a long time.”

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COURTESY: The Times-News

Twin Falls High School senior Brandon Salinas, right, jumps into the air as he is greeted by teammates after scoring on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the Region Four-Five-Six championship game at 8-8 with Minico Tuesday. The Bruins went on to the 9-8 in eight innings to advance to the Class 5A state tournament starting Thursday at Wigle Field in Boise.

## Bruins turn defeat into victory — again

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins baseball team tried out a novel concept — playing ahead.

But the Bruins didn’t like it, giving away a pair of three-run leads but still rallied from a two-run deficit in the seventh inning to down the Minico Spartans 9-8 in eight innings Tuesday to clinch a trip to the Class 5A state tournament beginning May 22 at

Borah’s Wigle Field in Boise.

The victory marked the third straight district championship for the Bruins under third-year head coach Matt Rasmussen, who also moved to 9-0 lifetime coaching against the Spartans.

Designated hitter Steve Turner singled in Bruin catcher Brett Miller in the eighth inning for the victory.

“This is the sixth or seventh time this year that we’ve won in the final inning,” Rasmussen

said. “It says a lot about this team and its character.”

It was fitting that it was Turner who collected the game-winning hit for the resilient Bruins (23-3). His mother, Denise, underwent a 4.5-hour operation Monday in her fight against cancer.

“To go from the from worst feeling in the world, with all kinds of doubts, to this is just amazing,” Turner said. “I just wanted to do something to combat those feelings.”

Miller got aboard with a triple to lead off the eighth for the Bruins.

“When we got behind, Coach just told us we had to Bruin up, and those are pretty strong words,” Miller said. “We believe we can always get the job done.”

The ball leaving the infield off Turner’s bat had a definite effect on the backstop.

“It gave me goosebumps,” he said.

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## Raja rings Kings’ bell

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Raja Bell was the unlikely hero for the Dallas Mavericks, who usually depend on their big three.

Steve Nash, Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley all had solid games for the Mavericks, but it was Bell who outshot the Sacramento Kings in a game-turning third quarter of a 112-93 victory Tuesday night.

Dallas took a 3-2 series lead heading into Thursday’s Game 6 at Sacramento.

“That’s what we needed,” said Mavericks forward Raef LaFrentz. “We can’t just rely on three or four guys to carry us. Raja was huge, and really helped us.”

Bell provided a big boost for the suddenly re-energized Mavericks with four buckets and nine of his 13 points in the third quarter. That was one more basket than Sacramento managed while being outscored 29-10 in the period.

“Bell was our best player in Game 4, and that is not saying a whole lot, but he was really the only player that did well in that game,” said Mavericks coach Don Nelson. “He played well again tonight. He was being active and rebounding. He is physically able to do some things that our players can’t do.”

Plus, Bell is much more rested than the Mavericks’ superstars.

Bell made only his second start this postseason, filling in for the injured Adrian Griffin. He had scored 16 points, matching the team high, in Dallas’ 99-83 loss in Game 4 on Sunday.

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Mavericks guard Steve Nash drives in for a shot against Kings center Vladi Divac in the first quarter of Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals in Dallas Tuesday. Dallas won 112-93.

## Some players grow uneasy with Colonial on horizon

Sorenstam will be first woman in 58 years to play in PGA event

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

David Duval played in two exhibitions with Annika Sorenstam the last two years and knows her game as well as any PGA Tour player.

“I wish I could hit the ball that straight,” he said. “It’s impressive.”

While he respects her considerable skills, Duval thinks it will be supremely difficult for Sorenstam to make the cut next week at Colonial, when she becomes the first woman in 58 years to venture onto PGA Tour soil.

That’s why he was so perplexed Monday night to hear

### Singh apologizes to Sorenstam

Vijay Singh said Tuesday he was sorry if his comments about Annika Sorenstam playing on the PGA Tour — “I hope she misses the cut” — came across as a personal attack.

“It was an attack on Annika at all, I would like to apologize to her,” Singh said after a practice round for this week’s Byron Nelson Classic.

Singh told The Associated Press on Sunday that Sorenstam had no business playing in next week’s Colonial and said that on the odd chance he gets paired with her, he’d withdraw.

“I hope she misses the cut. Why? Because she doesn’t belong out here,” Singh said. “If I’m drawn with her, which I won’t be, I won’t play.”

On Tuesday, Singh attempted to cast his remarks in a different light.

“I actually said if I miss the cut, I’d rather she miss the cut as well,” he told reporters Tuesday. “I hope she missed the cut because I don’t want to have a woman beat me.”

The Associated Press



Annika Sorenstam

## SPORTS

## Abels outduels Taylor

By Kevin Hall  
Times-Herald writer

**BUELH** — As they've done most of the season, Kimberly's tagteam of Zach Abels and Matt Taylor finished 1-2 as the Bulldogs outdueling reigning 1-2 state champion Filer as the Class 3A District Four golf champions Tuesday under crystal blue skies at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

Abels shot 1-under 71 to beat Taylor by two strokes for medalist. The Bulldogs posted three of the six lowest rounds of the day en route to a 316 — 26 strokes ahead of runner-up Filer as both teams advanced to the 3A state tournament Monday and Tuesday at South Pines Golf Course in Payette.

"After our top two scores, we were 20 strokes ahead," Taylor said.

Last year, the Wildcats held off Kimberly by three strokes.

Nick Taylor, brother of Buhl shot 76 for third place and a trip to state, Jared Koch shot 80 to lead Filer, and Scott Sanders of Wood River earned a crown to compete with Buhl.

Buhl won the girls district crown shooting 415, to beat runner-up Kimberly (430), which was led by medalist Ashley Smith with a 92.

After that, it was all Buhl, led by Jessica Brown at 95 for second place.

Courtney Gresh shot 98 along with Wendy Smith's Ben Vangoughen and Indians fourth golfer Tracy Franson rounded out the low five with a 102.

Abels said he felt strong coming off the green and a slow, opening at 5 under through eight holes.

"I was on fire," he said. "I hit a really good 3-iron on (No. 1) on the green and two-putted for birdie. I really was feeling it."

But so was Taylor, who actually led Abels at the turn by a shot. But at 14, disaster struck.

The men's tee box at the 319-yard par 4 hole towers above the course with the Snake River meandering down the left side of the hole. Taylor cracked his first tee into the river.

With no mulligans available, he opted to tee off a second time from the green and two-putted for birdie at the point it entered the hazard.

"They told me to hit another ball, so I hit another ball," he said. "I hit another ball, so I hit another ball."

Kimberly coach Brian Willford said Taylor ended up playing both balls — but having to take the second ball after putting it officially into play. He scored a five with what would have been his dropped ball out of the hazard, but had to settle for the seven with his second tee shot.

"I love by two, that's the difference," Taylor said.

Had Abels continued playing the way he started — shooting 5 under through his first eight — Taylor probably would have played no better.

But Abels had his own headache at the 381-yard par 4 fourth, which was his eighth — his worst hole of the season. The hole dropped him back to 1-under at the turn.

"It happens, but for the most part it calms me down," Abels said. "Obviously it's not good, but it

## 3A District Four golf

helped me."

Buhl shot at 12 and 16 were matched with birdies to close at 17 and 18 as he finished at 1-under 71 and the two-stroke victory.

Abels, number one as always, credited his mother and Twin Falls Municipal pro Mike Hamblin with his win.

"First and foremost I've got to thank my mom and Mike," he said. "After I shot 80 a couple of weeks ago the first thing Mike said was 'We got to go back to the drawing board,' and he was right."

"After I think there's nothing more he can do for me, he turns around and fixes my swing so I can come out here."

Ryan Fisher shot 82 to help solidify Kimberly's victory.

"We've got seven guys that are just out here playing hard," Abels said. "Now we've got two days left to try and win state."

To win Kimberly's title since 1998, Abels said the Bulldogs are going to have to play smart on an up-and-down Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette that forces irons off many tees.

"There's a couple holes where there's a real emphasis on the tee shot," he said. "You can't hit driver and just hope playing hard."

Another Bulldog, Smith, is playing well. She shot 81, after taking a sixstroke win Tuesday.

"I've been playing really well especially as the season has progressed," she said.

It helps having a boys team that has the inside track to winning state.

"I think it's awesome that our boys team is doing so good," she added.

Willford was pleased with both teams' performances.

"I think it's the first time I've ever had a district champion in both girls and boys," he said.

Tuesday's results:  
1. Kimberly 316, 2. Filer 342, 3. Buhl 358, 4. Gresh 364, 5. Sanders 370, 6. Franson 380, 7. Smith 390, 8. Taylor 395, 9. Fisher 400, 10. Smith 405, 11. Taylor 410, 12. Taylor 415, 13. Taylor 420, 14. Taylor 425, 15. Taylor 430, 16. Taylor 435, 17. Taylor 440, 18. Taylor 445, 19. Taylor 450, 20. Taylor 455, 21. Taylor 460, 22. Taylor 465, 23. Taylor 470, 24. Taylor 475, 25. Taylor 480, 26. Taylor 485, 27. Taylor 490, 28. Taylor 495, 29. Taylor 500, 30. Taylor 505, 31. Taylor 510, 32. Taylor 515, 33. Taylor 520, 34. Taylor 525, 35. Taylor 530, 36. Taylor 535, 37. Taylor 540, 38. Taylor 545, 39. Taylor 550, 40. Taylor 555, 41. Taylor 560, 42. Taylor 565, 43. Taylor 570, 44. Taylor 575, 45. Taylor 580, 46. Taylor 585, 47. Taylor 590, 48. Taylor 595, 49. Taylor 600, 50. Taylor 605, 51. Taylor 610, 52. Taylor 615, 53. Taylor 620, 54. Taylor 625, 55. Taylor 630, 56. Taylor 635, 57. Taylor 640, 58. Taylor 645, 59. Taylor 650, 60. Taylor 655, 61. Taylor 660, 62. Taylor 665, 63. 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# SCORES AND STATS

## WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Horse racing**
  - Freshness positioner draw, ESPN, 3 p.m.
- Baseball**
  - MLB, Mariners at Indians, FSNW, 6 p.m.
  - MLB, TBA, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
  - MLB, TBA, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Basketball**
  - NBA Playoffs, 76ers at Pistons, Game 5, TNT, 6 p.m.
- Hockey**
  - NHL Playoffs, Wild at Mighty Ducks, Game 3, ESPN, 7 p.m.

### BASEBALL

#### AL BOSTON

Team	W	L	Pct.
Boston	10	1	.909
Red Sox	1	10	.091

#### RED SOX @ RANGERS 4

Team	W	L	Pct.
Rangers	10	1	.909
Red Sox	1	10	.091

#### DEVIL RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 6

Team	W	L	Pct.
Devil Rays	10	1	.909
Blue Jays	1	10	.091

#### MARINERS 8, INDIANS 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

#### ANGELS 10, YANKEES 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Angels	10	1	.909
Yankees	1	10	.091

#### WHITE SOX @ CLEVELAND 0

Team	W	L	Pct.
White Sox	10	1	.909
Cleveland	1	10	.091

#### THUNDER 4, ROYALS 2

Team	W	L	Pct.
Thunder	10	1	.909
Royals	1	10	.091

### IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



The umpire engages his coping mechanism.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

#### MONDAY'S LATE BOXES

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

#### BRAYS 11, DODGERS 4

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brays	10	1	.909
Dodgers	1	10	.091

#### DIAMONDBACKS 6, PHILLIES 1

Team	W	L	Pct.
Diamondbacks	10	1	.909
Phillies	1	10	.091

#### CHIEFS 7, CHARGERS 3

Team	W	L	Pct.
Chiefs	10	1	.909
Chargers	1	10	.091

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# STAYING FIT WITH FOOTBALL - AT 70

## Retired teacher plays in women's league

By Mike Brannon  
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Charlotte Chambers' application stuck out among the dozens of hopefuls who tried out for Orlando's fledgling Independent Women's Football League team.

In the space for date of birth, Chambers wrote "1932."

Surely that must be a mistake, Orlando Starz CEO Marsha Beatty thought. But it was no error, as the teammates of the retired teacher known as "Miss Charlotte" soon found out.

"Sports has always been my thing," Chambers said last week, two seasons into her playing career as Orlando's reserve safety. "But growing up, you would never think of a woman playing tackle football because that's the way society was geared."

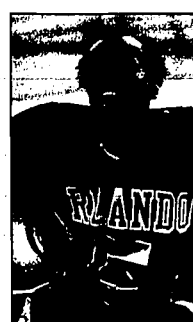
Chambers, who is indeed 70, used to get her football kicks through her devotion to the New England Patriots and Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp.

Now she has a chance to lace up the pads and belt helmets with women less than half her age. And if those opponents don't want to hit her out of respect for their elders, the great-grandmother of four isn't about to play nice.

"I say, 'You better hit me because I'm laying you out,'" Chambers said.

Added Beatty, "Last year, I thought I should tell the other teams to go easy and not hit her too hard. But now I'm afraid she's going to hurt somebody. When she puts on her uniform, all this aggression comes from somewhere."

"Charlotte's ready to hurt somebody — she uses the word 'death.'"



With her playing time over against the Tampa Bay Terminators, Orlando Starz's Charlotte Chambers cheers her team on from the bench at Dr. Phillips' High School Saturday in Orlando, Fla.

Chambers also is the team's spiritual leader, befitting a woman who has taken her faith seriously enough to attend Hartford (Conn.) Seminary. Before and after games, she leads the players in prayer for health and strength.

With the word spreading about Chambers' accomplishments, she's turning into a celebrity. At Orlando's last game, crowds from two Japanese TV stations hung on her every word, from the pregame pep talk to a postgame cheer. Later this week, she's flying to New York for appearances on "The Early Show" and "The Today Show" with David Letterman.

Although the league could use all the attention she's bringing in, Chambers insists she is not a publicity stunt. "I mean, I'm two years into this, right?" an intense Chambers asked a reporter. "Last year, nobody said squat."

## TENNIS

### WTA Telecom Italia Masters

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

### ATP Tennis Masters Hamburg

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

### TRANSACTIONS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Mariners	10	1	.909
Indians	1	10	.091

### SPURS 96, LAKERS 94

Team	W	L	Pct.
Spurs	10	1	.909
Lakers	1	10	.091

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"It's fun to contribute," Bell said. "Other guys on our team command double-teams. They're so unselfish. It's a credit to them. Early, I passed up on a few open looks. I made a concerted effort in the second half to be a 'five'."

Bell's 3-pointer with 8:20 left in the third period broke a 65-65 tie and put the Mavericks ahead 67-65. That also started a 15-4 run he ended with a putback layup that made it 80-69 with 1:59 left.

### Continued from D1

The Spurs were up 76-51 with 3:37 left in the third period and were still ahead 87-71 with 7:21 to play. Then the Lakers used a 15-3 run to get within four, prompting Duncan to slam the ball down while calling a timeout.

A beautiful alley oop from Duncan to David Robinson, who had six points after going scoreless in Game 4, made it 95-88.

But Kobe Bryant, who had 24 of his 36 points in the second half, hit a 3-pointer with 49.1 seconds left. Shaquille O'Neal, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds, turned a miss by Horry into a three-point play with 19.7 to go to make it 95-94.

Stephen Jackson could've made it a three-point lead with 15.1 left, but made only one of two free throws. O'Neal rebounded the second miss and the Lakers called time.

Horry got a wide-open look from the left side. It looked good off his hand, rekindling memories of his amazing game-winning shot against Sacramento in Game 6 of the 2002 Western Conference finals, the last time the Lakers faced elimination.

Unlike that shot, this one didn't fall, which means more heroics will be needed if Los Angeles is going to be the first four-time champion since the Boston Celtics won their eighth straight title in 1966.

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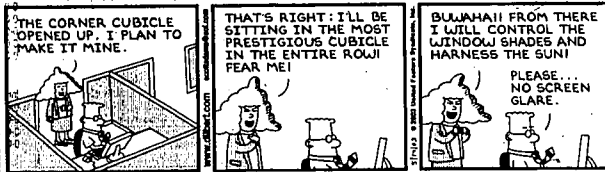
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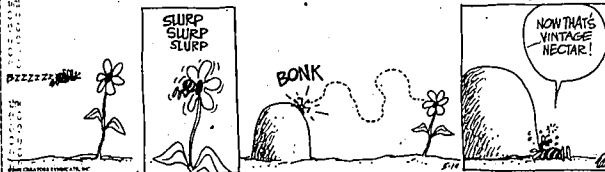
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Garfield

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Hi and Lo

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The Wizard of Id

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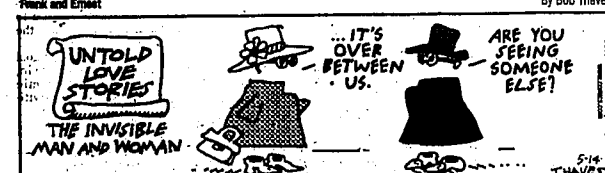
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Frank and Ernest

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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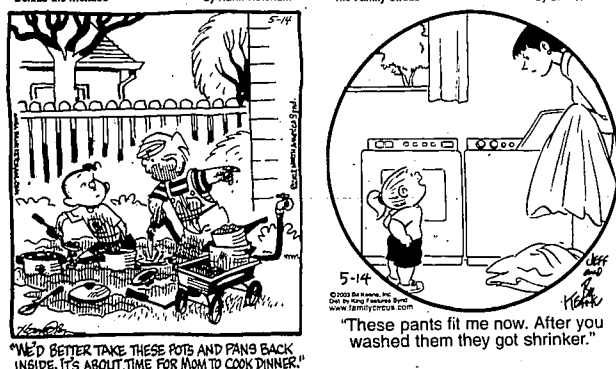


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zita

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luan

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### The Times-News earns recycling award

**TWIN FALLS** - Southern Idaho Solid Waste selected *The Times-News* as its 2003 Recycler of the Year and presented the award Tuesday.

The annual award recognizes local businesses and institutions that support recycling through responsible business practices.

In 2002, *The Times-News* recycled 358.14 tons of waste paper and other materials from its daily printing operations. Had they not been recycled, those materials would have taken up nearly 1,200 cubic yards of space in the Milner Butte landfill.

"More importantly, *The Times-News* can be commended for 'closing the loop' on recycling by purchasing more than 2,000 metric tons of recycled newsprint in the past year," Southern Idaho Solid Waste said in a statement. "By purchasing newsprint with up to 40 percent post-consumer recycled content, *The Times-News* helped to stimulate demand for the more than 537 tons of newspapers collected by SISW's recycling programs last year."

This is the fourth Recycler of the Year award given by Southern Idaho Solid Waste. Previous honorees included the Avonmore cheese factory in Gooding, Magic Valley Produce in Paul and Idaho Youth Ranch thrift stores.

### Twin Falls city seeks Urban Renewal Agency applicant

**TWIN FALLS** - City Hall seeks a person to serve on Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency.

The second term of agency member Scot McNeely expires July 3, and the City Council needs to appoint a replacement, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic development director.

Applicants should send letters of interest and resumes to McAlindin at Twin Falls City Hall, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1907. Or call him at 735-7210.

Existing agency members will screen the nominations.

The agency receives most new property taxes collected on improvements within a small revenue-allocation area within the city's urban-renewal area.

Urban Renewal uses that revenue on projects to spur new private investment in the urban-renewal area.

Twin Falls' urban-renewal area covers most of the south side of town plus an extension up the public right of way along Blue Lakes Boulevard and encircling Dell Computer Corp.

The Twin Falls School District still gets its cut of all tax revenue inside the revenue-allocation area.

The person the council picks will take on a dual role. The folks who serve on Urban Renewal are the same ones on the board of the city's Industrial Development Corp. That corporation can essentially lend companies its tax-exempt status for bonds to fund construction of manufacturing, processing, production or assembly plants.

### TEAM America Inc. revenue increased for first quarter

**TWIN FALLS** - Ohio-based human resources outsourcing firm TEAM America Inc., with offices in Twin Falls, saw revenue for the first quarter, which ended March 29, rise to \$14.389 million from \$13.549 million a year ago.

Net loss was \$630,000, compared with the year-ago loss of \$1,222 million. Net loss attributable to common shareholders for the quarter was \$630,000, or 8 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$1,517 million, or 19 cents per share, for the same period in 2002.

"I am pleased with the substantial improvement in the company's first quarter results compared to last year, as reflected by the \$794,000 improvement in operating loss," said S. Cash Nickerson, chairman and chief executive officer. "I am especially pleased with these results in light of our ability to reduce risk by moving from a loss-sensitive program to a fully insured workers' compensation program."

During the quarter, TEAM America increased its reserves on its historic loss-sensitive workers' compensation programs by \$150,000.

compiled from staff reports

# Wal-Mart Q1 profits rise

Combined wire services

**BENTONVILLE, Ark.** - Wal-Mart Stores Inc., buoyed by the performance of its international division, said Tuesday its earnings rose 14 percent in its first quarter, while J.C. Penney Co. Inc. had a 29 percent earnings drop.

Wal-Mart's earnings matched Wall Street expectations, and Penney's results beat expectations. Revenue at both retailers fell short of analysts' expectations for the quarter.

### Wal-Mart Stores

The world's largest retailer - which has stores in Burley and Jerome - earned \$1.86 billion, or 42 cents per share, in the three months ended April 30, compared with \$1.63 billion, or 37 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Analysts polled by Thomson First Call estimated the company would earn 42 cents per share.

Bentonville-based Wal-Mart noted that its results include the effects of an accounting change regarding money received from suppliers, a change that reduced earnings by \$101 million, or 2 cents a share.

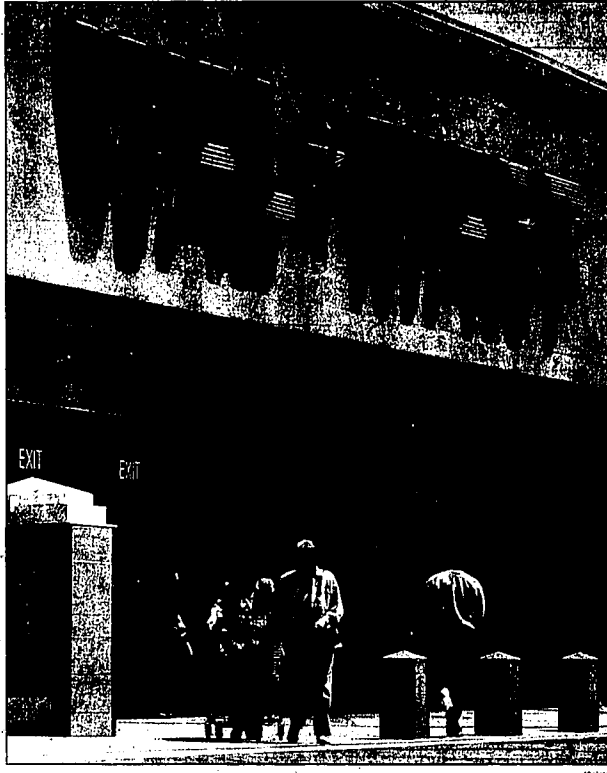
Sales rose 9.7 percent to \$56.72 billion in the quarter, compared with \$51.71 billion in the year-ago period. But that was short of analysts' expectations of \$60.69 billion in the quarter.

The company said sales at stores opened at least a year - known as same-store sales - were up 2.2 percent from a year ago. Same-store sales are the best indicator of a retailer's health.

The Wal-Mart discount store division showed an increase of 2.1 percent, and Sam's Club sales were up 2.2 percent.

In total sales, the discount store division, which also includes Supercenters and Neighborhood Markets that sell groceries, were up 9.0 percent. Sam's Club saw sales jump 7.2 percent, and the international division's sales were up 14.3 percent.

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Shoppers enter and leave a Wal-Mart store at a mall in Coritos, Calif., Thursday. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported a rise in earnings of 14 percent for its first quarter, meeting Wall Street's expectations.

# Qwest founder will pay \$4.4M for IPO perk

The Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y.** - A former Qwest Communications executive will pay \$4.4 million for

accepting lucrative initial public offering shares in exchange for his firm's investment banking business, according to a settlement signed Tuesday.

The payment by Qwest founder and former Chairman Philip Anschutz will be roughly equal to his profit from the practice of IPO "spinning" and will go to charity and an investor assistance fund, according to the settlement with New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Spitzer said the settlement marks the first time an executive has relinquished profits linked to "IPO spinning."

Spitzer was considering charges for failing to disclose the IPOs as required under the state Martin Act, said Spitzer spokesman Darren Dopp.

In September, Spitzer accused Anschutz and four other corporate executives of receiving millions of dollars in hot IPO offerings from the Salomon Smith Barney division of Citigroup. Salomon Smith Barney provided the IPO shares as "an inducement or reward" for landing those firms as investment banking clients, Spitzer stated in his complaint.

Spitzer had also accused Anschutz and the other executives of failing to disclose that they received the IPO shares.

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Qwest Communications founder and former chairman Philip Anschutz smiles during dedication ceremonies at Staples Center, Oct. 16, 1999, in Los Angeles.

# Dairies band together to control prices

The Associated Press

**LANCASTER, Pa.** - Dairy farmers nationwide have decided to try to band together in an effort to increase the wholesale price of milk by decreasing production, exporting more milk or selling off cattle.

But organizers said the plan will work only if enough farmers participate. The trial program, called Cooperatives Working Together, was approved Friday in a 31-1 vote by members of the National Milk Producers Federation.

"I know it will work," said Clyde Rutherford, a vice president with the federation. "Pricing is terrible right now. Farmers need it bad."

Organizers said the plan is to cut the milk supply by 4.5 billion pounds a year and therefore boost the price by about \$1.30 for every 100 pounds of milk shipped.

If the program doesn't achieve 80 percent participation, it could be in jeopardy, according to Chuck Cruickshank, who works in marketing and member services for the Land O'Lakes dairy cooperative which has operations in Gooding and Twin Falls.

"The deal breaker is if you don't get to the percentages, this will have a tough time flying," he said.

The program is expected to cost farmers about 18 cents for every 100 pounds of milk they sell, since the government isn't involved, however, the fee can only be applied to supporters of the program.

Illinois-based Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. cast the lone vote against the program, saying it felt all farmers should help pay to fund it, Rutherford said.

Cruickshank said he thinks support for the program should build as more dairy farmers become aware of it.

The program's major goals will be to export more cattle, buy off herds to reduce the number of dairy cows and provide incentives for producers to reduce the amount of milk they ship by at least 10 percent.

Organizers hope the program will remove 125,300 head of dairy cows - the equivalent of 2 billion pounds of milk per year.

Although getting to the 80 percent participation level will be a challenge, organizers said it's not impossible.

If the 80 percent level is reached by the end of June, the export program would start July 1, Rutherford said. Other portions would then start Aug. 1.

Another concern of some cooperatives is that members will not want to pay for the program and will leave to go to another cooperative.

"That's a concern," Cruickshank said. "We call it the free-rider scenario."

## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

**BOISE** - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Sergio Alejandro Cardona and Guadalupe Cardona, 3091 S. 2300 E., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40861.

Casey Lynn Hancock, doing business as Casey's Hair Palace, 333 Rock Creek Road, No. 50, Hansen, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40865.

Joshua Sage Bartlett and Katie Mahalia Bartlett, 204 Quincey, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40880.

Jason Wayne Climer and Cheri Ann Climer, 466 E. Madison, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40883.

Jacquelyn Sauer, 1205 Evergreen Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40897.

Shawn Michael Olsen and Donna Marie Harris, 268 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-1724.

Daniel Steven Bryant, 520 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40904.

Charity Ann Eberhard, also known as Charity A. Young and Charity A. Scott, 602 E. Ave. D, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40906.

Frank Tarango, 359 Pheasant Road W., No. 4, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40905.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Harold A. Fritz and Victoria L. Fritz, 211 Locust, Twin Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40860.

Henry Edward Krause, 1602 A St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40862.

Jesus Manuel Quezada and Yesenia Quezada, 4350 Clear Lakes Grade, Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40881.

Elizabeth L. Lutz, 1846 Harrison St. N., No. 5, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40884.

Clark Frederick Miller Jr. and Delea Coyne Miller, also known as Sandra C. Barcellos and Sandra C. McHargue, 617 Spruce Circle, Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40866.

Danny L. McBride and Jolene K. McBride, 778 N. Park St., Dietrich, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40863.

Sandra C. Silva, also known as Sandra C. Barcellos and Sandra C. McHargue, 617 Spruce Circle, Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40864.

Adam D. Forbes, 1130 Monaco St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40862.

Terry W. Shearer and Elsie M. Shearer, 638 Borah Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40865.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Overland Park, Kan. - Sprint Corp. chairman William T. Erey stepped down Tuesday, handing the leadership position

# Sprint sees change of command

**OVERLAND PARK, Kan.** - Sprint Corp. chairman William T. Erey stepped down Tuesday, handing the leadership position

he had held for more than a decade at the huge telecommunications concern to chief executive Gary Force.

Sprint's wireless division has a store in Twin Falls.

The change of command came at the company's annual shareholders meeting where shareholders approved a proposal the company opposed concerning severance agreements with executives.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
Jul Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
May Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
Jul Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
May Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
Jul Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
May Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
Jul Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
May Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
Jul Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
May Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
Jul Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
May Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

BEANS

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
Jul Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
May Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
Jul Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
May Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

GRAINS

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
Jul Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
May Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
Jul Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
May Soybean Meal	35.00	35.00	35.00	-
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May Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Soybean Oil	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Wheat	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
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CHEESE

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cheddar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

POTATOES

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
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Jul Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Potatoes	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

SUGAR

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
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Jul Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Sugar	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

LIVESTOCK

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Cattle	1.15	1.15	1.15	-

MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	High	Low	Settle	Chg
AGF Mid-Cap	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
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MARKETS

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
Jul Corn	2.77	2.77	2.77	-
May Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
Jul Soybean	10.08	10.08	10.08	-
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POTATOES

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SUGAR

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RETAIL

Earlier this month, Wal-Mart announced the sale of a distribution subsidiary, McLane Co. It did not include sales from McLane in its quarterly report. If McLane sales were included, the sales increase would be 9.1 percent for the quarter.

After the accounting change, Sam's Club earned \$204 million, up 5.6 percent from \$216 million a year ago. Without the change, the division would have had an 11.1 percent increase in earnings, to \$240 million.

The Wal-Mart division earned \$2.75 billion, up 8.1 percent from \$2.54 billion in the company's year-end report. Adding back money received from suppliers, the profit would have risen 10.1 percent to \$2.80 billion.

FOSSIL FUELS

Commodity	High	Low	Settle	Chg
May Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
Jul Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
May Gasoline	1.15	1.15	1.15	-
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J.C. PENNEY

The Plano, Texas-based retailer with stores in Twin Falls and Burley, earned \$1 million, or 20 cents per share, for the 13 weeks ended April 26, compared with \$1.1 million, or 23 cents per share, a year earlier.

Analysts polled by Thomson First Call expected 18 cents per share, reduced last month from 21 cents when Penney announced it was lowering its first-quarter earnings forecast from the low 30s to cents to per share to 23 cents and 23 cents per share.

Sales were \$7.49 billion, compared with \$7.73 billion a year earlier. The figure fell short of analysts' projections of \$7.59 billion.

Same-store sales fell 4.9 percent at Penney department stores and 1.1 percent at Eckerd drug stores.

Catalog sales continued to fall, decreasing 11.1 percent. Internet sales continued a growth trend, increasing more than 25 percent during the quarter.

"The past three months have represented one of the most difficult retailing environments in recent memory," said Allen Quetzm, chairman and CEO of Penney, referring to the sluggish economy and the conflict in Iraq that helped to dampen consumer spending.

Penney has been slashing costs, including store closings and layoffs over the past two years. Quetzm said the company would not return to its year-turnaround plan for the retailer.

"Although I am disappointed with the company's execution, results for the first quarter should not detract from the significant progress that we have made in improving the fund-

amentals of our business over the past two years," Quetzm said in a statement.

"He added that the company is beginning to see some signs that the retail environment is improving. Consequently, Penney is not changing its earnings outlook for the second quarter or for the second half of the year.

And Quetzm added that if the retail environment continues to improve, the company believes that it could still achieve its full-year earnings goal.

PACIFIC SUNWEAR

Teen retailer Pacific Sunwear of California - which has a store in Twin Falls - continued to buck the retail blues by reporting another quarter of strong earnings.

1st quarter earnings of \$1.1 percent.

Sales increased in every category - including footwear, accessories and young men's and junior's clothing - at the company's two retail chains, PacSun and d.o.m. PacSun carries surf and skateboard brands while d.o.m. sells urban brands.

Analysts believe there are several reasons for Pacific Sunwear's success when other retailers are struggling.

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## WORLD

# Water brings hope to Iraqi marsh dwellers

## Saddam's regime controlled flow as retribution

Los Angeles Times

FUHUD, Iraq — Khooor Alaa Bedar sat in the bottom of a flat wooden boat and heard the music of water lapping at its sides and his cousin's blue clothing flapping like a flag cut from pieces of the sky as they crossed a lake that just a few weeks ago wasn't there.

A melody of contentment played in his heart. Eleven years of trying to be something he could not be over for Bedar, 30. Every generation in family memory had been fishermen, and trying to eke out a living as a farm worker on a dusty, dried-up plateau had never felt right.

Now he is a fisherman again. At the end of 1991 and into 1992, the marshes of southeastern Iraq east of An Nasiriyah retreated and then disappeared. No one from the regime of Saddam Hussein ever came to tell the fishermen that the government was draining the waters to create farmland and carve a river into the desert. But no one here doubted that it was in retribution for a failed uprising against Saddam.

Like a giant hand that controlled every waterway and even the water that flowed through every tank, the regime used water as a political tool to punish and pressure the people of southern Iraq.

As Saddam's government fell, it was as if the great dark hand had loosened its grip. The water flowed back to the marshes, and the dribble of a pond surrounded by dry, cracked mud outside the town of Fuhud grew into a magnificent lake.

"We knew Saddam was closing off the water," Bedar said, "and when he ran away the water came back."

Theories abound here as to why the water returned, from people such as Bedar who think that Saddam's disappearance alone was enough to reverse more than 11 years of water engineering to others who believe that the U.S. military opened up dams and dikes as a sign of its power. But they are wrong.

The regime took the water away, and just before it fell, it opened up the dams again. It was a last-ditch military tactic aimed at flooding large areas in



A boy makes his way across water that's now abundant in southeast Iraq. The government under Saddam Hussein had been draining water since 1991 in retribution for a failed uprising.

the south and creating problems for the U.S. military advance, said Ali Shaheen, the chief of the Irrigation Department in Nasiriyah, about 30 miles west of Fuhud.

water was a beautiful blue color. Imagine the crowing of the rooster and the sound of a fox across the water. And then you would hear all kinds of birds calling every- where, and frogs. You would see

a mist rising over the water.

"Our whole life was the marshes. When they took it away, it was like hell to us."

Mwaniss and his family are typical of the opponents of Saddam's Baath Party in this area whom the regime wanted to eliminate by draining the marshes.

Mwaniss' brother Reyad was executed as an army deserter when he was 22. Abdullah Mwaniss played a key role in a 1991 uprising against the regime, leading a unit of rebels fighting to topple the Baath Party. He led five rebels, part of a group of 36 fighters, about half of whom were later executed.

When the rebellion collapsed, he escaped into the dense



In Fuhud, Iraq, who spent the day loading wheat onto a truck get a respite from the heat.

The tactic didn't work. But it brought back hope to the marsh dwellers whose lush green waterways had turned to dusty plains.

Water so defined life for marshland dwellers that the first thing any young man bought when he was old enough and had the money was a flat boat, called "mashroof," to pole across the waters.

"It was green. All you saw was green," said Kadem Madloom, 71, of Fuhud. "The water was pure. In winter, birds from all over the world flew in and you saw them descending from the sky into the water. Then Saddam made everything salty."

Abdulla Mwaniss, 45, started fishing in his late teens. "It was a great life," he said. "I'd get up at 5 or 6 in the morning. The

marshlands before the regime unleashed its retribution.

After the uprising, 250 people in Fuhud were arrested and never seen again, including Abdullah Mwaniss' 14-year-old brother-in-law, Hakim Abdul Ghani. After Mwaniss fled, his house was searched and his mother was interrogated and beaten. Security Ministry officials took all the furniture and burned down the house.

Mwaniss remained in the area for 12 years, somehow evading capture. He returned home at the beginning of April, a few days after allied forces attacked southern Iraq and the regime's end seemed near.

The draining of the marshes more than a decade ago had all the hallmarks of punishment. The farmland created from the damming of the water was poor, and tens of thousands of people left the area. Bird and marine life disappeared, and the ancient culture of the marsh people was savagely undermined.

Shaheen, the An Nasiriyah irrigation chief, said the Om Almarek River that was created ran through the desert toward Basra, further south, but had no useful purpose. The land created was of no importance. "Many opposition people were

in the area, but before the marsh was drained the regime could not get into the marshlands and search the area with tanks and military vehicles," he said. Shaheen said 400,000 people used to live in the area, most of whom left.

Shaheen said that excess water from the dams in northern Iraq would be directed to the area to help restore the marshlands. But he warned that if there was a shortage in the north, the waters would ebb from the marshes again.

"If the water is high, we'll release it to the marshes. If there's not enough water, we'll have to stop it." "It worked politically," he said, "because the areas were cleared of trees and there was nowhere for the opponents of the regime to hide."

"Before, the people were herders, bird hunters and fishermen. But they did not make farmers. They knew nothing about it."

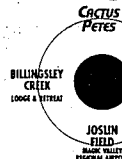
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**Anger Management** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**24** (TV) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**Wed 7:30 - 9:30**  
**Bringing Down the House** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**6 Feet Under** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**Confidence** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**It Runs in the Family** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**Chicago** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
**Phone Booth** (R) Wed 7:30 - 9:30  
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## Gas shortage keeps Iraqis waiting in line

The Baltimore Sun

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Under a scorching afternoon sun, Abbas Hassan pushed his rusted Volkswagen toward the gas-station pumps. Ahead was a daunting tangle of cars, and the young man was at least three hours from filling his tank.

"It's terrible," the 25-year-old said Sunday, wiping sweat from his forehead with the back of his hand. "I thought the Americans were going to make things better. Even under Saddam Hussein, we didn't have to wait for gas."

The scene is the same at Baghdad's other gas stations, where broken pumps and an unprecedented fuel shortage caused by the ravages of war and the looting that followed have plunged this oil-rich nation into a crisis many never thought possible.

Even during the Iraq-Iran War in the 1980s, the Persian Gulf War in 1991 and more than a decade of economic sanctions that followed, Iraqis had counted on cheap and plentiful gas available at stations open 24 hours a day.

The gas is still just pennies a gallon, but now there isn't enough.

Throughout this sprawling city, where thick plumes of smoke still rise from buildings hit by bombs, cars barely held together sputter along on mere

gas fumes.

Many drivers simply have abandoned their vehicles like litter, and it is not uncommon to climb into a cab only for it to run out of gas a few blocks later. All over, people stand on roadsides waving empty plastic canisters hoping to siphon gasoline from the tank of a friendly passerby.

Entrepreneurs buy gas at stations and then empty the gasoline from their tanks into buckets to resell it on the street — usually at a substantial markup of 15 times the normal rate of about 6 cents a gallon.

For the first time in more than 20 years, Iraq has begun importing gasoline from the neighboring states of Kuwait, Jordan and Turkey to make up for the shortages. The first trucks were supposed to arrive in Baghdad on Sunday.

Oil pumps here are producing 185,000 barrels a day, well below their prewar capacity of 3 million barrels a day. Thamer al-Ghadban, Iraq's interim oil minister, told reporters Sunday that production could jump to 230,000 barrels a day by the end of the month, and surpass the half-million mark next month.

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PALTRY POWER

# Lights flicker on – and off again – in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – In a brightly lit CD shop, Khaled al-Hamadani sipped an ice-cold soda. The air conditioner hummed and a movie blazed on the TV. Across the street, Feras Adnan sat in his dark grocery store, fuming.

Neighborhood by neighborhood, street by street, lights are flickering on in postwar Baghdad, sometimes accompanied by rounds of celebratory gunfire. But the return has been spotty at best, leaving residents frustrated and resentful of occupying U.S. forces.

"The Americans only came with tanks," Adnan complained. "Why didn't they come with generators?"

The United States identified electricity, which also powers water treatment and sewage plants, as a priority when it took control of the city of 5 million.

A month later, black smoke billows from just one of the four towering stacks at Daura, a key power station in Baghdad. Broken transmission lines, which could bring electricity from other plants, are awaiting repair. And Barbara Bodine, who had been charged with getting Baghdad and central Iraq working again, was transferred to Washington days ago.

Iraq's second-largest city, Basra, has 24-hour electricity for the first time in 12 years, and the U.S. Central Command expects to do the same for the southern city of Karbala in as little as two weeks.



Technical Manager Fadel Serhan, left, and Cpt. Ryker Hom of Fayetteville, N.C., discuss the many problems faced by the Daura power plant in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday. Lights are starting to flicker to life in postwar Baghdad.

Although U.S. officials said they did not target the power grid, Baghdad went dark in early April – its electric supply knocked out by war damage, workers abandoning their posts, a breakdown of systemwide coordination and decay under Saddam Hussein's regime.

Now there is only enough power to cover about half the demand, U.S. officials say – and that doesn't mean that half the city is lit all the time. The reality is much more haphazard. A system of scheduled brownouts has

been devised. But the power grid is unstable, and every breakdown sets off a domino effect of power failures across the city.

From Baghdad's wealthiest neighborhoods to its poorest, the story is the same. And residents, tired of American promises, are devising their own ways to cope.

When electricity returned to Adnan's block, his side of the street remained in the dark. So fellow merchants ran cables between their shops, giving his grocery enough electricity to at least power one refrigerator for

meat, milk and cheese.

Across the street, al-Hamadani is happy to share. If the situation is reversed – and it often is – he knows he will get power from Adnan's side.

"Before the war, there was a schedule for power cuts. But now we don't know when there will be electricity and when there won't," he said. "We depend on each other."

At home, however, they are at the mercy of the fluctuating power grid. That means sleepless nights with temperatures in the 100s and families staying up to defend their homes against gun-toting robbers.

"All night I have to fan my children so they can sleep," Adnan said. "We can't sleep on the roof, because we are afraid of the gunshots."

Across town, soft-drink vendor Mohammed Jwad fills his refrigerator with blocks of ice to keep sodas cold during outages. Lifting the lid, he pulled out a dripping bottle and held it disdainfully between two fingers.

"This looks terrible," he said. "It's not civilized."

Downtown, Nadia Fohaad asked her husband for a generator so she could watch her favorite TV programs. He obliged – by bringing her one looted from the Iraqi state television compound.

"It's a big one," she said, delighted. "Our whole street gets electricity from it."

# Iraqi national television station goes back on air

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Five weeks after it was knocked off the air by U.S. missiles, Iraq's national television station sputtered back to life Tuesday night, but the landmark event went largely unnoticed.

With millions of residents in the capital still living with electricity interruptions and not aware that their state-run TV station was coming back to life, it seemed that few in Baghdad knew enough to tune in for the first two-hour broadcast.

Gone were the speeches by Saddam Hussein. Gone were the state-sanctioned news programs praising Saddam Hussein. Gone were the patriotic songs hailing Saddam Hussein as a great leader.

In their stead was an odd collection of black-and-white music videos, news stories on the electricity shortage in Baghdad, brief readings from the Koran and, most peculiar of all, a snippet of what appeared to be a British infomercial for soap.

Tucked in between, however, was something even more striking: What was most assuredly the station's first report giving voice to the victims of Saddam's ruthless regime. For 10 minutes, women and men looking for relative safety spoke of their search for answers.

But the story passed largely unnoticed. Despite the significance of transforming a tool of Saddam's propaganda into the nation's new public television station, the American reconstruction leaders failed to announce the event to city residents or other media in Baghdad.

Instead, the occupying forces touted the launch Wednesday of the first postwar national newspaper, Al Sabah. But that watershed event ran into immediate trouble. Even before The New Day hit the streets, its editor said he had been directed by U.S. officials to stop the presses.

"Washington ordered me to stop it," editor Khumal Zayner said in a brief telephone interview Tuesday night. "There is a dispute over who is running the paper."

Officials at the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance could not be reached for comment.

Like Al Sabah, the new television station, Iraq Media Network, struggled to get up-and-running for Tuesday's inaugural broadcast.

Iraqi cameramen and American consultants worked out of bombed out Information Ministry complex recently hit with a rocket-propelled grenade fired by someone apparently trying to undermine the new station. American bombs destroyed some broadcast equipment and Iraqi looters took a lot of it.

# Modern Latin dictionary is 'liber venditissimus'

VATICAN CITY (AP) – Some may consider Latin a dead language, but a dictionary of modern Latin published by the Vatican has become a "liber venditissimus" – a best seller.

It is a project to keep the language updated, even if they didn't have dishwashers, discs and miniature golf in Roman times.

The Vatican's publishing house has just come out with a combined edition of the Latin-Italian dictionary after two earlier volumes, one covering the letters A-L and the second M-Z, sold out.

Five hundred copies have been printed with a sale price of \$115.

"There's still life out there," said the Rev. Claudio Rossi, director of the Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

The two volumes contain some 15,000 modernized Latin words – many of them compounds of existing Latin words. Dishwasher is "escariorum lavator" and disco is "orbium phonographicorum theca."

A committee is now working on a new volume, adding mainly words from the computer and information fields. Publication is

expected in two or three years.

Behind the project is the Vatican's Latin Foundation, set up by Pope Paul VI in the 1970s to help keep Latin alive in the Roman Catholic Church. Latin's use had started to wane seriously after the Vatican decreed that Mass could be celebrated in local languages.

Pope John Paul II has often lamented his own clerics no longer speak Latin, which is offered as an optional course in many seminaries around the world.

The dictionary is more than a scholarly exercise. The Vatican

needs it for encyclicals and other documents on the sciences in what is still the official language, although Italian is the working language at the Vatican.

"It's useful," said the Rev. Reginald Foster, the pope's Latin expert. "We need it around here. The question is, Does anyone out there understand it?"

Even the Vatican has not been immune from slip-ups. The misspelling of the Latin for Sweden on a Vatican stamp commemorating the pope's trip to Scandinavia raised eyebrows among the hard core of Latin experts.

# Russia sees link in bombings

The Washington Post

MOSCOW – As the death toll from Monday's suicide bombing in Chechnya rose to 55, Russian officials sought to link the attack in the southern republic to the explosions that devastated western compounds in the Saudi Arabian capital Riyadh 14 hours later.

President Vladimir Putin said the attacks 1,300 miles apart followed an "absolutely identical" scheme and wreaked "absolutely comparable" devastation. Alexander Yakovlenko, a spokesman for the Russian foreign ministry, said, "The blasts in

Saudi Arabia, Chechnya and other places – these are links in the same chain."

Officials offered no direct evidence Tuesday for their claims.

The Russian government has long contended that separatist rebels in predominantly Muslim Chechnya are another front of a worldwide terrorist network against which Russia, the United States and other countries must unite. Russian law-enforcement officials say Arab terrorist organizations including al-Qaida have provided millions of dollars and hundreds of fighters to "booster" Chechen militants.



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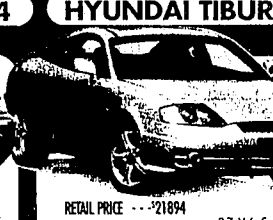
2003 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 4X4



RETAIL PRICE --- \$26,064  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$479  
REBATE --- \$1,000

**\$20,585 or lease**  
66 at \$231 mo


2003 HYUNDAI TIBURON



RETAIL PRICE --- \$21,894  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$3731  
REBATE --- \$1,000

**\$17,163 or lease**  
60 at \$220 mo

2003 HYUNDAI SONATA



RETAIL PRICE --- \$18,813  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$3577  
REBATE --- \$1,000

**\$14,236 or lease**  
60 at \$196 mo

1998 CHEVY ASTRO LS

#N0006-1 WAS \$14,995 **\$9583**

2001 MITSUBISHI GALANT

#N0002-1 WAS \$18,995 **\$10995**

2001 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS

#20018-0 WAS \$17,995 **\$11498**

2001 DODGE INTREPID SE

#20054-7 WAS \$14,995 **\$11595**

2000 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4

#2045-0 WAS \$21,995 **\$16895**

2002 HONDA ACCORD

#2044-0 WAS \$21,995 **\$17895**

2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT

#20195-0 WAS \$23,999 **\$18488**

2001 TOYOTA CELICA GT

#20133-0 WAS \$23,999 **\$17995**

1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4

#20134-0 WAS \$27,999 **\$19888**

1999 CHEVY SUBURBAN 2500 4X4

#20132-0 WAS \$28,998 **\$21988**


**HYUNDAI** Next to the KNVT Building

1070 BLUE LAKES BLVD. N. 733-1825 1-800-390-8632 TWIN FALLS, ID

\*Tax, title & dealer doc fee of \$157. OAC. Dealer retains all rebates. Act for illustration only. Limited to stock on hand. Subject to prior sale. Not responsible for typos.

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2003 NISSAN MAXIMA SE



RETAIL PRICE --- \$29,886  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$4914  
REBATE --- \$2,000

**\$22,972 or lease**  
66 at \$247 mo


2003 NISSAN XTERRA XE 4X4



RETAIL PRICE --- \$30,841  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$1511  
REBATE --- \$1,500

**\$24,190 or lease**  
66 at \$269 mo

2003 NISSAN PATHFINDER SE 4X4



RETAIL PRICE --- \$35,084  
GREEN DISCOUNT --- \$893  
REBATE --- \$2,000

**\$27,191 or lease**  
66 at \$299 mo

1987 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4

#20028-2 WAS \$8,995 **\$5395**

1999 SATURN SLI

#2040-0 WAS \$16,995 **\$7696**

1998 DODGE NEON

#2007-1 WAS \$9,995 **\$7730**

2000 CHEVY S-10

#20104-0 WAS \$18,995 **\$8992**

1997 HONDA ACCORD LX

#20144-1 WAS \$15,995 **\$9123**

1997 CHEVY 1500EC 4WD

#20102-1 WAS \$14,995 **\$9984**

2001 HYUNDAI SONATA

#20102-1 WAS \$15,995 **\$11775**

2000 NISSAN FRONTIER 4WD

#20047-4 WAS \$19,995 **\$17392**

1999 CHEVY 1500 4WD

#20102-1 WAS \$23,999 **\$17898**

2001 FORD F350 CREW CAB

#20119-0 WAS \$24,999 **\$22493**

2002 FORD F250 4X4 DIESEL

#20121-0 WAS \$33,995 **\$29994**

2001 FORD F250 4X4 7.3

#20122-0 WAS \$33,995 **\$30345**

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**AMERICAN** 734-5650  
REAL ESTATE & APPRAISAL CO. LTD. INC.

**JEROME**  
\$72,500 On the 6th fairway of the Jerome Golf Course, this 1 1/2 acre lot is ready for building your new home. For more details call Tami Gooding 737-3939 or call Tami Gooding 737-3939 or call Tami Gooding 737-3939. MLS#105095 PC1641

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**KIMBERLY**  
\$381,000. Approx. 124 acres of farm ground with 1 TFC water per acre. Located north of Kimberly. For more details visit The Hess Home 737-3939 or call Tami Gooding 737-3939. MLS#101349 PC2531

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**ROCK CREEK** beautiful building site on 26 acres in Rock Creek Canyon 9 miles S of Hanson. \$285,000. Call 208-423-4444

**SHOSHONE (N)** 2 acres. \$12,000. Larger lots available. Call 208-731-0103

**TWIN FALLS** \$59,400 This 5 acre parcel has a great C-1 location on the East side of town. City services available and road frontage. For more details visit Tami Gooding 737-3939 or call Tami Gooding 737-3939 or call Tami Gooding 737-3939. MLS#105447 PC2121

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COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS \$39,000 • Absolutely beautiful, secluded acreage for your dream home. Lots are 3 to 9.9 acres. Great for country living, your 4-H family. Beautiful views! Call Peggy or Lynn of The Russmussen Team 737-3939 or 737-3939. Hurry gone fast! MLS#101414 PC1481

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**ISLAND PARK** 1 bedroom time share condo for rent. \$500 for week of 6-14 - 1-21. 208-423-4574

**YANKEE FORT** Land of the Yankee Fort, Custer Co., Salmon River Co., family home of hunting and fishing lodge, 2 1/2 bdrms., 1 1/2 baths, new deck, 2nd floor living area and open family living area, new elevated roof. Two story, attached garage with horse arena, sub-division borders USPS. 438-8470 for brochure. Tami Gooding, agent, Salmon River Realty

**TWIN FALLS**  
Like to Travel? This new secure condo unit for you, 3 bdrms. incl. lg. master ste. w/walk-in closet, 2 baths, gas-req. parking lot, kitchen, central storage & secure parking. Reduced \$10,000. 731-0088 or 208-334-5547

**MOBILE HOMES**  
FILER 98 Nashua, 14'x70', 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Very well taken care of. Must sell soon for less than you can rent. \$19,000. Offer. Call 208-326-3294

**HAGERMAN** remodeled mobile home in quiet adult park, very clean. \$32,500. 794-208-308-477

**KIMBERLY** 95 Pleasantwood 14'x70', 2 bdrms. Furnishings. \$10,900. Offer. Call 423-6262

**KIMBERLY** New double wide upgrade, 715 E. Center St #141, 423-6421

**REAL ESTATE WANTED**  
MAGIC VALLEY AREA New company looking to buy or lease homes. Any price. Any condition. Call 1-208-532-0734 or 1-208-312-4335

**MANUFACTURED HOMES**  
ALMO Lovely mid. home 4 bdrms., 2 bath, recently refurbished. Price incl. 208-312-4335

**PAUL** 90 2x60 3 bedroom, bath, w/walkers, to be moved. Nice home. \$18,500 Call 208-438-8737 or 431-3344

**TWIN FALLS** 96 Pleasantwood 14'x70', 2 bdrms., bath, can stay in park with approval or can be moved. Call 208-734-2012 or 737-3654 for appointment.

**UNFURNISHED HOUSES**  
BUHL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, mobile home. \$400 mo. + deposit. Long term lease. No pets. 208-543-8342

**BURLEY** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, \$350 mo., \$150 deposit. Call 877-292

**GOODING** 2 bdrms., \$450 deposit. 423 Montana. Please call 208-738-0322

**JEROME** 3 bdrms., 2 bath, mobile home. No pets. \$525 + dep. Long term lease. 324-8003-643-8342

**JEROME** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, woodburning stove & refrigerator. Partially fenced on Hwy. 93. Call 324-0020 or 844-1813

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**GOODING** 3 bdrms., 2 bath new carpet & paint. \$550 deposit. 208-877-6523

**JEROME** 3 bedroom, near school, no pets. \$600 + deposit. Call 408-509-2112 or 408-19-0004

**JEROME** A-171 Almost new 3 bdrms., 2 bath, appliances, 2 car garage. 5 acre home with horse arena. \$950 month. Elwood & Evans 734-1401

**KIMBERLY** 3 bedroom Hallows Property Mgmt. 1300 Kimberly Rd. #11 734-4334

**MURTAUGH** 203 East Blvd. 2 or 3 bedroom, no pets. \$400 month + \$400 deposit. Call 652-3301 or 432-5311

**MURTAUGH** 3 bdrms., 2 bath, \$500 plus dep. refs. required. 208-432-5559

**RICHFIELD** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, large yard w/landscaping. \$400 + dep. Call 208-677-2098 days or 208-677-2098 even

**SHOSHONE** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, lg. yd. Partially furnished. \$400/mo. + deposit. 208-324-5774/208-7344

**SHOSHONE** clean 1 bdrm, cable/elec. utls. pd., garage, some on elec., fenced yd. bdr/furn. If needed, \$310/208-539-1523

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**TWIN FALLS** 1 & 4 Bedroom Hallows Property Mgmt. 1300 Kimberly Rd. #11 734-4334

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**TWIN FALLS** 3 bdrms., 2 1/2 bath, part. fenced, fireplace, 2nd floor appliances. Call 208-538-5604

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, double car carport, storage shed, roommates allowed. 1st floor appliances. Included. \$725 + \$725 dep. Call 208-538-5604

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**TWIN FALLS** 4 bdrms., 1 bath country home, water, no smoking/pets, refs. req. \$550/mo. + \$500 dep. 208-734-5053

**TWIN FALLS** 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, family room, living room, office, 2 car garage. \$750/month + \$750/dep. \$100 pet dep. Smoking allowed outside. Dobra at 208-280-2555.

**TWIN FALLS** Best Deal in Twin Falls 3 bdrms., 2 bath, 3rd. Ave. W. \$700/mo. + utls. Dan 208-761-2284

**TWIN FALLS** Clean 1 bdrms., good location, lawn care & some utls. incl. no W/D hookups or pets. \$400 + dep. 733-4791

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., 2 bath, AC, gas, W/D hookups, stove, \$795 + \$700 dep. No pets/smoking. 208-731-3537

**TWIN FALLS** nice large, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, \$850. 208-734-5633

**TWIN FALLS** Quiet 2 bdrms. apple, small yd, water incl. no pet/smoking \$450. Cozy 3 bdrms. home, W/D hookups, new carpeting. Storage shed. \$750. Quiet neighborhood 3 bdrms. 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, stove, garage, patio, sprinkler system, \$750. THE MOIST 733-0739

**TWIN FALLS** North East Almost new 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$795. No pets. Call 208-404-6739

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**Equal Housing Opportunity**  
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**TWIN FALLS** Huge 2 bdrms., 2 bath, Close to CSI 131 Creativeview Dr. \$375 + \$400 dep. 208-731-3232

**TWIN FALLS** Small, clean, quiet apt. No smoking. Some utls. incl. 420-8230

**TWIN FALLS** very nice, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, appls. AC, \$875 + \$500 deposit/water. No smoking/pets. Call Delaina or Dan 733-7818

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**FILER** All elect. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all appls. w/bmnt. Garage. no smoking/pets. \$500 + \$300 dep. Call 328-4258

**GOODING** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, W/D incl. lots of storage, \$450. Call 934-9595

**GOODING** 2 bdrms., duplex, new vinyl siding, \$400 + \$400 deposit. 934-9595

**GOODING** Low income subsidized 1 bdrms. apt. at West Side Court. For senior &/or disabled. Clean, nice neighborhood, walking distance to Filer & Kings. 3 apt. available. Call Shirley 934-4988 weekdays before noon. Small pets and smoking OK. Equal Housing Opportunity

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**HEYBURN** Taking applications for waiting list. 1, 2, & 3 bdrms. apartment. View East 878-9141

**GOODING** Brand New 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplexes. 208-634-8999

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**JEROME** Beautiful 2 bdrms., appls. incl. W/D. Many extras. 110 E. 7th. & 121 E. 8th. Call 324-4854

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**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., garage, W/D hookups, nice neighborhood. \$550 dep. Call 208-734-4867

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., duplex Filer Ave. E. no pets, \$500 mo. + W/D hookups. Call 208-734-4867

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., duplex garage, \$405+dep. 1013 Lemhi. No pets. Please call 734-5329

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bdrms., 1 bath, new carpet/paint, carport, lots of storage, W/D hookups. \$525/mo. (801)920-1200

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bedroom 1 bath, Carport, lawn & water incl. 452 Sunrise Blvd. \$500/mo. + \$400 dep. 734-4994 or 404-3252

**TWIN FALLS** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, ref. DW & W/D. No pets. 732-0895

**TWIN FALLS** 3 bdrms., 2 bath, Carport, patio, appls., dishwasher, W/D hookups. AC. \$880, 241-Sunrise. Chuck 733-6207 or Terri 734-4015

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**2003 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER**  
Stock #3PT-302 Color: Cranberry

**WAS \$26,430**  
**LATHAM DISCOUNT FACTORY REBATE**  
**\$6,542**  
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**NOW \$18,388** OR LEASE FOR **\$222** MO.  
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**2003 DODGE CARAVAN SE**  
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**WAS \$24,870**  
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**\$3,582**  
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**NOW \$18,788** OR LEASE FOR **\$256** MO.  
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**2003 DODGE DAKOTA CLUB CAB 4x4 SPORT**  
Stock #3TD-139 Color: Blue

**WAS \$29,135**  
**LATHAM DISCOUNT FACTORY REBATE**  
**\$5,547**  
**\$2,000**

**NOW \$21,588** OR LEASE FOR **\$269** MO.  
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**2003 CHRYSLER CONCORDE LX**  
Stock #3CN-033 Color: Almond

**WAS \$27,715**  
**LATHAM DISCOUNT FACTORY REBATE**  
**\$3,027**  
**\$1,500**

**NOW \$23,188** OR LEASE FOR **\$315** MO.  
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**2003 DODGE 1500 QUAD CAB 4x4 SLT**  
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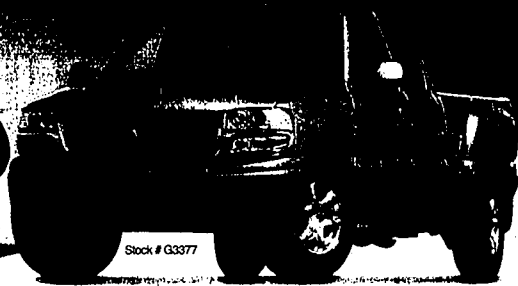
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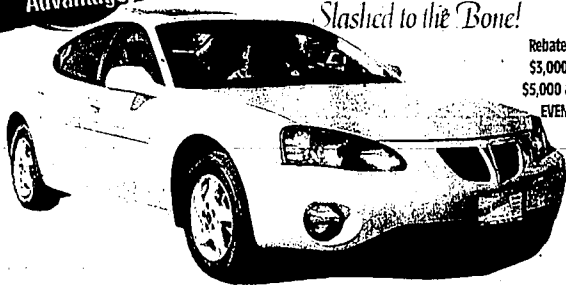
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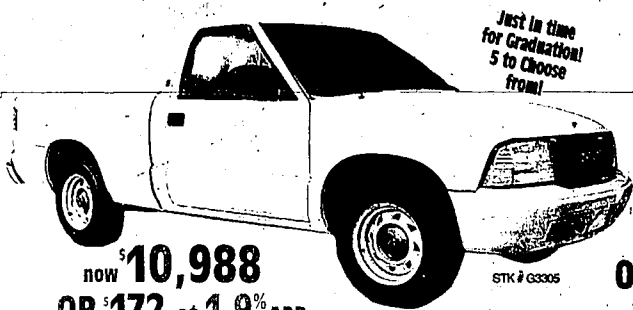
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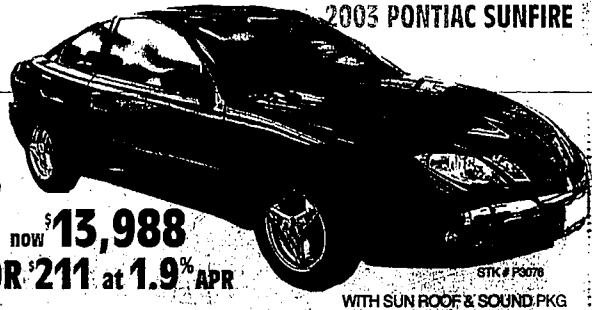
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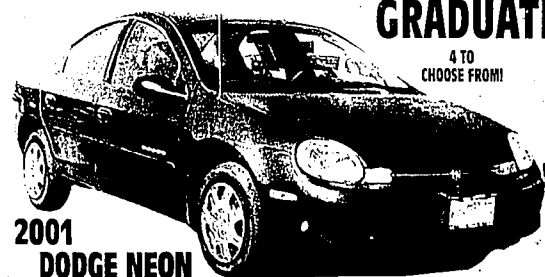
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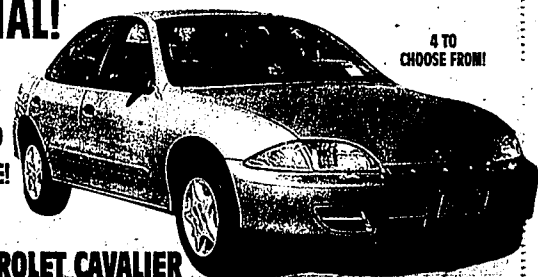


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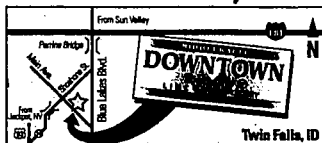
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"Put all your eggs in the one basket and then watch that BASKET!"

—Mark Twain

These days most players use 15-17 one-no-trump opening bids, so when North opens one club, South jumps to two no-trump over South's one-spade response, he shows a balanced 10-12 points. That allows South to explore for an eight-card major-suit fit and settle happily enough in four spades.

On West's low-club opening lead against four spades, South must play small from dummy in a suit headed by honor-10. If so, declarer might be able to establish a discard for the diamond loser. But the defense wins the club lead cheaply and continues to lead cheaply, forcing South to wind up the ace and start drawing trumps.

When West wins his spade ace, he plays a third club. South ruffs this and completes drawing trumps. Now what? He should not go after hearts at once, since looking for the 3-3 split can wait. Instead, it is better to try to generate an extra chance — just in case. Correct technique is to play on diamonds first, and the best way to do that is to lead a diamond to dummy's nine. Good news — the nine is in East's king. Now South can ruff the club and finally get around to testing hearts by playing the ace, queen and king. When they do not break, it is time to fall back on the second chance. Declarer can finesse dummy's diamond jack successfully, then cash the diamond ace to throw his heart loser away. Ten tricks made.

NORTH		05-14
♠ Q J 5		
♥ A 2		
♦ A 3 6		
♣ A 3 7		
WEST		
♠ A 3 2		
♥ 9 8		
♦ 10 8 7		
♣ K 8 6 4		
EAST		
♠ 7 4		
♥ J 10 6 5		
♦ 10 3 2		
♣ 5 2		
SOUTH		
♠ K 10 9 8 5		
♥ K 7 4 3		
♦ 5 2		
♣ 5		

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	All pass		

Opening lead: Club four

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ K 10 9 8 5  
♥ K 7 4 3  
♦ 5 2  
♣ 9 5

South	West	North	East
	1♦	1♠	2♣

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Facing an overall, your spade length suggests that you should preempt the opponents to the limit. How do you know they cannot make a grand slam? Four spades may not make, but you must steal space from your opponents and make their life as tough as you can.

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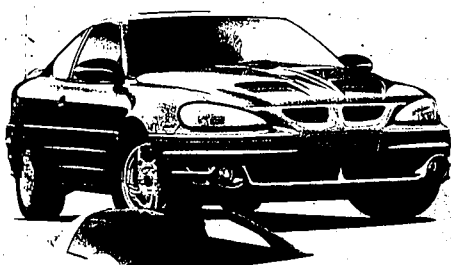
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