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# Howard praises Legislature

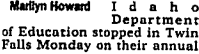
## Educators say new loan funds don't offer clear solutions

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Whether school districts actually will save money on interest rates by borrowing from new loan funds authorized by lawmakers isn't

clear, state education officials say.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard and staff members from the Idaho Department of Education stopped in Twin Falls Monday on their annual



Marilyn Howard

## Mentor program - A12

Lawmakers created a \$10 million state-financed revolving loan fund, as well as a \$50 million privately financed account, to give school districts that exhaust all other options another alternative for resolving their most pressing safety problems.

School administrators learned more about legislation passed this year that will change the way they run their districts. Monday's session covered everything from added driver education requirements to potential for enhanced retirement benefits, but some of the biggest changes are coming in school building safety laws.

# MAKE WAY FOR WATER



Larry Wahl digs a ditch on his property at the corner of Hankins Road and Elizabeth Boulevard. Like many others with water rights in Twin Falls County, Wahl is preparing for the water to flow this week.

# Council admires motives

## Local student asks City Council to support a free Tibet

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A local high school student's call for freedom in Tibet, while a noble cause, was not a proper business item, the City Council said Monday.

Jacob Roberts, a 17-year-old Twin Falls High School senior, asked the City Council Monday to support a resolution condemning China's communist rule over once-sovereign Tibet.

Roberts spoke on behalf of the Students for a Free Tibet campaign, a national organization of high school and college students, and more than 500 Twin Falls High School students who signed a petition in support of the cause.

But the council, while admiring Roberts' motives, said it could not support the resolution, which included language that dissuaded United States trade relations with China.

"As a council, we're here to conduct city business," Councilman Lance Cowl said Monday. The council encouraged Roberts to pursue other avenues, suggesting he write a proclamation instead of a resolution.

"I'm not interested in pursuing that," Roberts said after the meeting, surrounded by family and friends. "I don't see any merit in the council having a

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# Court reverses ruling on railroad warning devices

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The Supreme Court today shielded railroads from being sued over allegedly inadequate warning devices at rail crossings if the equipment installed was federally funded.

The 7-2 decision in a Tennessee case is a potentially far-reaching victory for the nation's railroads. Nationwide, there are some 260,000 public at-grade crossings, or crossings where the road actually meets the tracks. About 1,300 of those are in Idaho, said Lee Wilson, railroad safety specialist for the Idaho Department

of Transportation. Wilson said the ruling is consistent with past court decisions involving railroad liability at crossings. He said courts have repeatedly ruled in favor of railroads because they do not have control over the safety measures at highway crossings. Those controls are left to the states, and

railroads must comply with the standards the states set. "That's been in the law for a long time. There have been some entities trying to abolish that law, trying to make it unconstitutional, but they have not been successful," Wilson said. ("People

# Governor signs tax cut

## Chairman cautions against expecting future reductions

The Associated Press

**MERIDIAN** - With his signature on Monday, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ended the opening round in what is likely to be an extended debate over Idaho's economy, tax structure and commitment to public education.

"These bills are an absolute investment in you," Kempthorne said. The two were inexorably linked through the often-antagonistic three-month session, leaving lawmakers at loggerheads until the closing days. In the end, a compromise was struck on taxes that still funnels the lion's share of savings to the wealthy who pay the bulk of income taxes.

Tax-cut skeptics warned that slowing overall economic growth and depressed circumstances in many rural areas outside southwestern Idaho's urban center made curbing the state revenue stream risky for the future. The money, they argued, should be pumped into education and programs and projects that had been relegated to the back burner during years of penny pinching.

But tax-cut advocates, led by House

# UNDER CONTROL



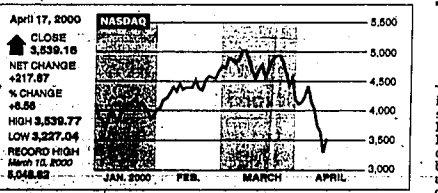
Police hold a protester in Washington Monday. A dwindling band of demonstrators confronted a steady rain and police reinforcements in a vain effort to shut down world finance meetings. See story, page A-3.

# Nasdaq index bounces back with record point climb

## Rebound might hide deeper trend

Knight Ridder News Service

The stock market staged a solid rebound Monday, with the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index scoring its biggest single-day gain and breaking last week's string of five consecutive days of massive selling.



in good shape." The Nasdaq index, after a wobbly morning, surged in the final two hours of trading, gaining 217.87 to 3,539.16, or 6.6 percent.

## Funds Insulate many investors - C3

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ings news from "old economy" stalwarts such as Ford Motor, R.J. Reynolds and Sears Roebuck. The Dow ended the day up 27.74 at 10,582.51. The broader Standard and Poor's 500 also rose 44.87 points, or 3.31 percent, to 1,401.53.

But it was not a bond-based rally - on the Nasdaq, for instance, more stocks fell in price than rose. Investors stuck with large, solidly profitable companies, leaving analysts to worry

that any sustained rebound is still very tentative.

Like many other market professionals and investors, Horowitz had braced for a stressful Monday.

He worried that fears of higher inflation and higher interest rates would continue to drive the selling that hit record proportions Friday.

But inflation and interest rates took a back seat to bargain-hunting. Traders said margin calls, which could have depressed prices Monday morning, didn't pose much of a problem. The U.S. market also shrugged off a downdraft of the major foreign markets Monday morning.

# THE REGION

### Carnas Prairie

High: 49 Low: 35  
Rain with a chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers tomorrow.

### Treasure Valley

High: 58 Low: 40  
Rain and scattered thunderstorms. Same tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 50 Low: 32  
Rain mixing with snow above 8,000 feet. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers tomorrow.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 57 Low: 37  
Rain with a chance of thunderstorms. Rain thins overnight to mostly cloudy tomorrow.

### Northern Idaho

High: 64 Low: 40  
Partly sunny following patchy morning fog. Mostly clear tonight, sunny tomorrow.

### Northern Utah

High: 60 Low: 41  
Castal showers and thunder. Rain likely tonight and tomorrow.

### Northern Nevada

High: 58 Low: 41  
Occasional showers and thunder. Rain likely tonight and tomorrow.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today   | Wednesday                          | Thursday   | Friday                               | Saturday                             |
|---|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| High: 57 Low: 41<br>Shower and scattered thunderstorms. | High: 61 Low: 40<br>Mostly cloudy. | High: 60s Low: 40s<br>Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. | High: 60s Low: 40s<br>Partly cloudy. | High: 50s Low: 40s<br>Partly cloudy. |

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls       | Precipitation                |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Yesterday: 68-41 | Yesterday in Twin Falls: .77 |
| Last year: 77-44 | Month to date: 1.29          |
| Normal: 66-36    | Normal month to date: 1.53   |
|                  | Water year to date: 4.49     |
|                  | Normal year to date: 6.68    |

### Idaho weather

Tuesday, April 18  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures.

|                   |                  |                      |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Lewiston 62/38    | Boise 62/38      | Idaho Falls 59/35    |
| Shoshone 62/38    | Meridian 62/38   | Blackfoot 62/38      |
| Arctic 62/38      | Donnerstag 62/38 | Malheur 62/38        |
| Blaine 62/38      | Hammond 62/38    | Bravo 62/38          |
| Burley 62/38      | Chubbuck 62/38   | Carleton Place 62/38 |
| Chandler 62/38    | Driggs 62/38     | Clarno 62/38         |
| Condon 62/38      | Elgin 62/38      | Colton 62/38         |
| Cooper 62/38      | Elgin 62/38      | Connelly 62/38       |
| Crater Lake 62/38 | Elgin 62/38      | Connelly 62/38       |
| Dayton 62/38      | Elgin 62/38      | Connelly 62/38       |
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### National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, April 18.  
Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho's Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/td/ra-road/index.htm>

### Idaho

| City          | Max | Min | Pcp | Idaho High          | Idaho Low |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|-----------|
| Boise         | 72  | 44  |     | degrees at Ogremun. |           |
| Burley        | 70  | 41  |     | Low: 27, dew pt: 53 |           |
| Coner d'Alene | 64  | 31  | .06 | McCall              |           |
| Grangeville   | m   | m   |     | Nation: High: 65 at |           |
| Hagerman      | 73  | 38  |     | Colloid: 64, Low:   |           |
|               |     |     |     | 18 at Elgin.        |           |
| Idaho Falls   | 59  | 35  | .01 |                     |           |
| Lewiston      | 71  | 44  |     |                     |           |
| Malad         | 69  | 41  |     |                     |           |
| Malia         | 68  | 43  |     |                     |           |
| McCall        | 59  | 27  |     |                     |           |
| Pocatello     | 67  | 38  |     |                     |           |
| Salmon        | 63  | 30  |     |                     |           |
| Stanley       | 51  | 29  |     |                     |           |
| Sun Valley    | 55  | 29  |     |                     |           |

### UV INDEX

Index: 3 (low)  
Burn time: 45 minutes

### ROAD INFORMATION

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### SYNOPSIS

Sunset today: 8:23 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:51 a.m.  
Lunar phase: Full April 18; last quarter, April 26; new, May 3; first quarter, May 10.

### ACROSS THE NATION

The Sierra had steady snow showers. Winter storm warnings were in effect for much of the day, with over a foot of accumulation possible above 7,000 feet.  
Clouds and scattered rain showers were spreading into portions of Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana and northwest Wyoming.  
Other variably cloudy skies lay across the Pacific Northwest, with some rain showers moving across southern Oregon.

— The Associated Press

### The Nation

| City           | Max | Min | Pcp  |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Anchorage      | 79  | 58  |      |
| Albuquerque    | 78  | 47  |      |
| Atlanta        | 79  | 57  |      |
| Baltimore      | 74  | 52  |      |
| Boston         | 74  | 52  |      |
| Chicago        | 46  | 43  |      |
| Dallas         | 76  | 42  |      |
| Denver         | 67  | 38  |      |
| Des Moines     | 49  | 38  |      |
| Detroit        | 49  | 44  |      |
| El Paso        | 59  | 41  |      |
| Houston        | 86  | 60  |      |
| Indianapolis   | 59  | 52  |      |
| Kansas City    | 63  | 30  |      |
| Las Vegas      | 79  | 60  |      |
| Los Angeles    | 60  | 58  |      |
| Los Angeles    | 66  | 48  |      |
| Miami Beach    | 87  | 79  |      |
| Milwaukee      | 39  | 36  |      |
| Minneapolis    | 52  | 32  |      |
| New Orleans    | 86  | 62  |      |
| New York       | 58  | 48  |      |
| Salt Lake City | 40  | 42  |      |
| Omaha          | 52  | 35  | 1.07 |
| Phoenix        | 66  | 56  |      |
| Pittsburgh     | 45  | 34  |      |
| Portland, Me.  | 45  | 47  |      |
| Raleigh, N.C.  | 57  | 47  |      |
| Reno           | 57  | 44  |      |
| S. Louis       | 53  | 44  |      |
| San Antonio    | 63  | 52  |      |
| San Francisco  | 63  | 52  |      |
| Seattle        | 66  | 39  |      |
| Spokane        | 61  | 39  |      |
| Washington     | 61  | 41  |      |
| Wichita        | 66  | 53  |      |

### Canadian Cities

|           |    |    |
|-----------|----|----|
| Calgary   | 35 | 21 |
| Edmonton  | 51 | 28 |
| Montreal  | 51 | 41 |
| Toronto   | 51 | 28 |
| Vancouver | 55 | 41 |

## Schools

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Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail is deciding a lawsuit brought by 14 school districts against the state. The districts claim Idaho is not meeting its constitutional duty to ensure Idaho children can attend safe, learning-friendly schools. As part of her decision, Bail will consider whether the action taken by lawmakers during the 2000 legislative session bolsters the state's defense.

Until a district taps the account, Haley said he can't say whether schools actually would secure a better interest rate. And how districts would pay the money back remains a problem.

The only part of the legislative package that Haley said he thinks makes sense is a provision allowing districts to extend from 10 to 20 years the length of plant facilities leases.

"I haven't found anyone who is willing to speculate what the outcome will be," Howard said about whether the plan would cover building needs or satisfy Bail.

Another piece of legislation, nicknamed the "hammer bill," Haley said, will allow the state to close a school when local efforts have failed to correct building safety problems.

The state can withhold a district's state finances and use that money to fix the problems. Districts also will be required to use all lotteries for safety issues. It also allows districts to freeze salaries or cut staff positions if they haven't

been able to finance building safety needs.

On a higher note, Howard arrived at Monday's meeting after attending the governor's signing of the education appropriation bill. She told school administrators that lawmakers this session demonstrated support for public education.

"I think the mood this year in the legislature was very pro-public education," she said.

General tax support for public schools was set at \$873.5 million, though \$61.5 million of that is to cover the property tax cut the Legislature approved in 1995. The Associated Press reported. That amount, combined with \$52 million from other sources, provides enough money for Howard to finance her priorities this year — a 3.5-percent increase in the state's share of teacher salaries and a 7.5-percent increase in the amount of money each district gets per classroom to spend however it wants.

The session avoided added requirements for schools, which already are working in new technology and reading standards and working toward matching their curriculum with long-awaited state standards for graduation.

The one new requirement for all schools is a mentor program for new teachers during their first three years in the classroom.

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## Tibet

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proclamation."

"Most City Council members encouraged Roberts to continue with his effort and supported the cause."

"I don't have a problem signing the petition," Croy said.

Councilman Terry Craig sported a "Free Tibet Students for a Free Tibet" pin on his blue sport coat.

The council's denial may be linked to concerns of Tamara Hamilton-Harney of Hamilton Manufacturing, who has business dealings with Chinese companies.

"I don't have a problem with the kids at all. I think Jacob did a marvelous job," Hamilton-Harney said. "But I have a problem using the City Council for an international public forum. I think there are appropriate places to take your desires."

Though she supports Roberts'

### Some facts about Tibet

views against human injustice, Hamilton-Harney said she has

had favorable business relations with Chinese companies.

"I just don't know enough about the cause to fully support it," she said.

Hamilton-Harney spoke with several council members before Monday's meeting.

City Council member Glenda Thompson said the council had discussed Roberts' request and had some concerns with it.

"We struggled about how conservative southern Idaho would feel about a City Council taking an international action," Thompson said.

Thompson said she supports Roberts' cause.

"I don't see any problem for me as an individual with signing the petition," Thompson said.

Hamilton-Harney said Roberts should speak with Idaho's congressional delegation to find out

more about else he could do.

Tibet has been under Chinese rule since the early 1950's. Before that, Tibetan leaders struggled with Chinese leaders for political power. Activists claim that Tibetan political prisoners have been tortured in Chinese prisons. The Tibetans freedom to practice Buddhism, a religion that spans centuries in Tibet, has been shackled under Chinese rule.

Several national and international organizations are demonstrating against Chinese rule in Tibet. Roberts said he will coordinate with his causing, hoping to gain more interest from residents and to get donations to send to Tibetan schools.

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## Cut

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Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow of Nampa, argued that a \$65 million cash surplus this winter demand at least some of it be returned to taxpayers who have not seen income taxes reduced for three decades. They chose to trim elsewhere to make sure education support was maintained.

"It was an experience," Crow told the students before cautioning against optimism about future tax reductions. "It might not come again for a while. Conditions have to be just right."

The tax plan essentially split the difference between the House's \$44 million permanent income tax cut proposal and the Senate's \$17 million package of modest adjustments. It includes:

- \$12 million in a one-year, tenth-of-a-percentage-point reduction in personal income tax rates.
- A four-of-four earning the average annual wage and claiming the standard deduction

## Warning

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can't sue the railroad over the warning devices as long as they meet the standards."

Wilson said all public grade crossings are eligible for public funding. Idaho spends \$250,000 yearly on crossings from its railroad grade crossing protection account, which the federal government matches on a 90-10 percent basis. Idaho's total comes to \$1.4 million a year from the federal government, enough to fund five crossings, he said.

Wilson said state control abolishes railroads from liability under most circumstances.

"If the railroad forgets to blow its whistle, it's liable. But if the railroad puts in lights and someone thinks they needed gates, they can't sue the railroad," he said.

There are no lawsuits against railroads pending in the Magic Valley, Wilson said.

Monday's ruling is good news for railroads throughout the country. John Bromley, director of public affairs for Union Pacific Railroad, said he thinks it will be quite beneficial to his company.

"We don't have any way to quantify the impact of the ruling yet, but we're pleased because we think it speaks to the issue that crossing signals are really highway crossings and not railroad controls," Bromley said.

"People kind of assume that those are railroad devices and that we should pay for them, but the fact is that they are run by the state and we have no control over them. The legal tradition is that those are considered highway control devices, and this ruling means that's what they are," he said.

In the decision, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court. Justice Stevens wrote concurring in the majority of the opinion.

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devises installed using federal funds. States are free to install more protective devices at high crossings with their own money, with additional (federal) funding.

"What states cannot do — once they have installed federally funded devices at a particular crossing — is hold their railroad responsible for the adequacy of those devices," she said.

The court's two dissenters said the decision "defies common sense and sound public policy."

The ruling stripped Justice Shinklin of the legal victory he had won against Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

Lower courts had ordered the railroad to pay her \$430,000 for the Oct. 1993 death of her husband, Eddie Shinklin, who was killed when his car was struck by a train at a crossing in Gibson County, Tenn. The crossing had a flashing light but no gates or flashing lights to signal a train's approach. Shinklin was driving 20 mph, and he apparently did not hear the train whistle because it would have been rolled up and the radio was playing.

Mrs. Shinklin's lawsuit invoked a Tennessee law and accused the railroad of negligence in having failed to install adequate warning devices. But the railroad's lawyers argued that the warning signal had been erected under its state-provided approval and that the railroad was not a party to the Federal Highway Administration's approval.

Such federal approval and funding abolished immunity of the railroad from any liability. The lawyers said such an argument, which would have allowed the railroad to sue the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The court's decision reversed those rulings.

### LOTTERY UPDATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2003

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# Protest starts rough but ends peacefully

## Rain dampens demonstrators in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police clubbed demonstrators and dispersed them with pepper spray outside world finance meetings Monday, but then — in a grace note near the end — quietly negotiated final arrests after three days of confrontation. "Give yourselves a hand," a police official told protesters.

The demonstrators, their ranks thinned in a driving rain, disrupted the government's workday and private business in a big swath of the capital but failed to shut down the two days of meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

A day that began with swinging clubs turned more amicable as police and the throngs they were watching orchestrated a good-natured arrest of some 400 demonstrators who wanted to cross a barricade and be taken into custody. Police negotiated for an hour with protest organizer Mary Bull,

who wore a plastic foam tree on her head, before proceeding with the arrests. "Give yourselves a hand," Terry Gainer, executive assistant police chief, told the crowd, which filled through the barricade a dozen at a time.

He gave Bull some flowers and then placed her under arrest. The protesters were charged with unlawful assembly and crossing police lines. About 600 arrests were made Monday, not all so peacefully, making a total of more than 1,300 since the protests began.

"We view this as a total success," said Robert Weissman, co-director of Essential Action, one of hundreds of groups in the protest coalition. "We have shined the light on these institutions as never before in this country."

Earlier, drum-benting marchers vented their fury about the treatment of the poor. They accused the bank and IMF of imposing crushing debts on poor nations, destroying the environment and perpetrating a host of other ills. "World Bank destroys tropical rain forest," said a two-story banner hung on a building under construction.

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# Clinton promises high-tech access

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Pushing to bring high-tech benefits to places missing out on America's prosperity, President Clinton won more than \$100 million in pledges from the computer industry Monday. He also promised \$1-a-month telephone service to 300,000 American Indian households.



President Bill Clinton

"No one has to be bypassed this time around," the president said. "The choice is in our hands." Clinton said, "This is one of those fortunate times when by doing the thing that is morally right, we actually help to keep America's economic expansion churning forward."

On a chilly, rain-threatening morning, the president came to East Palo Alto, a pocket of poverty in technology-rich Silicon Valley, to dramatize the "digital divide" of inequality between computer haves and have-nots.

More than 24 percent of youngsters in East Palo Alto live in poverty and over 80 percent are eligible for the free-lunch program. Schools have just one computer for every 28 students.

Later, Clinton was heading to a Navajo reservation in northwest New Mexico.

American Indians rank far below the national average in their access to telephones, computers and the Internet. In the Navajo Nation, only 22.5 percent of households have home telephone service compared with to the national average of 94 percent. The Navajo high school dropout rate averages 20 percent for 9th graders, and only one-quarter of adult Navajos have graduated from high school.

Clinton was announcing a plan to provide basic telephone service to American Indians for \$1 a month. That would be financed by raising universal service assessments on interstate and international carriers by 0.4 percent.

Gene Sperling, head of the president's National Economic Council, said long-distance users would pay about a penny a month more if carriers pass the charge on to consumers. "This is a very worthwhile investment," he said.

In East Palo Alto, speaking at a community technology center called Plugged In, Clinton said, "We can truly move more people

out of poverty more rapidly than ever before. Or we can allow access to new technology to heighten economic inequality and sharpen social division. Again I say, the choice is ours."

Asked by a young boy about his own computer use, Clinton said, "I confess I don't use it much for e-mail but that's for very personal reasons." "If you work for the government you don't use e-mail very

much unless you want it all in the newspapers," the president said. The Justice Department has opened an investigation into the White House failure to review thousands of e-mails that may have been under subpoena.

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NATION

# President nixes weapons sale to Taiwan

# State Department loses laptop loaded with secret information

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, backed by his senior advisers, decided Monday against the sale of four Aegis destroyers to Taiwan, but approved a small package including long-range radar designed to detect missile launches, two senior U.S. officials said.

Clinton, who was in California, acted on the recommendation of top advisers who met earlier in the day at the White House and also of Secretary of State Madeline Albright, who was traveling in Uzbekistan, said the officials.

The Pentagon had recommended that the administration put off Taiwan's request to buy new weapons, including the destroyers, submarines and anti-submarine aircraft, in order to avoid angering China, which views Taiwan as a rebellious province.

The officials spoke on condition they not be further identified.

### Nation in brief

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### Ellan supporters mark Bay of Pigs anniversary

MIAMI — Cuban exiles marked the 39th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs fiasco Monday as they stood watch at the home where Elian Gonzalez's relatives waited for a key ruling in the custody fight.

Protesters recalled the disastrous and deadly attempt on April 17, 1961, in which CIA-trained exiles failed to invade Cuba. Their criticism was extended to the Clinton administration, which wants the 6-year-old Cuban boy returned to his Cuban father.

More than 60 women linked hands and sang at the barricades, a larger than usual crowd for the morning prayer session. Later, quiet fell over the crowd, broken by an occasional yell of "Elián is staying!"

### Company posts satellite images of Area 51 on Net

RALEIGH, N.C. — The truth is out there — on the Web. Photos of Area 51, the super-secret Air Force test site in Nevada that has long tantalized UFO and conspiracy buffs and fans of "The X-Files," are being posted on the Internet.

"This is the first glimpse into the most secret training and testing facility for the Air Force," said John Hoffman, president of Aerial Images Inc. of Raleigh at [www.terra-server.com](http://www.terra-server.com).

Viewing the images is free; downloading them costs \$8.95 and up. Kodak will print photographs for \$20 to \$30.

### Officials want to turn toilet water into drinking water

LOS ANGELES — California officials want to make a splash by taking recycling to the next step — turning toilet water into drinking water.

Officials insist their "toilet-to-tap" program is feasible, safe and a solution to California's water shortage problem. A few residents think the idea is revolting.

The three-year pilot program could begin as early as today in the San Fernando Valley, although the reclaimed water won't actually reach faucets for five years, The Daily News of Los Angeles reported Sunday. If successful, the program would mark the first time in California that toilet water would be used for drinking.

The water would undergo a five-year purification process, closely monitored to ensure it's safe to drink, officials say. It then would be combined with normal groundwater so that only 20 percent or less of what reaches the

tap will have come from toilets.

### Medical examiner says Ritalin led to boy's death

PONTIAC, Mich. — A medical examiner says long-term use of Ritalin, a drug used to treat hyperactive children, may have led to a 14-year-old boy's death.

Matthew Smith collapsed at his home on March 21 while playing with a skateboard and was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later. Oakland County Medical Examiner Ljubisa Dragovic concluded that the boy died of a heart attack likely caused by 10 years of taking Ritalin for attention deficit

hyperactivity disorder.

"This was a gradual development," Dragovic said Sunday in The Oakland Press.

### Garbo letters reveal female friendship, not lesbianism

PHILADELPHIA — After years of a rumored love affair between Greta Garbo and socialite Mercedes de Acosta, secret letters from Garbo that were unsealed over the weekend failed to put the decades-old speculation to rest.

The 113 items, including 25 letters, plus notes that accompanied flowers, telegrams, photos and poems, chronicled a 28-year



Greta Garbo

friendship of ups and downs, but gave no explicit evidence of a lesbian relationship between them, said Garbo grandniece Gray Reisfield Horan.

"I see nothing that refers to a liaison," said Horan, 40. "I don't think there's much here to back it up. I only knew her to be interested in men." Garbo's mystery remains intact, she said.

— compiled from wire reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials are investigating the disappearance from the State Department two months ago of a laptop computer that contained highly sensitive information.

The department and the FBI are conducting the investigation concerning the laptop, which a State official said was shared by several officials.

After The Washington Post reported on the disappearance Monday, Chairman Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., of the House International Relations Committee, said he plans to hold hearings next month.

"The missing laptop is the lat-

est in a long string of security failures at the State Department," Gilman said. "It is obvious that the department lacks a professional environment that is sensitive to security concerns."

The Post said the computer vanished from a supposedly secure conference room in the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

The newspaper, quoting a person familiar with the incident, said the missing computer contained "code word" information, a classification higher than top secret. It also contained intelligence information and plans, the person was quoted as saying.

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# Gingrich bashes Bush campaign

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — George W. Bush's staff of advisers are "not quite up to speed yet" in running a presidential campaign, according to fellow Republican and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

Speaking to a sold-out audience Saturday night, Gingrich said Bush's team "still has a little bit of Austin in their style" and isn't fully prepared for a national operation.

He said that, in contrast, the team advising Vice President Al Gore is "a more professional and tougher team."

Bush and Gore are all but certain to be the presidential nominees this year.

Gingrich also said first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had "a very good chance" of beating New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the New York Senate race.

"If I were guessing right now, I

would say she probably has the edge to win," Gingrich said.

He drew a gasp from the audience when he further predicted that she would then run for president in 2004 if Gore loses this fall.

Gingrich made his comments at an event staged by the Richmond Forum, a group that puts on several public forums on a variety of subjects throughout the year.

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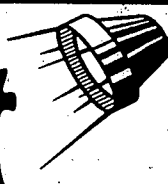
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# Utah dinosaur tracks draw thousands

St. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - The family that owns the farm where dinosaur tracks were discovered last month says it is getting overwhelmed with requests to visit the site.

Sheldon and LaVerna Johnson met last week with the city council to say the task of scheduling family members to meet daily with hundreds of visitors has become exhausting.

Sheldon Johnson repeated a request that the city or Dixie College work to find a permanent home for the footprints. Mayor

Daniel McArthur said the city would be happy to take the lead.

The dinosaur tracks are thought to be about 200 million years old. City officials suggested the Dixie Center as one possible site where the dinosaur tracks could be displayed.

City officials also promised to immediately provide city-trained employees to assist the Johnson family in scheduling tours of the farm.

About 12,000 visitors from across the United States and several other countries

have visited the site, LaVerna Johnson said.

The Johnsons think they have found two-thirds of the dinosaur tracks on their property, but there is one section of the farm where they expect to find more dinosaur tracks.

"Where we are now (digging), on every rock we lifted, we are finding them," he said. And because of these discoveries, "I think you have something here that people from all over the world will come here to see," Sheldon Johnson told the city council.

# Falling boulder injures hiker

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - A Utah State University student who was hit by a 1,500-pound boulder while hiking in Logan Canyon was hospitalized in satisfactory condition Monday.

Sadie Enright, 21, of Stansbury Park, was hiking about a half mile above Wood Camp campground on Saturday when the rock, about four feet square, fell and rolled on top of her, said Lt. Kim Cheshire of the Cache County Sheriff's Office.

She suffered back and neck

injuries and broken ribs and was taken to Logan Regional Hospital.

Enright's father, Michael, suffered a broken arm and wrist and his boyfriend, 21-year-old Cody Williams of Logan, sustained minor head injuries when they were clipped by the boulder. They were treated and released.

Cheshire said warm weather and moist soil probably caused the boulder to dislodge from the top of a hill where the group was hiking, but he did not know how far the rock fell.

WEST

# Bison herd crowds elk on National Refuge

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Bison numbers are growing on the National Elk Refuge, raising concern about public safety and overgrazing on an area shared with 6,800 elk.

More than 500 bison wintered on the refuge this year, compared to 255 four years ago and 20 times more than when the animals began wintering there in 1975.

Managers of the 24,700-acre

refuge put the target population for bison is between 350 and 400 while the elk number is 7,500.

Because of a warm, early spring, the bison and elk have buzzed most of the lush grass to their roots. Brown bare spots now scar the foothills.

"That's unacceptable," refuge manager Barry Reiswig said, but the traditional strategy of herding the animals to the north end of

the refuge is no longer practical.

They have run out of grass before the snow has melted enough to allow them to find food farther north, Reiswig said, so "we finally just gave up. We decided we were fighting a losing battle."

"They know where the forage is," he said. "They're going to move toward that forage, and it's kind of hopeless to keep trying to hold them back."

The bison herd continues to grow because there is little to keep it in check. Few die during the winter since the animals are fed alfalfa pellets because they were pushing elk aside to get to pellets intended for elk.

Reiswig expects the bison population to grow by 26 percent this year and to double in four years, which would leave 1,000 bison competing with elk for forage in 2004.

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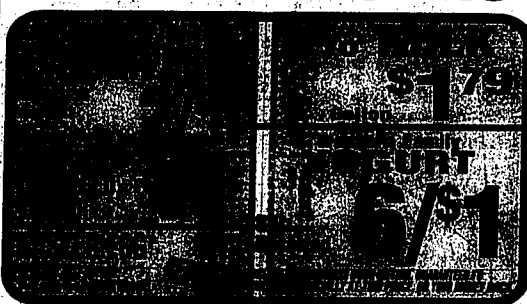
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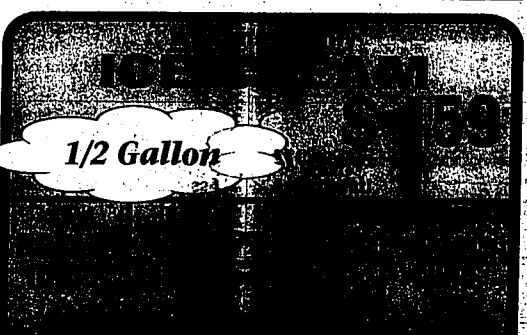
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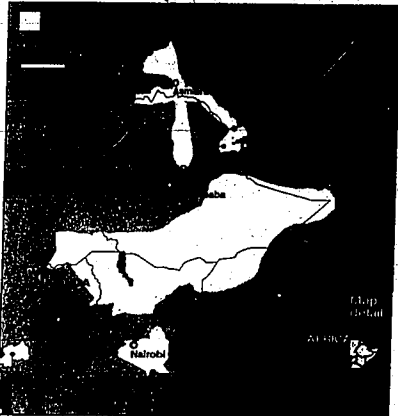
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**Famine in the Horn of Africa**

More than 16 million people in the Greater Horn of Africa face a humanitarian crisis of various proportions. Persistent drought and poor rainfall, together with the effects of war, have eroded food stocks in the regions which also have several thousand refugees. And politics, bad roads and weather create terrible obstacles to the delivery of food.



Source: World Food Program. Compiled from AP wire reports. Wm. J. Castello, E. Hoffmann/AP

**Famine could strike 16 million in Africa**

*Knight Ridder News Service*

DANAN, Ethiopia — Fatima Farah Hussein, one of the nomadic herders who wander these parched plains in southeastern Ethiopia, came to this dusty camp a month ago to seek refuge from a miserly land that has little left to give.

"All of our cattle died," said Hussein, clutching her 5-month-old son, Hani, who was listless and covered with sweat. "You can see in our faces that we are in bad condition. There's not enough food. There's not enough water. Our children are dying."

Fifteen years after nearly a million Ethiopians died in a famine that inspired the Live Aid concert, this nation of 64 million people is once again facing the prospect of starvation on a huge scale.

Officials are reluctant to call this four-year drought a famine, although the United Nations estimates that up to 16 million people in the Horn of Africa will need food aid this year — half of them in Ethiopia.

The United States and other industrialized nations have already committed themselves to sending 800,000 tons of emergency relief to Africa.

But little of it has reached remote places like Danan, where the hot winds bring in clouds of grit along with the stench of dead cattle mummified by the dry heat.

"For months we have been shouting, requesting food for our people," said Adam Omar, the local chief in Danan, where six children die each day in a camp of crude huts made of twigs and cardboard. Nearly 4,000 Somali nomads have taken refuge in Danan, doubling the population.

"There's a clinic, but there's no medicine," said Omar, who has dyed his gray beard with orange henna in the local fashion.

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**Mugabe says he'll work to end deadlock**

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — President Robert Mugabe abruptly summoned white farm leaders to his office Monday and promised to personally intervene to end the violent crisis over the occupation of white-owned farms, the farmers said.

During the 1.5 hour meeting on the eve of Zimbabwe's 20th anniversary of independence, Mugabe said he would work "to get things back to normality," said Tim Henwood, head of the Commercial Farmers Union, which represents white farmers.

The official state news agency confirmed Mugabe's first meeting with farm union officials since the occupations began two months ago. But government officials declined to comment on the talks, and it was unclear whether Mugabe's reported promise marked a reversal of his stance on the thousands of armed black squatters who have occupied more than 900 white-owned farms.

Until now, Mugabe has backed the occupations, arguing they are a justified protest against unequal distribution of land in a country where 4,000 white farmers own one-third of the productive farmland.

**Rwanda elects first Tutsi since independence**

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — The government Monday chose a former rebel leader whose forces stopped the 1994 genocide as president of Rwanda, the nation's first Tutsi leader since independence in 1962.

Rwanda's Parliament and Cabinet voted 81-5 in favor of Paul Kagame over Charles Ndirakobuca, also a leader in the Rwandan Patriotic Front, the country's major political force.

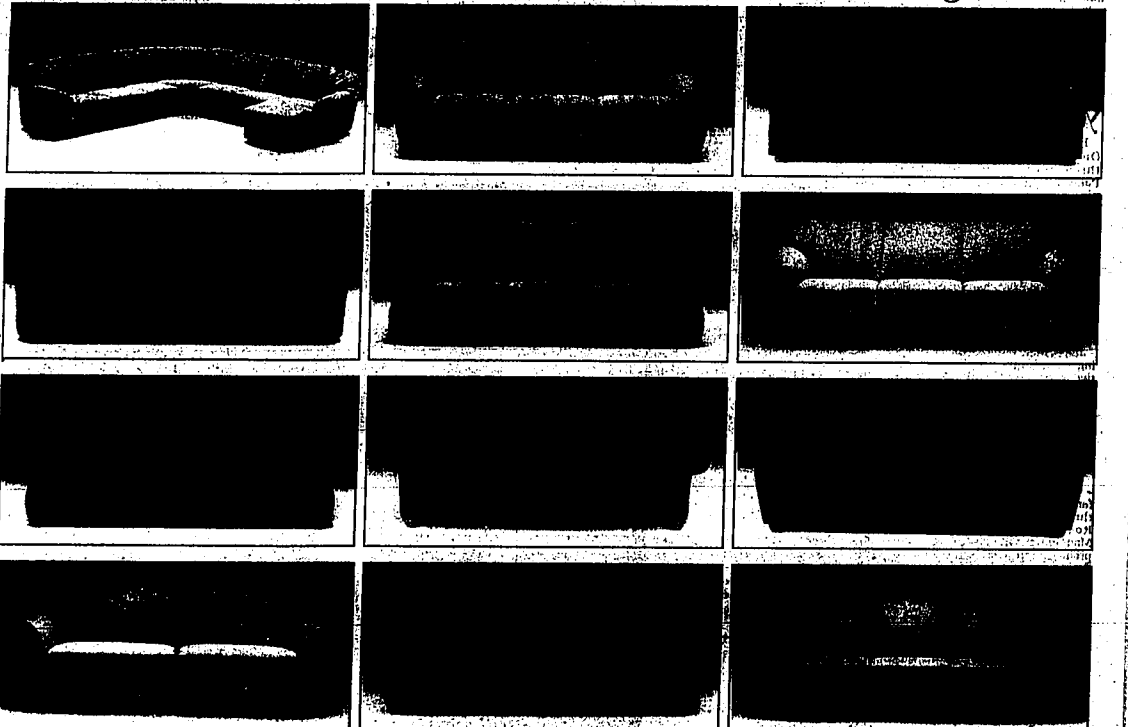
After the results of a secret ballot were announced, Kagame received a rousing ovation from lawmakers and government officials gathered in the National Assembly building in Kigali.

Kagame takes over the post he has held provisionally since last month, when President Pasteur Bizimungu resigned. The 49-year-old Hutu technocrat stepped down amid accusations of incompetence and rumors of conflict with the RPF, of which he was a member.

Kagame, 43, was scheduled to be sworn Saturday by the Supreme Court. It was not clear who would become vice president. Senior RPF officials said they would meet soon to make the decision.

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# Rebels threaten Americans

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — In a southern Philippine province, a Muslim rebel group holding 29 Filipino hostages threatens to execute Americans if its demands aren't met.

The group says it will release its hostages — but only if all Christian residents of the province are forbidden from displaying crosses in public.

In another province, more than 100,000 villagers flee their homes to escape clashes between a second Muslim rebel group and govern-

ment troops that have killed more than 300 people in the past month.

Four years after a peace treaty raised hopes of an end to the Philippines' decades-old Muslim secessionist rebellion, peace in the country's impoverished southern — Mindanao — region appears increasingly elusive.

The number of casualties and evacuees in the past month's fighting in Lanao del Norte province rate on the scale of a major disaster, surpassing even the 68,000 people who were

forced to flee from the eruption of Mayon volcano in February.

The Abu Sayyaf rebels were still holding 29 hostages on Friday. They demanded the release of Arab terrorists jailed in the United States and a ban on the display of crosses by Catholics in Mindanao as conditions for freeing the captives.

On Monday, they said they will kidnap or kill Americans in the Philippines if the United States rejects their demand for the jailed Arab terrorists.

# European stocks calm in Asia wake

**LONDON (AP)** — Major European stock markets stumbled Monday but avoided the steep selloffs that gripped Asian exchanges earlier in the day, as investors waited anxiously to see if Wall Street could rebound from last week's plunge.

Trading in U.S. stock index futures, pegged to expectations for Wall Street, were little changed slightly before the opening of financial markets on Wall Street.

In Europe, as in Asia, traders were reacting to Friday's carnage on Wall Street, when stocks lost nearly \$2 trillion in market value.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged 617.78 points Friday, or by 5.7 percent, to 10,305.77, in its biggest single-day point loss ever.

The Nasdaq Composite Index, home to technology stocks whose popularity has evaporated, tumbled 355.49 Friday, or by 9.7 percent, to 3,321.29. The point drop was its worst ever, surpassing a fall of 349.15 on March 3, and it was the second worst in percentage terms. It's 25 percent plunge for all of last week also was a record.

Brokers said that renewed selling on U.S. exchanges would further drag down European shares.

"Everybody's waiting for the U.S. market. That's what's going to determine if we pick back up," Andrew Miller, an associate director at London-based brokerage Greig Middleton.

"The situation will obviously worsen if Wall Street weakens again today."



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin prior to a private audience at Windsor Castle, England, Monday. Putin first visit to the West as Russian president, Putin pledged Monday that his country would not fall back into isolation, but would seek friendlier ties with Europe.

# Putin strives to forge some business ties with West

**LONDON (AP)** — On his first visit to the West as Russian president, Vladimir Putin pledged Monday that his country would not drift back into isolation, but would seek friendlier ties with Europe — despite sharp differences over Chechnya.

Putin promised to implement economic reforms, defend property owners and root out corruption to attract foreign investment, and Prime Minister Tony Blair responded by saying the newly elected Russian "talks our language on reform."

Of course, one could follow the lead of the former Soviet leader and continue the path of

is absolutely inappropriate not only in relations with Great Britain but the rest of Europe," Putin said at a joint news conference with Blair before traveling to Windsor Castle for a private audience with Queen Elizabeth II.

Putin's 24-hour stop in London — the centerpiece of his first foreign trip — appeared to signal a strengthening of ties between the two nuclear powers.

Blair's aides said Britain is ideally suited to provide a bridge not only between Russia and the European Union but also Russia and the United States, whose relations have deteriorated in the past year.

# bin-Laden calls for Muslim youth to fight United States

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)** — On fences and car windows throughout northwestern Pakistan, small posters are popping up carrying a message to Muslim youth from suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden: Join a war to the death against the United States.

In another message circulating in Pakistan, the Taliban's supreme leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, urged Afghanistan would never revoke the refuge given bin Laden, one of the 10 most wanted men in the United States.

Bin Laden's message circulating in Pakistan's deeply conservative Northwest Frontier Province depicts burning U.S., Indian and "hell" flags and a cocked

Kalashnikov rifle ready to fire.

"The youth should contact us as soon as possible," the message says. "Territorial boundaries have no importance in our eyes. All the land belongs to God."

Bin Laden's message, written in Urdu, Pakistan's national language, vowed to continue his battle against America.

"Our jihad will continue until America is expelled from Saudi Arabia and other countries of the world," bin Laden's message said.

"It is our responsibility to free the world from their (U.S.) control," it said. "The non-Muslim world should know it well that a Muslim is always ready to die in the name of God."

# bright vows to help stifle Afghani threat

**TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP)** — On a visit to Uzbekistan, once famed for the goods that flowed through it on the ancient Silk Road, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday promised aid to stifle the modern war of drugs and militants.

Albright warned, however, that fighting against narcotics and terrorism must not involve humanitarian abuses in the former Soviet and Asian republic bordering Afghanistan. On a five-day tour of Central Asia, Albright is seeking to promote U.S. policy in a region known for its booming drug trade, outbreaks of extremism and frequent neglect of democratic values.

"While you are geographically distant from the United States, you are very closely connected to our most vital national interests," Albright said in a speech at the Tashkent University.

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## EDITORIAL

### Get a handle on CSI spending for men's basketball program

Cost overruns and budget bailouts are everyone's business when they occur in a public institution. Financial concerns within the men's basketball program at the College of Southern Idaho are no exception.

The CSI men's hoops program has been chewing through money at an alarming rate, apparently with little effective oversight. In 1997, the program's non-salary expenses were less than \$150,000. Last year, those expenses were more than \$180,000. This year's tab is more than \$217,000 - and the fiscal year doesn't end for another couple of months.

There are reasons for this, including increased travel costs, higher food costs, and new office furniture for first-year coach Derek Zeck. More fundamentally, Zeck wasn't given a specific budget amount within which to operate.

As expenses mounted this winter, CSI President Gerald Meyerhoeffer shifted \$50,000 from the college's registration fee contingency fund to pay the basketball program's bills. The money came from student registration fees, and some of those students may not favor subsidizing campus sports.

This isn't Watergate, but it is something to take seriously. Of particular concern is the admitted lack of spending oversight, and the subsequent lack of public disclosure about internal shuffling of money. This didn't come to light on its own; we kept asking questions until we got answers.

To their credit, Meyerhoeffer and Finance Dean Mike Mason have acknowledged that the problem is due, in part, to lack of oversight. It's appropriate for them to exercise more con-

rol, and they say they will do so. Another appropriate step is to demonstrate that CSI's sports programs are above ethical and financial reproach. Students and Magic Valley taxpayers, particularly the taxpayers in the Twin Falls and Jerome counties, deserve nothing less. That is the responsibility of the CSI board, which is elected by voters.

Finally, it's important to keep the value of CSI men's basketball in perspective. It has always formed a highly visible link between the campus and the community, with row upon row of boosters cheering from the stands. Many of those boosters have never been CSI students, yet their loyalty to the

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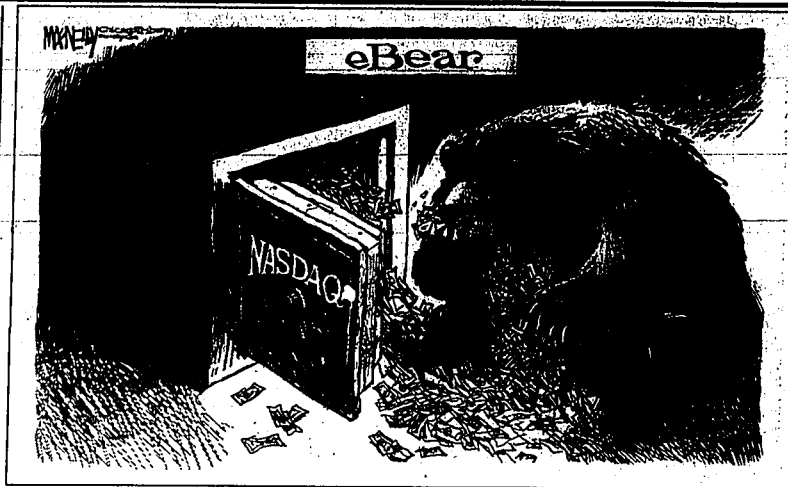
school runs deep.

College sports create community passion in a way that academic and vocation programs never can. CSI's founder, James "Doc" Taylor, knew that - which is why he insisted on a top-notch hoops program from the outset.

Linking the school with a winning team was crucial in CSI's early years. It is still important, but perhaps less so now that the college has cemented its reputation as a broad-based community college.

Like many two- and four-year colleges around the nation, CSI has hit a rough patch with the finances for a sports program. Like other schools, it has turned to student fees to pay the bills. It's an oft-told tale, but strict fiscal accountability is essential for a happy ending.

That means sports budgets - and embarrassing budget overruns - should be aired in public.



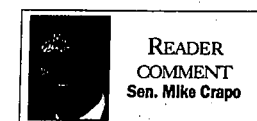
## Latest congressional budget resolution meets the majority of America's needs

On April 13, the House and Senate approved a joint budget resolution that establishes a blueprint for federal spending over the next five years. This budget resolution contains good news for every American.

The resolution that we adopted, for the first time in more than 50 years, balances the budget for three years in a row without using the Social Security surplus. The last time that happened, 1947-1949, Harry S. Truman was president!

The budget resolution contains lots of good news for every taxpayer and their family. For example, seniors can rest assured knowing that the budget resolution projects the entire \$97.6 billion Social Security surplus over the next five years. In fact, the budget resolution creates a legislative "lock-box," which I have advocated for years, to prevent Congress from spending this surplus. Seniors will also be pleased to know the budget resolution sets aside \$40 billion over the next five years to provide Medicare reform and a prescription drug benefit for seniors.

The 2001 budget resolution reduces



the public debt by \$1.1 trillion over five years, from \$3.5 trillion to \$2.4 trillion. As debt is reduced, annual interest payments on the debt will decline from \$225 billion in the current fiscal year to \$163 billion in 2005. As a percent of spending, interest payments will decline from 13 percent of the federal budget to just 8 percent by 2005. If we stick with the budget passed by the House and Senate, we will eliminate the entire public debt over the next 13 years.

The budget resolution does not actually appropriate dollars, but it sets limits on how much money Congress can spend. While the 2001 budget resolution balances the budget, it allows for increased funding next year for important programs such as education, defense, veterans health and

the National Institute of Health.

The budget resolution also sets aside \$150 billion for tax relief for working Americans over the next five years. The money set aside for tax relief is more than enough to pay for the elimination of the unfair marriage penalty. For every \$1 in tax relief, the Republican budget devotes \$13 to debt reduction. If the Congress and the administration cannot reach an agreement on tax reductions, the budget resolution directs that the \$150 billion set aside for tax relief can only be used for additional debt relief. This is one of the very important mechanisms in the budget resolution that seeks to make sure the administration and Congress do not try to spend the surplus we have all worked so hard to achieve.

In this budget plan, Congress has given the American people a balanced budget and a plan to pay off the national debt. This budget is good for our economy and our future. We have provided for needed support for important priorities and have made room for modest, but badly needed, tax relief.

Mike Crapo is a U.S. senator from Idaho.

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## Recent stock market decline could have severe repercussions

From The Washington Post

Even the fiercest denunciations of capitalism from the street protesters in Washington and much capitalism's spontaneous combustion Friday in New York.

Spooked by the news that inflation was higher than expected, the mainly old-economy stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.6 percent, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq index tumbled 9.7 percent.

The Nasdaq's collapse was especially remarkable, since the index had already lost a quarter of its value since its peak on March 10.

When the financial history books are written, a lot of attention will be focused on the past extraordinary months. The strongest bull market in Nasdaq history has been succeeded by its steepest ever fall.

What's more, the market is said recently to have been seized by a mysterious short-term volatility. Stocks zip up and down frenetically, apparently without any new information becoming available to justify a change in their value.

For the moment, the causes of the market's descent remain as puzzling as those of the preceding bubble. Motorola's recent announcement that cellular phone earnings would be disappointing is said to have shaken some investors.

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But why were Motorola's modest profits more alarming than the total absence of profits earlier reported by countless whizz-com companies? Equally, the announcement of rising consumer price inflation seems a thin reason for Friday's selloff. Much of the extra inflation was related to oil price increases, and these prices are already coming down.

If stocks continue to head downward, start-up companies will find it hard to raise money, and many will go bust. The impact could be painful beyond Wall Street, and beyond Silicon Valley too.

Some workers will lose jobs, others will lose savings that they've invested in the market. A deceleration lately has seemed inevitable.

The economy has been growing roughly twice as fast as most experts believe sustainable; either a sustained bear market would put the brakes on, or the Federal Reserve would endeavor to do so. A question, in either case, is whether the system can avoid excessive braking.

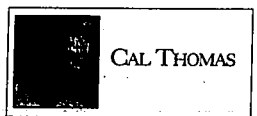
## Jerry Falwell should stick to preaching

At a time when the Christian world is focusing on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth and the meaning of those events, Rev. Jerry Falwell is again focusing on politics.

A decade ago, after disbanding the Moral Majority (for which I toiled for five years), Falwell announced he was going back to preaching. People who heard him said his preaching became more powerful when he returned to his first love. But he has again succumbed to the temptation of politics and its illusion of power. At a news conference last week in Washington and on his "People of Faith 2000" Web page, Falwell announced a drive to register 10 million new voters in order to impose a moral code through government which most citizens, comfortable in their materialism, are not willing to impose on themselves.

Falwell will not register 10 million new voters who will vote as he wishes because there aren't that many unregistered. People who still believe the solution to moral decline lies in Washington registered to vote in the '80s and found that, even in the idealized Reagan era, not much changed. In fact, with the exception of a slight decline in abortions (due not to legislation but to the establishment of thousands of centers to help women with unplanned pregnancies), things have gotten worse. Many church members are following the ways of the world, divorcing and consuming pornography in increasing numbers, according to several surveys.

On his Web page, Falwell claims that



CAL THOMAS

"people of faith are persona non grata in the American political process." No, they're not. The just shouldn't expect to constantly run the Republican Party to which his wing of the church has attached itself. The lower kingdom (politics) is about compromise. The higher kingdom (the gospel) is about no compromise. Falwell is trying to apply the principles of the higher kingdom to the lower one. Such attempts are futile.

Second, Falwell claims the "left-wing elite has been engaged in a campaign to purge traditional Judeo-Christian values from public life in America." It doesn't speak well for God if a "left-wing elite" can erode His power and reach. But the real blame is laid at the church doorstep. Falwell accuses "the deafening silence of America's pulpits and religious leaders" for causing this values purge. Viewers who see ministers and non-ministers all over television don't believe these people have been silenced. Most preachers I know have chosen to concentrate on preaching the gospel and changing lives, not government. They have been unfairly slandered. They believe their call is from God; it is to Him they answer and no one else.

Culture can neither be spoiled nor cured by Washington. Its health is determined by millions of individual choices.

Scripture forecasts its decline when people turn away from God.

Falwell says he resents Christians being treated as "second-class citizens." But that is precisely what Jesus told His true followers they could expect. He said, "If they hated me, they'll hate you," and "if they persecuted me, they will persecute you," and "a servant is not greater than His master." If such people are truly living godly lives, they should expect to be persecuted. They are not commanded to form a political movement to stop it. They should instead increase their godly behavior.

On his Web page, Falwell says: "...if millions of people of faith vote - with prayer-filled hearts - I believe we can return America to moral sanity and reestablish this great country as 'one nation under God.'" Not through government they can't. Those who are putting at least partial faith in George W. Bush to turn the nation around will be disappointed. Consider some of the appointments Republican presidents have made to the Supreme Court: Dwight Eisenhower named the liberal Earl Warren; Richard Nixon gave us Harry Blackmun, author of Roe vs. Wade; Ronald Reagan selected Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, who upheld Roe; George Bush delivered the ultra-liberal David Souter to the court.

"People of Faith 2000" will raise money and make noise, but it will change little. The message of Easter can change everything.

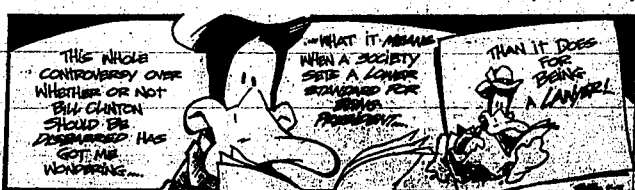
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## Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

## Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Fright in the park

It was a beautiful spring day, and I decided to take my year-old son down to Rock Creek Parkway. He was biking and I was rollerblading. My son decided to bike over the dirt mounds for a while as I watched. A man in his mid-20s came by on his bike by himself and was a bit suspicious looking. At that point, I told my son we needed to go. My son and I headed up out of the parkway when this individual turned around to follow us. It was obvious at this point he intended to harm us. Thankfully, we were able to reach the top of the trail, where there were other individuals at a business across the street.

This was not my first trip "down there." My family and I have regularly gone down there to bike or rollerblade over the past couple of years. On occasion, we have seen "suspicious" (transient-looking individuals) but have just gone on about our activity. This is unfortunate because there are not many areas that are safe from traffic to recreate short of going to Sun Valley or Boise. It occurred to me that this parkway was sponsored by many businesses in the Magic Valley, specifically for recreational purposes.

Well, there is recreational activity going on "down" there but none that I will nor I am sure many other citizens of the Magic Valley care to take part in. Further, I have told friends about this incident and they have told me that they have heard similar stories. I certainly hope people who have had incidents like mine report it to the city Parks and Recreation Department and the city police.

It seems as if this parkway has turned into a dumpway. I am certainly not here to complain about the city and its attention to this matter. On the contrary, I have contacted the appropriate individuals to offer any community service I can to help keep our parks a safe environment. For example, a Parkway Watch like the Neighborhood Watch Program could be implemented. Idaho is advertised as a state with wonderful outdoor recreational activity - we should be able to enjoy it right here in the Magic Valley.

LORRAINE RAPP  
Twin Falls

Hooray for Gay!

Every Sunday, I look forward to Gay Petersen's column in the Times-News. This retired teacher can teach all of us about common sense. Her students were fortunate to be a member of her class.

WILLIAM HORNADAY  
Hagerman

Not a public matter

After watching the papers print articles about the "off-color jokes" made by Sheriff Crystal and Capt. Higenes, I could no longer sit back and not voice my opinion.

The articles in the paper make this sound like the complaints are coming from a sweet, mild-mannered dispatcher and are the opin-

ions of the entire department. The comments very well might have been appropriate. I don't believe that either comment was made to demean her or her marriage in any way.

I feel bad for the department. They are being made to look bad. It is not an ordinary job. They work under extreme pressure and stress and are more like a family unit. It is sad to think that this could not have been worked out quietly between the parties involved. She did no favors for herself or her co-workers by airing this in public.

The department is good and close, as it should be. It only takes one person to stir the muddy waters. I can't vote in Cassia County and I don't know that my vote would go to Mr. Crystal or Mr. Higenes, but either way, it wouldn't be because of "off-color" jokes made by them. I have made an off-color joke or



two myself. Have you?  
JENNIFER PETHTEL  
Rupert

Skaters don't deserve it

If the people of Twin Falls believe that building a skateboard park is going to solve their skateboard problems, they are either extremely naive or are living with their heads in the sand. If any one of you adult people in Twin Falls want an example of full-blown, in-your-face, foul-mouthed, disrespectful arrogance, just try confronting or even talking to a skateboarder

when he is skating in an area that he knows he does not belong, as Mr. Turley has been expected to do in the past.

You better believe that it's a whole different program than the kissy-kissy. "I'm your little angel that has done nothing wrong" story that the parent of the skateboarder hears from him. Nine out of 10 of them have no regard or respect for the safety of people around them or for the property of others.

As an example of skateboarder attitude, Mr. Shawn Black had a letter published in this newspaper on April 8 and from one of its paragraphs, I quote, "Mr. Turley, you have told me to leave the Lynwood Shopping Center more than once over the years and you never attempted to take my skateboard; maybe it's because I'm 6-foot 3-inches, 185 pounds and would have whupped your butt." Multiply this example by a

couple of hundred and, hopefully, you will see what Gene Turley has been trying to cope with.

If the people of Twin Falls think that dumping \$60,000 of your tax money and probably another \$40,000 or more that the skateboarders hope to can you out of in donations to build a skateboard park is going to solve the skateboard problem, you're dreaming.

These spike-haired, cigarette- and pot-smoking delinquents will use the skate park when it's convenient for them and the rest of the time, they will be right back where they've always been, putting public safety in jeopardy on the sidewalks of the shopping centers and businesses of Twin Falls.  
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Teacher mentor program lowers educator drop-outs

BOISE (AP) - When first-year teacher Angie Sherfick needed help improving her classroom management, she did not go to the principal for help.

Instead, the fifth-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary School in Caldwell, solved the problem her-

self - with the help of a coach who knew the right questions to ask. Sherfick is part of a new program in nine southwestern Idaho school districts that pairs trained veteran teachers and administrators with their less-skilled peers to help them adjust to classroom life.

Dozens of teachers are taking part in what is proving to be more than a mentor-student relationship. Teachers like Sherfick are encouraged to recognize and solve their own classroom problems with the help of a more experienced educator who

guides them with questions - not orders. And the Legislature, in conjunction with a broad range of education interests, made the program mandatory this year and put \$2 million in the public school budget to make it work.

Foundation grants \$500,000 to UI

MOSCOW (AP) - The Micron Technology Foundation has given a \$500,000 grant to the University of Idaho. The money will be distributed over the next several years and it comes in support of The Campaign for Idaho, a multi-year fundraising initiative geared toward providing support for the university.

The grant was announced at a groundbreaking ceremony last week for the College of Business and Economics, now 1-16, Albertson Building. The Micron Technology Foundation, Inc., a private nonprofit organization established in 1993, operates for educational and charitable purposes.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Interior Secretary will visit craters

ARCO - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt plans to visit Craters of the Moon National Monument and the Great Rift today.

Saturday is the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, and it also is the 30th anniversary of the designation of the Craters of the Moon Wilderness - the first wilderness inside a National Park Service unit, Babbitt said in a prepared statement.

Babbitt plans to hike a portion of the trail. He also will look at the neighboring Great Rift and consider whether it is worthy of higher federal protection.

The 300,000-acre Great Rift is a geologic tract that shares characteristics with Craters of the Moon - lava tubes, deep fissures, an ice cave and occasional islands of desert plants and flowers.

The Great Rift covers generally the area between Craters of the Moon, Minidoka and American Falls, and it is mostly federal land controlled by the Bureau of Land Management.

### Volunteers needed to help clean up roads

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County and Twin Falls Lions Club members are looking for volunteers to help clean up county roads May 6 - Johnny Horizon Day.

During Johnny Horizon Day, in its 31st year, residents, county leaders and club members join forces to clean up county roads.

Volunteers are asked to spend four hours picking up litter and debris, according to a news release.

Following the cleanup, the Lions Club will host lunch at several locations, including the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, Nat-560-Fah Hot Springs and Recreational Vehicle Park in Hollister, the Red Barrel Village Recreational Vehicle Park in Castelford and the Murtaugh LDS Church.

Those who would like to volunteer are asked to call their area representative:

- Buhl: Steve Kaatz, 543-8576.
- Castelford: Lori Bergsma, 543-232, or Tracy Cook, 537-563.
- Filer: Joe Barrad, 326-4871.
- Hansen: Tee Jay Berry, 423-6342.
- Hollister: Teresa Taylor, 655-6310, or Rex Hoy, 655-4463.
- Kimberly: Wendal Nabecker, 423-4717, or Les Mackinley, 423-4478.
- Murtaugh: Verla Tipton, 432-5561.
- Rogerson: Sherry Satterwhite, 322.
- Twin Falls: Mark Holmstead, 734-2077, Darrell Helder, 423-6177, or Kail Ruiz, 734-9491.

### Albertson Foundation wins award for education

BOISE - The J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation received national recognition for its financial support of technical education in Idaho.

The National Association of State Directors of Vocational Technical Education Consortium recognized the nonprofit foundation in a 2000 National Awards Program, according to a news release from the Washington, D.C. organization.

The Albertson Foundation is credited with promoting, expanding and improving vocational technical education in Idaho through \$80 million in financial support.

Over the past two years, the foundation has provided opportunities and resources for educators to design and start up vocational technical schools, the news release said.

The Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition in the Magic and Wood River valleys last year received a \$4.8 million foundation grant.

In 1998, the foundation increased its annual giving from \$2.5 million to an average of \$35 million annually for education improvement in Idaho.

### Hagerman council mulls sidewalk improvements

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman City Council will next regularly scheduled meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Items on the agenda include discussion about possible sidewalk repairs in front of the City of Hagerman store, the property at 170 State St., which the city declared a public safety hazard, and a report from the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce about the pending Paved Road Dedication.

# Patriot's Day draws candidates

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Some campaigning took place Monday at an annual gathering of Cassia and Minidoka county Republicans, but most speakers stuck to subject matter typical of party fundraisers.

Headlined by U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, speakers at the GOP's Patriot's Day luncheon included mostly local office-seekers and legislative candidates. The gathering is Lincoln Day fund-raising banquets held around the state in February.

The most political speaker was District 25 senatorial hopeful Earl Christensen of Burley, who faces Senate veteran Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, in the primary.

"I'm running because their needs to be a choice," said Christensen, who ran unsuccessfully against Darrington in the 1998 primary.

After the gathering, he criticized the Legislature's compromise on a tax cut. Christensen said supported the original

\$40 million version of the proposed cut, and would've argued for a larger cut if he was a legislator. The \$27 million package negotiated between the House and Senate just wasn't enough.

"I would've persuaded as hard as I could that we needed to go to \$40 million at least," he said.

Darrington voted for the \$27 million package, which included a temporary income tax cut. Previously, he voted against a Senate-passed motion that set the stage for slicing a House-passed permanent income tax reduction.

Darrington used his few minutes at the podium for an upbeat message about how attractive the United States is to non-citizens he has met.

Aside from Christensen, the speakers remained relatively non-political.

Simpson - who will face a Democratic challenger in November's general election, but has no Republican opponents - spoke about Republican efforts to revamp the nation's tax code and revitalize the mill-

tary. He did not speak of his November opponents, which include a Libertarian candidate.

"It's the Republican agenda that will lead us into the 21st century," Simpson told the group.

Several candidates for three Minidoka and Cassia county offices spoke briefly to the group.

Republican candidates for Cassia County sheriff - George Warrell Jr., Jim Hignens, Dennis Dexter and Lynn Blauer - each spoke. The nominee could square off against incumbent Billy Crystal, who now holds the post as a Republican but is running now as an independent.

Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater and his challenger Alfred Barrus made brief speeches.

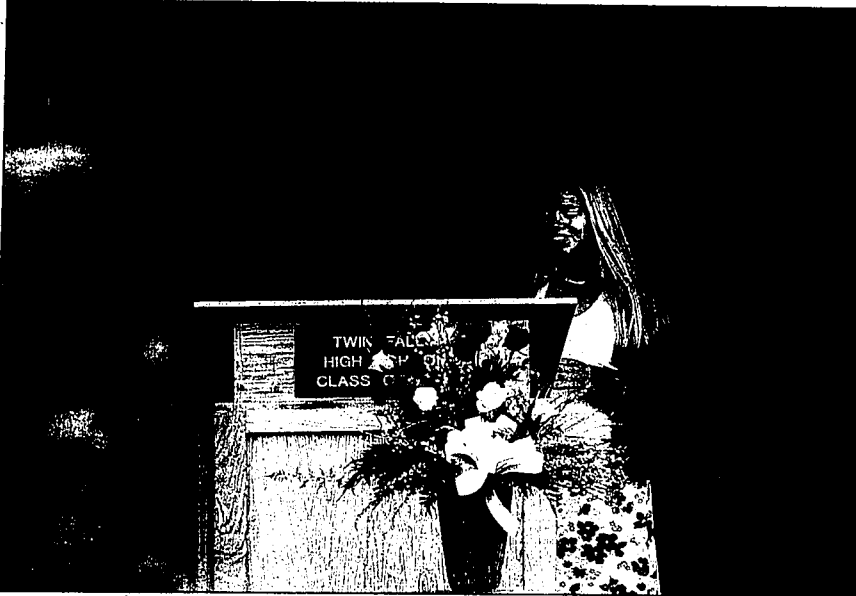
Minidoka County commissioner candidates Jerry Valora and Dave Teeter also spoke to the group.

Times-News political writer Michael Journee can be reached at (208) 733-0931 Ext. 231 or by e-mail at mj@timesmagicvalley.com.



U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Boise, chats before his speech during Monday's Patriot's Day luncheon at the Burley Inn and Convention Center. The event was sponsored by Minidoka and Cassia County Republican Central Committee.

## REMEMBERING DEREK



Ashley Dille bids her brother Derek a tearful happy birthday during a memorial service at Twin Falls High School. The service was held to dedicate a memorial for Derek Dille, a student who died in a December 1999 hunting accident.

## Paying tribute to a short, bright life

By Rachel Denny  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - On the day he would have turned 16 years old, red, yellow and white balloons floated to the sky to celebrate Derek Dille's life.

As family members tearfully held each other and watched the balloons float up and away, they wished him a happy birthday and said they would never forget him.

Friends and family Monday remembered Dille, who died in a Dec. 27, 1999, hunting accident, and dedicated a memorial for him at Twin Falls High School.

The memorial includes permanent benches in front of the high school, landscaping and trees.

"We wanted to have something that could be used by the students," Derek Dille's mother, Anna Dille, said tearfully. "We hope it is an asset to the school for kids to enjoy. I think it will make the kids reflect on their own lives and goals. We feel Derek had his priorities right: family, friends and church. We want to celebrate his life today. He had a lot of opportunities and did a lot of things in a short time."

Both the Dille family and his Twin Falls High School sophomore class have worked to estab-

lish the memorial. Class officers are hosting a freshman dance to raise money for the memorial and are collecting change this week.

"We were all so close to Derek, we wanted something to remember him by," sophomore class representative Heather Hodges said. "He was really caring, he cared a lot about people. The memorial will help people to remember Derek. It's a place you can look at and sit and remember him."

The memorial "will always renew our acquaintance with him and it will be a place to come and renew our respect,"

family friend Boyd Grant told the crowd assembled at the dedication. "It's a place of reflection, a place to meditate and a place of peace. It's a place to remember a young man who loved nature and the things around him. This memorial promises that Derek Grant Dille will never be forgotten."

"You just hope that even 20 years from now a stranger may stop and sit on the bench and say, 'I wonder who Derek Dille was.'"

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

## Rupert lawmaker suffers heart attack

By Michael Journee  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A Monday morning heart attack sent a Rupert lawmaker to Minidoka Memorial Hospital and then to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls where he was last reported in stable condition and under observation.

Rep. John A. "Burt" Stevenson, R-Rupert, drove himself to the emergency room at Minidoka Memorial after an early meeting with U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and area state legislators.

Doctors are trying to determine the extent of damage done by the attack, which doctor's say was possibly caused by a blood clot, Stevenson's wife Elaine said.

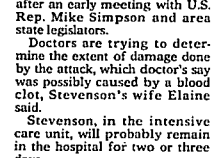
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## Judge denies Curry Bean request

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A judge refused Monday to set aside a jury verdict awarding more than \$500,000 to Griff Inc. for breach of contract by Curry Bean Co.

District Judge Daniel Meehl also denied a motion for new trial and took under advisement a Curry Bean motion to limit the amount of attorneys' fees awarded to Griff Inc.

In February a jury awarded Griff Inc. a Twin Falls bean grower, \$445,141 for breach of contract and \$93,479 in punitive damages against Curry Bean. Griff Inc. sued Curry Bean in March 1999 saying a shipment of beans never paid for.

In its motion, Curry Bean asked Meehl to throw out the jury's verdict and make his own judgment, lawyer Richard Bevan said.

## CSI board boosts tuition, faculty salaries

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho trustees Monday approved a bump in tuition and fees to pay for a variety of increasing college costs and boost faculty salaries.

Tuition and fees will increase from \$640 to \$665, amounting to a 3.9 percent rise in the cost of a semester at CSI and generating an estimated \$90,000 for CSI's general fund, plus new money for other accounts.

The board also agreed to an overall 5 percent increase in faculty salaries, working from a 3.5 percent base increase appropriated by lawmakers.

A long-term college goal has been raising faculty salaries to match the average community college salary in Western states, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said. The average wage among CSI instructors now is

\$39,000, above the regional average of more than \$38,000. Offering the competitive salaries is critical to recruiting and retaining faculty members, he said.

With state appropriations aimed at boosting faculty salaries, Meyerhoeffer said, "we really have been able to pay faculty at a better rate, and I feel really good about that."

Next year the budget agenda CSI plans to carry to lawmakers will include a request to match the average faculty salary at North Idaho College, which is roughly \$2,000 higher than CSI's, Meyerhoeffer said. Also on the list: replacing telecommunications equipment to keep its distance-learning programs operating with state-of-the-art equipment, and money for classroom equipment.

CSI received \$1.5 million toward expansion of its Fine Arts Center, and enjoyed a good year in the Legislature, Meyerhoeffer said. It would have been a perfect legislative session,

he said, had property tax relief been included in the package. But he expressed hope that an informal study committee will help find a solution to the issue.

Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties support the college with just under \$4 million a year in property taxes.

Graydon Stanley, director of student information, represented the student body government at the board meeting. Stanley told the board student leaders initially were concerned about the \$25 increase. The students proposed gaining control over some of the spending.

The board agreed to give the student association fiscal oversight of the student newspaper, the outdoor program and graduation.

"I think the request of students is reasonable," Meyerhoeffer said.

Students should control how student-related activities are run, and the responsibility will

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# Jerome seeks loan to fix sewer

**By Dixie Thomas Reale**  
*Times-News correspondent*

**JEROME** — A sewer line has collapsed in Jerome and the city's public works department doesn't have the nearly \$45,000 needed to fix it.

The city has decided to pursue a loan that could cover the project.

"We ran the video camera along about 30 feet of line, then it just stopped. It wouldn't go any further," Bob Culver, the director of the city's public works division, told the City Council in a special noon meeting Monday. "Our operating

funds were budgeted so close this year that the money is just not there."

According to Idaho law, the city can't use unbudgeted cash for emergencies but can borrow funds on a promissory note," City Administrator Jon Cecil said.

Cecil said he had contacted Bob Halderman, an independent financial advisor who has been working with the city's urban renewal agency. Halderman arranged financing for the city at 5.6 percent interest with a payback date after Oct. 3, allowing the city to include the funding in next year's budget.

The money could be available as early as Friday, Cecil said.

The sewer line that needs to be replaced runs along East 12th Street, from North Fillmore Street to a point 350 feet west of North Davis Street. Walton Inc. of Heyburn submitted a bid of \$44,722 for the repairs, Culver said.

Culver doesn't know exactly how old the collapsed sewer line is, but he said, "It was installed before the early 1970s."

The council voted to borrow the money and hire Walton Inc. to make the necessary repairs as quickly as possible.

# SERVICES DEATH NOTICES

**Earl and Hazel Bent**, both of Buhl, gave their services at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Jack Witherspoon of Aquilla, Ariz.**, and formerly of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Jim's Lays G in Aquilla, Ariz. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Fry Bullock Lee Brown of Twin Falls, services** at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Harrison Street LDS Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

**Blanche A. Taylor John of Shoshone, service** at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church; friends may call from one hour before the service Tuesday at the church (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

**Luther Albert Kesterson of Twin Falls and formerly of Baker, City, Ore., service** at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Coles-Strommer Funeral Home, 1950 Place St. in Baker City (Farke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

**Lyle B. Cameron of Heyburn, memorial service** at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert United Methodist Church. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

**Rolland E. Blatter**  
TROY, Ore. — Rolland E. Blatter of Troy, Ore., died Monday, April 17, 2000, at the Valley Vista Living Center in Rupert. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 21, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor Rob Gooding officiating. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary from 8 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and one hour before services Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorials will be made to Valley Vista Care Center or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Diane Nielson Jones**  
POST FALLS — Diane Nielson Jones, of Post Falls, and formerly of Wendell, died Monday, April 17, 2000, at Kootenai County Hospital in Coeur d'Alene. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at Wendell Methodist Church, with Dan Houghton officiating. Services are under the direction of English Funeral Home of Post Falls.

**Maudie Bell Purdy**  
BOISE — Maudie Bell Purdy, 89, of Boise, died Friday, April 14, 2000, at a local nursing home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2000, at Summers Funeral Home in Boise.

**Tyrone Phillips**  
ST. LOUIS, Mich. — Tyrone Phillips, 61, of St. Louis, Mich., and formerly of Idaho, died Sunday, April 16, 2000. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Iretta "Rita" J. Moore**  
Buhl — Iretta "Rita" J. Moore, 82, of Buhl, died Sunday, April 16, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

# OBITUARIES

For obituary release and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



## BOISE

### James B. Maguire

James Bavis Maguire, 45, of Boise, died Tuesday, April 13, 2000, due to complications from an automobile accident.

Jim was born December 29, 1954, at Englewood, N.J., by his loving parents, Walter A. and Francis B. Maguire. Jim graduated from Tenafly High School in 1972. During his time in Tenafly, he enjoyed his youth to the fullest. He was active in athletics and was an excellent swimmer and a star football player on a championship team. He was very musical and was an accomplished drummer. At an early age, he displayed an special personality that he has become famous for. Jim was always the likable, fun-loving, and outgoing person one was drawn towards. He used to charm to make many lifelong friends. From the very beginning, he loved being around people. There was never a dull moment with Jim around. Jim inherited his zest for life from his parents, Fran and Walt. The Maguire household was a stimulating environment. It was a family on the go, a family that always had things to do and a family with many friends.

After recuperating from a serious accident in 1975, Jim spent a summer in the Sawtooth Mountains in 1977, and fell in love with Idaho's outdoor splendor. The experience sold Jim on Idaho and he vowed to return, going so after graduating from McCallister Institute in New York in 1978. Jim worked for one year on a ranch in Picabo, and in 1980, he moved to Boise where he began as an apprentice at Summers Funeral Homes. In 1986, Jim and Dave Yraguen became owners of a firm. Jim met Amy Keane in 1984 and they were married in 1985. They had two wonderful children, Rebecca, 10, and Peter, 8. Amy provided a loving and nurturing environment for their family. He delighted in spending as much time as possible with his family. He and his children more than life itself.

Jim's professionalism and strong work ethic quickly earned him a reputation in the Treasure Valley. He was an astute businessman who was successful by anyone's standards. But financial success was not the measuring stick that Jim adhered to. Jim's idea of success was to dedicate himself to serving the needs of others. He was a person who would do anything he could to ease the pain and suffering of the families who came to him in their time of need. Jim was a loving, caring person who was truly dedicated to his profession. Jim was an avid outdoorsman. He pursued his sports with passion. He was a great golfer, water skier and tennis player. He also loved hiking and river rafting. He relished the mountain life, and he always made sure his family and friends got in on the fun.

He was an extremely grateful, generous and a giving person. Jim gave each and every day his very best, and expected that same performance out of the rest. Jim's ability to live life at the fullest and his constant desire to help others will forever serve as a shining example for all of us to follow. We will miss his lively personality, loving hugs, and his smile.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Amy Keane; three children, son, Peter; sister, Dale; and sister-in-law, Bill, of Boise; a daughter, Casey Maguire, of Boise; and a nephew, Brent Pollock. He was preceded in death by his

mother, Fran and his father, Walt. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 1500 E. Wright St. in Boise. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated by The Very Reverend W. Thomas Faucher, O.C.S.O., Pastor of St. Edward the Martyr in Sisters, Oregon. Reverend Dennis Wassmuth, O.C.S.O., Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, and the Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, Catholic Bishop of Idaho, will preside.

Memorials may be made to a college fund that has been established for his children at all Farmers and Merchants branches or to the Idaho AIDS Foundation, 6067 Corporal Lane, Boise, ID 83704.

Visitation will be held today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vigil Service at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.



## TWIN FALLS

### Janice Barth

Janice Barth, 69, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, April 16, 2000, at her home.

Janice was born January 20, 1931, at Murray, Utah, to Lee and Donna Weber. In 1946, she moved with her family to Twin Falls, where she completed her schooling, graduating from Twin Falls High School. For a time she worked at Fidelity Bank. On June 3, 1951, Janice married Glenn Barth in Twin Falls. She spent her life raising her children and also worked as her husband's bookkeeper in his business. Janice was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, a member of M.A.D.D., and was involved as a community volunteer in various organizations. A wonderful seamstress, she worked at many craft shows with her daughter, and made prairie clothing for Mini World. She was the most wonderful, devoted mother strong in her faith, lent a helping hand for anyone in need, and had a great listening ear.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn Barth of Twin Falls; her children, Rod (Linda) Barth of Boise, and Rhonda (Gary) Painter, Rick (Beth) Barth, Russ Barth, and Robert (Toni) Barth, all of Twin Falls; a sister, Kathy (John) Gatton of Olympia, Washington; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna, her father, Lee Weber, and a loving son, Randy Barth.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with Pastor Lawrence Vedder officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday one hour prior to services at the church.

The family suggests memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83309.

**GIL ROY, CALIF.**  
**Alice M. Porter Ryman**  
Alice Mae Porter Ryman, born May 6, 1927, to Carl and Katherine Porter of Caldwell, Co., Idaho. Mrs. Ryman lived in American Welding Supply in 1960. She lived on a large ranch in Colorado. She was a member of the local church and was very active in church and community work. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1972. She is survived by her son, Bill, of Boise; a daughter, Casey Maguire, of Boise; and a nephew, Brent Pollock. She was preceded in death by her

roid cancer. She did not survive her recent battle with throat cancer. In retirement, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Loving mother of Leslie Iballo of Indianapolis, Ind.; Michele Ryman Lewis of Gardnerville, Nev.; and Greg Ryman of San Jose, Calif. Grandmother of Rachael and Nishita of Boise, Idaho; and Bryn Lewis, Hayley, Callin and Shelby Ryman. Great-grandmother of Johnny, Justin and Joshua. Beloved sister of Nancy Wombsaker of Twin Falls. Dearest aunt of Neva, Lee, Carl and Sam.

Memorial services and inurnment will be held in Twin Falls at a later date.

The family would appreciate donations to the American Cancer Society.

## FILER

**Elmer Alvin Ihler**  
On Saturday, April 15, 2000, the Lord told Elmer Alvin Ihler that his work here on earth was done and it was time to come home "good and faithful servant." He was 82 years young.

Elmer was a life-long resident of the Magic Valley. He was born February 7, 1918, in Filer, to Emil and Mary Ihler. He attended school at Washington School west of Filer. He and Irene Lierman were married on February 14, 1940, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Elmer worked hard to support his wife and family. Early in their married life he hauled milk for Homer Jewett and farmed in the Castleford area. He was a co-owner of Connors and Ihler Lumber, owned and operated the Ihler Construction and Headgate Manufacturing with his wife Irene, and drove truck for Browning Freight Line, all in Twin Falls. In 1958, Elmer and Irene purchased a farm on the Salmon Tract and he worked various jobs, including driving a school bus for Immanuel Lutheran School, Ore-Ida Foods, Twin Falls Soil Conservation, Idaho Bean, Idaho Frozen Foods and doing custom threshing to keep the farm going during low water years on the Salmon Tract. He continued to live and work on the farm until his death. Elmer served as a Twin Falls County Highway District commissioner for 12 years. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, daughter Connie Thrush, sons, Gary (Bonny) Ihler and Mike Ihler, all of Twin Falls, and Lowell (Carol) Ihler of Kimberly; brothers Charlie (Dorothy) Ihler of Twin Falls; sisters, Marie (Ernest) Lancaster of Filer, and Lucille Koenigs of Twin Falls; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harry and Ernest Ihler; a sister, Bernice Aikins; one infant sister; and son-in-law, Marvin Thrush.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with Pastor Gary Benedix officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today, and family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Filer Ministerial Association Food Bank; Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund, or the charity of the donor's choice. Contributions can be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83309.

# HOSPITALS

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Dismissed  
Lila Driver and Renee Jennings, both of Twin Falls.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted  
Shannon Hardie and son of Burley; Connor Rice, Sheri Mussen and Angel Silva, all of Rupert; and George Curry of Heyburn.

Dismissed  
Charles Cates of Paul; Danette March of Heyburn; Lloyd Gray of Bingham, Maine; and Mack Bourwright of Rupert.

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# Burley ponders substation

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News Writer

**BURLEY** — The city and Project Mutual Telephone are going to look at what to do about a new substation partially under construction that has raised safety concerns.

The new miniature substation, located near the alley on Seventh Street between Normal and Hansen avenues, will be several feet high and would prove a visibility problem, contends Burley resident Richard Coe.

Coe brought the issue to the attention of city officials last week and then approached the City Council formally Monday evening.

After an executive session in which city planners and utility officials were called in, the council opted to continue the meeting on site to look at the situation and possible alternative locations.

The substation, located on the city's right-of-way, is one of many to go up around town, city Administrator Mark Mitton said. There was no apparent problem at the time with this particular location.

"It's just not one of those things we discussed early on," Mitton said.

Mitton said he disagreed with the opinion that the substation would hinder visibility.

Mayor Doug Manning said the city probably should have done something to prevent the situation, but the city and PMT will work together to try and find a remedy, possibly a new location in the alley across the street.

"We'll have to meet with PMT in the morning and look at alternatives," Manning said.

PMT President Charlie Creason said Monday evening from his home that PMT had contacted the city for permission. There is never a perfect location for a utility, he said, but that location had looked appropriate.

Creason said PMT is willing to work with the city to find a solution.

"We'll explore all the options," he said.

In other business, the City Council kept rates at the Burley Municipal Pool the same as they were last year.

City Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Peterson had approached the council two weeks ago to raise lesson rates for non-city residents, in order to provide an advantage to residents who already support the

pool through taxes.

Historically, city residents have received a better deal. Last year, when the recreation department anticipated creating the Oregon Trail Recreation District, pool fees were adjusted to give good rates to city residents and people who live within the planned recreation district.

Because the recreation district never formed, the recreation department wanted to give city residents their traditional advantage. The suggested new rates would make non-city residents pay 50 percent more than residents.

City Council member Curtis Mendenhall said he looked at keeping rates the same as last year as a way to "mend some fences" with the county, after contention over a county moratorium on large-scale livestock operations.

"Fee increases are sometimes beneficial, rather than helpful," city council member Jon Anderson said.

After some discussion, the city council decided to leave the rates as they are, but to give the lower rates only to city residents. Council member Gordon Hansen voted against the motion to keep rates the same as last year.

## The Times-News

**GOODING** — Recent activity in Fifth District Court in Gooding County included the following:

### Arraignments

**And appearances**

Ruby Ann Erickson, 32, 302 1/2 Montana St., Gooding driving under the influence (excessive); sentencing Thursday; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Harold James Ferch, 18, no address available; burglary; sentencing Wednesday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Christopher E. Ferrero, 28, 1226 Colorado St., Gooding; driving under the influence (second offense); driving without privilege; restraining, obstructing officer; pleaded innocent; court trial May 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Thomas L. Goddard, 33, 720 Searock Blvd., Buhl; driving without privilege; pleaded innocent; jury trial April 24; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Russell Lavan Hulse, 26, 229 12th Ave. W., Gooding; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference May 4; jury trial May 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Gordon F. Leucka, 38, 430 Michigan St., Gooding; battery (two counts); jury trial April 24; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Sharon McKnight, 54, 180 Fifth Ave. W., Hagerman; domestic battery; jury trial April 24; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Raymond J. Owsley, 26, 56 E. 5500

N. Hagerman; order to show cause for driving without privilege; contempt; hearing April 27; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; sentencing hearing April 27; public defender appointed; driving under the influence; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Richard W. Rhodes, 34, 1105 E. 2600 S. Hagerman; probation violation, driving under the influence; admit violation; serve remainder of jail sentence; re-evaluate office to determine if an arrest warrant is warranted; driving without privilege; transportation of open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Minhas J. Singh, 31, 8375 AV Bloomfield No. 1, Quebec, Canada; motor carrier, Department of Law Enforcement rules violation; arraignment continued May 25; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jason Lester Sutton, 21, 255 E. F Street, No. 2, Wendell; driving under the influence; possession of controlled substance; pleaded innocent; court trial May 25; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Robert Bryan Taylor, 64, 3745 Updell Idaho Falls; littering roadway from vehicle; pleaded guilty; arraignment continued May 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Hercilio E. Torres-Ayilon, 26, 7601 W. Black Canyon Highway, Emmett; driving under the influence; resentencing Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

### Sentencings

Elva C. Baid, 56, 617 11th Ave. N. Buhl; exceed bag limit on trout; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Dustin McKean, 19, 2847 S. 1900 E.,

Wendell; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

William F. Meyers, 16, 355 Sixth Ave. W., Wendell; inattentive, careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$250 court costs; \$50 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 30 days' jail, suspended; 12 months' unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Charles E. Nelson, 18, 222 Hange Twin Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; \$50 public defender fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 30 days' jail, suspended; \$300 fine, \$200 suspension information; \$300 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Stanley E. Nash, 56, 1787 E. 3100 S., Wendell; arrested battery; amended to battery; pleaded guilty; \$500 fine, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail, suspended; 30 days' probation; 24 months' probation; supervised 60 days; public defender fee; 30 days' jail, suspended; 300 dollar; battery; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs; 180 days' jail; 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Monte L. Stafford, 33, 1257 E. 2600 S., Hagerman; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$709 suspended; \$78.50 fine, 180 days' jail; 178 suspended; \$50 public defender fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 30 days' jail, suspended; 30 days' probation; driver's license suspension, 30 absolute; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Dismissals

Regina L. Debrunin, 39, 502 E. 40th, N. Gard City; driving without privilege; transportation of open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

# Jerome could see taller buildings

By Dixie Thomas Reed  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Buildings could be taller in industrial zones, if an ordinance before the Jerome City Council passes tonight.

The third and final reading of the ordinance is scheduled this evening. If it's passed, the bill would change current 35-foot height restrictions on buildings to 45 feet in light manufacturing zones and to 50 feet in business zones. Structures in excess of the new height limits would need a

## Council gathers

A public hearing on the ordinance was held on March 21. No testimony was given for or against it.

Also on tonight's agenda, Andy Levandansky could be appointed to a three-year term on the city gas board, replacing Bob Haslam, who has retired.

• Dennis Clark could be hired as a Jerome Police Department patrolman, at a rate of \$1,864 per month. Clark is a member of the police reserves, and would fill a vacancy created when Officer Jeff Haskell resigned.

• Several proclamations are scheduled: A proclamation naming May 11 as Idaho Army National Guard Day, a proclamation naming the week of April 30 through May 6 as Municipal Clerks Week and a proclamation naming May as motorcycle awareness month.

• Coribou County Magistrate Ronald Elart of Soda Springs.

• Jon J. Shindurling, chief deputy prosecutor for the Bonneville County.

• Bonneville County Prosecutor Kipp L. Manwaring.

• Attorney Tamir S. Jergensen of Idaho Falls.

• Attorney Donald L. Harris of Idaho Falls.

# Wood River Valley gets better phone lines

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** — Wood River Valley residents can expect better phone service, following the installation of new equipment last weekend.

The installation caused a few glitches in telephone service over the weekend, but customers won't have to wait a week or longer to get phone lines installed. US West representatives said Monday.

But that's just a small part of the future of telephone communications in the Wood River Valley, said Richard Jayo, director of local markets for US West. US West just spent about \$2 million to install a device in Ketchum that will allow Wood River Valley businesses to get voice, video and computer data over the phone.

The improvements could cut training costs for businesses that have their employees attend educational conferences video. People will be able to talk on the phone line while they're transferring computer information.

The technology also will give businesses access to more high-speed products in the future, said Mike Reynoldson, manager of media relations for US West. Jayo and Reynoldson talked

about the future of telecommunications to more than 30 business people from agencies and businesses, including Blaine County schools, Power Engineers, the Hailey Public Library, Smith Sport Optics, Deeky's Mountain Communications and Markstrom.

"Without better communications, we've had real problems in attracting new businesses to Hailey and the valley," said Al Lindley, who serves on Hailey's economic development committee.

Jayo said the valley has only 22,000 lines but it is growing more than typical communities its size.

"I'm very sensitive to the fact that the Wood River Valley is unique in many ways," he said. "Demand for more high-speed communications will increase thanks to Internet services that allow users to make travel reservations or banking transactions," Jayo said.

"Our network was designed to handle three minutes of telephone use at a time. Now the average time a customer spends on the phone is 20 minutes due to the Internet," he adds due to the Internet.

Jayo offered to meet with businessmen to discuss bringing improved telecommunications technology into the valley. Among that technology is a digital

call volume for large businesses. "I rarely go through the Wood River Valley that people don't say they would rather like to have it," he said. "You can get it here, but you have to pay a premium to do it," he added.

The network would cost an additional \$500,000 to install and it would cost customers \$1,100 to \$2,200 a month. US West, which recently agreed to install a digital network in Twin Falls, would receive interest from at least 20 customers, he said.

"But the network has limits — it can only go 6 1/2 miles. If it were installed in Hailey, it couldn't be used in Ketchum without spending another \$500,000," Jayo said.

He would like to introduce another less expensive system more suited for small business in the Wood River Valley for the year 2001. The technology, due soon to be placed in Twin Falls and Pocatello, allows computer data, video and voice communications on a single line.

The technology costs about \$350 a month. Wireless technology, which is expected to come to Boise this summer and eventually work its way to Twin Falls and Pocatello, will eventually come to the Wood River Valley. But when is anyone's guess, Jayo said.

# Six vie for open district judge position

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** — Two magistrates and Bonneville County's top two prosecuting attorneys are among six people so far in competing interest in the judgeship, which will open in eastern Idaho this summer.

Seventh District Judge Ted Wood, 66, of Idaho Falls is retiring in July. He will be up to the Idaho Judicial Council to select applicants for the vacancy and then

recommend a panel of two to four nominees from which Gov. Dick Kempthorne will select Wood's successor.

The Judicial Council is headed by Superior Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trent and includes a sitting district judge, attorneys and citizens.

In addition to Luke, the others indicating interest in the vacancy are: • Teton County Magistrate

Collin Luke of Driggs.

• Coribou County Magistrate Ronald Elart of Soda Springs.

• Attorney Tamir S. Jergensen of Idaho Falls.

• Attorney Donald L. Harris of Idaho Falls.

# Deny

**Curry Bean** argued that several dates were unsupported by evidence and the punitive damage claim was not supported by facts or the law, according to court papers.

Meehl disagreed and denied the motion, saying there was sufficient evidence to support the verdict.

Benav said Meehl also denied a Curry Bean motion for a new trial.

Curry Bean also argued that Griff Inc. was seeking an excessive amount for punitive damages. Meehl took the issue under advisement and will make a decision in the future.

Last week the Idaho Agriculture Department declared Curry Bean

"failed," meaning it can't pay off financial claims against it. The action stemmed from the Griff Inc. lawsuit.

# CSI

**Continued from B1**

After learning experiences, he said.

Here is a breakdown of the price increase for full-time students each semester:

• A \$10 increase in tuition, up 3 percent from this year, generating about an additional \$60,000 for the general fund.

• A \$5 increase in athletic fees, an 11.1 percent increase over this year, raising a projected \$30,000 for the general fund.

• A \$5 increase in Student Association fees, a 16.7 percent increase over this year, raising an estimated \$30,000. The associa-

tion would assume responsibility for the student newspaper, dance team and cheerleaders.

• A \$2 increase in graduation fees, up 6.7 percent, generating a projected \$12,000 the college would allow it to balance the account.

• A \$3 increase in the Outdoor Club fee, an increase of 60 percent, raising an estimated \$18,000 for the club to meet its projected expenses.

• A 9 percent increase in out-of-state and foreign student tuition from \$110 per credit to \$120 per credit. These rates are paid in addition to regular tuition and fees, which weren't raised last year.

# Ketchum council cancels meeting

**The Times-News**

**KETCHUM** — The Ketchum City Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

The council will review several issues, including whether to

revoke a non-exclusive taxi cab franchise held by Yellow Leaf Cab, at noon Thursday at City Hall.

It will review several additional issues — including lot division applications and a new sign on Main Street — at noon Monday.

# Interactive

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47. Insertion mark
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51. Superficially
52. Granite block
55. Prima donna's problem

People in danger are more receptive to romance

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Grateful Survivor" who felt this was in love with a man who had rescued her from drownings, instantly reminded me of an essay, "The Chemistry of Love" by Diane Ackerman, that I use in one of my writing classes at California State University. The essay explains the chemical underpinnings of such human experiences as falling in love, giving birth, responding to danger,

**DEAR ABBY:** Angel Writers and finding security in long-term relationships. Ackerman points out that the human body essentially reuses basic chemicals for many purposes. Such is the case with PEA (phenylethylamine), which gives an amphetamine-like

"high" to new lovers and also surges during dangerous or thrilling behavior. According to Ackerman, the body's use of PEA "may help explain a fascinating phenomenon: People are more likely to fall in love when they're in danger. ... Danger makes one receptive to romance." I'm a chemist, but it may relieve the happily-married "Grateful" to know that what

seemed like a puzzling and excessive response was caused by a chemical process over which she had no control. - JOAN SPANGLER, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

**DEAR JOAN:** That's fascinating. I have always wondered why couples found it "romantic" to be married while skydiving, bungee jumping or diving 20,000 leagues under the sea.

Capricorn: Know when to hold 'em

**IF APRIL 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You have "human touch." People recognize this. They realize you have empathy and can feel their pain. Aries, Libra persons play outstanding roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: Y and R. During this year you are likely to change residence and to seriously consider change of marital status. Much social activity in June; new start in July.

**HOROSCOPE:** Sydney Omarr allies. Focus on partnership, cooperative efforts, marital status. Cancer native plays role. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Have a laugh at your own expense. Show that you are human as well as an excellent critic. Focus on debate, research, knowledge, ability to win graciously.

one Number 5. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Question of where to live arises, is connected with sale or purchase of home. Keep amount of money secret, at least for time being. Taurus is in picture. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Play waiting game. Let others show their hands. Play your own cards close to chest. One who attempts to trip you will pay dear price. Pisces involved.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Many are surprised because you handle complicated, delicate situation with aplomb. Hidden talents revealed. Focus on promotion, production, additional funds. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): For some reason you have kept resources under cover. Come out now, reveal assets, face the music. You are destined to win, perhaps to gain international recognition.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Questions concerning legal affairs, reputation, marital status loom large. You could be forced into corner; be ready with answers based on research. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Work methods require review. Someone else could be getting credit belonging to you. Be diplomatic, not weak. Capricorn, Cancer natives play featured roles. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Stress universal appeal, fight cancer is right. Your wit, wisdom will be on display - let's have it. Aries, Libra persons finally decide in your favor.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep plans flexible. Keep date despite doubts. Tell of your plans in confident manner. Member of opposite sex decides you are the

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Full Moon in your sign. Cycle high: Present program, format - don't go hat in hand. You'll collect debt; financial burden is relieved. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep plans flexible. Keep date despite doubts. Tell of your plans in confident manner. Member of opposite sex decides you are the

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Make new start. Toss aside preconceived notions - make room for different methods, a new kind of love. Imprint style; don't follow others. Highlight originality. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Stand up to individual who makes threats. Make clear you are not without

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ed tea in the 17th century while their ships were anchored in Canton harbor. They saw its commercial value. So sought a harbor thereabouts they could control as a trading post. Near shore was a small mountainous island inhabited by only a few villagers. Perfect. That's where tea went west. Tea created Hong Kong. A good musketeer could fire his flintlock two rounds a minute.

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## Natural leader

### Teachers hail student as high achiever

By Gina Mulder  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - As the morning recess bell sounds, Carson Howerton doesn't worry about nabbing a playground swing or winning an impromptu tether ball championship. Instead, the fourth-grader hurries to the school's music room where he and Beth Pomrenke spend their 15 minutes of recess polishing up their "New York, New York" dance routine for the May 12 spring recital.

"We don't have a set practice time so we have to use a recess," Howerton says as he adjusts his top hat. "I don't think it's that bad to work during a recess because I know that we'll be dancing and it will be a great performance when it's all done."

Not a typical response, but Howerton isn't a typical.

Wendell Elementary teachers describe the 10-year old as a natural leader and achiever, characteristics that keep Howerton a busy boy. Howerton is also involved in the honor choir, writes poetry, on the honor roll, active with his church youth group and plays baseball.

"Carson is very social and that's what keeps him with the extracurricular activities," Howerton's mother, Gail, says. "But, he's also willing to make a different path to be a good leader."

And sometimes, that path can be a bit bumpy.

Howerton has been a member of the

school's dance team since its inception three years ago. Then, he was one of just a few boys and took plenty of ribbing from his older brothers.

"They teased me trying to get me to quit," Howerton says. "But I don't care, I don't think I'll ever quit. My brothers' teasing just made me more determined to dance better."

And his fearless determination has helped boost the number of boys on the dance team to just over 20.

"A lot of the boys dancing today joined up because Carson's example," counselor and dance instructor Angela Hoops says. "He proved to them that this isn't just a 'girly' thing to do. Plus, he's really good at it."

Howerton says he dances because he loves to express himself. What he enjoys most is helping Hoops teach the younger, children their routines.

"Carson has lots of patience with the younger kids," Hoops says. "He's a natural leader and the kids really look up to him and listen to him. He makes me look good."

Howerton also puts his talents to work on and off the playground. As a peer mediator, he helps settle scuffles between students.

"We (Peer Mediators) try teach the kids to resolve problems or differences by talking them out, not by fighting," Howerton says. "We're also out there to help set an example, show the kids they can work out their differences and walk



Beth Pomrenke and Carson Howerton have a light moment while rehearsing a dance routine for a recital. Dance is one of Howerton's many activities.

away friends." Adviser and fourth-grade teacher Donna Clark says Howerton is a huge asset to the student council. He is willing to jump in and help with any of the fund-

raising projects. Adults agree Howerton's intelligence, patience and natural leadership abilities will open up many doors. "Carson consistently makes all the

right choices and is a very independent thinker," Clark says. "Carson is very gifted and he's not one to let anything stand in his way. He'll be able to achieve anything he wants. I'm sure he'll go far."

## Historical society sets off with new officers

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Historical Society is very busy in the present preserving the past.

A new slate of officers was elected to lead the group. Gary Schorzman will be the new president, Walt Schoen the vice president, Susan Smith will continue as secretary and Audrey Nelwerth will continue as treasurer.

"I just hope I can accomplish as much as my predecessor, Ralph Hill," Schorzman said.

He would like to see money to aid the museum, with those quilts being sold to raise money to aid the museum and baked goods for sale, and fun programs going on all the time.

Schorzman outlined a number of new programs that he would like to implement. One is to have a concrete slab to hold a bench and two rockets. George Falkner donated his personal collection.

Schorzman said he had talked to several companies willing to donate the concrete. Other board members said they could provide the labor.



The Minidoka County Historical Society's new officers are, left to right, back row: Walt Schoen, vice president, and Gary Schorzman, president; front row: Susan Smith, secretary, and Audrey Nelwerth, treasurer.

Several board members commented that they would like to see funds accumulated for a new building or addition. Space is so limited that they have had to refuse donations of items.

Schorzman also said the society is looking for people with new ideas, special interests and a desire to serve in the

museum, 100 E. Baseline Road.

He would also like to train people so they can to dress in period costume and explain area history to school children and other visitors, the new historical society president says. The next general membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

## Filer American Legion Auxiliary names delegates for 2000 Girl's State

FILER - The Filer American Legion Auxiliary has selected delegates from Filer, Buhl and Castleford High Schools to attend Idaho Springs Girls State June 11-17 at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa.

The program is sponsored annually by the Auxiliary and designed as an exercise for implementation and formation of America government and many local organizations help with donations. The program's emphasis is on the leadership roles and qualities of the delegates, the auxiliary says.

Filer High School delegates are Angela Reichert and Stephanie Taylor. Reichert, daughter of Jack and Sandra Reichert of Filer, is vice president of Friends of the Library USA, a junior volunteer at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and participates in basketball, cross-country, track, softball, the NEEL Quis Team and the French Club. She plays the piano and takes part in quilt making for the Washington Star Foundation. Reichert plans to pursue science

education and minor in coaching at college.

Taylor, daughter of Steven and Theresa Taylor of Hollister, is the treasurer of the FFA and participated in FFA career development events such as forestry, food and parliamentary procedure. She is a member of the National Honor Society, 4-H, her church youth group and the high school speech and softball teams. She plans to attend college.

Buhl High School delegates are Hattie Hlatt, Tiffany Vanourney and Heather Alexander. Hlatt, daughter of Rex and Julene Hlatt of Buhl, is vice president of her church youth group, vice president of the National Honor Society group, on the student council, co-chairman for the Asset Approach Committee, member of the Ecology Club and plays volleyball, basketball and soccer. She has weight trained for two years. She plans to become a physics professor or civil engineer.

Vanourney, daughter of Mike and Ann Vanourney of Buhl, is a member of

the National Honor Society, Key Club, Bible Club and the Student Leadership Team, on the High Honor Roll, a University of Idaho Top Scholar, included in Who's Who among American High School Students and active with the FCLA, prom committee, job shadow and health occupations programs, softball, mountain biking, skiing and volleyball.

She plans to attend Boise State University and Palmer Chiropractic College in Iowa. Alexander, daughter of Steve and Kathleen Alexander of Buhl, is active in school government and plays Soccer at Buhl High School. She works part-time and plays the violin and mountain bikes and snowboards. She is in the Pep Club, Spanish Club and Business Professionals of America. Alexander plans to attend Pasadena Community College in California and become a marine biologist or herpetologist.

Castleford High School delegates are BreAnn Farnsworth, Carly Haley, Amy Schofield and Macey Snelson. Farnsworth, daughter of Mike and Pat Farnsworth of Buhl, is a student council member, co-captain of the dance team, junior varsity volleyball captain and prom committee chairman and active in drama, FCLA, National Honor Society, college speech, Pep Club, school newspaper, yearbook and Natural Helpers program. During the summer, she works at the family landscaping business. She plans to attend college, majoring in interior design, professional photography or journalism.



J.R. Churchman is ready to spin the ball to begin bingo held every Wednesday at the Shoshone senior citizens center.

## Bingo brings in funds for center

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Senior Center has found a new way to raise money and it is going over big with local people.

The word is bingo.

The senior center, 218 N. Rail St., is sponsoring Wednesday night bingo. J.R. Churchman, chairman of the board for senior citizens, calls out the

numbers; Myrta Inace, site manager, writes bingo numbers on the board; and Bud Andrew is the helper and monitor.

Before the games begin at 7 p.m., participants fill up on chili, hot dogs and desserts.

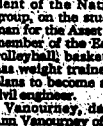
The number of participants increases every week, organizers say. As of March 22, playing cards sold totaled \$51 and payout was \$16 per game.

Cost to play for the entire evening is \$5. Call 886-2369 for more information.

Hattie Hlatt



Tiffany Vanourney



Heather Alexander



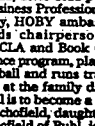
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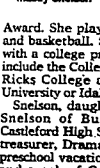
Carly Haley



Amy Schofield



Macey Snelson



Award. She plays the piano, volleyball and basketball. Schofield will graduate with a college prep diploma. Her plans include the College of Southern Idaho or Ricks College and then, Boise State University or Idaho State University. Snelson, daughter of Dave and Leslie Snelson of Buhl, is editor of the Castleford High School newspaper, BFA treasurer, Drama Club stage manager, preschool vacation Bible school teacher and coach of Castleford girl's Little League team and active in FFA and 4-H, where she received awards for her dairy helper and swine. Snelson is on the National Honor Roll, Scholastic Team, included in Who's Who Among High School Students. She plays the clarinet and piano, runs track and plays softball and volleyball. She also works part-time at a day care center. Snelson will graduate with a college prep diploma, then attend the University of Idaho to study law.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

The Kiwanis Club of Filer welcomes its newest member, Laura Drake. Laura's father, Kiwanis member Lynn Knapick, gave her the idea. Also shown is George Lippert, immediate past president. Kiwanis meets on Tuesday at noon for luncheon program at the Filer United Methodist Church and welcomes new members and guests. For more information, call Jay Fort at 326-4345.



Photo courtesy of Filer Kiwanis Club

## TOY STORY

Martial Arts America students in Twin Falls held a toy drive for children on the pediatric floor at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and at the Twin Falls Women's Crisis Center for abused women. Left to right, are Michelle Randall, Magic Valley Regional; Shiriane Owen and Keith Owen, owners of Martial Arts America; and Deborah Gardner, Women's Crisis Center executive director. An estimated \$800 worth of toys was raised to benefit the care centers.



Photo courtesy Martial Arts America

# SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Turkey, potatoes and gravy, Tull-O-salad, rolls, cake.  
Wednesday: Baked potato bar.  
Thursday: Swiss steak, potatoes, spinach, fruit salad, rolls, cake.  
Friday: Rib-b-cues, potato salad, creamed peas, cole slaw, fruit, cookies.  
Monday: Lasagna, green beans, tossed salad, french bread, fruit, dessert.  
**Activities**  
Library, Pool Room, and Barginin Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Easter dinner.  
B.J. and Band.  
Crazy hat day  
Wednesday  
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Elks card club.  
Board meeting.  
Thursday  
Pinchle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Blood pressure check 10 a.m. to noon.  
Lunch bingo.  
Saturday  
Super bingo.  
Monday  
Quilting, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Egg Salad Week.  
**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl.  
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.  
Tuesday: Chicken alfredo with noodles, crunchy slaw, veggies, rolls, apple crisp.  
Wednesday: Fried liver and onions, potatoes and gravy, veggies, rolls, fruit.  
Thursday: Spare ribs, potato salad, veggies, raw apple cake; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.  
Friday: Cook's choice.  
Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m.  
Sunday: Closed for Easter.  
Monday: Pork chow mein, fried rice, peas, noodles, fruit; smorgasbord 5:30 p.m.  
**Activities**  
Thrift shop open every day.  
Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m.  
Bingo, 11 a.m.  
Spin the Wheel, prizes.  
Crafts, 2-4 p.m., making paper.  
Bingo, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Exercises 7-8 a.m. and at 10 a.m.  
Dr. Cleverly at 11:50 a.m.  
Bingo 1-3 p.m.  
Evening meal 5:30 p.m.  
Cards at 6:30 p.m.  
Friday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Saturday  
Closed for Easter.  
Sunday  
Exercises from 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday and 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe's.  
Thursday: Easter dinner, all turkey, stuffing.  
Friday: Tuna casserole with noodles.  
**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Filer.  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and 8:30 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe's.  
Thursday: Easter dinner, all turkey, stuffing.  
Friday: Tuna casserole with noodles.  
**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**  
310 Main N., Kimberly  
Wednesday: Turkey pot pie, potato salad, Jell-O, cookie, coffee and milk.  
Friday: Birthday dinner; pigst pork, potatoes, gravy, peas, apple salad, rolls, cake, ice cream, coffee and milk.  
Monday: Ham, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, applesauce, coffee and milk.  
**Activities**  
Wednesday  
Blood pressure check.  
Thursday  
Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.  
Friday  
Birthday dinner at noon.  
Pinchle at 1 p.m.  
B.J. and Friends.  
Easter Baked Food Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Robert Stuart names teacher of the month

James Siggard was honored as the February Teacher of the Month at Robert Stuart Junior High. Siggard has been teaching technology education at Robert Stuart for six years. He received his bachelor's degree in industrial arts from Montana State University and is working on a master's degree in vocational education through the University of Idaho.

He is an adviser for the Technology Student Association, sits on the School Technology Committee and QSC, along with chaperoning ski trips with the Ski Club. Siggard enjoys wood-working, computers, golf, metal detecting and spending time with his family.

### Northwest Nazarene puts residents on dean's list

Richelle Anderson of Kimberly and Nicole Danielson and Danielle Silvers of Twin Falls were named to the dean's list at Northwest Nazarene University for winter term. Students must maintain at least a 3.50 grade-point average to make the dean's list. Northwest Nazarene is located in Nampa.

### Student receives National English Merit Award

Steve Turner, a ninth-grader at O'Leary Junior High School, has received a National English Merit Award from the United States Achievement Academy. The academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of high school students.

Turner was nominated by O'Leary English teacher Bonnie Hilderda. He will be eligible for academy scholarships when he is a senior. Nominated students are selected on the basis of academic performance, leadership, responsibility, citizenship and participation.

Turner is on the straight-A honor roll and an officer in Boy Scout Troop 67. He received a leading hitter award from Magic Valley Babe Ruth Baseball last season and is on the Twin Falls High School ninth/10th-grade baseball team this season. He wrote a story for the July/August 1999 issue of Junior Baseball magazine about his experiences as honorary second baseman for the Seattle Mariners. He also helps coach a Peanut League team, has a brown belt in jujitsu and participates in football, piano and church activities. His parents are Revis and Denise Turner of Twin Falls.

### Dog training course set at CSI next week

TWIN FALLS - Registrations are being accepted for a class scheduled in April by the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center.  
Beginning Dog Obedience expert Donna Stalley will teach at the CSI Expo grounds starting Apr. 25. The class will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 18. Stalley will teach beginning and intermediate dog obedience. Students should bring their dog wearing a choke type collar on a six to eight-foot lead. No chain leads. The cost is \$30 and advance registration is recommended in order to secure a place in the class.  
For more information, call Stalley at 733-1452 or to sign up, call the CSI Community Education Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

### Dream therapy group learns to share information

TWIN FALLS - A dream therapy group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Sacred Life Center at 500 S. Oak in Kimberly. Facilitator Joan Dalton Boyd will show participants how to share and gain insight into their dreams, remember dreams and work with dream images. Boyd will also show students how to draw dream images, keep a dream journal, use guided imagery and active imagination to facilitate the healing process.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

The group will meet for six weeks on Wednesday nights at the Sacred Life Center.  
For more information or to register, call Joan Dalton Boyd at 423-4904.

### Wendell High School Alumni 2000 plans reunion

WENDELL - The Wendell High School Alumni 2000 reunion meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the United Methodist Church at 175 E. Main St. in Wendell.  
All alumni interested in helping with the reunion are encouraged to attend.  
If you know of someone or you attended Wendell High School before 1977 and have not received an invitation or want more information, call Doris at 734-3238, Berdell at 536-6561 or Helen at 734-1435.

### Girl Scouts sets Take Our Daughters to Work Day

TWIN FALLS - Take Our Daughters to Work Day, sponsored by the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, is April 27.  
The theme is "Free to be You and Me." Fifty-six million girls went to work with a parent or mentor nationwide last year, organizers say.  
The Twin Falls Chamber Education Committee is working in collaboration with Girl Scouts in the eighth year of the event.  
A free continental breakfast will be available for girls and parents on the way to work from

7:30-8:30 a.m. April 27 at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce on Blue Lakes Boulevard. For more information, call 733-2623.

### Organizers plan Leadership and Self Esteem Workshop

TWIN FALLS - Walkin' The Talk, a leadership and self awareness course for sixth- to ninth-graders, starts at 5 p.m. April 28 and continues to April 30 in Twin Falls.  
The seminar focuses on building self-esteem, accountability and integrity, organizers say. Cost is \$195 per student and some scholarships are available.  
For more information or to register, call Gayle Anderson 734-8224.

### Shriners offer free circus tickets to area children

TWIN FALLS - Area Shriners are giving free tickets to children age 13 or younger to the circus April 24 or April 25 at the College of Southern Idaho.  
Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Tickets may be obtained at area elementary schools and Head Start schools.  
For more information, call Shriner Bob Cannon at 735-0951 or 734-8336.

### Twin Falls Lodge sponsors chili feed and auction

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Lodge 45 is sponsoring a chili feed and auction to benefit Masonic youth groups at 6 p.m.

on Wednesday at Masonic Lodge located at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.  
Auction items can be left at the lodge or call 423-6937 for more information and pick up of auction items.

### Ascension Episcopal Church holds Seder dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Ascension Episcopal Church will host a Seder dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday in the church parish hall at 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.  
Tickets are \$15 each and participants have a choice of lamb or chicken. Reservations must be made by noon today.  
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 733-1246.

### Twin Falls High School plans Senior Class Party

TWIN FALLS - A meeting to discuss plans for the Twin Falls Class of 2000 Senior Party will be held at noon Wednesday in room C6 at Twin Falls High School at 1615 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls.  
The senior party will be held May 29 after graduation. The public is welcome to attend the meeting.  
For more information, call Twin Falls High School at 733-6551.

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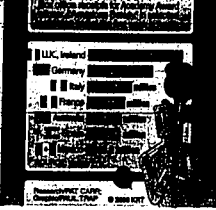
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## BIZFACTS

### 'Beauty' abroad



# Listserver could be a real cost-cutter

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Local businesses can take efficiency into their own hands.

A new online mechanism for information sharing could help south-central Idaho employers buy in bulk, fill their training classes or search for answers

about fair-labor law.

"It's simply a means of mutual communication between businesses," said Joe Herring, executive director of Region IV.

For no cost but its own labor, Region IV set up a listserver for south-central Idaho on

Microsoft's "bCentral ListBot" Web site. Any business can log on and sign up for free, then send and reply — privately, if they wish — to e-mail postings by other members of the list. They can cancel their subscriptions themselves anytime.

It's a way, said Candy

McClfresh of Region IV, for local employers to "assist each other at little or no cost to each other."

A small business, for example, might choose to broadcast a message about its need for supplies such as paper or computer diskettes. If other member businesses needed the same thing, combined orders could cut their costs, McClfresh said.

Perhaps small, local employers could together find a way to provide health benefits to workers at a price they can afford, she said. Or if a large company such as "Magic Valley" Regional Medical Center plans an employee training class and doesn't fill it up, it could post an offer to other employers for the empty

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### TFC&H hires new health director

**TWIN FALLS**—Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital on Monday announced it hired Dennis Maughan as director of occupational health.

Maughan is a former Twin Falls County commissioner who in a dual role resigned from a top Idaho Department of Health and Welfare job.

The clinic said Maughan has a degree in business management and has helped develop many employee safety and workplace health programs.



Dennis Maughan

He and his wife, Pam, live in Twin Falls.

In late March, Maughan said he had submitted a resume for the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District's executive-director opening. Downtown and Old Towne this week are narrowing their list of candidates for that job.

### Wells Fargo picks up Norwest Mortgage

**TWIN FALLS**—The "W" on local Norwest Mortgage signs is leaving and being replaced with signs bearing the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage name.

Town-based Norwest Mortgage Inc. officially changed its name Monday, a press release said, and all of the company's more than 1,100 locations nationwide are being converted to reflect the new identity. Its parent, Norwest Corp., chose to retain the Wells Fargo name following its 1999 merger with Wells Fargo & Co.

"We're extremely excited about our name change as nearly nine out of every 10 Americans already know and trust the Wells Fargo brand," said Julie Zampardi, branch manager of the Twin Falls Norwest Mortgage office. "Our new name, however, doesn't change our commitment to our Twin Falls-area customers."

The company simply has more tools to serve its customers, she said.

Combined, Norwest Mortgage's retail and wholesale lending operations provide funding for about one of every 15 homes financed annually in the United States, the company said.

Compiled from staff reports

## KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH



Vic Kwan and his wife, Alice Kwan, from Missouri, stand outside the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square Monday as they discuss their portfolio.

# Funds insulate most from market swings

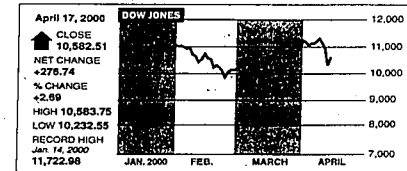
Knight Ridder News Service

Last week's bludgeoning of the stock market, which wiped out as much corporate value in one day as Brazil's economy produces in a year, only grazed most Americans.

With \$1 trillion invested in 401(k) plans, average investors are, in theory, fully exposed to the market's ups and down. But much retirement money is socked away in stock funds that didn't soar to nosebleed highs — and didn't experience last week's death spiral, either.

"The fact of the matter is that stocks on average have been fairly steady this year and mutual funds especially have helped," said Ed Rosenbaum, director of research for fund-tracker Lipper Inc.

"Now, don't get me wrong.



This has been some ride, but investors in the larger funds have been protected from it."

"There are a lot of good, interesting companies that have had serious pullbacks," said Michael Weiner, portfolio manager for Banc One Investment Advisers in Columbus, Ohio. "But with the more speculative names, the dots com that have no earnings, we know they have fallen a lot, but

we don't know if they're cheap."

The weeklong slide turned into an avalanche Friday morning when news of higher-than-expected inflation spurred selling in technology stocks.

All three major market measures suffered their worst point drops ever Friday, wiping out \$950 billion in a single day, just shy of Brazil's \$1 trillion gross domestic product.

The Nasdaq Composite Index, led by Nasdaq.com and Intel Corp., fell 355.49 points.

The 9.67 percent drop was the Nasdaq's second-worst, just behind the 11 percent free-fall on Oct. 19, 1987. Friday capped the worst week in the Nasdaq's 29-year history. The much-watched index, which soared 86 percent last year, is now 34 percent off its March 10 high of 5048.62.

The Nasdaq took the rest of the market with it. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had been rising earlier in the week, lost 618 points, or 5.6 percent, to close at 10,305.77 Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 83.2 points to 1,357.31.

Although the week's losses were deep and wide, they hit technology much harder than other sectors.

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## Boise firm buys part of Raytheon

The Associated Press

**BOISE**—Riding a solid string of profitable quarters, Morrison Knudsen Corp. announced Monday it is acquiring Raytheon Co.'s engineering and construction division.

The Boise-based construction and engineering company said it was paying \$10 million in cash and assuming \$500 million in debt to secure that Raytheon subsidiary that will more than double its annual revenues.

Raytheon, a defense and aerospace concern based in Lexington, Mass., put the value of the deal at \$800 million to \$820 million overall counting receivables, working capital and net pension assets it is keeping.

"This transaction vaults Morrison Knudsen to a leadership position in the engineering and construction marketplace," said Chairman Dennis Washington, the Montana businessman who built out Morrison Knudsen four years ago through a merger with his own company.

Washington said the deal should return the 88-year-old company to the prominence in the engineering and construction industry that the builder of the Hoover Dam and the trans-Alaska pipeline once had.

Morrison Knudsen reported its 14th straight profitable quarter this winter after years of wallowing in red ink brought on by ill-considered diversification efforts highlighted by the hundreds of millions of dollars in losses rolled up by William Agee, who was summarily ousted as chief executive in 1995.

The company with 22,000 employees reported \$2.2 billion in revenues last year while Raytheon's engineering and construction division with about 12,000 employees, had \$2.7 billion.

Under the deal, Raytheon will retain financial responsibility for projects that are nearly completed and partially indemnify Morrison Knudsen on completion of a fifth.

Once finalized by the end of May, Washington said Morrison Knudsen will undergo a restructuring into five operating units managed by an Office of the Chairman made up of himself, Stephen Hanks, a veteran employee who is being promoted from chief legal officer to president, and former Flour Daniel Inc. President Vincent Kontny.

The restructuring cost was estimated at \$25 million.

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Surge in European tourism is likely

BIG SKY, Mont. (AP) — Representatives of a Wyoming company that promotes Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota to Europeans said the future looks rosy for European travel to the region.

"The trends we're seeing are all good," said Chuck Brock, who founded Rocky Mountain International in 1990. The Cheyenne-based company works for state tourism offices in the four states from offices in London, Frankfurt, Milan and Paris.

Speaking last week at Montana's annual conference in Big Sky, Brock noted European tourists are a lucrative

(tourism target) They spend five times as much money as domestic travelers and have, on average, five weeks of vacation a year. Europeans also are more inclined to visit off-season and are eager to visit little-traveled destinations.

Olga Mazzoni, who owns a tourism marketing company in Milan associated with Rocky Mountain International, said Italians want to escape the stress of their cities, enjoy wide open spaces and do not mind driving in pursuit of the "Marlboro country image."

"You are our dream," she said, crediting Hollywood depictions of Montana, such as "A River Runs Through It," as being great

marketing tools. "I have to thank very much Robert Redford," Mazzoni said. "Without him we would not know what is flying fishing."

Herve Duxin of Paris, known throughout France as a journalist and "French Cowboy," said the French also dream about Western images. He cautioned that the French want genuine America, do not appreciate French-like things, and will accept rustic but not dirty accommodations.

"Clean and a bottle of wine and you're all set," Duxin said. Rocky Mountain International collects about \$697,000 from the four states for its work.

Sears posts rise in profits, matching estimates

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. — Sears, Roebuck & Co., the second-largest U.S. retailer, said Monday its first-quarter earnings rose by 51 percent due to stronger sales, a share repurchase program and lower provisions for bad debts.

Illinois-based Sears — with several Magic Valley stores — earned \$235 million, or 65 cents a share, in the first quarter, compared with \$146 million, or 38 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenues rose 3.7 percent to \$2.97 billion.

Sears said the results, which matched the average estimate among analysts surveyed by First Call Corp., benefited from its 17 million-share buyback, higher sales at its full-line stores and at Sears Canada and a lower provision for uncollected debts.

Sears said that at its U.S. stores open for at least a year, sales rose by 2.7 percent in the quarter, led by sales of home appliances, lawn and garden products and sporting goods.

Two Minnesota agencies sign off on phone merger

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Two key Minnesota agencies have reached a settlement with U.S. West and Qwest Communications regarding the two companies' proposed \$65 billion merger, dropping their opposition in exchange for a promise by the companies to spend at least \$170 million to improve local phone service.

Among other things, the deal calls for the merged company to expand the availability of high-speed DSL (digital subscriber line) service throughout the state and pay up to \$20 million in fines if it fails to meet competitors fairly.

Business in brief

With the agreement, both the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Office of the Attorney General are withdrawing their opposition to the merger.

The deal, though, still requires the approval of the Public Utilities Commission, which had intended to send the merger request to an administrative law judge for a fact-finding review. The PUC could decide April 25 to approve the merger with conditions, or hold further hearings about it.

The merger still faces opposition from U.S. West retirees, AFT, Local, MCLCUSA and some small local phone companies.

The merger has received all required clearances from federal agencies, pending approval of local investors. The deal awaits the approval of regulators in Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Utah. Colorado and Iowa have approved the merger, which Qwest hopes to close by summer.

Banking companies report unexpected earnings

NEW YORK — Some major U.S. banking companies Monday reported higher-than-expected earnings for the first quarter as robust capital markets activity boosted revenue from trading, asset management and investment banking.

Most bank shares fell, however, as investors bet that the strong earnings would mean a drop in the year's increasing dividend payouts on Wall Street. Analysts said first-quarter

bank earnings have been mixed, with retail-oriented banks showing weaker results because of the impact of higher interest rates on big money market banks gaining due to vibrant financial markets.

Here's how two that have Magic Valley branches fared: BancAmerica Corp. said it earned \$2.2 billion, or \$133 per share, compared with \$1.91 billion, or \$108 per share, in the year-to-date period. The results far outpaced the \$1.24 average estimate among analysts surveyed by First Call Corp.

Bank of America, which ranks as the largest U.S. bank, said its results benefited from a 45 percent rise in trading profit and a 30 percent rise in securities underwriting fees.

U.S. Bancorp, a regional bank struggling to boost revenue, said first-quarter earnings rose just 5.2 percent, falling short of Wall Street expectations as increased revenue from loans and fee businesses were offset by soaring expenses and an increased provision for future loan losses.

U.S. Bancorp said first-quarter operating earnings rose to \$387.6 million, or 52 cents a share, from \$365.6 million, or 51 cents a share, in the third quarter of 1999. The results fell short of First Call's 53-cent consensus estimate.

Net income, including \$8.6 million in merger-related charges and losses from the sale of fixed-income securities, rose 3.3 percent to \$379.0 million, or 51 cents a share, from \$366.8 million, or 50 cents a share, in the year-to-date period. Return on equity, a measure of profitability, fell to 20.3 percent from 24.6 percent last year. — compiled from wire reports

Ford's earnings pass expectations

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. earned \$2.1 billion in the first quarter, a 5 percent increase from a year ago and above Wall Street expectations.

The world's No. 2 automaker said Monday it earned \$2.1 billion a share in the first three months, compared with \$2 billion, or \$1.60 a share, for the same quarter last year.

The results topped analyst forecasts of \$1.58 a share, as reported by First Call/Thomson Financial.

Revenue for the quarter totaled \$42.9 billion, up 14 percent from \$37.5 billion a year ago.

On Friday, Ford announced plans to spin off its Visteon parts unit. Factoring out Visteon and the sale of AutoEuropa, earnings in Ford's automotive operations totaled \$1.6 billion, up \$271 million from last year. Revenue from auto operations was up 14 percent to a \$36 billion from \$31.6 billion.

In North America, Ford — excluding Visteon — earned \$1.7 billion, up \$288 million from the first quarter of 1999.

While announcing the expected Visteon spinoff, Ford last week said it is rewarding its stockholders with some of the

profits of a booming auto industry offering to pay them up to \$20 in cash or additional stock for each share they own. The spinoff and giveaway are to take place this summer.

Ford said it would cap the cash portion of the share program at \$10 billion.

The fairly radical stock move surprised Wall Street. Rating services Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's both lowered their long-term debt ratings on Ford Motor Co. and its Ford Motor Credit Co. unit, citing worries about how it would affect Ford's liquidity.

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Region IV intends the list to be helpful outside of that, McFresh said. There nothing to keep businesses elsewhere, such as in northern Nevada, from subscribing.

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The idea surfaced last fall at a retreat of the South Central Idaho Workers board, whose membership is about half from the private sector.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Music industry threatens future of MP3-sharing program

By Yael Li-Ron  
Knight Ridder News Service

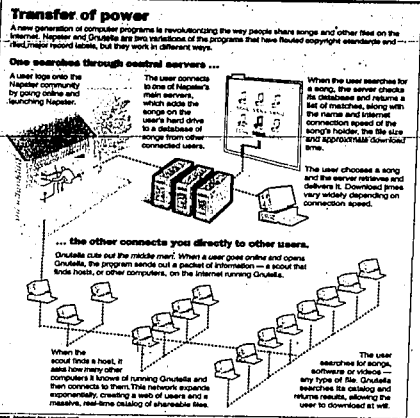
It's no secret — and it's certainly an understatement — that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) hates MP3. This digital music format is making it very easy on users to download or share pirated music, which means less money in RIAA's pockets.

Forget the artists themselves for a moment — they don't make that much off a sale of a single track anyway. The people who get rich off music sales are the label companies.

Fair enough. I'm all for copyright protection. But consider this: What if you have a CD, but you'd like to have a couple of tracks off that album on your hard disk, so you can listen to them while you work? Do you have to buy that album again?

Over the years, I've bought several albums four times. For example, the classic "White Album" by the Beatles. I bought it as a vinyl record in 1979, then on tape (for my car) in 1986, then on CD six years ago. When my car was stolen two years ago, complete with my collection of more than 70 CDs, the insurance companies refused to reimburse me for the lost albums, so I had to buy the White Album, along with all the rest, all over again.

The question is, why should consumers pay over and over again for something they already own legally? We take it for granted that we have to, but why? In the software industry, in comparison, you often pay just a nominal fee for an upgrade (what else would you call releasing music on a different medium?) and sometimes you don't pay at all. I've



been a registered user (meaning, I paid my fee) of the popular Zz utility Winzip (www.winzip.com) for at least seven years. Since I sent in my check, I've upgraded the product numerous times for free. I actually feel guilty over this.

Recently, the unreasonably greedy folks (as if there's any other kind) at the RIAA have sued the immensely popular music-swapping service Napster (www.napster.com). The service allows users to exchange MP3 tracks directly with others who are online at the same time. A

San Francisco judge is soon going to rule on the issue, and Napster will most likely close down.

The RIAA will have a hard time collecting money from Napster, though, as the software was developed by a college student who owns it and doesn't represent a corporation. And soon the FBI is going to start arresting people who "pirate" music. This trend is frightening.

Many of us have over the years made recordings of their favorite vinyl albums onto tape. Many also tape movies with their VCR. How is MP3 different? Is the FBI

### What's all the fuss about?

Macuser Magazine offers only a subset of Napster's functionality, but it still download MP3 files. Get your copy at: <http://www.macuser.com>

also going to go door-to-door and check that nobody's bootleg copies of videos or music? And why isn't the movie industry (this country's largest export) not suing the makers of VCRs that allow users to record in the first place?

As for targeting Napster itself with a lawsuit, I hope somebody

wakes up and sees how warped this move is. It's no secret that there are many stores that sell pipe-tobacco and rolling paper for the purpose of smoking marijuana. Sure, they all post big signs saying that their merchandise is intended for tobacco only; but please! Still, you don't see Janet Reno's boys come and close down those businesses, because they're absolutely legal, and it's a free country. If you don't mind a cliché, which is why I think Napster should be left alone. If you just want to download a single track, a few — not enough, though — sites let you download what you like for a per-track fee, usually around \$1. For example, try [www.emusic.com](http://www.emusic.com). That's the direction the RIAA wants the industry to go, and it does make sense. However, if you do the math, you'll realize that even \$1 is too much for a track you've already paid for.

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## New life for your old clunker

Knight Ridder News Service

Computer manufacturers just released their newest models and owning one would make every other techie on the block jealous. One problem. What to do with the trusty system that got you through numerous late-night reports, e-mails to loved ones and an online bid? (what else would you call releasing music on a different medium?) and sometimes you don't pay at all. I've

National Recycling Coalition. When it comes to computer technology, one has to rethink the notion of reduce, reuse, and recycle. Instead, think recycle, repair, reuse.

Around the country, used computer retailers are popping up, buying old systems and equipment from consumers. Every once in a while the stores get a like-new, up-to-the-minute model, because someone couldn't afford payments or needs to make money quickly.

The stores also buy computer-related equipment such as inkjet and laser printers, video cards, hard drives and CD-ROMs. If leaving the house isn't an appealing option, sell the computer via numerous auction sites,

such as eBay and Yahoo! or the computer-specific sites such as CNET.

Consider charitable giving if making money on the deal isn't a priority, consider donation, government officials suggest.

On average there is one computer per 11 children in U.S. classrooms, according to The Detweiler Foundation, a San Diego-based nonprofit group that matches donated computers with needy schools. To find a local drop-off site, call 800-939-6000. Individuals can write off computer donations as a tax deduction. The contribution equals its fair-market value. Many computer publications will list current values. Shipping costs also are deductible.

## When yonder Windows breaks

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DEAR DR. BOMBAY: I am new to Windows. I will be working in various programs or playing a game, and one of my windows computer says an "illegal operation" has been performed and it will shut down. I have to kill the power to restart. What am I doing wrong?

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

# Blind students succeed with PCs. Foundation will offer free university-level tech classes

**Knight Ridder News Service**

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — "Nackle" may mean nothing to most people, but Cary Supalo understands it perfectly.

That's how his computer reads the chemical formula NaCl, which stands for sodium chloride. Supalo, a Penn State graduate student, is completely blind and relies on special computer software to read scanned-in books, journal articles and other materials to him.

The only catch is that the program doesn't recognize chemical equations — unfortunate for Supalo, a doctoral student in the Penn State chemistry program. "You get used to it after you've been using it for years," he said, demonstrating the technology in his West Halls dorm room.

Supalo's blindness was caused by a very rare genetic disorder that robbed him of his primary sight — the ability to see shapes and colors — is also gone now, though he sometimes can see a bright flash of light, he said.

But thanks to special types of software that can read aloud text on the screen, Supalo can still access information on the World Wide Web, even though he can't see it.

Other types of software work with a scanner and allow him to scan in and hear the text of printed materials such as his textbooks, bills, newspapers and even the back of his driver's license.

Supalo estimates that he could scan a whole book in about an hour-and-a-half, depending on the book's thickness and print size.

Peggy Hoover of State College also takes advantage of the newest technological advances



Cary Supalo, a blind Penn State graduate student, demonstrates his portable Type Speak machine in State College, Pa.

for blind people. "The computer is one of the most helpful bits of technology to me," said Hoover, who also is completely blind.

According to the National Federation of the Blind's Web site, there are about 750,000 blind people in the United States and each year, 50,000 more will become blind.

The technology is available in Penn State's Pattee Library, which also has a scanner teamed with a Braille embosser to transcribe ordinary text into Braille.

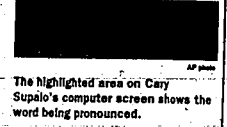
The software is pricey — Hoover put the cost of software used to access the Internet, read e-mail and do word-processing at about \$800.

On the NFB's Web site, screen-reading software ranges from \$495 to \$3,000, depending on which operating system the computer uses and other factors.

Reading software for computers ranges from \$675 to \$1,295. Stand-alone reading machines that were listed on the NFB Web page cost between \$3,195 and \$5,395.

But even though the Web-surfing technology is available for people who are blind, it's not perfect.

Hoover, a staff assistant in Penn State's College of Health and Human Development, said navigating Web pages can be tedious.



The highlighted area on Cary Supalo's computer screen shows the word being pronounced.

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"I have to rely on keyboard commands and tabbing through the various links," she said. "Text-only Web pages are great."

Another complaint they had was that most software doesn't automatically recognize columns and will read horizontally across the page. That can be confusing for the unsuspecting blind reader.

"If you're looking at it for the first time, you don't know what to expect," Hoover said.

Graphics are another obstacle — unless a text tag is inserted that conveys the information in the image, the software just reads it as "graphic," Supalo said.

Hoover said she prefers Web pages to be as "straightforward as possible."

"It doesn't always make a very pretty, attractive Web page," she said. "The challenge is to strike a happy medium."

Blind people can also encounter the same technological difficulties as those with sight when using computers.

Hoover said with the technology is when it glitches up, you're (in trouble)," Supalo said, adding that he's memorized the master exit command — alt-F4 — that can get him out of any program. "You don't know it's screwed up until it does nothing."

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Phillip Greenspun and his colleagues at the ArsDigita Foundation ([www.arsdigita.org](http://www.arsdigita.org)) are launching a truly free university-level program in computer science. You read that right — there's no tuition cost for students.

"We want to help people build better (technology-based) services for society," says Greenspun. "A lot of people who have really good service ideas are really hampered — they don't have a solid foundation in technology."

Thirty highly motivated and talented students will get their chance this fall, when the "ArsDigita University" opens in Cambridge, Mass. Several faculty members from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have already signed up as part-time instructors.

For Greenspun, who also teaches part-time at MIT, the new school is an extension of his long, passionate advocacy of an open-source philosophy in computing — referring to the genre in which software programming instructions, also called source code, are openly available to anyone who wants to use or modify the program.

The ArsDigita school won't be about getting a well-rounded education, the kind where liberal arts courses complement computer science classes. Nor will they get a piece of parchment from an accredited college or university.

They will get something valuable, though: The on-campus program is a one-year immersion where students will spend 12 hours a day, six days a week, in lectures and tutorials along with collaborative and solo problem solving.

The goal is ambitious, to put it mildly. Greenspun wants to provide nothing less than MIT- or

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Foundation of their website:  
<http://www.arsdigita.org>

Stanford-level computer-science instruction. The ArsDigita Foundation is itself a spinoff of Cambridge-based ArsDigita, a company Greenspun (who's also an author and well-known photographer) founded to provide consulting and programming services for e-commerce operations, Web sites and other clients. The company just closed a \$53 million round of venture financing, he says, and had \$20 million in revenues last year.

"We decided we could afford to spend a million a year" on the tuition-free school, he says.

Greenspun's open-source advocacy extends to the program. Class assignments and lecture notes will be posted on the Web, and the school plans to videotape lectures and then put them online as streaming media, viewable from a browser.

Distance learners will be able to participate right away, but that part of the program won't be fully up to speed for another year. ArsDigita will also make the software that runs the program available free to other schools.

If he can find a sympathetic Silicon Valley billionaire who likes the idea, Greenspun hopes to open a Palo Alto version of the school.

What kind of people will be students? Distance learners will select themselves. On-campus students will have college degrees, excellent brains and the right kind of motivation, according to the "sales pitch" (<http://arsdigita.org/university/why-apply/>) will also make the software that runs the program available free to other schools.

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## Microsoft seeks Reed's aid

**Knight Ridder News Service**

Like any corporate wrongdoer with almost infinitely deep pockets, Microsoft is spreading all the money and influence it can muster. If it can't win in court, the company wants to win on Capitol Hill.

But it may take infinite shamelessness for a company that is so progressive with its own employees — and in the causes Bill Gates supports when he's giving his own money — to have hired the poster child for the forces of intolerance, ultra-rightist pundit Ralph Reed, of his firm, Century Strategies, publicly

backed away this week from one of its methods, exposed by the New York Times, asking prominent people to lobby Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush on Microsoft's behalf.

Of course, it's possible to argue that Reed is simply a lobbyist these days, now that he's no longer, the executive director of the Christian Coalition. He's just another hired gun, this theory goes, and therefore a reasonable ally in what looks to Microsoft like a fight to the death. So the company is merely following the modern standard of behavior — what's acceptable is what you can get away with.

## Quarter-munchers evolve into sport of the future

**DALLAS (AP)** — Game masters frantically tap keyboards and computer mice, clicking their way through digital warehouses, castles and space stations with one goal — annihilate everyone else.

And Angel Munoz is certain people want to watch.

When it comes to 21st-century sports, cyberathletes skilled with hand-eye coordination and fast reflexes are going to be the stars people pay to see, he says. After all, if people watch football, auto racing and golf on TV, why not computer gaming?

"I think high adrenaline. It's an extreme sport," says Munoz, who

### Choose your weapon

For more information, see the CPL Tournament website at:  
<http://www.msccpl.com> and the official CPL website:  
<http://www.cyberathlete.com>

Founded: The Cyberathlete Professional League.

The league is holding its latest round of competition this weekend at a convention hall in Dallas. It's the eighth such event since Munoz developed the idea of league play in 1997.

"I thought, 'Why not?'" he said. "Now I have the opportunity to

do something that I think is exciting. How many times in your lifetime do you get a chance to create a new sport?"

The CPL runs leagues in Asia, Europe, Canada and the United States and plans to expand. This weekend's event, the Razer/Cyberathletes — Professional League \$100,000 Tournament, is expected to draw several hundred contestants.

Hundreds of spectators also flock to the show. Projection screens in the arena show games in progress, and amateurs can bring their own computers, plug them into a network and play

each other while the pros shoot their way through the qualifying rounds.

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## Why run? It will only tire you out

A local coach told me he once bought running shoes for a financially strapped athlete who wanted to run track. The kid wasn't a particularly fast runner, he just wanted to compete.

Another coach mentioned she encouraged her volleyball players to participate in the jumps to improve their vertical leap. One of those kids now plays for the College of Southern Idaho.

### ON THE RUN

While coaching track and field, I always asked kids who said they were just going to lift weights, "If you're not good at baseball or golf, why not come out and throw the shot or disc?" One thrower in particular now holds two school records at Grace College in Indiana.

There are lots of reasons why high school kids don't go out for a spring sport, specifically track. They say they're slow. They say they're not strong. They have jobs to make their monthly car payment. They simply don't have the time. The list goes on.

Certainly it is evident track and field is not for everyone. Imagine if Tiger Woods had been forced to run on a relay instead of play golf or Michelle Akers had been goaded into playing softball instead of soccer.

Faithful readers know dang well why I chose track, but honestly, I probably would have gone out anyway.

So as has become my annual custom, this week's focus is a David Lettermanesque list: The Top 10 reasons why high school students should go out for track and field.

10. There are 18 events, and athletes may participate in more than four per meet. This allows individuals to find an event that suits them.
9. There are no cuts. Few sports can boast such a claim.
8. Like wrestling, it's an individual team sport. As Twin Falls High School wrestling coach Dave Sloten once said in comparing the two sports, "It just depends on when you quit."
7. The camaraderie is unparalleled. Ask anyone who has ever been on a winning relay.
6. It's incredibly healthy - physically and emotionally.
5. Practices aren't nearly as long as some other sports, especially the day before a meet or the day after.
4. It could lead to bigger and better things like college scholarships, coaching opportunities, etc.
3. Someday you, too, might get to wear gold shoes.
2. You don't have to be incredibly fast or strong to be successful.
1. After golf, tennis, soccer, baseball, softball, a part-time job, youth group and homework, what else might you do with all your free time?

## Jokes aside, shot put clinic will feature expert Oldfield

By Vin Cappelletto  
Times-News writer

Fresh off a workout with his 21-year-old thrower at Taylor University, former national champion shot putter Brian Oldfield is slightly winded.

"I can get where I'm going," Oldfield, 54, said by phone Monday evening as he prepared for Wednesday's free clinic at Buhl High School, "it just takes me a little bit longer."

Now living in Hartford City, Ind., about an hour northeast of Indianapolis, the former national champion reminisced with admirable efficiency about results of past meets, revolutionizing the shot put and enduring the massacre of nine Israeli athletes and coaches at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich.

"We had several meetings about whether to pull out," said Oldfield, who at the time was dating Heidi Spitz, the sister of gold-medalist swimmer Mark Spitz. "I felt like someone gave me a knife and invited me to a gunfight."

Spitz, having won seven golds, left the terror-filled Olympic village shortly after the first attack. In the hours that followed, Oldfield was in the company of fellow-Olympians Frank Shorter and Marty Liquori, who voiced their own safety concerns about the questionable practices of the governments and people of their respective countries.

Oldfield joined in.

"I'm kind of an outspoken person," he said, laughing.

Ultimately, the United States' contingent remained in Munich for the duration of the Games, and Oldfield placed sixth in the shot put, throwing 68 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

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**Oldfield in the circle**

Who: Brian Oldfield, 1972 Olympic champion

What: Free clinic for shot putters

When: Wednesday, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Buhl High School

Also: Videotapes and cassettes will be available for purchase by those who attend the clinic.

Oldfield also will be on hand for Thursday's Buhl-Rotary Club track meet, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

## Kenya believe it?

### Lagat, Ndereba sweep the 104th Boston Marathon

The Associated Press

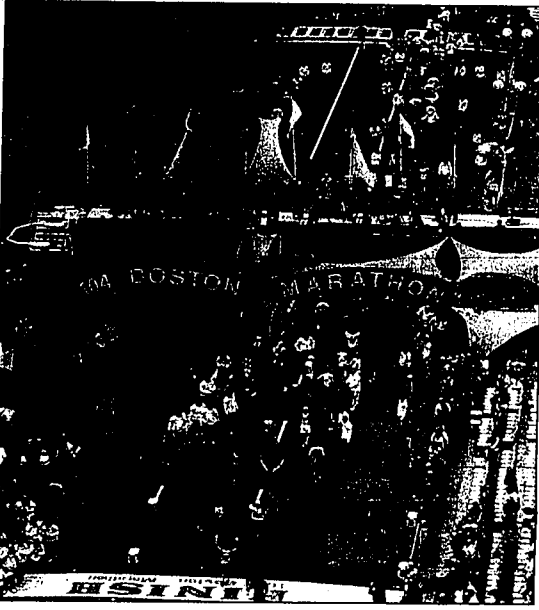
**BOSTON** - First, it was the Kenyan men. Now, the women are winning the Boston Marathon.

Kenya's domination in Boston extended to a record 10 consecutive victories Monday, as Elijah Lagat outkicked Ethiopia's Gezahenge Abera and Kenya's Moses Tanui in the closest finish in the race's 104-year history.

Lagat and Abera were both timed in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 47 seconds, with Tanui three seconds back.

The women's ending wasn't as close, but it was still the same: A Kenyan wearing the laurel wreath.

Catherine Ndereba, competing in only her third marathon, pulled away in the final mile and became the first Kenyan winner, at 2:26:11. Ndereba thwarted the bid of Ethiopia's Fatuma Roba to become the first competitor - male or female - to win the race four consecutive times.



At left, runners stream across the finish line in downtown Boston as they finish the 104th running of the marathon Monday. Below, Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland raises his arms as he wins the men's wheelchair division of the Boston Marathon.

Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland extended his winning streak to four in the men's wheelchair division, winning by more than five minutes at 1:33:32, the slowest winning time since 1989.

Jamie Hibell, of Bethlehem, Pa., was the top American finisher, arriving 24th with a time of 2:22:09.

Jean Driscoll of Champaign, Ill., won her eighth straight title at 2:00:53, the slowest since 1988, ending the three-race winning streak of Louise Savage of Australia.

The struggling Roba finished third at 2:26:27, the same time as runner-up Irina Bogacheva of Kyrgyzstan, who came from behind and beat her in the final stride.

Like the men, the women's finish was the closest between the top two and among the top three runners.

"I'm not only happy to win, but I'm going to the Olympics and represent my country," said Lagat, who took up running professionally only after his doctor told him in 1992 that he had a heart condition and might die.

With this race being an Olympic qualifier for the Kenyan men's Olympic team, Lagat and Tanui earned places on the squad, joining Kenneth Cheruyiot, winner of Sunday's Rotterdam Marathon.

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## Heart transplant patient finishes Boston Marathon

The Associated Press

**BOSTON** - Doctors who performed heart transplant surgery on Danalyn Adams Scharf gave her this incentive while she was recovering from the operation, unable to move her legs: Climb 16 stairs and you can go home.

It was a month before Scharf made the climb. Her progress in the subsequent three years has been astounding.

Scharf completed the Boston Marathon in 5 hours, 53 minutes Monday, and is believed to be the first female heart transplant recipient to finish a marathon. A mile north on the way, a heart transplant completed the Boston Marathon in 1985.

Scharf, 28, who gave interviews along the marathon route, finished next to her husband, Matt. The pair hugged as family and friends crowded around to congratulate her.

"I feel really good," she said. "I made a difference today."

The marathon's 26.2 miles were considerably more than Scharf's longest training run of 12 miles, and she said she struggled near the end. Matt said the pair walked most of the last 10 miles.

"Around 18 and 19 miles, I was asking, 'How many more miles left?'" she said.

At the finish line, Scharf met Kim Koza-Harris, sister of her heart donor, Jane Koza, for the first time.

"I feel proud," Koza-Harris said. "I really feel like my sister is part of this race, too."

To Scharf, of Dover, N.H., running the marathon was partly about saying "Thank you" to the doctors who saved her and to the family of the donor whose heart now beats inside her.

"I'm so grateful," she said. "These words don't mean much. They did so much. They gave me life."

"I'm going to take good care of this heart the rest of my life," Scharf said in a medical clearance to run the marathon. She hopes she has shown transplant patients can return to active lives, and she wants to encourage other donations.

A nearly fatal virus hit Scharf, a high school track star, in February 1997. Scharf thought she had the flu, but doctors at Lahey Clinic in Burlington later diagnosed a condition called viral myocarditis, an inflammation of heart muscle tissue.

## Jagr, Penguins push Caps to the limit

The Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH** - Jiri Slegr's slap shot beat goaltender Olaf Kolzig with 4:32 remaining and the Pittsburgh Penguins, luring Washington into an unwanted shootout, won 3 Monday night to seize a 3-0 Eastern Conference playoff lead.

Jan Hrdina scored twice - with four goals, he has as many as Washington does in the series - as the seventh-seeded Penguins moved within a victory of their second major playoff upset in two seasons.

The Penguins eliminated top-seeded New Jersey in the first round a year ago and now need one more victory to oust the second-seeded Capitals, who failed to hold a 4-1 lead for the second successive game.

Game 4 will be Wednesday night in Washington, where Pittsburgh won 7-0 in Game 1, followed by Game 5, 4-1 necessary on Friday. The quick-on-the-feet coach wound up baffling the Penguins, resulting from scheduling conflicts at Mellon Arena and ABC-TV's refusal to televise Game 2.

Only two teams in NHL history

### NHL playoffs

have squandered a 3-0 playoff lead, the Penguins did it last in 1975 against the Islanders.

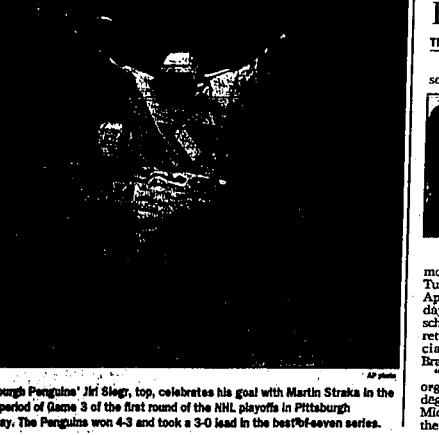
The Capitals, playing with the desperation of a team about to go down three games, tied it at 3 on Calle Johansson's goal at 14:02, but Slegr won it less than two minutes later.

**Senators 4, Maple Leafs 3**

KANATA, Ontario - Rob Zamuner's second goal of the game past an angry Curtis Joseph helped the Ottawa Senators end an eight-game playoff losing streak with a 4-3 victory Monday night over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Leafs still lead 2-1 in the best-of-7 Eastern Conference first-round series. Game 4 is Wednesday night at the Corel Centre.

Daniel Alfredsson and Colin Forbes also scored for Joseph, who faced just 15 shots and was given a misconduct penalty for abusing referee Mick McGough after Zamuner's second goal, at 14:17 of the third period.



## Rocker makes his return to Braves' lineup

The Associated Press

**ATLANTA** - John Rocker has served his time.

The Atlanta Braves reliever, suspended the first two weeks of the season for offending foreigners, minorities and gays, rejoins the roster tonight against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Rocker drew mostly cheers when he pitched at Turner Field in an exhibition game April 3, two days before opening day. No organized protests were scheduled in conjunction with his return, although a civil rights official once again called on the Braves to trade Rocker.

"It's still a blemish on the Braves organization ... and, to a certain degree, a shame for the city," said Michael Bond, deputy director of the NAACP's Atlanta chapter.

### Flirtin' with 50

Wood River senior Todd Christensen is a hit with the coveted 50-foot barrier in the shot put at 49-10. This is one of the most notable field performances of the young season.

### Question of the week

Last week's lucky winner, who correctly answered New Zealand's John Walker - "The Wonder from Down Under" - as the first man to break four minutes in the mile 100 times, was once again Kimberly's Gordon Elgan. Gordon's e-mail arrived at 5:42 a.m. last Tuesday.

This week's question: Who was the American sprinter who overcame childhood polio and later won three gold medals at the Rome Olympics?

Vin Cappelletto, a full-time teacher and former track coach, is a part-time sportswriter for The Times-News. He can be reached at ccappelletto@tds.net or ccappelletto@timesnews.com.



SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Highland sweeps golf meet

POCATELLO - Highland's boys and girls swept a golf meet over regional foes Burley, Minico and Jerome Monday at the Highland Golf Course...

Fast-pitch softball clinic set for Saturday

KIMBERLY - There will be a fast-pitch softball clinic for girls grades three through eighth Saturday at the KYA fields behind Kimberly Middle School from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Minico baseball sponsors block party

RUPERT - The Minico baseball team will host a "Baseball Block Party" for baseball alumni and program supporters Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the newly-lighted Warburton Field.

TF Legion Baseball sets banquet, auction

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Association will hold its annual banquet and auction fund-raiser at the Turf Club Thursday.

TF Junior Club holds annual Fun Run/Walk

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Junior Club is sponsoring the annual Stumble Rock Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m.

The distance is 10 kilometers or 2.5 miles at Rock Creek Park in Twin Falls. Entry fee is \$16 for pre-registration and \$20 at the starting line starting at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds this year will benefit Hospice Visions, a local non-profit agency serving the terminally ill and their families. The Junior Club is a service organization dedicated to sponsoring projects aimed at improving the social, economic, cultural and civic conditions of the Twin Falls community.

World Cup champs committed to WUSA

All 20 members of the U.S. women's team that won the World Cup last summer are committed to the Women's United Soccer Association - the new eight-team league that is to start next April.

The 1999 World Cup champions released a statement Monday calling themselves the "founding players" of the league, which was announced last week.

The WUSA has submitted a business plan to the U.S. Soccer Federation, the national sanctioning body. Major League Soccer is expected to submit a proposal by May 1.

Player hit with stick before game

GREENVILLE, S.C. - The East Coast Hockey League is considering further discipline for a player who struck an opponent with his stick above the eye before a playoff game.

Robert Stewart of the Mobile Mysticks required about a dozen stitches after the hit Sunday by Dennis Maxwell of the Greenville Grrrowl. Stewart called the hit deliberate; Maxwell said it was an accident.

The league suspended Maxwell before the start of Sunday's game. A league spokesman said the league is still investigating to determine if a fine or suspension is warranted.

Lewis considers himself undisputed champ

NEW YORK - Lennox Lewis knows where he stands, even if the courts disagree. "I don't care what they say, I'm still the undisputed champion," Lewis said.

No, he isn't. A federal judge ordered that Lewis give up the WBA heavyweight title if he fights Michael Grant on April 29 in Madison Square Garden.

The 33-year-old Lewis, however, remains to many in boxing the real heavyweight champion. "I wasn't surprised, but I was disappointed," said Lewis, who remains the WBC and IBF champion and will fight the unbeaten Grant.

"When a guy punches me in the ring, do I get angry?" Lewis said Monday in a conference call. "No, I just roll with the punches."

Sale of Royals to Glass approved

HOUSTON - Baseball owners voted unanimously Monday to approve the sale of the Kansas City Royals to team chairman David Glass.

Glass took over as Royals chairman in September 1993, shortly after the death of founding owner Ewing Kauffman.

Under Kauffman's succession plan, the team was offered for sale to Kansas City-area individuals and companies, with the most earnest bidder winning.

While deferring a decision on realignment until they meet again in June, and approving a plan on how to handle disasters such as a team plane crash, the main business was approving Glass, and that took just 40 seconds.

Marlins sink Cubs in 'dinkfest'

CHICAGO (AP) - Mike Lowell and Derek Lee drove in two runs apiece Monday as the Florida Marlins beat the Chicago Cubs 6-5 in a dinkfest.

National League

Marlins scored all of their runs on singles. All but one of their 12 hits were on singles, too.

Rockies 9, Diamondbacks 1

PHOENIX - Consecutive bunt singles by Larry Walker and Jeff Cirillo highlighted a five-run first inning as Colorado pounded Omar Daal (0-3) and Arizona.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 1

TORONTO - Kelvin Escobar pitched eight strong innings as Toronto recovered from its worst pitching weekend ever.

A's use pitching to edge Boston 1-0

American League

BOSTON (AP) - Gil Heredia and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, and John Jaha had an RBI single in the sixth inning as the Oakland Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 1-0 on Monday.

Yankees 5, Rangers 4, 11 innings

ARLINGTON, Texas - Tino Martinez tied the game with an RBI single in the ninth and won it with a run-scoring hit in the 11th as New York edged in for a wild win.

Paucers 92, 76ers 90

PHILADELPHIA - With its starting backcourt in street clothes, Indiana beat poor-shooting Philadelphia thanks to 21 points from Chris Mullin.

Spurs 100, Grizzlies 93

SAN ANTONIO - David Robinson scored 12 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter to rally San Antonio, which played its third straight game without Tim Duncan.

Oldfield

Continued from D1. or as well. "It just skipped 74," he joked. All kidding aside, Oldfield is serious about the shot put.

Boston

Continued from D1. But Lagat was not to be denied, and his final surge enabled him to edge the charging Abera as Tanui faded.

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Bucks beat Orlando to nab final playoff spot

NBA

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Milwaukee Bucks clinched the NBA's final playoff berth, at Orlando's expense, by beating the Magic 85-83 Monday night on Glenn Robinson's breakthrough dunk with 21.9 seconds remaining.

Orlando with 18 points.

clined the season series by winning the teams' first three meetings.

Indiana secured home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs Monday, played without starting

guards Reggie Miller and Mark Jackson. Miller is nursing a sore lower back and groin and Jackson has a thigh bruise.

Spurs improved to 4-3 this season without Duncan, who has a left knee injury.

Every Johnson scored a season-high 24 points for the Spurs.

Chuck Adams missed a 3-point attempt on Orlando's last possession, and Milwaukee's Darvin Ham batted the rebound into the backcourt as the final seconds ticked off and the Magic's improbable challenge for a post-season spot came to an end.

Reserve Tim Thomas scored 21 points and Sam Cassell had 19 points and 10 assists for the Bucks, who won despite playing without leading scorer Ray Allen in the fourth quarter and getting a poor shooting performance from Robinson.

Allen sprained his left knee during a scramble for a loose ball in the final minute of the third quarter and did not return. Robinson missed 13 straight shots and went more than 10 minutes without a field goal in the fourth quarter. The hosts made 41.5 percent of their shots overall.

Vancouver, loser of seven straight games, was led by Michael Dickerson's 29 points.

The teams began the night tied for the Eastern Conference's eighth spot with two games remaining. Orlando (40-41) had to win to keep its hopes alive because Milwaukee (41-40) had

begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday. And those who attend the session, which will be comprised of about two hours of videos, worksheets,

vocabulary and implementation, can expect a serious approach to training. "They'll be in good hands,"

Oldfield said. "They can look forward to covering the complete concept from beginning to end... from someone who did it."

"He's a well-rounded guy," Esparza said. "He respects and loves his mother. What can I say? We're just friends."

Esparza will pick up Oldfield late tonight at the Boise Air Terminal, and the clinic will

It's this type of gesture that Mike Esparza said makes Oldfield transcend the sport.

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"I can't say it was intentional," he said, "but it was a strain on my muscles."

Tanui, the most experienced runner in the men's elite field, admitted he made his move too early.

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"Everybody gets to make a mistake, and that was my mistake on the 34-year-old Kenyan said. "I felt strong at the end, but I was too nervous."

The victory was the third of Lagat's career. He won the 1997 Berlin Marathon in a career-best 2:07:41 and the 1999 Prague Marathon at 2:08:52. In his previous marathon, he finished sixth at New York in November.

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"The 1999 Boston and New York winners, Joseph Chebet of Kenya, finished eighth at 2:12:20.

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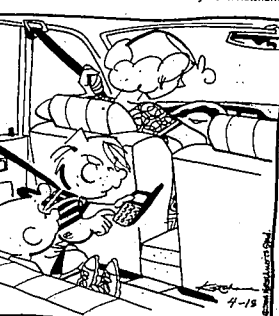
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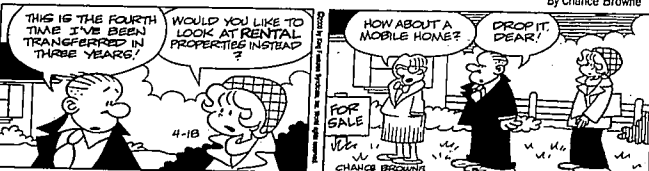
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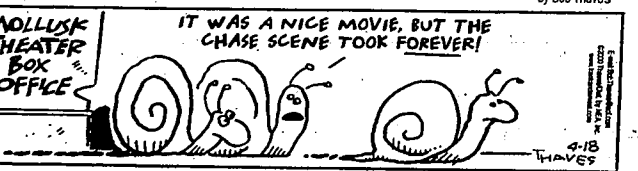
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