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# Filer chief aids Net porn arrest

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**FILER** - The Internet chat room was supposed to be about the Bible, so Misty Johnson was disturbed when a fellow chatter sent her a picture of child pornography.

What the mystery e-mailer didn't know was Misty Johnson's dad is Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson, and when he heard about what happened he vowed

### The Internet and children

- Never give out your passwords.
- Only surf certain sites.
- Never respond by e-mail to someone that you don't know.
- Do not chat with people who use foul language.
- Do not give out your name online.
- Do not give out a phone number or an address online.
- Do not set up a real-life meeting without a parent.
- Report all incidents of foul behavior to parents.

Source: www.netparenting.com

to track the guy down. With the help of Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy J.P. O'Donnell, Johnson traced the

photo's origin to Knoxville, Tenn. Johnson called the police there, who completed the investigation and arrested Gregory Alan Miles, 35, a married father of two children.

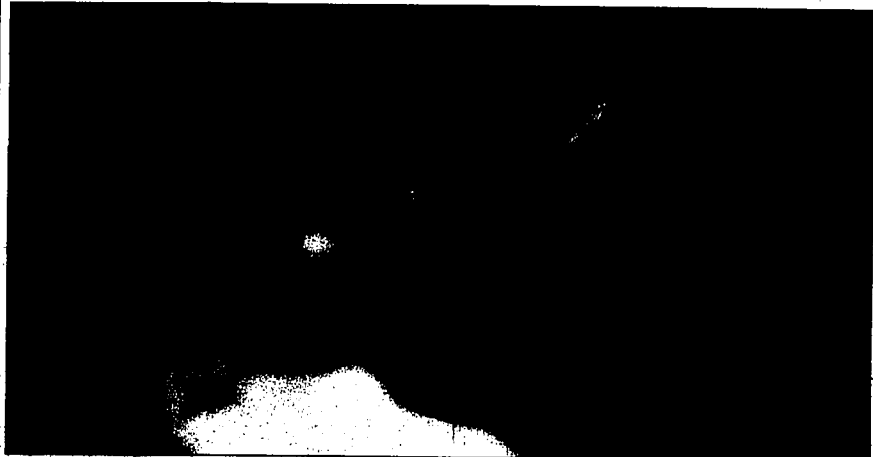
Miles was released on \$10,000 bond after his indictment on charges of aggravated sexual exploitation and sexual exploitation of a minor. He was charged earlier this month with possessing child pornography on his home computer and sending the

pictures over the Internet. "Every case like this that gets prosecuted will send a message to the public that people can't get away with this," Cliff Johnson said.

Art Bohanan, an evidence specialist with the Knoxville Police Department, said he found 80 pictures of girls and seven pictures of boys engaged in sex acts. They ranged in age from 2 to 14 years old.

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# REMEMBERING RACHEL



Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Joy Scott who was killed in the Columbine High School tragedy nearly a year ago in Littleton, Colo., spoke at the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship and the College of Southern Idaho on Friday.

## Dad keeps daughter's faith alive

Columbine shooting victim Rachel Scott wanted a world of kindness

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

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Rachel Joy Scott  
One of 15 who died

1999. Scott related witnesses' accounts of Rachel's death: As she lay dying Harris and Klebold taunted her, asking her if she still believed in God. She said,

"you know I do." She had not long before shared her Christian faith with them and talked to them about violent videotapes they had made for class.

Scott's son Craig, whose two friends on either side of him in the library were killed, didn't know he had passed his sister's body on the lawn.

"My son saw 10 of his fellow students killed. ... He looked down the barrel of a gun," Scott said.

Scott said police credited his son, who also speaks around the country, as a hero who saved many lives.

The most recent tragedy is the deaths of two teens at a Columbine Subway shop where Rachel had worked. One victim, Stephanie Hart, 16, had been his daughter's friend and neighbor.

"My prayer for my kids is that they don't grow up warped, because they have seen so much murder," said Scott, the only point during his address when he couldn't fight back tears.

Scott carries Rachel's diary found in her backpack with a bullet hole in it. She kept a stack

of diaries about her desire to show compassion for others as an example of her Christian faith. Her father said he considers much of what she had written to be prophetic - something he emphasizes as being just his opinion - including an entry in May 1999 where she wrote it would be her last year.

It's through her diaries - that will be made into at least one book, "Rachel's Tears" to be released April 20 - that Scott said he has found purpose behind her death. He also publishes a magazine, "Rachel's Journal."

Before police returned Rachel's diary to her family, Scott said a musician called to tell him he dreamt about Rachel's eyes. They were crying and her tears were watering something, but he didn't know what. Scott said he didn't have any idea what the dream could have meant at the time, but he later found in the diary a drawing she had made of her eyes. Her tears, 13 clear drops just like

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# Lawsuit worries irrigators

Groups seek more water for salmon

By N.S. Nokkented  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho water users are taking seriously a lawsuit filed earlier this week that would threaten Idaho irrigation water.

The Idaho Water Users Association has not yet decided to intervene in the lawsuit filed by environmentalists and commercial fishermen, said Sherl Chapman, executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.

Using water from the Upper Snake River Basin - which includes southern and eastern Idaho and part of eastern Oregon - has become a key point in the argument over how best to improve passage of endangered salmon through the lower Snake River.

Other options for recovering the endangered fish include breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River in southeastern Washington.

Filed in U.S. District Court under the Endangered Species Act, the lawsuit contends that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and

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# Americans hatch an egg comeback

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - At Manhattan's trendy Heartbeat restaurant, health-conscious customers won't find a bit of added fat on the menu - no butter or oil. Eggs, however, are a hot item.

"We've definitely seen a comeback for eggs. You can ask my breakfast cook," said chef Michel Nischan.

Eggs are back, everywhere. Americans will each eat more than 255 eggs this year, the most since 1985, and up from 245 two years ago.

Egg consumption bottomed out at 235 per person in 1991, after a long, gradual decline

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# Jury finds officers innocent in shooting

New York Daily News

**ALBANY, N.Y.** - The four New York City police officers who killed Amadou Diallo in a hail of 41 bullets were acquitted Friday of all criminal charges, a blunt verdict that did little to heal the deep divisions caused by the shooting.

The verdict came on the third day of deliberations, bringing to a close the legal question of whether the cops' actions - firing 41 shots at Diallo, hitting him 19 times - added up to murder or perhaps a lesser crime.

Officers Kenneth Boss, 28, and Sean Carroll, 36, wept as the verdicts were read, Edward McMellon, 27, and Richard Murphy, 27, stood with little emotion, even as they learned they had been spared a life behind bars.

The reaction elsewhere was more visceral. The cops' families heaved with

## Immigrant died reaching for his wallet; verdict sparks protest

tears, their sobs of relief piercing the tense silence in the heavily guarded courtroom. The dead man's parents and supporters across the aisle sat motionless. Tears streaked the face of Diallo's mother, Kadiatou. And in the Bronx neighborhood where Diallo lived and died Feb. 4, 1999, about 200 protesters angrily filled the streets, marching to the 43rd Precinct station-house and stopping traffic along the Bronx River Parkway.

As the cops emerged from the Albany County Courthouse, shouts of "Guilty!

Guilty! Guilty!" came from about 100 protesters standing in the driving rain.

Defense lawyers praised the verdict but refused to gloat. "There is no victory in this case, there is the loss of a life, and four police officers' lives were changed forever," said John Patten, who represents Carroll.

As the lawyers, the officers and their families drove off to drink champagne, Diallo's somber parents came out, flanking the Rev. Al Sharpton.

"It is in the name of Amadou and his spirit that I ask for your calm and prayers," Kadiatou Diallo said as the crowd whipped itself into a frenzy.

"I think there's no justice," said Diallo's father, Saikou.

Related stories - B12



A crowd gathers late Friday in front of the Bronx building where Amadou Diallo died last February.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie High: 36 Low: 25 Snow likely today... breezy. Same tonight. Same Sunday, but not as breezy, high 37.

Treasure Valley High: 50 Low: 39 Cloudy today with chance of rain. Rain likely tonight. Cloudy Sunday with good chance of rain, high 52.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 42 Low: 32 Mostly cloudy today, chance of snow. Cloudy tonight, snow likely. Snow likely Sunday, high 43.

Eastern Idaho High: 39 Low: 28 Mostly cloudy today and breezy. Cloudy tonight, chance of snow. Rain Sunday, breezy, high 47.

Northern Idaho High: 39 Low: 33 Rain or snow today and tonight. Mostly cloudy Sunday, chance of rain, high 44.

Northern Utah High: 46 Low: 32 Mostly cloudy today and light winds. Mostly cloudy tonight. Cloudy and breezy Sunday, high 52.

Northern Nevada High: 48 Low: 36 Cloudy today with chance of rain. Rain likely tonight. Cloudy Sunday with good chance of rain, high 52.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday weather icons and temperature forecasts for Magic Valley.

Idaho weather

Idaho weather map showing temperature zones and weather conditions across the state.

UV INDEX and ROAD INFORMATION sections with related data and advice.

SKYWATCH section detailing sunset and sunrise times for February 26, 27, and 28.

National weather

National weather map of the United States with temperature bands and weather symbols.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz.

ACROSS THE NATION

News snippets from various states including Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Montana.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing weather data for Twin Falls and Idaho, including temperature, precipitation, and wind.

Idaho

Table listing various Idaho cities and their weather conditions, such as Boise, Burley, and Coeur d'Alene.

The Nation

Table showing weather forecasts for major cities across the United States, including Albuquerque, Anchorage, and Atlanta.

Egg

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Eggs are coming back

Article about egg consumption trends, including a bar chart showing consumption per person from 1970 to 2000 and a pie chart showing the nutritional breakdown of a large egg.

Arrest

Continued from A1. The investigation began June 4 after what police said was Miles' Internet conversation with Misty Johnson, then 17, Johnson and a youth pastor in North Carolina created a Christian chat room for Bible study and exchanging Christian trivia.

Water

Continued from A1. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have failed to meet minimum flows necessary for salmon survival set by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 1995. All three agencies were named as defendants.

Idaho Water Users Association asserts there is no evidence that higher flows helps fish.

Ric Ilgenfritz of the National Marine Fisheries Service says the agency is looking at the lawsuit and working with the Department of Justice on a response. Though more water may be available, the Idaho Legislature has limited the amount of water Reclamation can move to 427,000 acre-feet.

transfer. And it looks like authorization will be approved, Chapman said.

He expects legislation to be introduced next week, he said. Environmentalists and fishery biologists maintain that breaching the four dams would remove the biological justification for making additional water from southern Idaho.

Rachel

Continued from A1. the number of people killed at Columbine, watered a rose growing from a Columbine flower.

Scott believes that is the purpose behind his daughter's death - growing a rose out of the tragedy. And he called on churches to take the lead.

Scott's stories about his daughter are numerous, including that of a man who recognized Rachel's picture in the newspaper as the same girl who had held an umbrella for him while she changed a flat tire on the side of the road and talked to him about God.

Though the group has been an advocate for breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River as part of the efforts to restore the fish, Idaho Rivers United is not a party to the suit, said Matt Bridges, the group's conservation director.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Friday's movie listings omitted the Shoshone Showhouse, which will screen "Toy Story 2" tonight and Monday. A headline Friday misidentified the soloist for next week's Magic Valley Symphony concert. He is Richard Zalkind. The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Lottery update advertisement for Wednesday, February 23, 2000, featuring Powerball and Wild Card 2.

# Presidential candidates court Hispanic votes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says Spanish is "my bello" and Vice President Al Gore is running Spanish-language ads. Sen. John McCain is making the rounds of Hispanic groups.

With the Hispanic vote expected to be a critical element of California's March 7 primary, the presidential candidates are coming and courting — a clear indication of the increased political profile of Latinos in the nation's most populous state.

"We've seen the writing on the walls for the past few years in terms of the growing Hispanic population, the growing political clout," said Ingrid Duran, executive director of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in Washington. "Our votes are truly up for grabs. We're voting as an educated bloc on the issues."

Gore, a sometime Spanish-speaker, began running Spanish-language ads in California this week. Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez, D-Ill., introduced Bill Bradley's immigration platform at the Mexican Cultural Institute on Thursday. McCain meets with Hispanic groups when he visits the state.

In the 1996 presidential election, Hispanics made up 11.6 percent of California voters. That's projected to increase to 13.4 percent this year, according to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, which monitors Hispanic voting patterns nationwide. They accounted for 4.7 percent of voters nationwide in 1996; projected to increase to 5.4 percent this year, it said.

In California and other states where they make up at least 10 percent of the electorate — Arizona, Florida, New Mexico and Texas — Hispanics can be an important voting bloc. The presidential candidates know that and are working hard to earn their support.



Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley strains to listen to a question from the atrium balcony of the Evergreen State College library during a long and splintered question and answer period with students and faculty Thursday night in Olympia, Wash.

"Bush wasted no time after his losses Tuesday in Arizona and Michigan to attend a 'town hall' sponsored by the Univision television network in Los Angeles the following day. Before a Hispanic audience, the Texas governor described the Spanish language as "my bello," or very beautiful. And he agreed to debate other candidates on issues

important to Hispanics, but "solamente en espanol" — only in Spanish.

McCain is not proficient in Spanish; his campaign said, certainly not to the point where he could debate in that language.

Like Bush, the Arizona senator has won strong support from Hispanics in his home state.

# U.S. economy keeps rapid moving pace

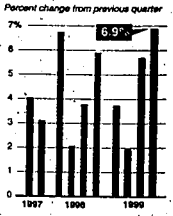
WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a speeding locomotive, the U.S. economy grew at a 6.9 percent rate in the last quarter of 1999, its fastest pace in more than three years. Economists said that rapid growth makes it all but certain the Fed will boost interest rates in the coming months to slow the economy and keep inflation at bay.

The revised estimate in the gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services — eclipsed most analysts' expectations and showed the economy growing at a much more robust pace than the 5.8 percent fourth-quarter rate the government estimated a month ago. The Commerce Department said Friday that the economy's performance in the final three months of last year matched a 6.9 percent growth spurt posted in the second quarter of 1996 and hasn't been exceeded since a 7.2 percent rate of increase at the end of 1987. The economy sprinted past the third quarter's 5.7 percent growth rate.

"The economy boomed, skyrocketed, soared, was on fire — no

## GDP up

Here is a look at the gross domestic product, which measures all goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



Source: Department of Commerce AP

matter what descriptor you choose, it will be an understatement," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

# Researchers mate human cells with 'bionic' circuitry

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Don't look for the Six Million Dollar Man just yet, but researchers say they have found a way to mate human cells with circuitry in a "bionic chip" that could play a key role in medicine and genetic engineering.

The tiny device — smaller and thinner than a strand of hair — combines a healthy human cell with an electronic circuitry chip. By controlling the chip with a computer, scientists say they can control the activity of the cell.

The computer sends electrical impulses to the cell-chip, triggering the cell's membrane pores to open and activating the cell. Scientists hope they can manufacture cell-chips in large numbers and insert them into the body to replace or correct diseased tissues.

The cell-chip also gives them greater control over the difficult

process of gene therapy because they can more precisely open the cell's pores, said lead researcher Boris Rubinsky.

"We've brought engineering essentially into the field of biology," said Rubinsky, a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, which funded his research. "We can introduce DNA, extract proteins, administer medicines — all without bothering other cells that might be around."

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# Hotel fire alarm shortens Clinton speech Friday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was hustled out of a hotel ballroom Friday after a fire alarm sounded as he delivered a speech.

The alarm went off just after Clinton began his speech at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards, awarded for corporate innovation. A fire had broken out in the hotel's laundry room.

Apparently unaware of the fire, Clinton tried to continue his remarks after joking about the noise. At one point he joked that because of the blaring alarm, "The Marriott is not a candidate for the Baldrige Award." "Could somebody tell me what

the deal is?" Clinton finally asked. An aide told him it was a fire alarm. "Are we supposed to leave?" the president said.

"Not yet," the aide replied. "Not yet?" Clinton asked incredulously. "That's not an encouraging answer."

But when three uniformed Secret Service officers entered the ballroom and motioned for the audience of about 1,000 to leave, Clinton calmly walked out with Commerce Secretary William Daley.

"Apparently a contract welder working near the laundry room set off a small fire in the laundry room," Lockhart said. "The fire marshals responded and made the decision to evacuate the hotel."



Former President George Bush answers questions about his heart condition as cardiologist Mark Hawknecht laughs during a news conference at Methodist Hospital Friday in Houston.

# Former President Bush spends night in hospital

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Former President Bush was released Friday from a hospital where he spent the night after feeling light-headed at a business conference.

Bush, 75, said he planned to fly to Houston, where he will be hospitalized a day or two more to have his medication adjusted. After he fell ill Thursday, he was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, a form of irregular heartbeat.

"I was tired," he told reporters outside Naples Community Hospital. "I broke out in a sweat. I didn't think anything was wrong."

Bush was given intravenous

blood thinners and other medication.

Since leaving office in 1993, Bush has largely stayed out of the spotlight, but he has done some campaigning for his son's presidential bid. He has remained vigorous, making headlines in March 1997 when, at age 72, he made a successful parachute jump.

Atrial fibrillation happens when the upper chambers of the heart contract extremely rapidly. That means they don't pump blood properly into the heart's lower chambers, which themselves speed up as they struggle to pump blood out of the heart.

# U.S. suspends gun sales to Canada

WASHINGTON (AP) — The export of guns and ammunition to Canada has been suspended while authorities look into a surge in requests for handgun licenses, the White House said Friday.

The United States nine months

ago began requiring licenses to export weapons to Canada. Since last April, licenses have been issued for 115,000 handguns, 25,000 rifles and 200 million rounds of ammunition, according to U.S. government data cited Friday by the New York Times.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

**SPECIAL NOTICE!**

The meeting scheduled for Monday, February 28, 7 p.m., in the Cancer Center Reception Area has been changed. Instead, the meeting will be held on

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

**7 P.M.**

In the **OBCENCHAIN BUILDING**  
(264 Main Avenue South, Twin Falls)

The Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and General Cancer Support Groups will join with the Tobacco Coalition for a "Town Meeting." Speaker for the evening will be David McClusky, M.D.  
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Babette Beatty holds the January 1964 issue of Sports Illustrated in which she graces the cover of the magazine's first swimsuit edition recently at her Halfway, Ore., business.

## A 1960s modeling beauty discovers the good life in remote Oregon town

HALFWAY, Ore. (AP) — Other than the Wallowa Mountains that tower above this poky hamlet of 360 souls, Halfway doesn't have much to brag about. It's also got Babette.

Babette Beatty, a German-born beauty, was the first model to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated in a swimsuit. That was back in 1964.

Babette was an internationally known model in her day. She romped across the covers of the world's top fashion magazines and paraded with the likes of Andy Warhol and Mick Jagger.

Across the street, they also have two guest lodges, and are building a bed and breakfast on a hill overlooking Halfway.

Babette has become protective of her adoptive home. In a market-

But the town needs a shot in the arm, she says. She said of the hamlet's residents: "We are just flailing around trying to make a living." When you saunter into Babette's restaurant, called the Halfway Supper Club, the woman who greets you still looks like the model she once was.

But with her luminous green eyes, high cheekbones and elfin smile, she's still a charmer. On the walls of Babette's restaurant are reminders of her fame: a photo of Mick Jagger, and the 1964 Sports Illustrated cover showing Babette in a white bikini. "It seems like five lifetimes ago," says Babette. Babette moved from Germany to the United States in her late teens. At 21, she was whisked off a Florida beach and into the modeling world — picked up by the Ford Modeling Agency.

*"As you get older, it's really hard to adjust — there are such expectations to keep up the look."*

— Babette Beatty

ing scheme intended to help Halfway's sputtering economy, the City Council last month voted to unofficially change the town's name to Half.com — the name of the Internet startup retailer that came up with the idea.

The new name is not official and won't show up on any map, but the Conshohocken, Pa.-based startup wants to post a sign on the main road into town that would read: "Welcome to the first dot-com city in America, Half.com — AKA Halfway, Oregon."

In exchange, Halfway is to receive \$75,000 from the company and get 22 computers donated to the town's elementary school. Halfway officials are also hoping that publicity from the scheme will attract tourists. Babette doesn't know if that's the answer to Halfway's economic woes.

## Bar calls for release of judge's notes

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The state Bar Association is asking a panel of federal judges to quickly wrap up its investigation into allegations that U.S. District Judge Alan McDonald wrote racially inflammatory notes.

The association, which licenses the state's 25,000 lawyers, also wants the panel to break its normal secrecy by publicly disclosing its conclusions.

If lawyers give even the appearance of bias or prejudice based on race, religion or creed, it would be the subject of criticism," said Jan Eric Peterson of Seattle, the group's president-elect. News of the Yakima-based judge's notes was published last month in The Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Wash.

The notes contained inflammatory comments about racial and ethnic groups. One note referred to Hispanics in McDonald's courtroom as "greasers."

Lawyers have said McDonald and a clerk passed disparaging notes in court for years. In one of the notes, the judge wrote "Ah is im po tent!" while a black man was testifying.

McDonald has said the notes were never intended for the public and were being misinterpreted. A secretary said McDonald was out of town Thursday.

McDonald's actions are being investigated by the Judicial Council, a panel of judges from the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The panel reviews all cases in secrecy and rarely makes its actions known to the public.

## County rejects spud processor

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The Bingham County Planning and Zoning Board has denied a special-use permit for a potato processor, marking the first time in county history a denial was issued to a potato processor.

Early Thursday morning, after hours of testimony and deliberation, the board voted 4-1 to deny a special-use permit that Fifth-area potato processor Idaho Supreme needed to spray its wastewater on a field. The company said it needed the land, just over a mile south of Shelley, to spray its wastewater, a mixture of potato solids, minerals and cleaning agents, and stay in compliance with Division of Environmental Quality guidelines.

Members of the board who voted to deny the permit were concerned the field was too close to Shelley and that it might deter residential growth south of the city. Board member Dan Neff voted against the motion to deny the permit because he had received so much information during the course of the night that he wanted to get it through it.

Idaho Supreme can appeal the board's decision to county commissioners. Duane Ball, who handles environmental permits for Idaho Supreme, said he did not know yet whether the company would appeal.

A county ordinance allows the company 10 days to decide.

If appealed, county commissioners will hold another public hearing and either uphold or overturn the board's denial.

If there is a public hearing, a group of residents around Shelley concerned with spray-fields called the Coalition Against Pollution has vowed to be there.

About 175 people attended the hearing, which began Wednesday night and continued into Thursday morning. Members also presented a petition signed by 1,200 people opposing spraying on the field.

## Teen-ager faces trial for slaying

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Bingham County teen-ager has been ordered to stand trial for first-degree murder in the slaying last month of Jose Raul Gonzales following an argument at a local trailer park.

Angel Reyes, 17, was bound over after prosecutors convinced Bingham County Magistrate Charles Ross that there was sufficient evidence to suggest he might have killed the 25-year-old victim.

Arraignment in 7th District Court was set for March 27.

Authorities said Reyes and Gonzales argued earlier on the night of Jan. 23 before Reyes returned and called Gonzales outside where the two argued again before Gonzales was shot twice in the chest and once in the wrist with a 22-caliber handgun.

Reyes fled the area but was arrested later at his mother's house. He has been held without bond in the county jail since then.

During Thursday's preliminary hearing, Rogelio Silva told Ross through an interpreter that he saw Reyes enter the mobile home late that night and call Gonzales outside where the two were standing when the gun flash as Reyes fired three shots.

Silva said Gonzales clutched his chest, ran back into the house and into the closest bedroom and collapsed on the floor.

Silva said there was no telephone at the trailer, so he and a couple others of the half dozen people there drove to another house to use a phone. When they returned, police had already arrived.

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# Parents As Teachers program moves ahead

BOISE (AP) - A day after grilling his wife on the details, legislative budget writers on Friday approved Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's scaled-back education program that caused a major rift with lawmakers a year ago.

Only three members of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted against the spending allocations for the governor's office in the budget that takes effect July 1.

It was the only agency budget not already down to the bare bones that the House-Senate panel did not reduce from the governor's relatively modest recommendation in its drive to free up general tax revenue for the huge election-year tax cut that a large number of House Republicans seemed bent on passing.

Kempthorne's proposed spending levels for the Parks and



Recreation Department and the Human Rights Commission were the latest to be trimmed. Cash for needed repairs to Winchester Dam in north-central Idaho was snipped from the parks budget. Opponents want it fixed with money from the Fish and Game Department, which does not have enough cash to adequately finance its basic operations.

And less than \$18,000 was denied the Human Rights Commission for a temporary investigator in what Democratic Rep. Ken Robison said would only aggravate the perception that Idaho is intolerant.

It is the wrong message,

Robison said, considering "the governor and others expressed concern about Idaho's image."

Several modest additions were made to the Department of Lands budget only because the state anticipates recovering \$750,000 that will not be used in the cleanup of central Idaho's Triumph Mine. The final tally leaves that budget more than \$500,000 below the committee's overall target level.

But budget writers did not even question the doubling of the fund to pay the lieutenant governor the higher governor's salary for the days he fills in when Kempthorne is out of the state.

Trips to Asia, Mexico and Canada last fall and early winter as well as other out-of-state commitments have already used up the \$9,600 in the current budget. Kempthorne, who was in Washington, D.C., on Friday for the National Governor's Association

winter meeting, is using payroll savings from vacancies on his staff to cover any additional costs.

Should the doubled budget to cover Kempthorne's travel be more than needed, the unspent money will be returned to the treasury.

After spending an hour discussing the Parents As Teachers program with First Lady Patricia Kempthorne on Thursday, the committee took only a few minutes to refresh the issue before giving the governor authority to spend a federal grant and any private donations to monitor some 30 Parents As Teachers programs being run by the Albertson's Foundation.

"We keep getting caught up on the Parents As Teachers," Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, told his colleagues. "What we're giving them is spending authority. These are federal and dedicated funds."

# Senate panel kills bond-issue item

BOISE - Senate tax writers on Friday killed a proposed constitutional amendment to reduce the supermajority to approve school bonding bonds from two-thirds to 60 percent.

The 5-2 vote in the Local Government and Taxation Committee again removed that issue from the debate over how the state should help districts fix tens of millions - or in hundreds of millions - of dollars in deteriorating schools.

The proposal, which would have needed approval by two-thirds of the full Senate to even get to the House for review, had even been abandoned by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in his drive to find a way of heading off the possibility of a court judgment dumping the responsibility completely in the state's lap.

A trial is scheduled this spring on what the state must do to com-

**Legislature in brief**

ply with a Supreme Court ruling that it has the responsibility to provide all students with a safe schools conducive to learning.

A myriad of other loan options are still pending in the two houses.

The constitutional amendment, which would have needed voter approval this fall, would have authorized the lower supermajority if bond elections were held in late May or early November.

**Bill would allow liquor bids from incorporated areas**

BOISE - It wants a few changes, but a House committee essentially endorsed a plan to let counties decide whether to allow restaurants in unincorporated

areas bid for licenses to sell liquor by the drink.

The State Affairs Committee on Friday embraced the bill sponsored by Democratic Rep. Mary Lou Shepherd of Wallace and Republican Sen. Jack Riggs of Coeur d'Alene, but only with three amendments.

One would let counties opt in to the plan, rather than forcing those that oppose liquor-by-the-drink sales in their unincorporated areas to opt out.

Another proposed change would limit those qualified to bid on licenses to businesses that serve food. And a third would clarify that beyond the initial population-based allocation of two to four to each county, one more license would be awarded in any year that the population of the unincorporated area increases by 3,000 people.

- compiled from wire reports

# LEGISLATIVE LOG

**The Associated Press**

**Completes for Friday Signed by Governor**

SB1362 (Finance) - Makes an emergency appropriation of \$4.3 million to the Department of Correction.

**Sent to governor**

SB1316 (Resources and Environment) - Extends the life of the Big Payette Lake Wetland area and reduces the acceptance of its water quality plan for Big Payette Lake.

SB1401 (Finance) - Reduces the appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Correction for the current budget year by \$2.25 million.

**Confirmed By Senate**

E.E. "Bud" Brinegar, Meridian, to the Commission on Pensions and Pardon.

DeWay Hahn, Roberts, to the Commission on Pensions and Pardon.

**Legislative action complete**

HB140 (State Affairs) - Expresses sympathy to the family of former Gov. Don Samuelson on his death.

**Introduced in House**

HB62 (State Affairs) - Allows paid leave for disaster relief service for state employees verified as Cross Disaster service volunteers.

HB491 (State Affairs) - Ownership, possession or transportation of cigarettes intended for sale to a Cross Disaster service volunteer.

HB934 (State Affairs) - Ratifies a gambling agreement between the state and the Shoshone-Bannock tribes, including a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.

HB67 (State Affairs) - Consolidates election dates and consolidates most election functions in the office of the county clerk.

HB696 (Agriculture and Forestry) - Defines financial responsibility requirements for operators, closure and remediation of large wine and poultry confined feeding operations.

**Completes for Thursday Sent to governor**

HB401 (Newcomb) - Revises some deadlines in the public employee retirement system.

HB462 (Newcomb) - Authorizes establishment of an unmet sick leave bank within the public employee retirement system.

HB474 (Appropriations) - Makes emergency appropriations to local governments.

HB479 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$115,000 appropriation to the Fish and Game Department.

HB476 (Revenue and Taxation) - Makes technical changes in the mine license and income tax laws.

HB468 (Revenue and Taxation) - Brings

Idaho's income tax laws into conformance with the federal tax code.

HB467 (Revenue and Taxation) - Reduces the penalty for failing to pay the amount due when filing tax returns.

HB466 (Revenue and Taxation) - Sets the filing date for electronically filed tax returns.

HB457 (Revenue and Taxation) - Requires taxpayers to report any adjustments made by other jurisdictions which result in changing the credit for taxes paid in another state.

HB474 (Revenue and Taxation) - Revises the definition of homeowner for circuit breaker or property tax relief.

HB449 (Local Government) - Allows optional form of financial responsibility to be filed by fair board members.

HB480 (Resources and Conservation) - Authorizes the Health and Welfare Department to deal with property involved in the Bunker Hill Superfund cleanup.

HB416 (Newcomb) - Changes the name to State Juvenile Correction Institutions.

HB523 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$20,000 appropriation for the Capitol Commission.

HB333 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$16.5 million appropriation for the Medicaid program.

**Confirmed By Senate**

Gary Hlcek, Castletide, to the Transportation Board.

**Introduced in Senate**

SB1523 (Judiciary and Rules) - Includes in the domestic violence law violation sex with the person in dating.

SB1524 (Judiciary and Rules) - Requires convicted drug traffickers to register with the Department of Law Enforcement.

SB1525 (Judiciary and Rules) - Elevates the commission of battery against a household member to a felony.

SB1516 (Judiciary and Rules) - Revises state parental rights laws in terms of parents with disabilities.

SB1527 (Judiciary and Rules) - Revises restrictions on school bus routes and student eligibility for transportation.

SB1528 (State Affairs) - Prohibits discrimination based on genetic makeup.

SB1529 (State Affairs) - Rates public utilities, tax and industrial commissioners' pay by the same amount that state employee pay is increased annually.

**Introduced in House**

HB60 (State Affairs) - Requires medical information disclosure with certain prescriptions.

HB61 (State Affairs) - Revises the formula for assessing damages in eminent domain cases.

HB62 (State Affairs) - Bans expenditure of public funds to influence voters on ballot issues.

HB63 (State Affairs) - Classifies the Idaho Housing and Finance Association as a state agency for rule-making purposes.

HB64 (State Affairs) - Eliminates power to create nonprofit corporations to assist on housing projects.

HB65 (State Affairs) - Precludes the Idaho Housing and Finance Association from acquiring property by eminent domain.

HB66 (Revenue and Taxation) - Creates a tax credit for private school attendance.

HB67 (Revenue and Taxation) - Authorizes compensation for vendors losing use of their cigarette machines because of state restrictions.

HB68 (Revenue and Taxation) - Revises conditions for creating county fair boards.

HB69 (Revenue and Taxation) - Corrects references to organizations exempt from sales tax.

HB60 (Revenue and Taxation) - Expands event promoters from liability for sales tax owed by event retailers.

HB61 (Revenue and Taxation) - Expands unimproved property tax treatment to nursery stock production.



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# Shooting incident prolongs despair

## Columbine aftermath stings city

Newsday

LITTLETON, Colo. — Sara Blackford worries that she, too, is going to be killed. Sitting in class at Columbine High School, where 12 students and a teacher were gunned down last April, this shy high-school senior wonders if another student is secretly plotting to kill her and her friends.

Tentative feelings of security that sprouted in the 10 months after the mass murder were crushed last week on Valentine's Day, when two Columbine sophomores sweethearts were shot to death at a local sandwich shop.

"It doesn't seem like it's ever going to end," 17-year-old Sara said.

The killings of Stephanie Hart Grizzell, 16, and Nicholas Kunselman, 15, as yet unsolved, provided a cruel bookend to what some people here call "the incident" — the brutal, bloody rampage by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold that ruined so many lives and shook a nation.

Last October, a Columbine parent whose daughter was paralyzed by Harris' and Klebold's gunfire, committed suicide. A few weeks ago, in another disturbing footnote, the body of a missing 11-year-old boy was discovered in a trash can near the school, across the street from the park where thousands left notes, flowers and candles last spring. The investigation into the boy's death continues, but police do not think it is related to the shootings.

Parents and students also must deal with the fact that the school has become a target for cruel attention seekers. After repeated threats by others to "finish the job," dozens of students have left Columbine for other schools or home-schooling.

Nearly 20 families, including the Klebolds, have threatened lawsuits against Jefferson County. Angry Columbine parents want to recall the county sheriff who led the investigation, believing that he and others while grandstanding for a photograph and article in Time magazine. The Klebolds believe the sheriff's department should have realized Harris was a threat. And in exactly two months, the world's media will descend on Littleton, marking the anniversary of the shooting and exposing these fractures and torments.

Society's traditional solutions to public anguish — religious faith and government legislation — have at times divided, rather than united.

The most bitter debate has been about whether the faithful in this outspokenly evangelical Christian community can or should forgive Harris and Klebold.

In this battle, Brian Rohrbough, 41, believes he must protect the memory of his only son, Daniel. The killers, he says, must never be linked in any memorial with their 13 victims.

Soon after the April attack, Rohrbough climbed a hill near the high school where someone had erected 15 crosses. He snatched two markers from the ground, cut them into small pieces, and threw them away — because the sheriff's office broke a pledge to do it, he says.

Rohrbough and others again took action in September, when a church planted 15 linden trees in sympathy of all of Columbine's families. Sheriff's deputies and school policemen watched as Daniel Rohrbough's stepfather and the father of Kyle Velasquez used a handsaw to reduce two trees to stumps.

More recently, Daniel Rohrbough's parents and stepparents and the family of Kelly Fleming filed a federal lawsuit against the school district after officials refused to permit them to paint crosses and other religious symbols on ceramic memorial tiles that decorate Columbine's hallways.

This confrontational approach has not endeared Rohrbough to some of his Christian neighbors, who accuse him and his family of milking the tragedy for their own benefit.

Rohrbough says there are plenty of people who support him, and readily offers Bible verses professing the need for vengeance if murderers such as Klebold and Harris do not repent.

"It's OK to hate them," Rohrbough said in an interview at his family business, where Daniel used to help him install car stereo systems. "It's much more truthful way to deal with it."

Tom Mauser, 47, has turned his energies elsewhere in memory of his son, also named Daniel. Mauser gave up his state transportation post to lobby for Safe Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic, a gun-control group. But the conservative Colorado Legislature has rejected every new attempt to restrict gun access. Mauser takes solace in a Web site created in his son's honor, where thousands of people leave kind messages. And he and his wife, Linda, plan to adopt a baby. But the coming anniversary is starting to worry him. He plans to grieve quietly when April 20 approaches, and says the slayings of Kunselman and Grizzell were another setback. "Now here's two more," Mauser said.

Some expected the year to be an emotional roller coaster. Members of other communities where gunshots erupted in schoolyards and classrooms told the Jefferson County School Board that they would see a rise in suicide, divorce and alcohol abuse and that "there would be months of people trying to blame people," board President Jon DeStefano said.

After a shaky start, the school has formed a close bond with the parents of the dead. The school board recently agreed to let them raise more than \$3 million to build a new library, rather than refurbish the space that became Klebold's and Harris' killing ground.

The school also made several changes to enhance students' feeling of safety. They banned trench coats and camouflage clothing, asked parents to volunteer to sit by every entryway, and, because it appears that Harris' and Klebold's classroom work foretold the shooting spree, decided teachers must turn in student essays depicting violent thoughts.

But Sara Blackford is puzzled that, in her view, one aspect of Columbine High School is unaltered by the events of the past 10 months.

"I kind of expected things to change between people, that they would be more respectful and not make fun of people," Sara said. "But that didn't happen."

# Moscow man peddles bikes in Africa

MOSCOW (AP) — Last year, David Peckham of Moscow traveled halfway around the world to teach Africans how to use and repair bicycles.

This year, Peckham, 46, a self-employed carpenter, will return to Ghana with new goals and about 400 bikes.

"Women used to carry water on their heads, but with bikes, men started hauling it."

In a place where only 1 percent of the population can afford cars, Peckham hopes to set up a bike import business to help make bicycles Ghana's mainstream transportation.

Accra, the capital, has a bicycle trade center, but Peckham said the bikes sold there are overpriced.

He has found interested purchasers for bicycles and parts in Ghana and is trying to involve Taiwanese manufacturers to help provide cheaper bike repair tools for the Africans.

During his three-month stay,

starting at the end of the month, he'd like to have potential investors evaluate if continuous bike shipments from the United States can be profitable.

Meanwhile, the donated bikes will be sold to cover the shipping costs of more than \$5,000.

"Give a way charity doesn't work," said Peckham. "We must think of developmental efforts within the market context to have something sustainable."

He plans to sell bikes to rural villagers so they will have a way to get to the city and sell their goods. He also plans to talk to credit unions about loaning money to entrepreneurs to set up a bicycle tax business.

Peckham has taken on the Village Bike Project largely on

his own, working through contacts he made as a volunteer with the International Friendship Association.

Peckham paid for his own airfare and will buy the bicycle repair tools in Ghana, in order to keep the money in Africa.

Finding a way to ship 400 bikes from Seattle to Africa was difficult. Of the 13 shipping companies, not one goes directly to Africa, so the bikes will make four stops and take 45 days to arrive.

"Africa is kind of this forgotten place, left out of the loop of the global picture," Peckham said.

Fifty bikes donated to the Village Bike Project by people in the Palouse area were driven by truck by volunteers from Moscow to Seattle.

Ben Jenness of Moscow volunteered his truck and his time. The retired employee of Washington State University said he figured he could use his trailer to help and visit two grandchildren while in Seattle.

About 350 more bikes collected for the project at Bike Works in Seattle will be added to the shipment to Africa.

Children enrolled in Bike Works' earn-a-bike program in Seattle learn how to fix bikes and then can work 24 hours to earn their own bikes.

Peckham, who learned how to fix bikes as a volunteer bicycle mechanic for the International Friendship Association, would like to use the earn-a-bike program as a model for setting up a similar bike shop in Africa.

He will teach free bike repair workshops in Ghana, so the people can learn how to maintain their bikes.

Children love it, he said. "Ten to 14 is a great age to learn mechanical skills."

*Women used to carry water on their heads, but with bikes, men started hauling it.*

—David Peckham

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## Should Congress provide tax breaks for Educational Savings Accounts?

# Yes

### Grant a much-needed tax break

DORMAN E. CORDELL

The majority of Congressional representatives want to let parents and others contribute up to \$2,000 per year to Education Savings Accounts that can be used for education expenses for children from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

The contributions would be money on which taxes have already been paid, and the only role of government would be to let the accounts grow tax-free and let withdrawals for education expenses be made tax-free.

Using your own money to pay for a kid's education expenses would seem to be a non-controversial act. But despite the bipartisan support, President Clinton vetoed the same bill in 1998 and he likely will do so again this year.

But why? The way the legislation is written makes it difficult to tag it as a sop to the rich; the Joint Committee on Taxation estimated that 70 percent of the tax savings would go to families with incomes under \$75,000 a year.

The Joint Committee on Taxation also estimated that more than 75 percent of the children who benefit from the accounts would be public school

students. We've had ESAs since 1997, but the contribution is limited to \$500 a year and the money can be used only for college expenses. The bill proposed by Sens. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., would simply increase the amount to \$2,000 a year and allow funds to be used for children in kindergarten through 12th grade as well as college.

So what are we missing here? Never mind tutoring, books, supplies and the like. Some of the money might be used for private schools. So Clinton, in thrall to the teachers' unions, must be against it.

The last time around, the president said, "The bill would divert limited federal resources away from public schools." Never mind the findings of the Joint Committee on Taxation. Clinton alleged that 70 percent of the benefits would go to families in the top 20 percent of income distribution "and families struggling to make ends meet would never see a penny of the benefits."

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, ignoring the bipartisan support for ESAs, maintained that "Republicans keep trying to dismantle our

public schools, brick by brick." Both Clinton and Gephardt want to believe that if those parents didn't put that money in tax-free savings accounts, they would put it into savings accounts that would earn taxable interest.

But isn't it more likely that those parents would have spent the money on education expenses up front rather than put it in any kind of savings account? Isn't it more likely that the ESA interest would be earned on savings that wouldn't otherwise have existed?

In vetoing the 1998 bill, Clinton claimed it "would not create a meaningful incentive for families to increase their savings for educational purposes."

That depends on what the meaning of "meaningful" is. If a family put \$2,000 in an ESA every year from the time a child was born, and the account averaged 7.5 percent interest annually, it would hold \$14,488 by the time the child got to the first grade. If nothing was withdrawn, that amount would rise to \$46,732 when it was time for high school.

If both parents in that family earned \$35,000 a year, the tax savings on the ESA would be more than \$6,000 by the time the child reached high school.

Dorman E. Cordell is a senior scholar at the National Center for Policy Analysis, a public policy research institute.

# No

### Don't shortchange needy schools

BARRY W. LYNN

Education Savings Accounts are the latest bad idea masquerading as education reform to come out of Washington. They are not a solution to the problems of the public education system, they are an abandonment of it. The concept should be rejected.

The underlying problem with Education Savings Accounts is that they assume a bias toward private education. Public schools educate nearly 90 percent of America's schoolchildren, yet politicians in Washington seem intent on ignoring these schools in favor of reckless schemes to channel tax aid to religious and other private schools through the back door. Congress has its priorities confused.

The underlying problem with American public schools do a good job, there's no denying that some are troubled, especially some in poor inner city areas or rural communities.

A declining tax base in these areas leads to under-funded, under-staffed and under-equipped schools. No wonder those children can't learn.

The response from some congressional leaders to this crying need has been either deafening

silence, calls for vouchers or bogus "solutions" like Education Savings Accounts.

Supporters of the plan say the accounts will help low-income people put money aside to pay for private school tuition and thus escape poor-performing public schools.

Get real. Analysts say that benefits under the plan would amount to only \$7 a year for private school families, and as little as \$7 for parents with students in public schools.

Further, low-income folks who struggle to pay the rent, meet the car payment and buy groceries every month are not going to have much left over to sock away in special accounts to pay for private schools, including some exclusive academies that can easily cost thousands of dollars annually.

Would these elite private schools even accept disadvantaged youngsters? There's certainly no guarantee of that.

Some private religious schools cost more than public schools, remember that these schools serve a religious interest and are not for everyone. Sectarian schools are free to deny admission to any student for virtually any reason and they remain unaccountable to the public.

As such, they are no substitute for an efficient public school system, run by a democratically elected board composed of peo-

ple from the community. Americans living in areas plagued by poor-performing schools should not have to go begging to religious authorities, whose views they may not even share, to get their children enrolled in an alternative school. Disadvantaged people should not have to scrimp and save in special accounts to pay for private schools anyway. They deserve what people in wealthy suburbs already have: public schools that work.

Society has chosen to ignore the problem of poor public schools for too long. False "solutions" like Education Savings Accounts enable some people to sit back and insist we have fixed the problem when in fact we have done nothing of the kind.

A recent bipartisan poll found that more than 70 percent of Americans consider education to be the top issue facing the country, outpacing health care, tax cuts and crime.

Yet when asked what type of education reforms they favor, most Americans named things like: more funding for public education to be the top issue facing the country, outpacing health care, tax cuts and crime.

A recent bipartisan poll found that more than 70 percent of Americans consider education to be the top issue facing the country, outpacing health care, tax cuts and crime.

Americans want real improvements to the public school system, not snake oil like Education Savings Accounts. Why is Congress even wasting its time?

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

## High school stalker hasn't been expelled, will receive due process

As a board of trustees, we have read the letters to the editor and editorials regarding the "streaking" incident at Twin Falls High School. Though the letters indicate a variety of opinions on how the matter should be handled, it is clear that few writers understand all the details of the situation or the expulsion process in the Twin Falls School District.

It is important to mention that the stalker has not been expelled from Twin Falls High School. Rather he has been recommended for expulsion. The board of trustees is the only body with the authority to expel a student, and we have yet to act on this matter. Before we can do so, we must ensure that we follow

READER COMMENT  
Vera Redman

due-process procedures which include the following.

When a student has committed a substantive violation of a rule in our district, the school principal may bring the student before the board for disciplinary action. If the violation is severe (or the latest of a number of violations), a hearing is held by an impartial expulsion hearing officer to determine whether the student should be expelled. The hearing is a quasi-judicial affair where a student may be represented by counsel, may cross examine witnesses or may have witnesses testify on his or her behalf. At the

hearing, the administrator presents the school's case, advocating for expulsion. Conversely, the student or student's representative presents the student's case, opposing the expulsion. After the hearing, the officer makes a recommendation to the board. Not all hearings result in an expulsion recommendation.

If the administrator or the student opposes the hearing officer's recommendation, they can appeal. This results in an appellate hearing before the board at their next regular meeting. If the matter is a weapons charge (or if there is a question regarding the safety of others), the board may convene a special meeting to hear the appeal. At the appellate hearing, the board listens to testimony from both sides and then

determines whether to uphold the hearing officer's recommendation, deny the recommendation or take some other action.

When the board of trustees decides to expel a student, it may expel the student forever, for a definite period lasting from one week to a number of years, or for an indefinite period. Unless the student is expelled forever (which I cannot remember happening in all my years on the board), the trustees may allow the student to be reinstated once the student demonstrates a change in behavior. With many students reinstated in this district each year, expulsion is far from the "equivalent of the death penalty." Reinstated students continue with their studies, but should they violate the rules

again, they move through the exact same process a second time. A second expulsion is usually permanent.

As you can see, we go to great lengths before denying a student the right to a public education. We attempt to provide consistency and consequences for student actions, while at the same time attempting to protect the rights of all students to a safe and sound learning environment. Though we gladly accept public input, the board would appreciate it if critics would withhold judgment of disciplinary actions until the matter has been adjudicated. Instead, anyone who wishes to present written or verbal testimony on behalf of a student may do so by notifying the student or the board. Comments can

then be taken under advisement prior to a decision. In compliance with student privacy laws, however, the decision may not be communicated to third parties unless done so by the student. While I cannot predict the outcome for the stalker, I can assure patrons that the board is not seeing a dangerous precedent as suggested on the editorial page. Following our expulsion process, the board has the latitude to act in a manner that fixes appropriate sanctions to individual infractions. The board will weigh the facts of this matter closely and make a decision based on our best judgment.

Vera Redman is the chairman of the Twin Falls School District Board of Trustees.



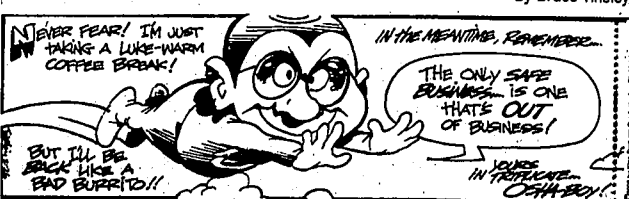
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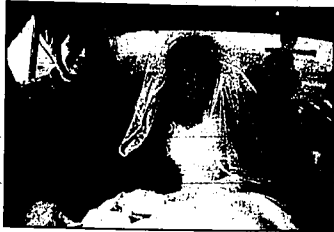


Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Chechen Asya Magomadova, right, stops at a checkpoint as she travels to Chechnya with her relatives for her wedding Friday. Russian authorities on Friday reopened border crossings between Chechnya and the neighboring region of Ingushetia.



## Broadcast footage points to Russian atrocities

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian authorities opened an investigation Friday into broadcast footage that suggested Russian troops have committed atrocities against Chechens during the war in the breakaway republic. The film, supplied by the German television station N24, showed a pile of men's bodies in a ditch. The men's ankles were bound with wire, and at least one of the bodies was missing an ear. It also showed soldiers pushing a body wrapped in a blanket off a Russian armored vehicle, and a military truck dragging a dead man across a field. Russian TV channels broadcast part of

the film Friday. N-24 chief editor Florian Martius said the footage was shot by its reporter Frank Hoefling in Chechnya. The station "feels sure there were atrocities committed, but from the pictures themselves no one can say who did it." Sergei Yastrzhembsky, chief presidential spokesman on Chechnya, told the news agency Interfax that the footage was actually taken by a correspondent for the newspaper Ixvestia and that Hoefling was not at the scene. Interfax also cited an Ixvestia spokesman as

saying that the tape showed rebels who had been killed in battles with Russian troops. Russia's chief military prosecutor, Yuri Dyomin, said today that he had taken personal control over the investigation into the footage. "As a rule, the major part of this information, especially that provided by the Western media, has failed to be confirmed," Dyomin said, according to the Interfax news agency. Other Russian officials dismissed the footage as "propaganda" and "a falsification."

## Religious clash erupts into war

### Christian protest ignites horrific violence

KADUNA, Nigeria (AP) — On Monday, there was a war here. It began in the morning, when angry words over religious traditions turned to fistfights. By late afternoon machetes were drawn, people were burned alive, and gunfire echoed through the streets, as the violence snaked through this northern city with a fury that burned entire blocks, killed hundreds of people and left thousands more homeless. The fighting raged until well into the night and continued sporadically for two more days until finally, in the face of hundreds of heavily armed soldiers, it faded to a palpable if mostly silent fury. On the surface, it is a war about God.

live together peacefully, now is completely abandoned. There is nothing left but concrete houses that are either wrecked or empty. The Millennium Departments Stores is now roofless, the Baptist Theological Seminary in ruins. At a small barber shop, the name on the sign is burned away but the pictures of smiling well-coiffed heads remain. In the wreckage of a gas station, a lone man listens to tiny Arabic music on a handheld radio, watching a small, brown puppy wander in the garbage. Hundreds of refugees crowd into the safety of army camps and hotel courtyards or carry suitcases and buckets and bundles of clothes as they flee the town. After the 4 p.m. curfew, when the streets are nearly empty, each passing car leaves the tinkling sound of broken glass in its wake as it drives down debris-filled streets.

"NO SHARIA," declares red graffiti splashed across the wall of a wrecked gas station. "SHARIA YA MUTU" — "Sharia or Death" — reads another message scrawled in black paint in Hausa, the main indigenous language of northern Nigeria. Sharia, or Islamic law, has become a flashpoint in Nigeria, a nation riven by regular bouts of bloody religious and ethnic violence. Calls to establish sharia are spreading and recently, the Kaduna state government began examining a proposal to introduce it. While Muslim leaders say Christians would not be bound by sharia, the proposal to introduce what is effectively a state religion has terrified and infuriated them.



"We don't like something about this sharia," said Emmanuel Nduku, a 21-year-old trader who joined in the fighting. "They want us to live our lives like we have their religion." On Monday morning, Christians marched to protest the sharia proposal. What that ignited was horrific even by Nigerian standards. Late in the week, the wreckage was everywhere. It goes for block after block down Ahmadu Bello Way, Kaduna's main thoroughfare, past burned-out businesses, skeletons of destroyed cars and soldiers with assault rifles mulling at checkpoints. The once tranquil neighborhood of Hausaland, where Christians and Muslims used to

Many people know exactly who is to blame — with the most bitter adherents of each religion pointing fingers at the other. "They attacked us so we had to reinforce and battle back," said Nduku. "The war has not calmed down," he added as a hot, dry afternoon wind blew through the city, one of the largest in northern Nigeria. "Why do you see everybody quiet now? Because of the soldiers." More than 200 people were killed in the fighting, their bodies jamming local morgues, though some in town say the number could be much higher. Which side was hurt the worst by the violence is not clear.

An uneasy calm had been restored to Kaduna by Wednesday, but sporadic violence continued in outlying areas and in the neighboring towns of Kofaranchi and Zaria. Christian and Muslim leaders promised to work together to restore peace and were meeting in search of ways to stop the violence from again tearing through the troubled city. By Thursday, a few refugees were trickling back into town, but others, still fearful, were leaving. Some stores opened during the few hours when there was no curfew, and slammed shut in early afternoon.

went off in another bus owned by the same company, injuring at least four people, police said. No other details were immediately available. In January, another Super Five bus was seized and burned by suspected Muslim separatist rebels in Lanao del Norte, apparently to avenge the death of a rebel commander's son who died after being hit by one of the company's buses last year. Extortion gangs and Communist and Muslim rebels have been blamed for several previous bus bombings in the southern Philippines.

## Explosion on Philippine bus kills at least 26, injures scores

OSAMIS, Philippines (AP) — A bomb exploded Friday in a crowded bus traveling on a ferry, killing at least 26 people and injuring dozens more. Bus driver Mario Labor said the bomb, which was planted four seats behind him, exploded as the ferry was about 20 yards from the pier at Ozamis port. Passengers jumped into the sea in panic. Dozens of badly burned victims were taken to hospitals, said Morpheus Agot, a member of the Misamis Occidental provincial board. At about the same time as the ferry explosion, a second bomb

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NATION

**The prospect of Islamic unity**

Leaders of two orthodox Muslim groups are expected to attend a gathering this weekend held by Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam, raising the possibility of a reconciliation among the religion's U.S. factions. Here is a look at the groups.

<b>Muslim America Society</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b> Chicago	<b>Lead by:</b> Imam Warith Deen Mohammed
<b>Estimated membership:</b> 200,000	
<b>Profile:</b> Mohammed's father, Elijah Muhammad, was the longtime prophet of the Nation of Islam, which originated among Detroit blacks in the 1930s. When the father died in 1975, Warith became the leader but renamed the organization and moved it toward orthodox Islam.	
<b>Nation of Islam</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b> Chicago	<b>Lead by:</b> Minister Louis Farrakhan
<b>Estimated membership:</b> several million	
<b>Profile:</b> In 1978, Farrakhan revived Elijah Muhammad's teachings — deemed heterodox by world Islam — under the original name. The group has a significant cultural impact beyond its membership.	
<b>Islamic Society of North America</b>	
<b>Headquarters:</b> Plainfield, Ind.	<b>Lead by:</b> Secretary General Sayeed Syeed
<b>Estimated membership:</b> several million	
<b>Profile:</b> Founded in 1981 as an outgrowth of the Muslim Student Association, the group is often considered the major umbrella organization for U.S. immigrants who follow orthodox Islam.	

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

**Speech could hold the key to better relations**

CHICAGO (AP) — The joint appearance of Louis Farrakhan and rival orthodox Muslims at the Nation of Islam leader's annual Saviour's Day speech could lay the groundwork for the unification of U.S. followers of the fractured religion.

"We expect a different Farrakhan," said W. Deen Mohammed, head of the Muslim American Society, an organization of more than 2 million black orthodox Muslims.

Mohammed — the son of the late Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad and longtime Farrakhan rival — is expected to attend several Saviour's Day events, including Farrakhan's speech on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Sayeed Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America, said he will speak Saturday about fundamental principles of Islam and the need for the Nation of Islam to join an Islamic alliance in the United States.

"There should at least be some commitment in that direction," said Syeed, whose Indiana-based group claims to represent 4 million orthodox Muslims, many of them immigrants.

The Nation of Islam has said the highlight of the Saviour's Day

weekend would be the unification of the Nation of Islam with followers of W. Deen Mohammed.

Already, the Nation of Islam has begun to embrace orthodox traditions, including observance of Friday prayers and the Muslim holiday Ramadan, a period of fasting.

Leonard Muhammad, the Nation of Islam's chief of staff and Farrakhan's son-in-law, said that shift has been under way for some time and he was grateful for the positive comments that Mohammed and others have made.

"This is nothing new, but now the light of the world is being placed on this evolution in ways that it has not been in the past," Muhammad said before the start of today's prayer service.

Some observers say Farrakhan will have to walk a fine line to woo more traditional Muslim leaders while placating hard-line Nation of Islam followers.

"One complication could arise from the Nation of Islam's decision to have Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi address the conference Saturday via satellite. Mohammed has said he would not attend that address because it agrees with Gadhafi's politics and the Nation of Islam's decision to affiliate itself with him.

**Death of Amish child rocks community**

Knight Ridder News Service

DORNSIFE, Pa. — Lizzie Esh Glick walked her five school-age sons to the yellow bus going to the Amish schoolhouse in this central Pennsylvania valley and turned to face another trying day.

Although authorities have returned all seven of her children — including the 5-year-old twins too young for school — Glick, 39, is not allowed to be alone with them. "A neighbor has to come stay with me," said the Old Order Amish mother. "We think we've been mistreated."

It is an ordeal compounding Glick's grief and worry. Her 4-month-old daughter, Sarah Lynn, died Dec. 23 under circumstances that the Northumberland County district attorney regards as suspicious. The death was ruled a homicide.

Though no suspects have been named and no charges filed, the investigation has rocked the Glick family and this tiny Amish community along the winter-gray Susquehanna River.

"Things here have been topsy-turvy ever since," said Larry Long, a non-Amish neighbor.

On Tuesday, Glick and her neighbors spoke about the case with an outsider for the first time. A dozen Amish women visiting from Lancaster County crowded into the kitchen of Glick's two-story log house to offer support in a time of trouble. ("But we don't know what to do," one of the women confided.)

As her husband, Samuel, busied himself about the homestead, Lizzie Glick leaned against the sink and tried to sort out the events that have shaken her life. At times, she adjusted her eyeglasses and nervously brushed a hand against her black house-pun dress.

"We've gotten a lot of support

from people who've tried to help us," Glick said. Relatives and neighbors stay around the clock; a social worker comes once a week.

Police have alleged that an autopsy disclosed blood in Sarah Glick's brain and eye, the result of a fatal case of child abuse.

Holmes Morton, a physician well-known for working among the Amish, has countered that the baby suffered genetic disorders unique to the sect and died of natural causes.

"I don't know where we'd be without Dr. Morton," Lizzie Glick said. "He isn't asking for anything, but we want to give him something."

The Amish have started a fund to help the Glicks defend themselves. Handbills have appeared in the Plain People communities of Lancaster, Dauphin and Northumberland Counties.

Glick also expressed appreciation to Philadelphia lawyer Charles P. Hehmeyer, who entered the case when the Glicks' seven sons were placed in foster homes and won their return.

The Glicks have told investigators that Sarah Lynn had been sick for several days. Neighbors said the child was taken by ambulance to Sunbury Community Hospital on Dec. 21 and then by helicopter to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, about 10 miles farther away.

Both Long and his wife, Susan, as well as Dale Williard, the Glicks' next-door neighbor, said they had seen the baby; they said she scratched her face incessantly. Physicians have said she might have suffered from a Vitamin K deficiency, which sometimes appears in Amish youngsters.

"They did not hurt that baby," Susan Long insisted, referring to the Glicks. Williard agreed, say-

ing he'd had nothing negative to tell investigators about the Glicks.

On the evening Sarah Lynn was hospitalized, while Samuel and Lizzie Glick were with her, youth-care authorities removed the seven other children from the Glick home. Susan Long had cooked a ham supper for them that night.

"They took them about 6 o'clock," Lizzie Glick said. "They didn't let them eat their supper or finish their chores."

One of the chores, she said, was to help the family's 18-year-old hired helper milk the cows. She said her eldest son, Allen, 15,

had to gather belongings for the others. "He didn't know how," she said. "He'd never done it before."

At first, she said, the children were divided among four non-Amish families. She said her oldest son was alone with a foster family.

"He was really upset," she said. "He couldn't eat."

Lizzie Glick said that the boys were permitted to return for Sarah's funeral, but that when it was time for the Amish buggy procession to the cemetery, youth authorities said the sons had to be taken back to their foster homes.

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**Black student wins election**

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Nearly 38 years after James Meredith struggled against racism to enter the University of Mississippi, students have elected the school's first black student body president.

Nic Lott, a political science major from Taylorsville, beat his white opponent by more than 100 votes in a campus election on Thursday, said Casey O'Shea, student election commissioner. Lott, a self-described conservative, said race played no role in the election, which drew an estimated 20 percent of Ole Miss' more than 10,000 students to the polls.

"I haven't made an issue of it," Lott said before the final tally. "I'm running to represent all Ole Miss students."

Ole Miss gained notoriety in 1962 when students rioted in protest of the registration of Meredith, the school's first black student.

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SPORTS

Duval, Woods on Match Play collision course

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Who needs another Showdown at Sherwood? Tiger Woods and David Duval moved another step closer to resurrecting their rivalry on a "stage Friday in the Match Play Championship, a single-elimination tournament suddenly ripe with intrigue.

Woods did his part with a comfortable 4 and 3 victory over Shigeki Maruyama, who said two weeks ago in the Buick Invitational that he had "no chance" to stop Woods and "proved to be correct again."

seven of the eight players remaining played in the Ryder Cup, including Miguel Angel Jimenez, Darren Clarke and British Open champion Paul Lawrie.

The only player still alive who wasn't in the Ryder Cup was Scott Hoch, a 2 and 1 winner over Jesper Parnevik. Even Hoch was surprised to be playing today.

For the Rams, upheaval is the price of success

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The celebration was brief for the Super Bowl champions. It's been less than a month since the St. Louis Rams capped their stunning turnaround with a 21-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans. But since the Super Bowl parade, there's been a parade of departing coaches and players.

rushing linebacker, all victims of the massive Super Bowl celebrations and a tight salary cap. So much for continuity. But it's primarily business as usual.

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Wrestling

Continued from B1 Sugar-Salem's Jordan Peterson. The match was tied at one for nine minutes, but a late Goicochea takedown earned the Wood River standout the victory.

And Utah took advantage of the shelter. Still, the Rams already had lost three players who had key roles in the Super Bowl run.

Right tackle Fred Miller signed with the Titans, replacing Tennessee's own free-agent defector, Jon Runyan. The Arizona Cardinals outbid them for center Mike Gruttadauria an offer he couldn't refuse and linebacker Charlie Clemons, a pass-rushing specialist, signed a four-year, \$6 million deal with the Saints.

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Hopes for an all-Declo heavyweight final were dashed when Ty Cahoon, 150 lbs., and Jason Osterhaut, the defending state champion, both advanced with semifinal wins.

While Cahoon was attacked to an adjacent mat, teammate Osterhaut laid a quick pin on Parma's Nick Najera, planting Najera's shoulders with a fireman's throw in just 35 seconds.

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Eagles

Continued from B1 accounted for 10 points in a 12-2 run that took the gas right out of the UVSC uprising and returned the deficit to double digits at 58-42. UVSC would never recover, as the Utahns could only trade baskets down the stretch.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Judge dismisses suit against ex-Bronco

OGDEN, Utah — A judge has thrown out a suit challenging Weber County's sale of a 160-acre mountain park to former Denver Broncos defensive end Rulon Jones.

Braves fined big for signing underage player

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The Atlanta Braves were fined \$100,000 for signing an underage prospect, then said Friday they are taking steps to make sure they don't repeat the violation.

Boy Scouts might name lake for Marge Schott

CINCINNATI — A Boy Scout organization plans to create a lake at a southwest Ohio campsite and name it for former Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, who donated \$1 million to the camp development project.

O'Donnell will stay on as Titans' backup

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Neil O'Donnell turned down more money from the Bay Buccaneers to remain as the Tennessee Titans' backup quarterback, agent Leigh Steinberg said Friday.

Utah guard will miss season with ACL

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Starz point guard Kyrstina Lara tore a ligament in her left knee during a game with the Polish National Team this week and likely will be lost for the 2000 WNBA season.

Capps leads NHRA funny car qualifying

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Ron Capps led funny car qualifying Friday in the NHRA's Checker Super Trucks Nationals at Firebird International Raceway.

Young hockey player suspended for stick hit

LONDON, Ontario — A 16-year-old bantam hockey player has been suspended for the rest of the season for hitting an opponent with his stick during a tournament in Windsor last weekend.

Confederate flag dispute hangs over marathon

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The dispute surrounding the Confederate flag on the South Carolina state flag has put a political spin on the U.S. women's Olympic marathon trials.

CSI

Continued from B1. Jerry Dupree scored 11. Scott Sonnenberg, who hit six three-pointers and a game-high 30 points in the losing cause. CSI shot 55 percent on the game (34-for-62), with 11 steals.



Seth Lemuelser of Burley gets comforted by his coach after a tough loss to a Minico wrestler.

BRUCE SHANLEY/For The Times-News

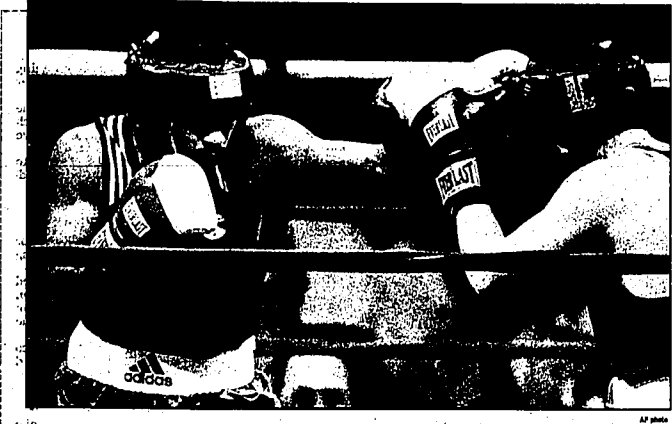
SPORTS

Coley: De La Hoya will go in six

NEW YORK (AP) — Derrell Coley isn't basking about what he will do after De La Hoya. "I'm going to go De La Hoya an excuse to quit boxing," Coley said of his approach to tonight's 12-round welterweight fight at Madison Square Garden.

Coley believes the De La Hoya's loss by majority decision to Felix Trinidad last September is the real thing. In that WBC title bout, De La Hoya danced around in the final three rounds. So while De La Hoya claims he will be the aggressor throughout this bout, Coley doubts it.

lift their spirits so they can hate me and fight hard. "Every night I fight, they rise themselves to a different level and train hard so they can beat me. It's so difficult to understand why this guy is talking bad about me when I give him the opportunity to get some hard work in and making sure I am in good shape to go 12 rounds and walk through my opponent."



Ricardo Jurez of Houston throw a punch at Steven Luevano of La Puente, Calif., in the 125-pound champions' bracket during the U.S. Olympic boxing trials at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 12. Jurez defeated Luevano 17-7.

World champ overcomes slow start

MASHANTUCKET, Conn. (AP) — A four-round fight didn't begin until the third round for Ricardo Jurez, but the world champion featherweight still managed to become a member of the U.S. Olympic team Friday night by winning a box-off.

him 5-2 in the final round for an 11-8 decision. Jurez led three other trials champions to victories and spots on the team. Trials champions needed just one win in the box-off. Challengers had to win twice.

T.J. Wilson of Charlotte, N.C., forced 25-year-old trials champ Calvin Brock of Tulsa, Okla., into an afternoon bout today with a 1-0 decision at super heavyweight. The 25-year-old Wilson recorded the only scoring blow in the first round.

Black Magic races to America's Cup win

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The 30th America's Cup is quickly fading to black — as in New Zealand's Black Magic. The experienced sailors aboard the devilishly fast Black Magic made all the right tactical moves on Saturday (Friday in the U.S.), survived a few tense minutes when a sail ripped and then got off to victory and a 3-0 lead over Italy's Luna Rossa.

scheduled for today and Race 5 for Tuesday. Race 3 had been postponed from Thursday, when the race director felt the wind was too unstable. Luna Rossa, which thought a race should have been held Thursday, was eager to atone for Tuesday's disaster, when debris fouled its keel and a crewman was injured in a bloody accident.

gin was 1 minute, 39 seconds. Black Magic's crew, which routed Dennis Connor 5-0 off San Diego in 1995, got the America's Cup took advantage of two wind shifts on the third leg and increased the lead from two lengths to about 10.

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BASKETBALL

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Jazz keep the magic going

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Karl Malone had 19 points and 10 rebounds as Utah beat Orlando 96-88 on Friday night, the Jazz's fourth straight victory and seventh in their last eight games.



Toronto's Vince Carter pouts on the bench during the second half of Friday's game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in Toronto.

Spurs 91, Bulls 78

CHICAGO - David Robinson scored 23 points and San Antonio overcame Tim Duncan's absence to beat Chicago.

Knicks 84, Suns 79

NEW YORK - Phoenix scored just one point over a seven-minute stretch of the fourth quarter and allowed New York to close the game with a 19-5 run to the Knicks.

Patrick Ewing tied his season-high with 25 points and had 10 rebounds.

T'wolves 107, Raptors 85

TORONTO - Kevin Garnett had 28 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists as Minnesota routed Toronto.

first six shots and had 18 points first-half points in Minnesota's second straight blowout victory.

Heat 87, Cavaliers 82

MIAMI - Tim Hardaway hit two late jumpers as Miami rallied to beat Cleveland.

Pistons 131, Warriors 99

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Grant Hill scored 30 points and Jerry Stackhouse added 29 as Detroit routed Golden State.

76ers 97, Bucks 83

MILWAUKEE - Allen Iverson scored 25 points as Philadelphia beat Milwaukee.

Lockout, fear of luxury tax limit trading action

NEW YORK (AP) - Pretty lame trading deadline, huh?

NBA notebook

Blame it on the lockout and the luxury tax.

One of the reasons why commissioner David Stern shut down the NBA for the first half of last season was to regain some control over runaway spending.

When the league finally reached agreement with the players on a six-year collective bargaining agreement, it was back-loaded with spending disincentives.

Beginning with the 2001-02 season, the highest spending teams might have to pay a dollar-for-dollar luxury tax into a league-controlled fund.

The money will then be redistributed using a formula that, at present, has yet to be determined.

Teams were very conscious of the luxury tax, Milwaukee Bucks general manager Ernie Grunfeld said Friday.

Teams are planning accordingly, making sure their salary structure is in reasonably good shape for the tax years.

During the lockout, much was made of the percentage of basketball-related income that would be paid toward player salaries.

The sides settled at 55 percent, with substantial financial penalties if the number rises higher than that.

Since 55 percent is now routinely and easily exceeded, players will have to give back as much as 10 percent of their salaries in 2001-02.

The luxury tax, however, is a different deterrent, and will only be applied if total spending on player salaries and benefits rises beyond 61.1 percent.

In that case, teams spending any more than \$54 million will be required to pay a dollar-for-dollar tax on anything above the limit.

Portland Trail Blazers, for example, have already committed about \$70 million to seven players for the 2001-02 season.

That means that Blazers owner Paul Allen, a multibillionaire, will be required to pay a luxury tax of at least \$16 million.

Some owners do not even want to flirt with the threshold because by keeping their payrolls low, they might qualify for the redistribution payments from the luxury-tax fund.

"Not only are you not paying a tax, you're getting a check for a substantial amount of money," Grunfeld explained.

Francis and Odom have hype, but 'bland' rookie Brand's got game

CHICAGO (AP) - Yeah, Elton Brand heard the digs. He was too small to bang with the big boys.

In short, the No. 1 pick of the draft was, well, a little bland.

"I'll take another bland one just like him," Chicago Bulls coach Tim Floyd said.

Francis and Odom get most of the hype.

"I'd rather be myself, and he's sticking with it."

A sophomore at Duke last year, Brand was a star as the Blue Devils rolled through the regular season.

9.8 rebounds and two blocked shots on a team that also had Trajan Langdon.

The consensus national player of the year, Brand was the fourth player in the 1990s to be a unanimous All-American pick.

With draft day looming, the sniping started.

"Of course, I heard that. You can't help but to hear it," the 20-year-old Brand said.

So he worked. And worked. And worked. Then he worked some more.



Chicago forward Elton Brand finds himself stuck behind Golden State Warrior-Donyell Marshall during a Nov. 16 game in Oakland, Calif.

the season began, and he got his first double-double in the third game.

Just as important, the player who only lost six games in his two years at Duke never got discour-

aged. No matter how badly the Bulls lost, he never ditched reporters.

"He's not smooth and fluid or all these other adjectives people talk about when they talk about Odom or Francis.

Murphy climbs the ladder in Wings' 5-2 win

DETROIT (AP) - Darren McCarty scored two goals and Larry Murphy moved into a third-place tie for career games as the Detroit Red Wings beat the New York Islanders 5-2 Friday night.

Murphy, who had two assists, played his 1,540th game to tie Johnny Bucyk for third on the NHL list.

Rangers 6, Sabres 3

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Petr Nedved scored his fifth career hat trick, leading the Rangers to a rare victory over the Sabres.

Michael Peca also got three goals for the Sabres, his first hat trick.

WASHINGTON - Sergei Semenov, P.J. Axelsson and Ray



Calgary's Jeff Cowan gives a friendly pat on the back to Phoenix's Teppo Numminen during the first period of Friday's game in Calgary.

Bourque each scored as the Bruins handed the Capitals their first home loss in more than two months.

The 13-game run tied a Capitals record; Washington last lost at home on Dec. 13 to Montreal.

Maple Leafs 3, Devils 1

scored third-period goals 17 seconds apart, extending the Devils' winless streak to five.

Blues 4, Avalanche 2

DALLAS - Doug Gilmour's power-play deflection with 3:49 left in overtime lifted the Blackhaws.

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Jobless

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The updated report put the 1999 average at 5.2 percent, two-tenths of a point over the record 5 percent set in 1992. Actual employment was 6,000 people lower than the initial estimate...

The adjustments reflected changes of economies about declining job growth throughout 1999. A year that began with 4 percent growth over the previous year and slipped to 2 percent by summer...

But the picture brightened in January, when just over 633,000 people were at work, nearly 16,000 more than 12 months earlier...

The over-the-year employment growth indicates that Idaho's economy remains vibrant and healthy, Labor Department analysts said...

It was the fourth month in a row that the current unemployment rate was under the year-ago rate. But a year ago the Idaho rate edged further above the national jobless rate...

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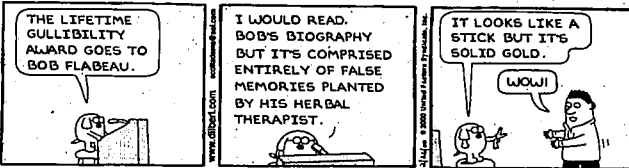
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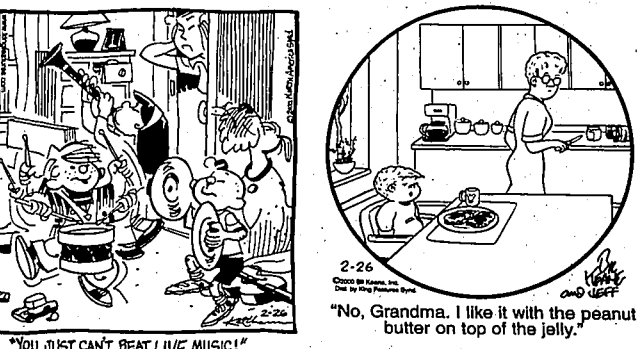


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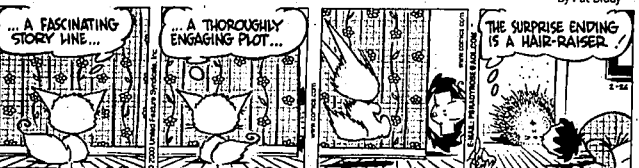
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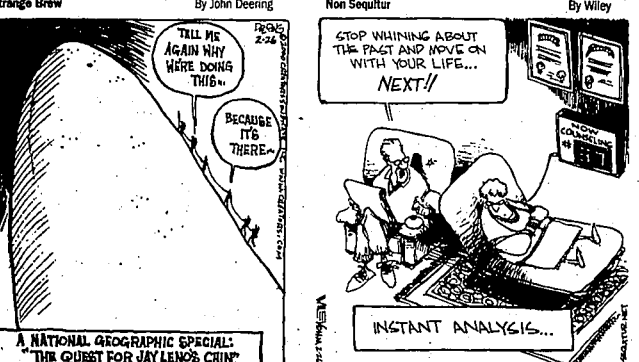
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NATION

# In Diallo's neighborhood, sorrow and outrage

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Hours after four white policemen were acquitted in the shooting death of Amadou Diallo, several hundred protesters marched Friday from his Bronx apartment building to protest the verdict at the neighborhood police station.

About 40 officers in riot gear guarded the 43rd Precinct, located about three-quarters of a mile from the apartment building where Diallo died in a hail of 41 bullets.

Nine people were charged with disorderly conduct or resisting arrest, police said. No other arrests or problems were reported in a crowd estimated to number several hundred.

After reaching the precinct, the marchers headed back to Diallo's building, where candles, flowers, press clippings and written messages piled up in the vestibule. Two dozen anti-riot officers briefly stood by, chatting casually.

"This community is going to be hurting for a while," said Freddie Montalvo, who lives in the neighborhood, known as Soundview. "It sends the wrong message to



Visitors weep outside the apartment of Amadou Diallo Friday in New York City. Young cops: They can get away with it.

A dozen protesters chanted "Murderers!" as they surrounded a parked car and beat on it with their fists. "Justice for Diallo,"

read one poster.

Overall, the reaction was peaceful. The Rev. Al Sharpton, among the civil rights leaders who led acts of civil disobedience after Diallo was shot, pleaded for calm.

"We do not want to tarnish his name with any violence," Sharpton said. "Let not one brick be thrown, not one bottle be thrown, not one evidence of violence come from us."

Shortly after the verdict, police officers arrived at Diallo's building with blue barricades and watched silently as more than 100 people of all ages milled around, discussing the news that Kenneth Boss, 28, Sean Carroll, 37, Edward McMellon, 27, and Richard Murphy, 27, had just been cleared. "Justice has not been served," said Mario Maria.

Added Amy Boyd: "It's so unfortunate that someone could get killed that way."

Two people held up black wallets. "It looks like a gun!" someone shouted sarcastically, referring to the officers' contention that they fired in self-defense after mistaking Diallo's wallet for a gun.

"Today's message is, 'Don't move or you might get shot,'" said Robert Torres, 33, a truck driver who lives two blocks from Diallo's home. "The first thing to do when you get to your door is thank God."

Police Lt. Eric Adams, co-founder of the group 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, said the verdict "cut like a knife."

"The courts have made a very clear decision that the taking of a life of an African-American because of the created fears of white officers is permissible in the state of New York," Adams said.

The crowd thinned later Friday, but a steady flow of people continued through the evening. One knelt on the vestibule steps and yelled, "Justice from Allah."

Tina Rivera, who has lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years, said she felt the verdict would have been different if a black or Latino man had been charged in Diallo's death.

"If it had been one of us, they would have hung us," she said. "They just murdered him."

## Police have differing opinions on the verdict

Newsday

**NEW YORK** — John Loud was driving to the police Emerald Society's dinner dance in Great Neck when his beeper went off with a taut message about the verdict in the Amadou Diallo murder trial.

"When I read it, not guilty, initially I felt jubilation, elation, just for a second," said Loud, who is first vice president of the 28,000-member Patrimony's Best Friend Association. "Then I thought of Diallo's mother and the elation was tinged with sadness. This is not a victory. There is no champagne."

Police officers across the city heaved sighs of relief Friday night as the news spread that an Albany jury had found Officers Sean Carroll, Kenneth Boss, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy not guilty in the Feb. 4, 1999, Bronx slaying.

From the top leaders of the police union to Queens precinct houses, several officers interviewed after the verdict echoed the statements of the four accused officers: Diallo's death was a tragedy, they said, not a crime.

But not all joined in that belief. "The form of policing in New

York City is like a runaway train and it's out of control," said Lt. Eric Adams, president of the group 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care. "It's a tale of two cities. In one part of this city there's celebration in the streets, and in another part of this city there's people who are saying, 'How long before justice will be served?'"

Several officers said it was impossible for the public to understand a police officer's perspective. "The trial was about mindset," said an African-American detective who asked not to be named. "And different people are going to have different opinions about that."

Another veteran Queens black police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "How are you going to convict these guys of anything? I don't think these guys woke up thinking, 'We're going to kill a black man.'"

Like Adams and several other officers, the veteran Queens cop was more critical of the Street Crime Unit's aggressive tactics than of the actions of the four officers.

Despite the blanket acquittals, Loud said, the four officers will never be the same. "Their lives are ruined forever," he said.

## Cop who blew whistle in L.A. receives 5 years

Los Angeles Times

**LOS ANGELES** — As he was sentenced Friday to five years in prison for stealing eight pounds of cocaine, ex-Los Angeles police officer Rafael Perez — the man who brought to light the worst corruption scandal in Los Angeles Police Department history — tearfully apologized to his family, the police department and the citizens of Los Angeles.

Saying his prison term does "not take into account my greatest transgressions," Perez told a packed courtroom that there were no excuses for the "atrocities" he and other anti-gang officers in the LAPD's Rampart Division have committed.

"For many years I proudly wore a badge of honor and integrity and enforced the laws in the standards befitting a Los Angeles police officer," said Perez, dressed in a blue county jumpsuit and chained at the waist. "In the Rampart CRASH unit things began to change. The lines between right and wrong became fuzzy and indistinct. The 'us against them' ethos of the overzealous cop began to consume me."

Perez, whose voice frequently quavered with emotion, continued: "To do corruptly fairly was not enough. My job became an intendant that I lusted after. I can only say I succumbed to the seductress of power. Used wrongly, it is a power that can bend the will of a man to satisfy a lustful moment. It can open locked vaults to facilitate theft. It can even subvert justice to hand down a lifetime behind bars."

The sentencing capped Perez's criminal drug case stemming from his theft of cocaine from LAPD facilities, but it does not end his involvement in the ongoing investigation into corruption

at the police department. As part of his plea bargain for a lighter sentence on the drug charges, Perez — who has been in jail since his August 1998 arrest — agreed to tell investigators about other corrupt officers still wearing the badge.

Despite a host of crimes in which Perez has implicated himself and others, court officials said he may be out of prison in as little as 16 months.

By his own account, Perez has been a skillful liar, especially in court, where he frequently perjured himself testifying against criminal defendants. Yet, even cynical investigators seemed willing to believe Perez was contrite Friday.

"Do I believe him?" one LAPD detective said, thinking out loud. "I don't know. I guess I do believe it was genuine."

"I think today, Mr. Perez spoke from the heart," said prosecutor Dan Murphy, who is leading the district attorney's team of lawyers building prosecutions on the Rampart scandal.

But Perez's comments did little to assuage the anger felt by many LAPD officers. Ted Hunt, the president of the police union, requested the right to speak at Perez's sentencing, saying that all honest LAPD officers were victimized by the rogue cop. The judge, however, denied his request.

The corruption investigation, to date, has uncovered evidence of unjustified shootings, evidence planting, false arrests, beatings, witness intimidation and perjury. At least 21 officers have been relieved of duty, quit or were fired in the wake of the scandal. Some 70 officers are under investigation in connection with the ongoing probe by LAPD detectives as well as state and federal agents.

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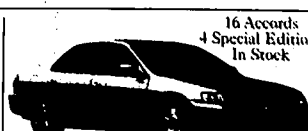
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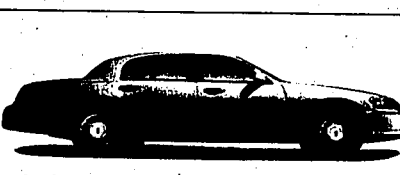
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