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# Voters will decide fair levy

## Rise in property taxes would allow for free or reduced admission

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It will be up to voters to decide whether they're willing to fork out higher property taxes to help pay for the annual county fair. County commissioners Monday approved putting a two-year, 2-mill levy on the May 25 primary election ballot, to make fairgrounds improvements and to allow for free or reduced admission.

"Allow us to put in on the ballot and let it have a full debate," said Jim Barker, a member of the Twin Falls County Fair Board. But not everyone who showed up at Monday's commission meeting was in favor of raising property taxes to pay for an event.

"Is the fair a necessity?" Scott Martin asked. "I don't think so." Others supported a levy for fairgrounds improvements but stopped short of backing free admission. While most sup-

## County fair levy

The Twin Falls County Fair Board will meet Thursday to discuss the language of a two-year, 2-mill property tax levy it plans to put on this year's ballot. If approved by voters, the levy would pay for improvements to the fairgrounds and allow for

free or reduced admission. The levy would cost property owners an additional \$20 per \$100,000 valuation on their annual property tax bills.

The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. at the fairgrounds office at 215 Fair Ave. In filter area is open to the public.

ported lowering admission fees, free admission, they said, would just be asking for problems, such as gang members running in and out of the fairgrounds. Others worried free admission would draw more

out-of-state vendors and when they left, their money would go with them. "Free admission would be a bad move," Nancy Williams said.

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# Hunt for water solutions

## Newcomb bemoans 'complacency' regarding dispute in Magic Valley

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

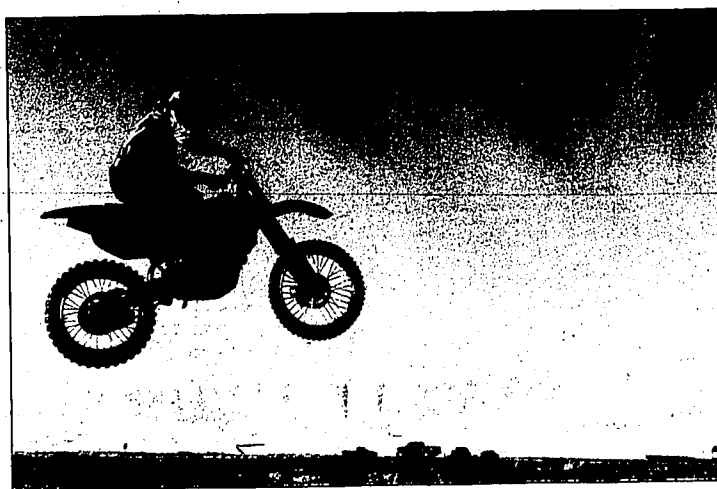
BOISE — People with water wells could soon begin paying a fee to help fund aquifer recharge efforts.

That's just one of the ideas that House Speaker Bruce Newcomb suggested on Monday to help avert a looming shutdown of many Northside wells in the Magic Valley.

A recent "call" for water by fish producer Rangen Inc. has prompted the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to order the shutdown of wells for 750 water users north of the Snake River on April 1. Newcomb said since the beginning of the 2004 legislative session, he and other key lawmakers have been trying to bring spring users such as Rangen Inc. together with groundwater pumpers on the north side of

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# REGULATE OFF-ROADERS?



Chris Cook of Twin Falls catches some air off of a jump on dirt trails north of the Perrine Bridge Monday afternoon. The state is considering regulations for off-road vehicles. The number of motorbikes in Idaho has more than doubled since 1995, when about 12,000 bikes were registered.

## State considers age, other restrictions for ATVs, motorbikes

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An all-terrain vehicle can reach speeds of 50 mph or more, but some are operated by children unattended. It's one of many safety concerns that will be raised at a public meeting tonight in Twin Falls as the state proposes regulations for ATVs, motorbikes and snowmobiles.

The number of registered all-terrain vehicles in Idaho has more than doubled from about 24,000 to nearly 54,000 over the past five years, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said.

The explosion in ATV use and surrounding safety issues are among the main concerns identified in the proposal to regulate off-road vehicles. Numerous options are offered for various regulations such as

possible age restrictions of 8, 10 or 12, unless operators are accompanied by adults or have completed education courses. The proposals not only would affect ATVs, but also motorcycles and snowmobiles, said Jennifer Couture, a spokeswoman with Parks and Recreation. And the options listed won't be the only ones considered. Alternatives will be considered, she said.

The state departments of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, and Lands have an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to develop a uniform ATV management strategy in Idaho.

Terry Blatts of Gooding enjoys riding his ATV and said some safety measures such as age restrictions are needed. With ATVs reaching speeds of 50

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## Meeting tonight

Tonight's public meeting about state proposals to regulate off-road vehicle use in Idaho will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd.

Written comments can be sent to Dave Claycomb, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, 83720-0065, or dclaycomb@dpr.state.id.us. Proposals include:

- Mandatory safety courses for operators unless an off-road vehicle is used only on private farms or for snow removal.
- Minimum age restrictions that would require operator education courses for teens and children before they could operate off-road vehicles, except on farms

- or for snow removal.
- A mandatory helmet law for all operators and passengers; or for riders under 18 only; or no mandatory helmet law.

- Lights required on off-road vehicles traveling on roadways from dusk to dawn.

- Sound limitations for motorbikes and ATVs only, which may include retaining the existing limitation of 96 decibels, or lowering it to 94 or 92 decibels.

- Designated routes.
- Revoked registration for one to two years when an off-road vehicle has been involved in three or more convictions of off-road rules.

Find more information online at [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org).

## Water woes

Here's what lawmakers are considering to help resolve a dispute between groundwater pumpers and spring users:

- Shutdown of certain wells — House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, predicts it won't be long before irrigators will be drying up farms in areas such as Bell Rapids and Saylor Creek where water is expensive to pump. He estimated up to 200,000 acre feet of water could be saved. "But everyone would have to be fairly compensated," Newcomb said.

- Taxing well use for recharge projects.

- Continued studies of the aquifer — Newcomb said there needs to be a better understanding of the effect pumping is having on aquifer depletion. "We have to stop mining the aquifer through pumping," Newcomb said. "The diminishment might be greater than anyone ever thought."

- Converting groundwater pumping rights back to surface rights — Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Boise, pointed to farms in Cassia County, for example, which expanded surface water rights in 1987. Farmers were allowed to convert 100 acres to groundwater pumping rights to cover 250 acres. The farmer would be entitled to the same amount of water, but he wouldn't be able to irrigate as much land, as flood irrigation is not as efficient. However, the effect would be aquifer recharge.

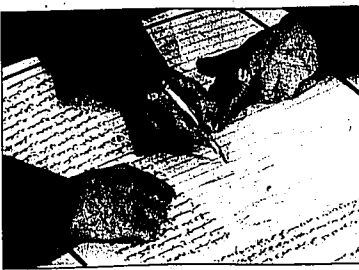
# Iraqi officials sign interim constitution; problems remain

By Ken Dillan  
Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A twice-postponed signing ceremony for Iraq's interim constitution finally took place Monday, marking an important milestone in the U.S.-led coalition's plan to hand sovereignty to a transitional government by June 30.

The signing of the document was delayed because of last week's deadly terrorist attacks and again on Friday after an 11-hour political dispute. Hailed as a historic step on Iraq's path to democracy, the so-called "basic law" calls for elections by January 2005 for a transitional government that

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Governing Council member Raja Habib Al-Khuzali signs the new Iraq Interim constitution Monday in Baghdad.

# Ex-Idaho student pleads innocent in terror case

The Associated Press

BOISE — Former University of Idaho student Sami Al-Hussayen pleaded innocent Monday to the latest in a series of federal charges accusing him of aiding terrorism.

The plea came on an indictment charging Al-Hussayen conspired to provide material support to the militant Palestinian organization Hamas by operating Web sites designed to solicit money and promote violence.

Defense attorney David Novas criticized the government's piecemeal approach to charging Al-Hussayen and said the latest indictment was just another attempt against the Saudi national to find guilt where there is none. Al-Hussayen has been jailed

for more than a year on seven counts of student visa fraud and four counts of making false statements to get the visa. A grand jury in January added an indictment accusing him of providing material support for terrorism.

The second indictment came Thursday. Both sides indicated an April 13 trial date could be pushed back at a Tuesday hearing before federal District Judge Edward Lodge.

U.S. Attorney Tim Moss said prosecutors were ready for trial, but he said the case remains under investigation and that Al-Hussayen could face still more charges.

He defended the timing of the latest indictment as being caused by the huge amount of evidence in the case.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly dry with a blend of clouds and patchy sunshine. Highs near 59.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a breeze. Lows near 33.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and relatively dry. Highs near 55.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Pleasant with early sunshine giving way to afternoon clouds. Highs in the middle to upper 50s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and uneventful. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Tomorrow: Comfortable and mostly dry with a blend of clouds and sunshine. Highs in the middle 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Increasingly cloudy this afternoon with a slight chance of high terrain rain and snow shower development.

BOISE Warm and mostly dry today with patchy clouds expected. Mostly sunny to partly cloudy, continued mild to warm and mostly dry through weeks end.

NORTHERN UTAH Dry weather has allowed mild temperatures will prevail through weeks end. Skies will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy.



Weather's State Extraneous: 20 at Lewiston, 10 at Pocatello, 10 at Idaho Falls, 10 at Burley, 10 at Rupert, 10 at Twin Falls, 10 at Boise, 10 at Coeur d'Alene, 10 at Shoshone, 10 at Arco, 10 at Blaine, 10 at Challis, 10 at Elko, 10 at Ely, 10 at Fort St. Vrain, 10 at Heppner, 10 at Jerome, 10 at Malheur, 10 at Marsing, 10 at Panguitch, 10 at Prater, 10 at Rexburg, 10 at Rigby, 10 at Teton, 10 at Teton Park, 10 at Teton Valley, 10 at Victor, 10 at Wallace, 10 at Wendover, 10 at Woodbury.

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various Idaho cities and their forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various national cities and their forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various Canadian cities and their forecasts.

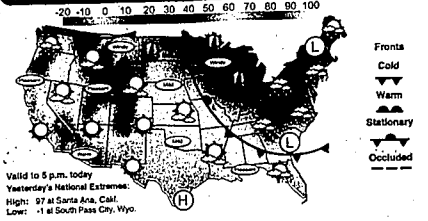
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Merger OK paves way for third-largest bank

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bank of America and FleetBoston Financial Corp. won approval from the Federal Reserve on Monday for a merger creating the third largest U.S. bank...

ATV

Continued from A1. mth or more, he has seen children riding them unattended, he said. 'Personally, I think you need a driver's license to operate them,' he said.

Calling all ATVs

All-terrain vehicle riders interested in forming an ATV club can contact Terry Platts in Gooding at 934-8040.

Fair

Continued from A1. But Fair Manager John Pitz pointed out that the fair gets a percentage of vendor sales and that out of 184 booths at the fair, 116 are run by Twin Falls County businesses and organizations.

Fair

That goes toward fair operations. The annual cost to put on the event is about \$550,000. Because county taxpayers would be footing the bill, fair officials said they could charge out-of-county visitors for parking, perhaps \$5 per vehicle.

Water

Continued from A1. the Snake River. 'The worst-case scenario is this could potentially dry up 1.2 million irrigated acres,' Newcomb said.

one of options being considered. Another idea is to increase water storage at Minidoka Dam by 10 feet. Recently, Newcomb introduced a measure to be sent to Congress asking for more water storage throughout the state.

Well, it is real. Nobody except for Magic Valley thinks there's any problem.' Newcomb said the main thrust for now is to get everyone throughout the state who is involved in a water fight to agree to hold off for a year in order for all the players to get some solutions on track.

Iraqi

Continued from A1. would write a permanent constitution. The interim constitution also sets civil rights guarantees that are unprecedented in the Arab world.

center on a provision that would give the Kurds virtual veto power over the permanent constitution. The interim constitution, which was adopted Friday, just before the signing was to take place. The five changed their minds Sunday after meetings with Sistani.

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CORRECTIONS Miss Kimberly contestants enjoy sports, music. Sunday's newspaper contained incorrect information about candidates in the upcoming Miss Kimberly Scholarship Pageant.

NATION

# Haiti's interim president urges calm amid violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's interim president took the reins of his country's shattered government Monday as supporters of Jean-Bertrand Aristide shouted demands for the ousted leader's return.

U.S. Marines acknowledged they killed one of seven people gunned down in weekend violence — the first armed action of the Americans' week-old mission to stabilize the troubled nation.

Military helicopters circled overhead and U.S. Marines in armored cars patrolled the streets Monday outside the National Palace as Boniface Alexandre was formally installed.

Earlier, Aristide declared from his African exile that he was still president of Haiti and urged "peaceful resistance" in his homeland and repeated his claim that he was forced by the U.S. to leave Haiti. The United States denies Aristide's charge that he was forced to step down.

U.S. Marines and French Legionnaires have been in Haiti since Aristide's departure, the vanguard of a U.N. force to restore peace to the country, where a monthlong rebellion left more than 130 dead. Reprisal killings continue.

## Relatives of Guantanamo prisoners appeal to Bush

WASHINGTON — Relatives of three terrorism suspects held at the Navy base in Cuba on Monday urged President Bush to release the prisoners for trial in their home countries, saying the indefinite detainment is taking a toll on the prisoners' mental health.

The family members, who journeyed to the capital from England, France and Germany, said each of the detainees is being "kept like an animal in a cell" with little sleep and no information about why they are being held. The event was sponsored by the National Council of Churches, Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments next month from lawyers representing foreign "enemy combatants" who are being held incommunicado at the prison. At issue is whether the prisoners may challenge their detention in U.S. courts.

Human rights organizations have called on the United States

## Nation/world in brief

to release the prisoners or at least say what is planned for them. Administration officials have said they have wide legal latitude to interrogate the detainees for extended periods since national security is at risk.

## U.S. rejects human rights report on Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. military officials, accused by an international human rights group of abusing prisoners and using excessive force against civilians in anti-terrorist raids, said Monday that the group's report "shows a lack of understanding" of the military situation in Afghanistan.

The report by the New York-based Human Rights Watch described harsh conditions and treatment in U.S. military detention facilities, such as depriving prisoners of sleep and forcing them to remain in painful positions. Such practices are regularly condemned by U.S. officials when they occur in countries such as Burma, Iran and North Korea.

The 59-page report said three prisoners had died in U.S. custody, with no official explanation given. The report also described numerous raids in rural areas where civilians were killed or wounded as the result of indiscriminate gunfire, bombing or military helicopter attacks in situations where "law enforcement tactics were more appropriate."

The U.S. military spokesman here, Lt. Col. Bryan Hillberry, acknowledged Monday that "some of the things they (Human Rights Watch) say happened, happened," but he said the report's "main point is incorrect... This is a combat zone. We apply the appropriate rules of engagement and we follow the rules of war."

## Analysts see little effect from Bush's budget

WASHINGTON — The tax cuts and other policies President Bush proposed in his \$2.4 trillion budget would probably have a little impact on the economy, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Monday.

In its annual report on the

president's budget, the agency that provides fiscal analysis for lawmakers said Bush's proposals could either increase or reduce economic output through 2009, and improve it in the following five years, but differences are likely to be small.

The conclusion by the budget office comes in the early stages of Bush's re-election campaign, in which the core of his plan for strengthening the economy has been his call to make earlier tax cuts permanent.

Congress' Republican leaders have already decided to ignore Bush's proposal for permanent tax cuts this year because it would boost record federal deficits — even higher — and because they lack the votes to prevail.

## Study: Aggressively fight cholesterol levels

NEW ORLEANS — How low should cholesterol go? For victims of recent heart attacks, the answer appears to be rock bottom.

A major study released Monday found that especially aggressive treatment with statin drugs, intended to drive cholesterol far below current standards, prevents new heart problems and saves lives.

"These drugs are already a cornerstone of cardiac care, routinely prescribed for heart attack victims. However, the new results suggest doctors should opt for high doses of the most powerful brands to give recently discharged heart patients the best chance of survival. Doctors caution that it is still too soon to say whether the same is true for heart patients who have not had recent heart attacks.

## Ashcroft aides cancel his schedule this week

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft's schedule for the week was canceled Monday so he can continue treatment in a hospital intensive care unit for a severe case of gallstone pancreatitis.

Ashcroft, 61, is being treated with antibiotics and painkillers and is unable to do any work, Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said. He is being visited mainly by his wife, Janet, other family members and close aides at George Washington University Hospital, where

he was taken Thursday night after complaining of abdominal pain.

## Someone finds body of missing actor-writer

NEW YORK — The body of actor-writer Spalding Gray was pulled from the East River over the weekend, two months after he walked out of his Manhattan apartment and disappeared. He was 62.

Gray, who laid bare his life and mingled performed-performed art with comedy in acclaimed monologues like "Swimming to Cambodia" and "It's a Slippery Slope," was identified Monday through dental records and X-rays.

The cause of his death was still under investigation, said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner. But Gray was known to have been deeply troubled and had attempted suicide before.

— compiled from wire reports

## Seattle says OK to gay city workers

SEATTLE (AP) — This left-leaning city joined the gay marriage fight Monday, with the mayor announcing that City Hall will recognize unions of gay city employees who tie the knot elsewhere and six same-sex couples suing for the right to wed.

Meanwhile, six same-sex couples who applied for marriage

licenses at the King County Administration Building were rejected because of a state law that defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

But King County Administrator Ron Sims invited the couples to sue him and the county, explaining that he supported the couples' efforts but had no choice but to uphold the law.

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"For years, my kids kept telling me to get a hearing aid. My hearing aids stopped that irritation in my family."

Tenny, age 56, has been wearing her hearing aid for a high-frequency hearing loss for nearly a year. "My hearing loss was embarrassing," she explains. "But now I hear everything. I no longer have to ask people to repeat themselves." Like many people who have had others tell them about their hearing problems or who have recognized their hearing difficulties on their own, Tenny started with an inexpensive hearing enhancer. She then moved on to the more advanced hearing aid technology. "I'll wear them the rest of my life," she proclaims, "and upgrade to more advanced hearing aid technology as I need to."


She is so pleased with the hearing aids provided by Professional Hearing Aid Services, she tells everyone, "I even take them out to show people and say, see how small? And ask them to try it!" She also tells everyone to go to Professional Hearing Aid Services for their hearing healthcare. "They take care of you!"

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# MAGIC VALLEY

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Crash injures Buhl motorcyclist

WENDELL — A Buhl motorcyclist was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he struck a pickup at 2125 East and Bob Barton Road, the Idaho State Police reported.

Jerry Dockstader, 50, was in the emergency room at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise as of 9 p.m. after being taken there by air ambulance.

According to the ISP report, Dockstader was riding a 1998 Honda motorcycle and had just passed several vehicles stopped for a cattle crossing when he struck a 1992 GMC pickup driven by Travis Harrop, 22, of Rigby. Dockstader, was not wearing a helmet.

Harrop had just finished moving cattle from fields on either side of the Bob Barton Road and was attempting to turn left into a field, the ISP report said.

The crash was under investigation Monday night.

### Judge enters innocent plea for suspect

TWIN FALLS — A man charged in the killing of a Twin Falls woman made an appearance in 5th District Court Monday, but he did not enter a plea.

Jody Randall Okley Carr, 31, of Filer is charged with first-degree murder after a grand jury indicted him Feb. 25 in the death of Sheri Brookshier, 31.

Carr was shown in District Judge John Hohmann's court his plea. His defense team told the judge it did not have the transcripts of the grand jury proceedings and other paperwork required before entering a plea.

The judge entered an innocent plea for Carr.

Brookshier's body was found in a field south of Filer on Feb. 5.

### Hearing officer stands by recommendation

BOISE — A hearing officer is standing by his recommendation that the State Board of Education reinstate Angel Ramos as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Charles McDevitt responded in writing last week to a petition from the state board's attorneys to reconsider his nonbinding recommendation, said Gary Sifers, the board's executive director.

Ramos has been on paid administrative leave since July 30 after a long saga of controversy at the Gooding school about his management of staff, finances and special projects.

The state board has ultimate control over Ramos's fate, and the next scheduled meeting where the issue could be on the agenda is April 22 or 23, Sifers said.

### Embezzlement suspect appears in court

TWIN FALLS — A woman facing a charge of grand theft appeared in 5th District Court Monday, asking the judge to enter an innocent plea for her.

Sarah Dee Behunian, 35, of Twin Falls requested a plea hearing to be scheduled for next week.

Behunian was charged with one count of grand theft when more than \$15,000 from Harrison Elementary Schools' Parent-Teacher Organization was discovered missing by school officials conducting a routine check of accounts. She served as the secretary/treasurer of the PTO beginning in October 2002, according to an affidavit written by Detective David Hildeman of the Twin Falls Police Department.

— compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 30-year
Upper Snake Basin	94%	79%
Salmon Falls	120%	107%
Salmon	96%	80%
Coley	119%	106%
Big Wood	95%	82%
Little Wood	109%	86%
Henry Fork/Teton	109%	92%
Big Lost	102%	84%
Little Lost	94%	74%

As of March 8

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.  
 \*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March.

# T.F. wants better tech programs

## City hopes to collaborate with CSI in the future

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Improved technical classes and increased collaboration with the College of Southern Idaho could be in the future for Twin

Falls' secondary students, according to a vast proposal for professional and technical education improvements.

The plan was presented by Superintendent Wiley Dobbs to the School Board Monday night.

"We want increased rigor in all of our students' selections for their courses," Dobbs said. For instance, the current agriculture programs as described in the proposal teach students welding and farm machinery management, which can prepare them to be

machining and engineering. The proposal also calls for remodeling of the Twin Falls High School shop area and program alignment with offerings at the junior high schools.

The proposal is the result of an external review by Greg Rogers of the state Department of Employment; Mike Glenn, former head of professional/technical programs at CSI; and Bob Becker, the regional director of tech-prep programs.

The district also took input from its professional/technical

education committee, which has 32 members including teachers, CSI professors, community members and school administrators.

Linda Baird, the district's spokeswoman, said there are no immediate plans for finding money for the improvements.

The projects take shape, the district will find sources of funding.

The committee is still presenting the proposals and

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# PICKING UP THE PIECES



Ray Craner, a crane operator with Barclay Crane of Paul, measures one of the seven train cars that derailed over the weekend in Burley before moving them Monday.

# Crews begin derailment cleanup

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Crews spent Monday removing grain from several derailed railroad cars and expected cleanup of the site to be completed by this afternoon.

Seven cars derailed Saturday around 1 p.m. just a few hundred yards east of Peavey Co. There were no injuries reported, and only the Occidental Avenue crossing was closed.

Officials said Monday the cause of the derailment still was not known.

"We're looking at all possible causes," said Jack Lisle, general manager of Eastern Idaho Railroad, at the site Monday.

Lisle added that crews would check the rails and the track structure once cars are removed from the site.

"The railroad has also begun 'downloading the motors,' a process similar to analyzing the data in an airplane's flight recorder or black box, to determine if train handling was a factor in the derailment."

A witness suggested Saturday that soft ground below the tracks could have caused the de-

tilment, but Lisle said that was unlikely, pointing out that the tracks have been around a long time and that the roadbed itself is solid.

The railroad used a crane to remove damaged cars and will begin rebuilding the track beneath once inspections of the roadbed and track structure have been completed. Surprisingly, there was little damage to any of the cars involved. Lisle was unable to estimate total damages, but he did indicate that the labor alone will cost thousands of dollars.

The derailment blocked the

section of line which serves Peavey Co., but all other rail traffic has been able to detour around the site on a parallel track.

The Occidental Avenue crossing was only partially blocked, but crews kept the crossing closed as a precaution until all cars were removed.

Times-News reporter Chip Thompson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bureau at 208-677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at [cthompson@magicvalley.com](mailto:cthompson@magicvalley.com).

# T.F. man turns himself in after Subway robbery

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — An 18-year-old Twin Falls man turned himself in to authorities Friday night in connection with the robbery of the Subway restaurant on Kimberly Road Wednesday.

Corey Lee Grega was being held on the Twin-Falls County Jail Monday on a charge of robbery. His bond was set at \$75,000 during his appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday.

After turning himself in, the suspect told officials that he painted a plastic gun black and used it to rob the restaurant because he was in need of cash, according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls Police Department Officer Chris Fullmer and filed with court records.

Workers at the restaurant told police a man-brandishing a handgun entered the store Wednesday night and demanded money. He made off with \$168.

Grega told police he used the

cash for food and other items, the affidavit said.

Acting on a tip called in to the department, police on Thursday interviewed Travis Oswald. He said he had robbed the same Subway restaurant on Aug. 16, 2003, the affidavit said, and also knew three men involved in the Wednesday robbery. Oswald said he heard Patrick Petersen and Willis Simpkins brag that they had watched Grega rob the restaurant.

While Petersen told police he didn't know anything about the

robbery, Willis said in a Thursday interview that he and Petersen watched from a vehicle as Grega entered the restaurant wearing a sweatshirt with the hood up and then exited. The two then returned to an apartment, where Grega appeared 30 to 45 minutes later with cash, the affidavit says.

At about 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Grega walked into the county jail and said he wanted to turn himself in for armed robbery, according to the document.

Walden has reviewed the donations that were questioned and found them to be legal.

Some of the expenses in question were related to his chairmanship of the National Governors Association, but others appeared to be personal, such as a haircut and numerous meals at Boise restaurants.

Kempthorne has defended all the expenditures, saying he complied with "the letter of the law."

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# Agency honors Brockman for efforts on youth substance abuse

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — He's a county leader with a big soft spot in his heart for children.

Whether it's serving on a drug awareness committee, sharing friendship and words of wisdom with his lunch buddies of four years or working to get a transition house opened to help young people coming out of the foster care system, kids can count on County Commissioner Bill Brockman, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials say.

"If there's an issue that affects the youth in the community, Bill is there," said John Huthaway, Region V director for Health and Welfare.

### Raising the roof limit

People building along the Snake River Canyon in Twin Falls County can now erect structures up to 35 feet in height.

County commissioners Monday approved raising the building height from 24 feet to 35 feet in the canyon rim overlay zone. But not everyone was happy with the decision.

"Many of us don't think we should turn the canyon rim into a commercial area," resident David Mead said. "This is one of our biggest assets, and we want to save the aesthetics."

But County Planning and Zoning Director Bill Cranon said the change is to accommodate larger homes being built along the rim. He said the height of a 6,000-square-foot home is typically about 30 feet. The homes when you look up from the bottom of the canyon.

"When I look up, I don't even notice the houses," Mikosell said.

"He does so many nice things in this community," Huthaway added. "He's just a great guy." He's real.

Huthaway Monday presented Brockman with an award of distinction for being an outstanding substance abuse prevention provider.

"I was very humbled that they would think of me for this award," Brockman said.

Please see BROCKMAN, Page A6.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman listens to citizens during a commission meeting in the courthouse Monday. Brockman received an award from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for his work to fight substance abuse.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication...

Margie Kay Myers - Filer

Margie Kay Myers, 72, of Filer, passed away Friday, March 5, 2004, at her home...



She is survived by her husband, Lew, of Filer; four...

Vesta Catherine Mayland - Twin Falls

Vesta Catherine Mayland, 68, a longtime resident of Twin Falls, died Saturday, March 6, following a brief fight with Streptococcus A...



She became a favorite with teachers and students alike with her student 'good citizen awards'...

Delbert L. Bartlett - Boise

Delbert (Del) Bartlett of Boise, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2004. He passed away a few days short of his 88th birthday...



Del built a beautiful home for Margaret in Lakeside, Calif., where they lived for several years before moving to El Cajon...

children, Stuart and Joni Poole of White Salmon, Wash. and Ralph and Nikki Poole of Reno, Nev. Patricia Myers and Mason Myers both of Twin Falls; six grandchildren...

daughter, Michelle; and grandsons, Christopher and Nicholas of Phoenix, Ariz; and sister-in-law, Marleen Muenster of Gretna, Neb. Friends and relatives are invited from 5-8 p.m. today...

Immediately following the interment a funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Road, Filer, Idaho.



will be remembered for his continual generosity in giving to and helping others. While in the service he saw many ways had a helping hand for relatives, friends and neighbors...

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; his daughter, Margaret Ann and husband, Pat Hurley; and their daughter, Courtney, of Boise; five sisters, Isabelle Wilson of Twin Falls, May Overman of Jerome, Zola McFarland of Twin Falls, Mildred Kurtz of North Hollywood, Calif., and Aileen Webb of San Gabriel, Calif.;

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OBITUARIES

Bessie Stowell - Jerome

Bessie Ekra Harrington Cross Letra Copenbarger Stowell, 88, passed away March 6, 2004, in Jerome, Idaho.

"Happy" Wright of Jerome, Everett (Joyce) Copenbarger of Wendell, Edward (Corina) Stowell of Houston, Texas, Lenore (Iloy) Bartlett of Comp-ton, Alaska, Jim Stowell of Jerome, Frank (Elaine) Stowell of Amarillo, Texas, Karen Adamson of Reno, Nev., and Kathy (Doug) Sherman of Klamath Falls, Ore. She is also survived by her brother, Charles (Irma) Cross; and many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and extended family...

Herbert 'Chris' Dixon - Rupert

Herbert "Chris" Dixon, 57-year-old Rupert, resident, passed away on March 8, 2004. He was born Dec. 27, 1946, in St. Anthony, Idaho, the son of Lester and Doreen Wright Dixon and raised in Ashton, Idaho. He loved to hunt and fish and any outdoor activities. He loved being around his friends and especially "buddies" Don Price of Rupert, Mickie Nicholson of Dixon and Terrell Perry of Ashton, Idaho.



Chris is survived by his wife, Wilah Dixon; two stepdaughters, Amber Ulrich and Kristie Gideon; his ex-wife, Rita Dixon; two sons, Don and Robert Dixon; four grandchildren, Christopher, Shaelyn, Dana and Tony; three step grandchildren, Destiny, Pamela and Lewis; four sisters; six brothers and many, many nieces and nephews.

Citi Cards will hire 650 in Treasure Valley

BOISE (AP) - Citi Cards, one of the nation's leading charge card providers, is opening a \$36 million building in the Treasure Valley and creating at least 650 new jobs.

State government officials and local economic development agencies put together an incentive proposal for the company, including \$1.6 million in Workforce Development Training funds, investment tax credits, broadband tax credits and job creation tax credits.

Most of the new jobs will pay \$9 to \$10 an hour, Commerce Department Spokesman Geoff Smith said. Employees hired above the \$12.50-per-hour mark may allow the company to claim a \$1,000 per-job credit if the authorizing legislation passes the Senate.

DEATH NOTICES

Charles Eugene 'Gene' Flemings

HAZELTON - Charles Eugene "Gene" Flemings, 40, of Hazelton, died March 6, 2004, at his home.

Jeannie Hart-Musick

STOCKTON, Calif. - Jeannie Hart-Musick, 48, of Stockton, Calif., former Twin Falls resident, died Friday, March 5, 2004, in Stockton.

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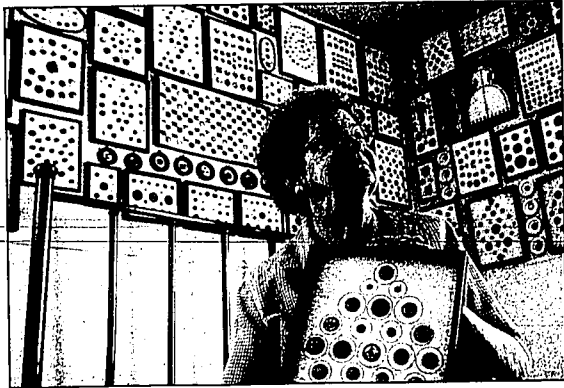
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# COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marzantonio - 735-3288



CORY MEYER/The Times-News

"I've learned more about literature and history from collecting buttons than I ever did in school," says Agnes King of Twin Falls. King's collection is wide-ranging and spreads though out her house, but is mainly contained in this room with all four walls lined with buttons.

## Button, button. Who's got the button? Agnes King has lots

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Agnes King started her button collection in 1966 when she received a one-pound coffee can full of buttons that belonged to her mother.

"To me, they were just pretty," King said.

And the collection has grown and grown since then.

The Twin Falls woman has so many buttons she doesn't know the number. There are hundreds of them and they are made of all kinds of materials - celluloid, shell, horn, pewter, glass, metals and leather - and come in all shapes and colors - shoes, dice, fruit, flowers, horses, dogs, hearts, ship anchors. Some are patriotic; others depict

stories from literature. She has Satsuma buttons from Japan and other buttons from all over the world.

Her oldest button is from a Confederate uniform.

King has all her buttons organized in frames hanging on a bedroom wall.

She purchased a lot of her buttons from button boxes, button dealers and a collection she bought in the 1970s in Arkansas.

"I enjoy them," King said.

There are many collectors who specialize in one grouping of buttons, but she said it would be difficult for her to choose only one category.

Almost every important event in history is depicted on buttons, such as her button showing the first moon landing,

she said.

"Other picture buttons show famous people, children's and Bible stories, Aesop's fables and characters of literature and opera," King said.

She has shown her buttons in the area at retirement homes, PTO meetings, book clubs and AARP meetings.

"I've had a good response," King said.

Of all of her buttons, she doesn't have a favorite.

"I couldn't choose one because when I look at the beautifully hand-carved mother-of-pearl from Bethlehem, the hand-painted china and porcelain, the Satsumas and the pretty colored glass, I would have to say, 'They are all my favorites.'"

## STUART STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Robert Stuart Junior High seventh-graders are honored by their teachers for following the agreements of mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciations and responsibility. Those honored in January and February as Students of the Month were

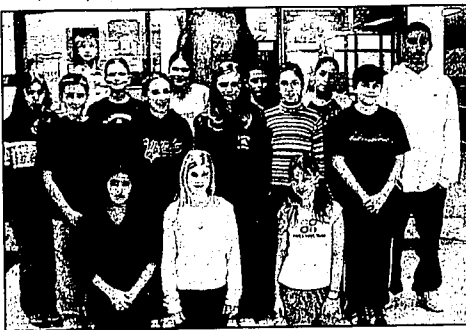


Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High School principal

from left, back row: Rachelle Berg, Marlegh Merkle, Grace Hall, Brendon Bywater, Olivia Andrade and Alberto Reyes; middle row: Jim Butler, Mercedes Blackwood, Marjia Marcetic, Molly Breland and Brad Hendrickson; front row: Teresa Chavez, Toni Allred and Hailey Wall.

## STORK REPORT

### Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Braden Jerrad Galo Durfee, son of Diane Kay and Jerrad Dale Durfee of Wendell, was born Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Alexis LaDonna Fae Bernal, daughter of Lindsey Jane and Norberto Casimiro Bernal of Jerome, was born Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Jordan Casey Robinson, son of Lindsey Marie Beal and Jake Douglas Robinson of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Cora Noelana Tice, daughter of Andrea Cathleen and Nathaniel Mere Leroy Tice of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Wyatt Warren DeFord, son of Jenny Lynn and Edward Johnson DeFord of Hansen, was born Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Tressa Jaden Rose Christensen, daughter of Tracie Lynn and Thayne Joseph Christensen of Buhl, was born

Wednesday, March 3, 2004. Kennedy Carmen Weighall, daughter of Denim Cali and James Berry Weighall Jr. of Buhl, was born Thursday, March 4, 2004.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Katelyn Marie Payne, daughter of Rose and Alex Payne of Rupert, was born Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

David Angel Garcia, son of Guadalupe Baeza and Miguel Angel Garcia of Hailey, was born Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004.

Alexis Nichole Wheeler, daughter of April and Matthew Wheeler of Hailey, was born Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004.

Montana Alan Johnson, son of Wilky Lynn and Ric Alan Johnson of Fairfield, was born Monday, Feb. 23, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:

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More information? Call 735-3278

Stephanie Anne Frnsko, daughter of Allison and Stephen Frnsko of Hailey, was born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004.

Olivia Louise Adams, daughter of Valorie and Nathan Adams of Hailey, was born Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004.

Richard Ulysses Ortiz-Tinoco, son of Gunaveva and Fernando Ortiz of Hailey, was born Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Sofia Ann Calcagno, daughter of Helen and Richard Calcagno of Hailey, was born Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004.

## CELEBRATING FFA WEEK



Right, Twin Falls High School FFA Chapter members met with Mayor Glenda Thompson Feb. 17 to have a proclamation signed declaring Feb. 21-28 as National FFA Week. They are, from left, front: Seaira Payne, Allison Koopman, Jennifer Sibbett and Christy Sibbett; back: AJ Church and Caitlin Stanley. Above, as part of National FFA Week activities, the Twin Falls High School Chapter visited Sawtooth Elementary School and taught a third-grade class about agriculture and the FFA.



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls FFA chapter

## LINCOLN EINSTEINS

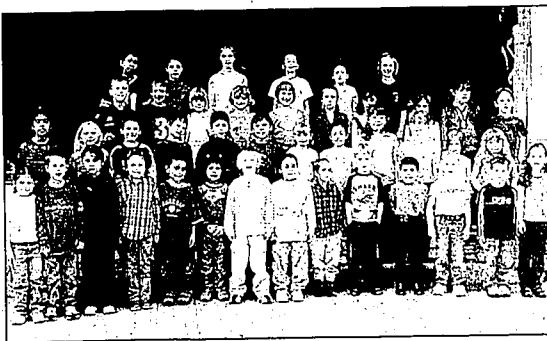


Photo courtesy of Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls, announced its January Einstein students. They are, from left, top row: Tony Cuellar, Kelsie Fairbanks, Natalie Thomas, Kaitlyn Loya, Whitney Tigwe and Talitha Morrison; middle row: Dallas Armstrong, Brody Williamson, Zoe Strauss, Elizabeth Hill, Makalla Baker, Anthony Pasquale, Jessica Moreno, Selma Spladic, Selma Masic and Ryan Donohoe, bottom row: Della Plascencia, Savannah Nilson, Vincent Garner, Calvin Tilotson, Cristian Muniz, Ricardo Vega, Taylor Coats, Angelina Moreno, Madison Perkins, Britany Wells, Lucyanne King and Macy Warner; on floor: Danika Barela, Tegan Brizee, Oracela Sanchez, Kelsie Wilson, Angelo Trujillo, Esmalinda Rendon, Shawn Sharp, Harmony Wilhem, Taran Torero, Dalton Baker, Eric Fitas, Brianna Vermilyea, Cooper Elam and Esperanza Escobar.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### M.V. Singles Square

#### Dance Club meets today

JEROME - Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will have a workshop at 7 p.m. today with advanced dancers at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall in Jerome.

Dancers with the last name beginning with P through Z should bring finger foods and clean up.

On Friday, the club plans to go to Pocatello to retrieve its banner. Steve Hadley is calling.

All square dancers are welcome to events. For more information, call Vera Young at 734-4647.

### Wishing Star Foundation group meets today

TWIN FALLS - The Wishing Star Foundation will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. today at

Maxie's Pizza.

The foundation will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. with the meeting to follow. There will be discussion on the third annual dinner, dance and auction.

### Scout Troop 58 sponsors chili feed, potato bar

SHOSHONE - The Boy Scouts of America Troop 58 will have a chili feed and potato bar fundraiser from 6-8 p.m. March 18 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 507 N. Greenwood in Shoshone.

The cost is by donation.

### Buhl resident will celebrate 90th birthday

BUHL - Bessie Cuffy, a Buhl resident, will celebrate her 90th birthday with a buffet luncheon from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the

West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St. in Buhl.

Bessie Edna Perrigo was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1914, near Perkins, Okla. She married Paul Joseph Duffy on April 1, 1933, in Buhl. They have lived in the Magic Valley area for more than 70 years.

She had four children. Peggy (Kenneth) Fawcett of Buhl, Paul Duffy of Buhl, Paul L. Duffy, deceased, and Sally (Dennis) Eggleston of Las Vegas, Nev.; and nine grandchildren.

Peggy Fawcett, Sally Eggleston and Patrick Duffy are hosting the event.

### M.V. Duplicate Bridge club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners. Feb. 26: first, Riley Burton and

Bobette Planky; second, Renee Bulcher and Sue Skinner; third, Don and Ruth Rahe; and fourth, B. Gloria Hann and Susan Mfg. S.

Feb. 28: first, Harold Bulcher and Ruby Grimes; and second, Marilyn Borkin and Jessie Lingnaw.

March 2: first, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge; second, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Betty Sabo; third, Madeline Sawaya and Sam Smutny; and fourth, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Ferferle.

March 3: tied for first and second, Harold Bulcher and Ruth Rahe with Al and Frances An; third, Ada Burgess and Jan Fitzhugh; and fourth, Evelyn Meyer and Polly Mulliner.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the

Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For more information or a partner, call 324-2000.

### Gooding theater seeks various entertainers

GOODING - The Schubert Theater, 841 Main St. in Gooding, is putting out a casting call for all artists, crafters, clowns, magicians and others to help celebrate spring.

Schubert Magic Day is planned from noon to 4 p.m. March 20. There is no cost to vendors, but they are asked to provide child-safe activities.

Proceeds from this event will help offset the costs of a surgery needed by a little girl in the community.

Admission to the Magic Day event is \$3 and an adult must

supervise all children under age 10. Child care can be hired any time before noon March 20 through the theater.

For more information or to participate, call Darcie Clair at 723-7695, fax to 208-733-9145 or visit [www.westernstatescollege.com](http://www.westernstatescollege.com).

### American Legion Post 7 donates to organizations

TWIN FALLS - The American Legion Post 7 of Twin Falls donated to three organizations recently.

Will Barth, bingo manager for the American Legion Post 7, presented checks of \$500 each to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, Salvation Army and Camp Rainbow Gold, a camp for children with cancer. The donations were made March 3 and March 4.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



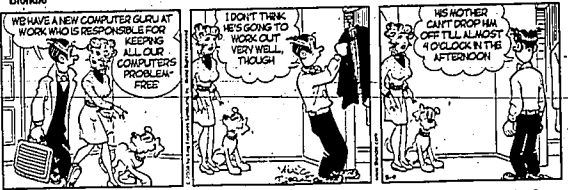
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By Scott Adams



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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By Johnny Hart



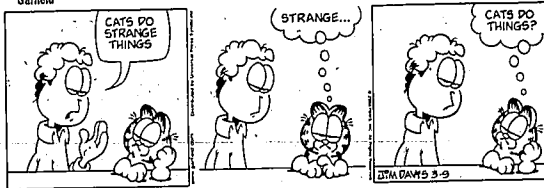
Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown



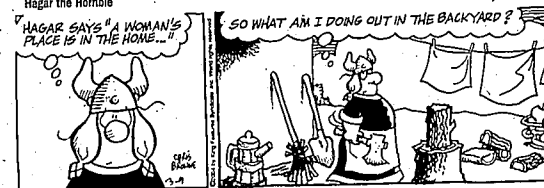
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



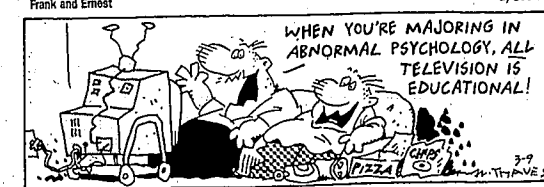
Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



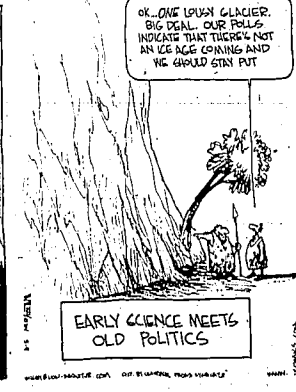
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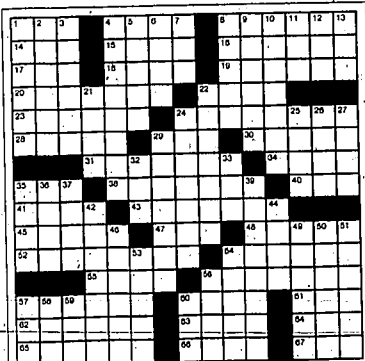


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By Wiley







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# Gift from in-laws carries multiple meanings

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is in response to "Shocked," who was surprised when her husband's parents sent her lingerie for her birthday. Many men feel that lingerie is the ultimate turn-on. Her in-laws may have intended to provide a pleasant surprise for their son - a wish he himself may have conveyed. I speak from experience. My mother-in-law gave me some lingerie for my birthday shower, saying, "I was married once, too, and trust me - this will make him happy." And it has, three years later.

-SARA IN TEXAS



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

And the family wonders why the relationship has always been tense.

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** Why not make it "past tense" and forgive her the lapse in judgment? The gift may have been well-intended, but her timing was off. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I can do her one better. When my mother died years ago, her prayer circle presented me with a gift of underwear. I've never been able to figure that one out - MARY IN ASHEVILLE, N.C.

**DEAR MARY:** It makes one wonder what they were praying for.

**DEAR ABBY:** You missed a

glaring point in the letter from "Shocked," the woman who wasn't sure how to react when her in-laws sent her a sexy negligee and a thong for her birthday (she was embarrassed). They had never sent her a birthday gift before!

Maybe the night wasn't a gift but a message. Perhaps the in-laws had heard something that caused them concern, and their gift was an attempt to inject some excitement into a flat relationship. "Shocked" should pause and consider the state of her marriage. After several years of marriage - especially with children - it's easy for a husband and wife to take each other for granted and grow apart.

If "Shocked" thinks her love life with her husband is lackluster, she might consider putting that gift to good use.

-KAREN IN FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.

**DEAR KAREN:** It's worth considering. However, it did not occur to me that instead of a birthday gift her in-laws had given her a veiled warning.

**DEAR ABBY:** That letter

brought back such memories for me. When my husband and I were married 40 years ago, my mother-in-law would buy me sexy nighties every year for Christmas and birthdays.

When our first son was born four years later, I began receiving flannel nightgowns from her. Maybe "Shocked's" in-laws are trying to tell her they're ready for grandchildren.

-RITA

IN SPRINGFIELD, MO.

**DEAR RITA:** If they are, they're making a mistake! Besides being inappropriate, that kind of meddling often puts daughters-in-law on the defensive.

**DEAR SARA:** That letter certainly struck a familiar chord with a lot of wives. Let me share some of their comments:

**DEAR ABBY:** For the shocked daughter-in-law who wasn't happy about the neck-a-boo nightie - that's nothing! I received the same kind of outfit from my mother-in-law at a couples' shower that was held at our Baptist Sunday school teacher's house, in front of a group of young Navy pilots.

**DEAR ABBY:** I can do her one better. When my mother died years ago, her prayer circle presented me with a gift of underwear. I've never been able to figure that one out - MARY IN ASHEVILLE, N.C.

**DEAR MARY:** It makes one wonder what they were praying for.

**DEAR ABBY:** You missed a

# Rulers take different views of nudity

Clement of Alexandria ruled that no woman could reveal to a man any portion of her body unclad, saying nudity encouraged immorality. Pongo of Nigeria forbade wives from wearing more than a string around their loins, saying clothes encouraged immorality. Which of these sage fellows was right?

Before the electric washing machine, most bed changers put the top sheet on the bot-



**REMYSTED**  
L.M. Boyd

tom, the bottom sheet in the laundry, and a clean sheet on top.

The original Coca-Cola was

green. A clothing authority contends the Irish show less interest in high-fashion than any other nationals in the western world.

# Fight the urge to spend your cash, Aquarius

**IF MARCH 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** you should be feeling a whiff of ambition in the air and are more competitive now than ever before in your life. You are ready to tackle your career with fearless determination. Because you have stamina and resourcefulness, you will be able to achieve your ends. The most important matters in your life seem to fall away, to be replaced by other things.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Your attention is focused on those closest to you. You have the strength and determination to carry through on long-term projects. Stay dedicated to existing work this week, but avoid starting anything new.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20):** Keep a smile on your face, and let people wonder just what you have been up to. An air of mystery will help your work go faster and may pay off later tonight. Strong silent types are very attractive this week.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You would be wise to avoid starting anything new this week. Power struggles in career areas could boil over, and possessiveness in relationships could become a stumbling block. Try not to cross those who are important to you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Good family values and sentimentality may not be appropriate in the cutthroat business world this week. Put your sensitivity on hold for a few days until the stars change.

## HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

Apply yourself to the business at hand.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Greedy monsters may plague your love life, so make sure your actions are impeccably correct for the next several days. Unresolved frictions may erupt into turmoil if you do not restrain your possessive urges.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Trouble could be brewing with key people in your life. Keep a low profile and don't push the wrong buttons. Indiscretions could be revealed. Put off new projects for a few days.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** It is important to watch what you say for the next few days. Discretion is important, as revealing secrets could cause a crisis. Try to avoid office politics and inter-cooler gossip.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A former U.S. president's words of "speak softly and carry a big stick" is good advice this week. Keep your cool when crises erupt, and do not allow jealousy to cloud your judgment.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You could find yourself in challenging positions this week, so it is best to maintain your sense of humor as you tiptoe around some possible minefields. Stick to the truth, but don't go out of your way to correct others.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There is a chance that this week you could be wrong about something, resulting in serious repercussions behind the scenes. Reserve judgment about people and situations until later in the week.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Hold onto your wallet tightly the next few days as an urge to spend money could be misguided. You may feel unable to achieve your aims, and that is obviously a cosmic signal that you should wait until the timing is right.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Little problems could be blown up if you cross those who are important to your career. This is a bad time to try to push your own agenda, as those with greater power may thwart you. Don't start anything new for the next few days.



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## EDITORIAL

### Idaho unit stands ready to fulfill its duties in Iraq

Residents and families in southern Idaho witnessed the ebb and flow of America's war in Iraq last week.

Just as a number of soldiers from the Magic Valley returned home to family and friends after a long year of service in the war on terror, some 3,500 members of the Idaho National Guard received alert notification of duty in Iraq. Members of Idaho's 116th Cavalry Brigade were the latest to be tapped by the Pentagon for deployment to Iraq. The Idaho 116th was among four enhanced brigades alerted that they could be called up sometime in the next 12 months, as part of a 100,000-member collection of active duty and reservists who will take over for the current contingent in Iraq.

As formidable as the assignment may seem, Idaho Guard members are up to the task. The Guard is commonly known as the civilian soldiers who serve their country, state and community one weekend a month, two weeks a year. But this is the call that sticks in their minds all year long. And when that call comes, Guard members must be ready.

The selection of Idaho's 116th Cavalry Brigade - which includes 350 local Guard members - is a distinguished honor for the group. It shows the military's confidence in our local Guard and the preparation they have made for call-up duty.

The assignment will also require sacrifice, including soldiers' family, work and civic obligations. But these are sacrifices our Guard and

Reserve members take on willingly. It is estimated that almost half of the 110,000 troops serving one-year tours in Iraq come from the Reserves' and National Guard. They are part of a volunteer army that comprises the most impressive and effective military in the world.

The war in Iraq is evolving slowly, but progress remains steady.

One year ago, an evil dictator ruled over Iraq. On Monday, members of the Iraqi Governing Council signed an interim constitution - the first major step toward self-governing rule and elections.

In the meantime, coalition soldiers maintain a significant role in Iraq, and they will continue to do so after Iraq takes its own sovereign reins on July 1.

Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, the public affairs officer for the Idaho National Guard, said even though the 116th is trained to use heavy metal tanks on the battlefield, they most likely will be making what's called "stability and support operations." That includes Humvee patrols with protection for major buildings, key infrastructure and elected officials.

"Essentially these soldiers are acting as mayors," Marsano said. "They're running operations in an aspect that keeps the town moving. What we're doing in Iraq can effectively be called nation building. Making the country stable enough so democracy can take root."

The mobilization of the 116th is another reminder that the mission in Iraq is far from over. But we know the fight for peace and stability is in the best of hands.

## Martha's portion of extreme hubris

In the end, it was hubris - arrogance and overweening self-confidence - that led to Martha Stewart's undoing. She thought she could do what she wanted - in this case, use inside information illegally to spare herself a financial loss - and that she could get away with it. But it ultimately led to her public disgrace.

### SHERYL MCCARTHY

During her trial and the long buildup to it, I often wondered why Stewart didn't just 'fess up: "Yes, I got some information that made me think my stocks were going to tank. So I sold them. As a former stockbroker, I know this was wrong, but for the moment greed got the best of me. And I regret it."

She might have been able to cut a deal with the federal investigators, plead to a misdemeanor, pay a fine, spend a few months in jail and then go back to doing elaborate wedding cakes. It would have been embarrassing, and probably would have hurt her business somewhat. But it would have been nothing like sitting in federal court last week and hearing that she'd been convicted of four felonies.

But Stewart and her stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, apparently thought they could get away with their little game. As her lawyer Robert Morvillo pointed out during the trial, Stewart couldn't have been motivated by money alone to do something that a jury has now said was illegal. The \$45,000 she saved by dumping her InClone stock was a pittance compared to her total fortune of more than \$1 billion.

But Stewart had built an empire by doing things just so, and



was accustomed to having things her way. She must have thought she could have it in this instance too.

There was also evidence of greed. The wealthy, we have learned from other divas such as Leona Helmsley, are often quite penurious, seeking to claim every dime, to gain every advantage. Perhaps that's what gets them to their station in life. Stewart, we learned during the trial, billed her media company for tens of thousands of dollars for a personal vacation, when she could easily have paid for it herself.

She was also used to enjoying advantages that ordinary folks don't have. Confiding to a pal that she'd received some confidential information about her InClone stock, she allegedly said, "Isn't it nice to have brokers who tell you those things?" - or words to that effect.

Stewart and Bacanovic - who claimed that the never told her about the imploding stock, and said they had an agreement to sell if it hit a certain low - seemed to be caught up in a private dance. This was their story and they thought if they stuck to it that all would be well.

They were undone by a 20-year-old assistant broker, Douglas Faneuil, who refused to be their fall guy and who never wavered on the stand while telling his version of what really happened.

Stewart is certain to appeal the jury verdict. But analysts are already assessing the potential fallout from this, so she's now a convicted felon - and, if the convictions are upheld, she's likely to do jail time. Her reputation has been battered. Her company could be devastated. She might never again be al-

loved to play a major role in a publicly traded company. And all because of hubris.

Some people are going to feel sorry for Stewart. But I'm not one of them. I don't think this was a frivolous prosecution or a witch-hunt of a powerful and successful woman. I see it in the light of the numerous corporate scandals that have unfolded in recent years, where CEOs, CFOs, accountants, mutual fund managers, stockbrokers, brokerage firms and banks have used all kinds of skulduggery to play fast and loose with other people's money.

It's important for the rich and well-connected to understand that they're not entitled to an endless array of perks, almost always at someone else's expense.

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### Students see their progress with Ramos

The argument for and against the return of Angel Ramos as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind may never be totally resolved. If you favor Dr. Ramos' return, you will be pleased and satisfied that hearing officer Charles McDevitt recommends Dr. Ramos' reinstatement. If you oppose his return, you will be satisfied only with his resignation or termination.

Having known Dr. Ramos and his wife since their arrival in Gooding and having worked with them through my association with the ISDB Foundation, I am eager to see him reinstated. I have been privy to both the gossip and the facts of this situation. Sadly, the gossip often displaces the facts. Dr. Ramos was hired by the previous executive director of the State Board of Education. He was among an elite group of applicants, all who would most likely have done a fine job. Nevertheless, Dr. Ramos was chosen. He was instructed to focus on an educational plan, a custodial approach. It seems apparent that the State Board of Education saw a weakness in this area and determined that Dr. Ramos was the applicant best suited to strengthen it. He was also instructed to create a curriculum and to make changes that would prepare students for college and the "real world."

The State Board of Education clearly recognized an urgent need to redirect to an educational approach. One of the "most underestimated aspects of Dr. Ramos' success as superintendent is his relationship with the students. Undoubtedly, some of the staff was opposed to change. However, the students were pleased to have a role model who is sincere in his concern for them (you can't fool kids).

The energy that's been focused on destroying his progress that had been made by attacking the "messenger" who was hired to deliver the "message" could go a long way if used in a constructive, synergistic way. Take off the gloves, applied Mr. DeWitt's decision, shake hands and get back to the process of educating these wonderful children who have the potential to become positive role models and leaders like Dr. Ramos.  
**JUDEE GOODING Gooding**

### Illegal standard used for Eden warrant

Judge tosses shooting suit in Williams' case. Interesting. Shall I play devil's advocate?

I don't use anything stronger than caffeine and aspirin, so it should be safe enough to write a criticism of the drug war, even though it is a proven fact that drug agents set up American citizens, murder them and their snitches like hell, but who cares. It's for the kids right? I guess murdering people for the sake of the children makes some sense - after all, I'd like to see that philosophy. Bottom line is of Adolf was just cleaning out the unhealthy and replacing them with the healthy. Or exactly what we're doing, but he was a little more honest about it.

Anyway, why was the Williams' warrant issued in the first place? Dumb question, you say. With the amount of marijuana found, it would suggest that Dr. Williams was using the drug for medicinal purposes, self-medication, and isn't that protected by the Ninth Amendment? The amendment in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage other rights retained by the people. Throughout the 18th and 19th century, adult Americans were free to buy and self-administer marijuana, cocaine and opium. And because these substances were freely market-

ed, the price was roughly the same as sugar. As a result, there were no crime waves caused by armies of drug addicts and dealers fighting for turf, and we didn't have a drug war costing the people billions. Am I correct in stating that the right to consume alcohol was unenumerated? Yes, I am.

The Congress kept it this, so when they decided to outlaw alcohol, and note closely, it was only alcohol, they knew the Ninth Amendment stood in the way, thus it required them to pass the hair-brained 18th Amendment to override the Ninth.

So, may I ask, when they outlawed these drugs, on what date did Congress enact, and states ratify a constitutional amendment regarding the Ninth, and consequently authorizing drug prohibition just like they had to do with alcohol?

Answer: Congress didn't. It never happened. Never. And any real American knows that any law that violates the Bill of Rights is automatically null and void. Therefore, Sheriff Weaver sought and received an illegitimate warrant, making the shooting of Mr. Williams an illegal killing. What do the legal beagles have to say to that?  
**MARK SCHUCKERT Twin Falls**

### Gay hysteria won't help the Constitution

OK now, everyone who opposes gay marriage raise your hand, quick, put 'em down, the nation is threatening to slow the rotation of the earth. According to national polls, two-thirds of Americans do not favor same-sex marriage. Here in Hooten Heller, the number is probably closer to 90 percent. My wife and I have been married 30 years. Our dog and cat have been fixed, so that makes our home prouty much gay-free. Unlike some self-appointed guardians of morality, I don't re-

ally care how others pair up and party, that's their business. But I do care about my country and its citizens. Are not all men created equal? Are we not all endowed, by our creator, with certain inalienable rights? If we allow the religious conservatives and their hero, President Bushy boy, to lead us in the paths of self-righteousness, we will eventually find ourselves in a real civil rights crisis. People will be hurt, possibly even killed, as some have already suffered, and their blood will be on all our hands, forever.

Gays have remained hidden for hundreds of years, either from shame or fear. Well, guess what, they're not hiding anymore, and there is nothing anyone can do to make things as they were. Personally, I don't think we should try. If we let religious zealots make their sins our crimes, we are no better than Iran or Afghanistan.

I heard this lady on a TV talk show state emphatically that homosexual decadence caused the collapse of the Roman Empire. Evidently she thought the Barbarians were hairy, badly dressed, ill-mannered missionaries. Others have claimed we must protect the sanctity of marriage. Is this the same sanctity that directed Ronald Reagan to divorce his first wife so he could marry his co-star?

"Hallucinations of the Navy?" Or could it be the sanctity that allowed Newt Gingrich to divorce his wife while she was battling cancer so he could marry a young staff worker? Maybe it was vintage sanctity of marriage, such as Henry VIII's protected. One thing is certain. We cannot give the Twigs I mean Bush, another four years to let the religious right shred the Constitution while his corporate cronies loot the treasury. If we are foolish enough to do that, nobody's going to be very gay. I propose we name the new ruling class the "Hallucinations of the Navy."  
**JERRY CRAWFORD Wendell**

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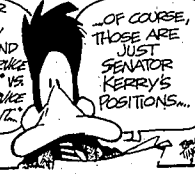
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## Senate modifies consent bill

BOISE (AP) — The state Senate overhauled legislation creating new hurdles for women seeking abortions on Monday, but it remained unclear whether the revised bill can smooth over the rift in Idaho's anti-abortion movement.

There was little debate on the extensive changes to the bill that sponsor Skip Brant, R-Kooskia, called a good-faith effort to bring the two sides together.

The conservative Republican Sen. Jerry Sweet of Meridian, however, said he will oppose the bill when it comes to a final Senate vote later this month, casting doubt on its chances for passage.

Sweet said the changes raised technical and constitutional questions that have mobilized a significant number of opponents.

"Many of them would be considered pro-life groups," Sweet said.

But David Ripley, the one-time liberal activist who now heads the conservative Idaho Chooses Life group, remained noncommittal on the bill pushed by other anti-abortion organizations.

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The bill revises the requirements imposed on physicians to inform women about abortions and alternatives before performing the procedure. It was prompted by concern that the state's 1993 informed consent law was not being enforced.

The version modified by the Senate on Monday details the information women must be given at least 24 hours before performing an abortion. That includes alternatives, the right not to have an abortion, what financial and other assistance is available for prenatal and neonatal care as well as child-birth and that the state prefers birth over abortion.

## State employees finally get pay raise

BOISE — The first pay raise for state employees in three years won final legislative approval on Monday.

The Senate voted unanimously for the merit pay increase equal to 2 percent of payroll. It passed the House last month on a 59-6 vote.

State employees have been denied pay increases last year and this because of the severe budget crunch.

"Although spending remained tight in the 2004-2005 budget, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and legislative leaders were committed to providing some new cash."

Nearly \$20 million will be divided among the state's 24,000 employees. About half that money comes from general tax receipts, which have been limited by the economic downturn.

The plan also will make more than \$9 million available this summer for one-time bonuses or temporary raises if tax collections come in stronger than analysts expected in January, just over half that amount is from the general treasury.

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### Health care, Insurance bill failed Monday

BOISE — A Democratic-led move to establish a new standing committee exclusively for health care and private insurance issues narrowly failed to pass the House on Monday.

Sponsored by Rep. Margaret Hanbest, D-Boise, the proposal failed on a 35-34 vote.

The resolution would have focused the new committee entirely on issues about health care, medical insurance and problems of the uninsured.

Currently, the House and Senate Health and Welfare committees consider these is-

ues but spend much of their time on Department of Health and Welfare matters, such as public assistance and licensing.

Hanbest argued that the kind of sophisticated expertise on the Judiciary and Agricultural Affairs committees is needed now on an issue as complicated as health care.

Some Republican leaders, including Speaker Bruce Newcomb, supported Hanbest's effort, but they were opposed by Republican Rep. Bill Sali, chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, and nearly all of the GOP members who serve on that panel.

Sali conceded that private health insurance issues should get more attention than his committee currently gives them, but he said that having two committees would duplicate the effort.

— compiled from wire reports

## Schools ask ed board for higher fees

BOISE (AP) — Nearly two months after the State Board of Education approved 2004-05 student fees for Idaho's four-year colleges, three are planning to seek more money.

University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College will ask for student fee increases to pad to a state higher education budget they say won't cover their costs.

Boise State University, although pinched by the budget making its way through the Legislature, won't seek an additional fee hike, said Stacy Pearson, BSU interim vice president for finance and administration. The university will draw on reserve

pools for about to help it through the year, Pearson said. Idaho and Idaho State have not specified their requests, but are seeking permission to ask more than a 10 percent fee increase, while Lewis Clark is asking for nearly 10 percent.

However, the Legislature appears unlikely to make up the difference between student fees and what schools say they need to operate.

The House passed a higher education budget last week that made little allowance for growth in student populations, and could force schools to help pay for a 2 percent staff salary hike with student fees.



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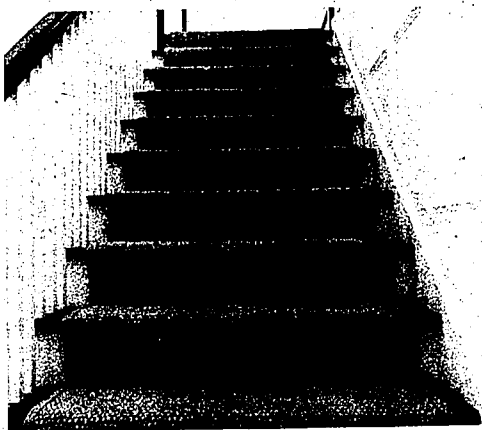
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# Militants pledge revenge after 14 die in attacks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Hamas threatened revenge Monday, after 14 Palestinians were killed in the deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in 17 months - part of an onslaught in bloodshed linked to a proposed Israeli withdrawal from the coastal strip.

Among the dead were 11 milit-

itants and three boys between the ages of 9 and 15, and 81 people were wounded. The fighting near the Bureij refugee camp Sunday pitted hundreds of Palestinians with assault rifles, anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers against Israeli snipers and troops firing from helicop-

ters and tanks. In new fighting Monday, a 16-year-old Palestinian was killed by army fire.

The spike of violence in Gaza came weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would withdraw from most of the strip if peace efforts remained stuck.

# Women's rights in Islamic countries draw scrutiny

GENEVA (AP) - The failure by governments across the Islamic world to respect women's rights has hampered even hesitant steps toward political change, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi said Monday as the United Nations observed International Women's Day.

"The rights of women and democracy are the one and the same thing," the Iranian lawyer and rights campaigner said during a visit to the International Labor Organization.

Speaking alongside Ebadi, Carla Del Ponte - chief prosecutor of the U.N. war crimes

tribunal - said women have raised their profile on the international stage over the past decade.

In a study released to coincide with the event said women now make up a record-breaking 15.3 percent of the world's lawmakers.

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The results from the 1A/2A basketball all-star games.

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MORNING LINE

That's too early to eat breakfast.

Hornes guard Baron Davis, who did not start or play in the fourth quarter of New Orleans' 84-76 loss to Toronto on Sunday. Davis, who missed an 8:30 a.m. breakfast meeting, went 3-for-12 from the field for six points in the 24 minutes.

IN BRIEF

CSI baseball goes to Treasure Valley

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho baseball team will travel to Treasure Valley Community College (Or.) today for a 2:30 p.m. non-conference game against the Chukars.

CSI men draw No. 5 team in country

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will play Chipmunk College (Pa.) on Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. MST at the National Junior College Men's Basketball Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

The fifth-ranked Indians are 30-3 this season and have won 11 consecutive games.

The men's tournament is unseeded, pairing teams by district. CSI is a member of District 8 while Chipmunk is a member of District 13.

The CSI women's team is still unsure of which team it will face in the first round. The Golden Eagles must wait until all region tournaments are completed on Wednesday to receive their seed and opponent in the national tournament.

Kimberly holds spring sports registration

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Youth Association will hold registration for tee ball ages 5-7, boys league age 8, girls softball ages 9-15 and boys baseball ages 9-12 at the Kimberly High School commons room, Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. League fees vary.

Call Jamie in the evenings at 423-6173. There will be a \$10 late fee for anyone registered after March 30.

Coaches are needed and can sign up then.

Group sets dates for coaches clinic

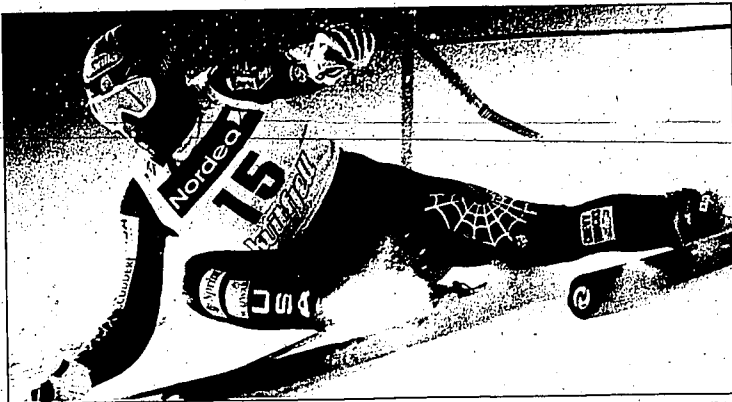
JACKPOT, Nev. - The Monte Andrus Memorial Idaho Fourth District Coaches Association 26th annual coaches clinic will be held March 12-14 at Barton's 93 in Jackpot, Nev.

Soccer referee clinic set for Saturday

TWIN FALLS - There will be an entry-level United States Soccer Federation referee clinic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 13 and from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The cost is free if the new referee is willing to work Twin Falls Soccer Association games this spring.

Compiled from staff reports

Having a need for speed



American Bode Miller speeds down the course during a World Cup men's Super G race in Kvitfjell, Norway, Sunday.

Miller wants to be first U.S. man since '83 to capture World Cup title

By Erica Bulman Associated Press writer

SESTRINE, Italy - Brandishing a go-for-broke style that sometimes gets him in trouble on the slopes, Bode Miller can become the first U.S. man since 1983 to win the overall World Cup title.



Bode Miller

Few understand how he can simply shrug off the prospect of the overall title, one of skiing's most prestigious trophies.

And few understand, with so much at stake, how Miller can continue skiing with his gun-ho style. 'I'm competitive, self-reliant, independent, pretty stubborn,' he said. 'I have a lot of talent. I'm definitely unique.'

'The fact I have all those things together and I really don't care what anyone else thinks makes it really easy to do my own thing. To not be afraid of trying things maybe other people wouldn't because they are afraid of what other people think.'

After breaking onto the scene in 1999 with two fourth-place slalom finishes, Miller went 17 straight races without finishing in the top 30, a drought of nearly

three years. But he suddenly found the key to harnessing his speed and his abandon, finishing 26th and second in races in Aspen, Colo., in November 2001.

Then, at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, he won silver medals in the giant slalom and the combined. He won two gold medals and a silver at last year's world championships. 'If you hold back and get third place, yeah, you may be achieving some objective goal for your team or for yourself,' he said. 'But it just gets a bit hollow after a while. The whole purpose is to challenge yourself and race like you mean it.'

The Franconia, N.H., skier is the only man to have competed in every World Cup race the last two seasons. He has 12 career victories, including six this season - the most by a U.S. man since Phil Mahre had that many on

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Former champion leads Iditarod

Four-time winner Swingley becomes front runner

The Associated Press

WILLOW, Alaska - Four-time winner - Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont., was the early front runner on the second day of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Swingley arrived at the Itainy Pass checkpoint at 9:06 a.m. and left six minutes later, heading to Itainy 48 miles away.

Three-time champion Jeff King of Denali Park was a close second, arriving at Itainy Pass 9:16 a.m. and departing 13 minutes later.

At the official restart Sunday, Iditarod veteran Vern Halter of Willow was the first to leave Willow. He arrived at Itainy Pass at 9 a.m. Monday.

The race's ceremonial start was Saturday in Anchorage. The restart was moved about 25 miles north this year because of an icy trail closer to Anchorage.

Halter, a 53-year-old lawyer and full-time kennel owner, is in his 16th Iditarod. His best finish was in 1999 when he was third. He's finished in the top 10 six times.

'I like that position,' Halter said Sunday of going out ahead of the other teams in the record-large field of 87 this year. 'If you're going to be in the top 10, you might as well be first.'

The Iditarod, now in its 32nd year, commemorates a 674-mile relay race from Nenana to Nome in February 1925 when dog teams successfully delivered serum to prevent an outbreak of diphtheria among children.

This year's record field has five former champions.

Odom ignites fire for the Heat

Former Clipper sparks Miami's bid for first playoff berth in three years

By Steven Wine Associated Press writer

MIAMI - Lamar Odom sheepishly eyes a messy pile in front of his locker that includes dirty socks and seven size-16 shoes.

'Sorry about that,' he says, pushing the clutter aside to clear a path for visitors and teammates.

Odom heard plenty of criticism during his first four NBA seasons, when he played for the Los Angeles Clippers and was labeled an undisciplined, unreliable underachiever. The worst the Miami Heat can say about their versatile power forward is that he's untidy.

Miami is contending for its first playoff berth since 2001, and the 6-foot-10 Odom is a big reason. The latest evidence: a 30-point, 19-rebound, 11-assist performance Saturday against Sacramento.

It was the Heat's first triple-double in nine years. 'He has a lot more in him,' teammate Rafer Alston says. 'He's a phenomenal player. It's a maturing process.' Odom, 27, has now been a big deal whether I could play or not. Staying healthy and doing the right things to protect my

career off the court - that was mostly everyone's concern. No one ever really said, 'I don't know if he can play. I don't think he's a good player.'

Odom came to the NBA with a reputation for being flaky and indecisive. He played at three high schools as a senior, then drew the attention of NCAA investigators when recruited by UNLV and never played there.

He spent one season at Rhode Island, changed his mind twice about entering the draft and finally decided to leave college. He skipped pre-draft workouts with several teams and failed to show for a scouting combine.

The Clippers nonetheless took him with the fourth pick in 1999, but he was hampered by injuries and twice suspended for violating the league's drug policy. He played a total of just 78 out of 164 games the last two seasons, and after he signed a free-agent contract with Miami, Clippers vice president Elgin Baylor questioned his character.

But Pat Riley saw a player with the potential to reverse the Heat's fortunes, and he drew Odom with a six-year, \$65 million deal. Odom runs the offense from the point, slashes or shoots from the wing and provides a vital inside presence for a team with an undersized center in Brian Grant.

'Lamar's a great player,' Riley said. 'Please see ODOM, Page B2'



Miami Heat's Lamar Odom (7) blocks a shot by Sacramento Kings' Rodney Buford during the second quarter Saturday in Miami.

Top local players convene in Shoshone

Class 1A-2A all-star basketball games showcase M.V.'s best

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - The Magic Valley's best players, from Class 1A and 2A boys and girls basketball ranks will showcase their talents for what is expected to be a large crowd at Shoshone High School tonight.

Tipoff for the girls game is 6 p.m. followed by the boys at about 7:30.

Tickets cost \$4 adults, \$3.50 older students with activity cards; \$3 elementary school students and \$2.50 senior citizens. This is the third year the event has been held.

1A-2A All-Star Basketball Games at Shoshone High School Girls: 6 p.m. Boys: 7:30 p.m.

'5A and 4A have their game so we thought we do something or the 1A and 2A girls,' Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said. 'It's nice to let them play together as teammates for once.'

The North girls have won all three years. Winners for the boys games were unavailable.

Seniors were nominated by area coaches and voted on last week, divvying up the Class of 2004 into five boys and two girls teams from the north and south.

The coaches were nominated and voted on as well. Coach Steve Kent of Richfield will lead the girls North squad.

The roster includes: Sarah Hunt, Holly Shoshone; Ayleen Stensson, Dietrich; Madison Campbell, Wendell; Grayce Backstrom, Camas County; Sara Lynn Shaffer, Carey; Michelle Schmidt and Janet Ellis, Richfield; and Valley standouts Mindy Madere, Jessica Kowitz and Sara Praggins.

Terry Dowd of Hansen will call the plays for the South girls. They are: Jessica Hill, Castleford; Jillian Cutler, Murtaugh; Jessica Simons and Kyle Noble, Glenns Ferry; Bonnie Madere, Jessica Kowitz and Sara Praggins.

Oakley teammates Al Cranney, Mindy Burch and Ashley Pickett. The North boys squad will be coached by Bernard Mussmann of Valley. The roster includes: Vance Dill, Dietrich; Michael Grant, Valley; Carey; Ty

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Conference announces all-stars

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Carey and The Community School led the honorees for the Northside boys basketball all-conference teams, announced Monday.

Local sports

The selections were made by the conference's coaches prior to the state 1A tournament this past weekend.

Carey's Ty Simmons led the balloting, followed by fellow first-teamers Tony Pereira, Shoshone; John Hayes, The Community School; Victor Vasquez, Richfield and Vance Dill, Dietrich.

Carey and the Cliffhoppers dominated the second team. Panthers RC Rivera and Blake Surens named to that squad along with The Community Schools' Jim Fairchild, Dylan McIlroy and Luc McCann.

Honorable mention went to Camas County's Steve Vouch, Travis VanGelder and Mark Wilson; Carey's Tyler Cook and Todd Green; Illiss's Chase Erkins and Sam Bray and Richfield's Steve Ward and Charlie Army.

The coach of the year was Dick Simpson of Carey.

SPORTS

# Sheffield, Nevin out with injuries

By The Associated Press

Some of baseball's best sluggers can't seem to stay healthy in spring training. Gary Sheffield, Phil Nevin and Jim Thome are all sidelined with injuries, hoping to return in time for opening day.

The Yankees sent Sheffield, their new right fielder, to New York on Monday to have his right thumb examined by a hand expert.

Hurt in a spring training game last weekend, he could be sidelined up to three months if doctors determine there is a torn ligament and surgery is needed.

Nevin, San Diego's cleanup hitter, has a strained left shoulder and is expected to miss about four weeks, a timetable that could have him back by opening day.

The first baseman was hurt diving for a liner against Anaheim on Sunday night, a year to the day he dislocated the same shoulder, which kept him sidelined until July 23 last season.

In exhibition games:

## Angels 5, Mariners 3

At Peoria, Ariz., Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and Jose Guillen followed with a solo shot for Anaheim.

**Mariners 8, Expos 1**  
At Jupiter, Fla., Josh Beckett threw four scoreless innings.

**Tigers 8, Astros 4**  
At Kissimmee, Fla., Eric Munson homered and Nate Conejo pitched three scoreless innings.

**Indians 7, Braves 3**  
At Kissimmee, Fla., Brandon Phillips' two-run double helped Cleveland improve to 4-0.

**Orioles 14, Dodgers 5**  
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Darrell McDonald and Mike Fontenot homered for the Orioles.

**Blue Jays 6, Pirates (ss) 5**  
At Dunedin, Fla., Alexis Rios hit a leadoff homer and drove

## three runs for Toronto.

**Red Sox (ss) 5, Phillies 3 (ss)**  
At Clearwater, Fla., Brian Daubach hit a two-run double and six Boston pitchers combined for eight shutout innings.

**Red Sox (ss) 9, Twins (ss) 4**  
At Fort Myers, Fla., Boston's back-ups scored seven runs in the eighth inning with the help of three walks and a wild pitch.

**Reds (ss) 6, Devil Rays 3**  
At St. Petersburg, Fla., Austin Kearns, Corky Miller and Adam Dunn homered for Cincinnati.

**Reds (ss) 9, Pirates (ss) 5**  
At Bradenton, Fla., Brandon Larson homered and drove in six runs.

**Mets 6, Cardinals 4**  
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Kaz Matsui went 0-for-2 in his Mets

## debut, but Mike Piazza was 3-for-3 with a three-run homer.

**Twins (ss) 13, Yankees 2**  
At Tampa, Fla., Sean Douthett pitched two scoreless innings and Rob Bowen drove in three runs for Minnesota.

**Rangers 4, Padres 2**  
At Surprise, Ariz., Alfonso Soriano had two hits and two RBIs for Texas.

**Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 4**  
At Tucson, Ariz., Randy Johnson gave up two runs in three innings in his spring debut.

**Cubs 8, Brewers 4**  
At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa hit his first home run of the spring.

**White Sox 6, Athletics 5**  
At Tucson, Ariz., Magglio Ordonez had an RBI single in his first game back from a heel injury.

**Royals 9, Glants 3**  
At Scottsdale, Ariz., Jimmy Gobble pitched three scoreless innings and Angel Berroa hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh.

# Senators whip Caps in Bondra's return

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peter Bondra is used to hearing cheers from Capitals fans.

Sitting on the visiting bench in Washington will take a while to get used to.

Bondra, the Capitals' career scoring leader, had his five-game point streak snapped, but was showered with cheers of "Let's Go Bondra" and "We Want the Ottawa Senators' 4-1 victory over the Capitals on Monday night.

"It was a little bit different than a usual game," Bondra said. "I tried to prepare as if it was any other game, but it obviously wasn't."

The popular veteran was in his 13th season with Washington before being dealt to Ottawa on Feb. 18 for forward Brooks Laich and a second-round pick.

However, the Capitals have also recently traded veterans Jaromir Jagr, Robert Lang, Michael Nylander and Sergei Gonchar. Washington sent forward Anson Carter to Los Angeles just before the start of the game against Ottawa.

Stephen Peat scored Washington's only goal at 6:28 of the second period, cutting the deficit to 2-1, but the Capitals failed on all five power-play chances.

Chris Phillips and Martin Havlat scored first-period goals, staking Ottawa to a 2-0 lead.

Wade Redden and Mike Fisher also scored for the Senators, who started a five-game road trip with their second straight victory.

## Hurricanes 4, Blue Jackets 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Aaron Ward returned to the lineup and scored two goals for the first time in his career, leading Carolina over Columbus.

Ward had missed 19 games with a wrist injury and was activated just before the game.

Rookie Eric Staal had a career-high two assists — for the Hurricanes, who also got goals from Erik Cole and Craig Adams.

The Blue Jackets ended a scoreless streak of 114 minutes, 23 seconds when Rick Nash scored his NHL-leading 37th goal with 7:42 remaining. It was Nash's 19th power-play goal this season, extending his league lead.

## Lightning 1, Red Wings 1

DETROIT — Fredrik Modin's goal with 7:39 left in regulation lifted Tampa Bay into a tie with Detroit in a matchup of the top two teams in the NHL.

The Tampa Bay, the Eastern Conference leaders, clinched the Southeast Division title with 91 points. Detroit leads the West with 90 points.

Tomás Holmstrom scored for Detroit.

Detroit defenseman Derian Hatcher, signed away from Dallas before this season, returned to the lineup for the first time since tearing a knee ligament in the third game of the season.

Detroit's Manny Legace finished with 37 saves, and Lightning goalie Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 28 shots.

# Jazz take advantage of Shaq's ejection

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gordon Gingeck scored 21 points to lead the Utah Jazz past the Los Angeles Lakers 88-83, welcoming back Karl Malone by beating his new team Monday night in The Mallman's first trip to Utah as a visitor.

The short-handed Lakers, who had won five straight over Shaquille O'Neal was thrown out with two quick technical fouls in the fourth quarter. Los Angeles led 72-68 at the time, but the Jazz

scored 20 points in the final 3:57 to end a two-game losing streak.

Andrej Kirilenko had 15 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks as the Jazz spoiled Malone's homecoming.

Gary Payton led the Lakers with 21 points, scoring 10 in the third quarter.

**Sixers 97, Bucks 92**  
PHILADELPHIA — Seldom-used Greg Buckner scored a season-high 20 points and reserve Zenden Hamilton added a season-high 19, leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 97-92 comeback victory over the

Milwaukee Bucks on Monday.

Michael Redd scored 20 points and Desmond Mason added 18 for the Bucks, who have lost three straight.

**Mavericks 103, Suns 90**  
DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 of his 26 points in the first half, and the Dallas Mavericks extended their home winning streak to nine games with a 103-90 victory Monday night over the Phoenix Suns.

The Suns got 29 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists from Shawn Marion, and 19 points from Amare Stoudemire.

## Cavallers 108, Hawks 102

ATLANTA (AP) — LeBron James had 34 points — his 10th game this season with more than 30 — and made three free throws in the final minute to help Cleveland beat Atlanta.

Carlos Boozer added 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Jeff McInnis had 14 points and 10 assists for the Cavs. Stephen Jackson scored a career-high 30 points and Chris Crawford had 25 for the Hawks, who lost for the fifth time in six games.

## Players

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Simmons and KC Rivers; Tony Pereira, Shoshone; John Hayes, The Community School; and Wendell teammates Kael Pope, Tyrel Davis, Iysen Lancaster and Cody Howerton.

Kevin Cato of Hagerman will lead the South boys. Raft River's

Alex Nelson, Zach Nye and Quinn Harper are on the roster along with Mitch Theives and Steve McLean of Hansen. Other all-stars include Chancy Titus of Glenns Ferry, Robert Comer, Castleford; and Hagerman Pirates Quinn Smith, Brian Brown and Tim Silver.

## Speed

Continued from B1

route to the overall crown 21 years ago. The record for most Alpine victories in a season is 13, by Ingemar Stenmark in 1978-79 and Miller in 2000-01.

Miller took the lead in the giant slalom standings a week ago. After a slow start in the slalom — mostly because of equipment problems — he placed in the top five in every race he has finished since January.

The downhill and super giant slalom — added full time to his program last season — have

proved troublesome. He has just two top-10 results in the speed events so far.

"He's got such great turning skills, but the straighter stuff is not his forte," U.S. speed team coach John McBride said. "Edge to edge, he does things no one else in the world can do, but the gliding is a bit of an issue. It's pushing a wider line and covering more real estate."

The Austrian has 1,165 points, leading Miller by 67. Last year, Miller was the overall runner-up to Stephan Eberharter.

## Odom

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Sacramento's Wade Divac says, "He does everything, and he makes the other players better."

Odom has been forced to carry the Heat at times. Leading scorer Eddie Jones is struggling through the worst shooting season of his career, and talented rookie guard Dwyane Wade has missed 21 games with injuries.

"Lamar can do so many dif-

ferent things," coach Stan Van Gundy says. "We have asked him to do everything, and he has responded."

The Heat started 0-7 but have played nearly 500 ball games then and they're one of six teams battling for the final three playoff spots in the Eastern Conference.

Miami, Cleveland and Toronto all were 27-36 through Sunday, tied for eighth place in the East.



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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Owens, Ravens wait as appeal moves on

By The Associated Press
Instead of taking a physical with the Baltimore Ravens, Terrell Owens bided his time Monday, waiting to see if he will be declared a free agent by a special arbitrator.

The Ravens waited for the same decision.
The tempestuous wide receiver was traded to Baltimore by San Francisco last week for a second-round draft choice for the league ruled his agent had not voided the final three years of his contract by a Feb. 21 deadline.

were reports he is close to a deal with the Bucs, whose West Coast offense is the system in which he thrived with the 49ers.
In other developments Monday:
• The Jets released veteran wide receiver Curtis Conway and welcomed Justin McCareins, obtained for a second-round draft choice from Tennessee last week.

• The Vikings agreed to terms with wide receiver Marcus Robinson, whose career experienced a brief renaissance in Baltimore. They have been in a complement to Randy Moss.
• Cincinnati re-signed center Rich Braham, who has spent his entire 10-year career with the team.
• The NFC champion Panthers signed offensive lineman Matt Meadows to a five-year contract. Meadows was cut two weeks ago by the Indianapolis Colts in a salary-cap move. His acquisition helps fill the void left when guard Jonny Lee went to Miami last season and Kevin Dundridge retired.

YMCA offers tennis classes for a few

TWIN FALLS - Few were tennis classes for children ages 6 to 12 will be held Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., while beginners ages 7-11 will be taught Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the YMCA.
Intermediate advanced classes will be held Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 12-16. Call the YMCA for more information at 733-4384.

Barley baseball signups start Wednesday

HURLEY - The Barley Amateur Baseball Association will hold registration for children ages five to 17 at Mountain View Elementary School starting Wednesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m. Registration will continue on Thursday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and on Friday, March 12 from 6-8 p.m. Sponsors and coaches are not needed. For more information, please call Mike Alcegar at 677-2454 or Kathy Marker at 878-7973.

Deliveryman files report in dispute with Mets

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Hutchinson earns player of the week honor

OGDEN, Utah - Montana State's Sheila Hutchinson, who helped the Blotches clinch a fifth in the Big Sky Tournament, was named the Big Sky Conference women's basketball player of the week Monday.
Hutchinson, a senior from Blackfoot High School in Blackfoot, Idaho, averaged 20 points a game in a pair of wins last week, shooting 41 percent from the field and 93 percent from the free-throw line.

Holyfield will return to ring with new team

NEW YORK - Ex-fighter Holyfield will be looking for a boxer to fight with in the summer with the intention of becoming the undisputed heavyweight champion again.
Holyfield, 41, said Monday he will return with a new management team, and he is still confident in his skills despite being only two of his last eight fights.
"I'd definitely like to get all three belts. I would fight," Holyfield said at a news conference.

NFL joins doping agency in Utah lab

SALT LAKE CITY - The NFL has joined with the United States Anti-Doping Agency and the University of Utah in forming a new drug testing laboratory in Salt Lake City.
The lab, whose creation was announced on Monday, will conduct research into the use and detection of prohibited substances and performance-enhancing drugs.
The NFL, the doping agency and the Salt Lake Olympic Committee from the 2002 Winter Olympics are providing startup funds for the laboratory.
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Daily withdrawals from tournament with injury

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. - John Daly injured his hand by getting it caught in a car door and withdrew from the Honda Classic, his agent said Monday.
Daly was scheduled to play in the tournament, but he was unable to do so because of the injury.
Daly is eighth on the money list.

Air Force's Scott named coach of the year

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Joe Scott, whose Air Force team posted its first winning season since 1978 and grabbed its first-ever Mountain West regular-season title, was named the conference Coach of the Year on Monday.
The Falcons went 12-2 in the conference to capture just the

SCORES AND STATS

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Women, Big East Conference championship, ESPN, 5 p.m.
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Wisconsin/Milwaukee, ESPN, 7 p.m.
Sun Belt Conference championship, ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Soccer
UEFA Champions League, Manchester United vs. FC Porto, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.

Area ski report

Boyer Basin - Max 21 in wet snow, 41 in 7 ft. 45 in. snow.
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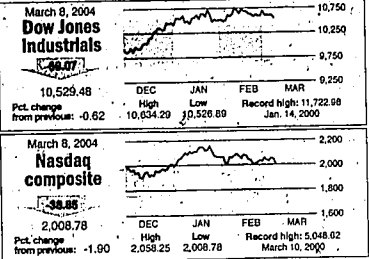
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### Stocks fall in lacker session

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Another lacker trading session sent stocks lower Monday despite a wave of corporate deals that underscored the economy's overall health. Technology issues led the selling as investors moved to less risky stocks.

corporate America was still betting on a growing economy. The government on Friday reported that the nation's payroll grew by just 21,000 in February, leaving the unemployment rate stuck at 5.6 percent.

If nothing else the jobs figure shows that companies are keeping costs down and that help earnings," said Peter Dunay, chief market strategist at Wall Street Access.

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### Advice

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He was unable to work for several months and asked if I could help him with expenses by signing him on one of my credit cards.

Much to my dismay, he proceeded to run the card up to \$25,000 in less than a year. The deal was that he was supposed to pay off the debt, but it quickly became evident that he couldn't make even the minimum payments.

Last year he declared bankruptcy, which erased all debt he had on his own credit cards. So now I am saddled with debt that probably will take me years

to repay and no recourse to get repayment from my father.

The understanding is that when he dies, the life insurance he has will pay off the debt.

I also have student loan debt of more than \$30,000 from one of my sons, but he graduates this year and has assured me he will take over the repayment of those loans.

My regret now is that I agreed to help my parent in any way. Do you know of any other way I can reduce this debt, or am I stuck?

**A** Talk about the sandwich generation. You're facing crush-

ing debt from both sides.

You've learned the hard way that you should never let someone run up debt in your name if you can't afford to pay it off. That goes for parents as well as kids.

Without knowing more about your situation, it's hard to advise you.

If you have assets you can sell to reduce the debt, you can transfer the balance to a low-cost home equity loan, that is one cost-effective solution.

But if paying off the debt will take you more than five years, you should talk to both a reputable credit counselor and a

bankruptcy attorney to learn your options.

You also should ask your father to make you the owner of his life insurance policy, if possible.

"That way you can determine who the beneficiary will be — which will prevent him from 'forgetting' his promise to repay you."

**Questions can be sent to Liz Pultman Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.**

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Advertisement for Ford Genuine Parts and Service, featuring the slogan 'Heart of the West' and 'See your participating Dealer today!'.

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## BECOMING OBSOLETE



Library users work with computers rather than books or encyclopedias in the reference center of the Martin Luther King Library March 1, in San Jose, Calif.

## As more research moves online, pity the poor trusty encyclopedia

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — These are lonely days for encyclopedias.

At libraries, the volumes sit ignored for days on end as information-seeking patrons tap busy away at nearby computers.

Even in the warmth of a living home, that set of hard-bound books that once represented the crown jewel of a good education gets the cold shoulder.

"Sometimes my mom uses it as a coaster," says high school senior Andy Ng of Daly City, Calif.

In the age of the Internet, encyclopedias are gathering dust, and most families with young children don't even consider buying the space-hogging printed sets anymore. Even digital versions struggle for attention.

Michael Gray's home computer came pre-loaded with Microsoft Corp.'s reference software, Encarta, but the seventh grader from Milpitas, Calif., has never used it. He prefers doing research online, where information from a vast array of sources comes quickly, and for the most part, for free.

Like many students, his first Internet stop is Google.

"I find information really fast," Gray says, smiling broadly. "Within five to 10 minutes, I find a good (Web) site to work from."

Sometimes teachers — in a nod to the past and to stress traditional encyclopedias' usefulness — require students to use them as a source for reports. That happened to Gray two years ago, forcing him to turn to a library's set for the first time to look up information on American Indians.

But with children now often knowing their way around a computer before they know how to read, it's almost like forcing students to use slide rules when they know calculators can do the job faster.

"The students don't want to touch this stuff anymore," librarian Sandra Kajiwarra said at San Jose's Dr. Martin Luther King Library, waving to the reference shelves near her station. "This could stay here forever and no one would notice."

Indeed, the heyday of the printed encyclopedia — which presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry spent his first job going door-to-door trying to sell — is long gone.

The thick volumes were long the status symbol of upper-class educated households, and sales surged in the 1980s when installment plans made \$1,400 reference sets affordable for poorer families.

But the 1990s brought recession, saddling encyclopedia makers with defaulted loans. At the same time, computers were penetrating libraries and homes. Families with school-aged children weren't thinking about whether to spring for an encyclopedia set, but rather for a computer.

Then the World Wide Web exploded, making reference works on CD-ROMs seem antiquated. "The Internet was really the fifth nail that was driven into the coffin — not the first," said Joe Esposito, former chief executive of Encyclopaedia Britannica and now an independent consultant for digital media.

Reference providers such as Collier's and Funk & Wagnalls collapsed while others were swallowed by rivals. Britannica, the behemoth first published in 1768, saw the number of print sales

drop by 60 percent from 1990 to 1996, said Jorge Cauz, Britannica's president.

A few years after it ended door-to-door sales to households in 1996, Britannica bet — wrongly — on the then-popular strategy of giving away free online content while relying on Internet ad revenue. The company now charges libraries and individual subscribers for complete access to Britannica.com. (Privately held Britannica would not disclose current figures but said its 32-volume print production, are far less than the annual 100,000-unit sales of the '90s.)

The shrunken reference powers that survived the shakeout — namely Britannica, World Book, and Grolier, the maker of Encyclopaedia Americana now owned by Scholastic Library Publishing — have now retooled to focus more on online productions.

Voluntarism sets are still printed, but mostly only for institutions. The encyclopedia companies are also targeting consumers with more concise and less expensive reference books.

It's no surprise that the fastest-growing profits are in the online segment. After all, how can rigid volumes compete with information that can be updated almost instantly on the Internet? One-a-year updates for printed editions means that some information can be stale before the books even get out of the box. Besides, electronic encyclopedias have more colorful pictures, video and audio clips, and quick links to additional resources.

"Kids can hear and see Martin Luther King deliver a 15-minute speech, and there's nothing in a book that can do that," said Cynthia Richey, president of the Association for Library Service to Children.

Britannica.com, which has about 200,000 subscribers and is accessible to more than 30 million people through libraries, makes monthly updates. Microsoft's Encarta, which debuted in 1993, offers weekly downloadable revisions.

"It's enormously liberating," said Gary Alt, Encarta's editorial director and a former Britannica and World Book editor. Encarta "can even make an emergency change" — as it did last year after the space shuttle Columbia blew up.

Still, challenges are ahead. Microsoft's \$70 Encarta is the best seller but industrywide sales for encyclopedia software fell 7.3 percent in 2003 from 2002, according to market researcher The NPD Group.

And while the encyclopedia industry's overall revenue in the United States is growing, sales in 2003 only totaled about \$300 million compared to the high of \$800 million in 1989, Esposito estimated.

Students all want to use the Internet, librarians say, though younger ones sometimes get lost in the sea of information on the World Wide Web. "Half of them aren't even sure what they want to look up," said Sue Krumboltz, a middle-school librarian in Menlo Park, Krumboltz's rule: Students must first complete book-based research to narrow their questions before surfing the Web.

Librarians, the fastest human search engines in the pre-Internet era, believe encyclopedias provide great topical overviews, well-suited for elementary- and middle-school reports. There's also an ongoing debate about the reliability of data found on the Internet: kids need to be taught how to evaluate it.

## Virus writers launch attacks

### Programmers attempt to one-up rivals

By Dan Lee  
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The already unsavory community of Internet virus writers is getting nastier.

It seems the authors of the "NetSky," "Bagle" and "MyDoom" worms landing in e-mail inboxes worldwide just can't get along.

Since Friday, at least 25 new variants of the three worms have been found, according to anti-virus software maker Network Associates. The authors are tweaking code to disable competing worms that may already be installed.

The goal is not only to gain control of an army of infected machines, but also to one-up rivals.

Computers infected by such viruses can be used by hackers to send spam or for other malicious purposes. Worms spread

by harvesting e-mail addresses from an infected computer's address book.

Worm writers also are trading profanity-laced barbs in messages within coding. (Their high school English teachers would not be impressed.)

"I don't ruin your business unless you start a war," taunts the Bagle variant.

"NetskyAntiVirus=Bagle—you are a loser!!!," mocks Netsky.

"It's almost looking like everyone is mad at everyone," said Brian Mann, outbreak manager for Network Associates' McAfee anti-virus emergency response team. "They're trying to show who is better than who."

Mann said worms have infected computers at as many as 15 large companies, but he said most of the damage had been limited to cleaning up infected computers and increases in junk e-mail traffic.

Netsky had been one of the

fastest spreading of the new variants. At its peak Wednesday, the worm was found in one of every 19 e-mails scanned by e-mail security company MessageLabs. The worm came with varying subject lines, such as "Here is the document" or "Be Your bill."

Another worm, Bagle, appears to come from a systems support staff and warns of an e-mail security threat. "Your e-mail account has been temporarily disabled because of unauthorized access," reads one message. Users who click on the attachment infect, not fix, their computers.

The spat is a sideshow for the goal of virus writers, according to Ira Winkler, chief security strategist for tech consultancy company CSC.

"They're vandals who hide behind the Internet," said Winkler, an expert on the hacker mindset. "People of this ilk are always trying to die. It's how they possibly can; this is how they get their significance."

## Compressed photos can zip through

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. Many times when I e-mail photos to several people, they don't receive them and can't view them.

I can send them as a picture or as a file attachment and the recipient just receives an empty box with a red X in it.

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But, if I resend, one at a time, they usually get them after photos. How can I fix this problem?

—Suzanne Goldblatt, Virginia Beach, Va.

A. I wish fixing this common problem was one fix to fit all. But any number of measures being taken to prevent attack from malicious e-mail senders can block attached photos or set a computer so links are not included. These files almost always get through file-locking systems because they cannot do harm unless the recipient does something improper.

Download "Zip" machines will create a compressed folder just by giving the mouse a right-click on the desktop and selecting New and then Compressed (zipped) Folder.

Drag the icons for your various photos into this folder, and your friends at the other end can use Windows to decompress and view them without glitches. Those without Zip built in can get software like the \$29 WinZip ([www.winzip.com](http://www.winzip.com)) to handle this job.

Or you can make sure your software is sending the messages with pictures included are not set to block images and suspicious attachments.

In the popular Outlook Express e-mail software, for example, one can set it so that any picture or attachment that looks suspicious will be removed automatically.

To examine these settings, press and then go to Options and Security. There is a check box that can be used to toggle automatic file stripping. In the same area are settings to allow your e-mail to include photos but not set the software to send HTML to include images. Otherwise pick Text.

The more powerful Outlook software often is set so that users get messages with those red Xs instead of photos unless the user right-clicks in the message and selects the option to display everything

## AOL joins social network

WASHINGTON — ICQ, an instant-messaging service, has launched ICQ Universe, a free service that lets visitors browse information about members of the global network graphically

see relationships with other users in the "social network" and request an invitation to participate.

"Our user community comes from different parts of the world, unlike other communities which are more local," said Orey Gilliam, general manager of ICQ (a play on the words "I seek you"), in a briefing with CBS MarketWatch. "You have a much higher chance to get in there and find somebody from China and maybe figure out if there are six degrees (of difference) between you and that person."

Started in 1996, ICQ boasts 175 million registered users, about a third of whom are based in the United States.

ICQ Universe is competing with online network services, including Friendster, which focuses on connecting people for dating and friendship, and LinkedIn, which helps users develop relationships primarily for job hunting and making deals.

ICQ Universe is geared toward socializing, although business networking is possible based on the details that a user publishes as part of his online identification. ICQ is also designed to stave messaging clients, meaning users don't have to log onto the ICQ Web site to get invited to join an online discussion. AOL is a subsidiary of Time Warner (TWX).

### Survey: File swappers still remain on the job

Employees are using their companies' computer networks to download and swap digital music and video files, showing little concern about recent legal threats issued by the major music labels' trade group.

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An e-mail survey of several hundred people conducted by online security company Blue Coat (<http://www.bluecoat.com>), founder almost 40 percent said they are using peer-to-peer networks at work.

"The enterprise environment appears to be a safe-haven for the use of illegal peer-to-peer file sharing," said Steve Mullany, Blue Coat's vice president of marketing, in a statement.

Almost 15 percent of the respondents said they spend more than an hour a day sharing files. "In addition to the legal risks created with illegal P2P file sharing, downloading can easily consume 30 percent of network bandwidth, consume network storage and initiate spyware," Mullany added.

### BBC opens audio, video vaults for public use

Thousands of audio and video clips of British Broadcasting Corp. programming will be made available for free unrestricted downloading this fall. Program content will concentrate on natural history. If it proves popular and successful, other program types will be added after an 18-month trial, the BBC said.

"It's all part of the BBC providing public access to its sound television and film archives in a way that appeals to a new generation of media consumers," said Ashley Highfield, head of new media and technology.

—Knight Ridder News Service

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